

## **Environmental Policy**

Vanstone Building & Consultancy is committed to maintaining, and wherever possible, improving, the quality of the environment, both for the people who live and work for them, and for the wider community.

The commitment is reflected in policies which seek to make the most effective and efficient use of all resources, encouraging all members of Vanstone Building & Consultancy to develop an ecologically sound approach to their work and lifestyle.

### **Policy Objectives**

- To make all members of Vanstone Building & Consultancy aware of the environmental linkages relating to much of what they do in their daily lives, thus providing a continuing education in the environment.
- To adopt, wherever practicable, methods of working which reduce the impact on the earth's biophysical systems, mindful of the potentially disastrous results for us all if the capacity of resilience of these systems is exceeded.
- To show to the wider community that Vanstone Building & Consultancy, local authorities, and other organisations, can co-operate to implement environmental policies to benefit all levels, from the local community through to global level.

### **In consequence, Vanstone Building & Consultancy will pursue the following programme of action:**

- 1 Vanstone Building & Consultancy will monitor its use of energy and maximise the efficiency with which it is used. This includes eliminating unnecessary energy use, pursuing a programme of energy conservation and reviewing water usage.
- 2 Vanstone Building & Consultancy will regularly monitor and review wherever practicable, its acquisition use and disposal of materials. When materials and equipment are purchased, preference will be given to items produced in ways which cause least harm to the environment and which generate fewest waste materials. Other things being equal, preference will be given to suppliers in the region so as to promote Vanstone Building & Consultancy links with the community.

Where distribution of the information on printed paper is essential, Vanstone Building & Consultancy will seek to make the most efficient use of the paper, all waste paper is recycled either within the company or at a local Waste Transfer Station, and presently the Company is also seeking to develop non-paper-based methods of distributing information.

Most cleaning materials used in the Company will be biodegradable and harmless to the environment as far as is reasonably practicable, no aerosol-based products containing CFC based materials will be used.

- 3 All construction sites will set aside a specific area for waste which will be segregated into separate sections for individual wastes to be stored, i.e. plastics, wood, glass etc., until it can be removed safely to a Waste Transfer Station locally, this area will be individually and adequately signed and covered to prevent waste being blown around the site, all site workers will be instructed to use the waste areas and not to mix the various waste products.
- 4 All work will follow the guidance PPG 1 General guidance to prevention of pollution. PPG 5 Works in, near or liable to affect water courses & PPG 6 Working at demolition and construction sites.
- 5 Vanstone Building & Consultancy will strongly support the continued development of an environmentally sound management policy. The use of artificial fertilizers, chemical weed killers and insecticides will be kept to the minimum possible level as far as is reasonably practicable during landscaping of its sites. Wildlife habitat conservation will remain unaffected as far as is reasonably practicable.
- 6 Vanstone Building & Consultancy will promote general environmental awareness and education within its Company, with the use of instructional presentations and disseminated material.
- 7 80% of timber used during construction, including framework, site hoardings and other temporary site timber used for the purpose of facilitating construction, it to be procured from sustainably managed sources, independently certified by one of two levels as set out in the responsible sourcing of materials issues (Mat 1 & Mat 2) in the materials section of this document.
- 8 Wherever necessary the "Green Guide Specification" is consulted to gain information required.
  - (i) The Company will assess every major new initiative for its environmental costs and benefits.
  - (ii) Costs and benefits in both environmental and financial terms will be considered when specific action deriving from this policy is proposed.
- 9 Vanstone Building & Consultancy will continue to pursue policies and practices by which it might enhance the local environment. Above all, it will encourage every individual member of the Company to participate in achieving the goals of its environmental policy.

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For and on behalf of Vanstone Building & Consultancy