

# GREEN METRO NORTH

## SUSTAINABILITY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



# PROCUREMENT

### OUR GREEN INITIATIVES



Metro North Health is working toward making our health service greener and cleaner for our staff, our patients and our communities.

### We want to be the sustainability leader for the health industry.

By reducing our environmental footprint and making our hospitals greener we can contribute to a brighter future for a healthier and more sustainable tomorrow. We are taking positive steps to enhance energy efficiency and to reduce waste. We are putting a range of actions for sustainable change into play across our six green initiative areas and will be supported by implementation plans to take action now.



Alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, specifically goal 12 Responsible Consumption and Production

Each stage of production, manufacturing and procurement presents an opportunity to reduce resource and fossil fuel use, foster innovation, conserve energy, cut emissions, and advocate for a circular economy approach.

## ZERO

NET EMISSIONS  
BY 2050

### OUR OBJECTIVES

Under the Green Metro North – Sustainability Strategy 2021-2026, the Green Metro North Sustainable Procurement Implementation Plan outlines the commitment towards improving environmental sustainability, corporate governance and accountability through responsible procurement practices.

The plan aims to reduce the environmental impact of consumption, ensure human rights are upheld and modern slavery is prevented, and enhance energy efficiency and reduce emissions in line with Queensland Government targets with the end goal of Net Zero by 2050.

This is achieved through:

- Proactively reducing waste generation at the source
- Increasing product stewardship
- Shortening supply chains
- Contributing to circular economy principles
- Establishing actions that increase supply stream transparency and responsibility consistent with upholding planetary health.

### OUR INITIATIVES

- Embedding minimum sustainability requirements in procurement tenders, contracts and supply arrangements.
- Establishing mandatory requirements for vendors and suppliers to demonstrate they have a verifiable and measurable Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) framework or policy.
- Utilising Memorandums of Understanding with contractors and partners (including for projects) that support commitment to sustainability.
- Introducing sustainability concepts and frameworks such as Product Stewardship, Circular Economy, Lifecycle Analysis and Environmental Product Declarations into procurement tenders and contracts.
- Ensuring more holistic cost benefit analysis processes are utilised when conducting procurement activities such as applying full lifecycle costs including disposal, to accurately measure cost impacts or cost savings associated with purchasing more sustainable products.

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