



**NELSON AIRPORT**

*Good things start here.*

**ENVIRONMENTAL  
SUSTAINABILITY POLICY**

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# INTRODUCTION

## Purpose and Scope

Nelson Airport is committed to environmental sustainability. We aim to:

- Minimise the impact of our business operations on the environment.
- Work collaboratively with airlines and key partners to ensure that they are minimising the impact of their business operations on the environment.

The primary objectives of this sustainability policy include:

- Ensure Nelson Airport considers and prioritises environmental sustainability in all its decisions and operations.
- Contributing to New Zealand’s carbon emissions reduction target as part of the Paris Climate Agreement.
- Encouraging and assisting our stakeholders to achieve their sustainability objectives.
- Lifting our performance in care and protection of the environment, informed by mātauranga Māori where appropriate.

This policy applies to energy consumption, water consumption, waste to landfill, transport, land use and carbon emissions. It includes all of Nelson Airport’s facilities, tenants, and vehicles/mobile plant.

## Definitions

The following definitions apply to this document:

<b>Paris Climate Agreement</b>	The Paris Agreement is a legally binding international treaty on climate change. It was adopted by 196 Parties in Paris, on 12 December 2015.
<b>Carbon Positive</b>	'Carbon neutral' is a state that occurs when net greenhouse gas emissions are equal to zero. 'Carbon positive' means going beyond this, making additional 'positive' contributions to the environment.
<b>Offsetting</b>	Offsetting is the action or process of compensating for carbon dioxide emissions arising from industrial or other human activity, by participating in schemes designed to make equivalent reductions of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

# POLICY

## Sustainability Objectives

Reduce our carbon emissions and waste by investing in future green energy and waste reduction/recycling opportunities and facilitate other stakeholders to do the same.

Nelson Airport has the following sustainability strategies:

- Minimise waste, water consumption and resources use following the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle principle.
- Investigate the options for on-site green energy production by 2030.
- Reduce the need to offset emissions to as low as practicable, and to work towards Carbon Positivity.

## Accountability and Structure

The implementation of this Policy is the responsibility of the Chief Executive.

A Sustainability Improvement Team shall be implemented comprised of at least 2 Senior Leadership Team members.

Progress towards the sustainability performance improvement targets will be monitored through monthly sustainability improvement meetings and quarterly Board reporting.

## Relevant Documents

- [NZ's Paris Climate Agreement Targets](#)

## Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure targets are on track to being met.

## Document Management and Control

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