

Environmental Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

Centacare North Queensland (NQ) extends the social services ministry of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Townsville to improve the well-being of the communities in which we work. Our values of respect are at the heart of our environmental policies and our commitment to creating a sustainable world for future generations.

Centacare NQ, in seeking to minimise its environmental impacts, is committed to the prevention of pollution and embraces the principles of *rethink, reduce, reuse, repair, and recycle*. We will actively seek to minimise environmental impact through the following principles and activities:

- Maintain a high level of environmental awareness among employees through inductions, initiatives, and internal communications.
- Incorporate environmental impact considerations into the strategic plan.
- Ensure environmental considerations are prioritised in relation to contractors and suppliers.
- Adopt green procurement practices and workplace digitisation initiatives.
- Strive to eliminate environmental incidents in the workplace and implement active energy reduction strategies.

“I exhort everyone to see the world through the eyes of God the Creator: the earth is an environment to be safeguarded.” – Pope Francis