

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

INTRODUCTION

Dynamic Tree Solutions is committed to leading the industry in sustainable tree care practices. Our mission is to enhance community and environmental well-being through responsible and innovative tree management services. Our vision extends to becoming a pioneering force in the integration of sustainable practices, contributing positively to the environmental health and biodiversity of our local and broader communities. This detailed policy outlines our commitment to sustainability in alignment with both national and international standards, including the Australian Standard AS 4970-2009 "Protection of Trees on Development Sites" and ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems.

OBJECTIVES

Environmental Integrity: Uphold and enhance the natural environments where we operate, adhering strictly to the principles of ecological preservation outlined in the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

Resource Sustainability: Commit to sustainable resource management by minimising waste, maximising recycling, and ensuring efficient use of resources, following guidelines from the National Waste Policy.

Community and Cultural Engagement: Deepen our engagement with local communities, including Indigenous groups, to foster cultural understanding and collaborative environmental stewardship.

Education and Advocacy: Promote environmental education and sustainability awareness through workshops, partnerships with educational institutions, and community outreach programmes.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all employees, contractors, and subcontractors engaged in activities under Dynamic Tree Solutions.

PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

Repurposing and Recycling Initiatives: Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to repurpose all recoverable wood and green waste. Collaborate with local artisans from The Australian Men's Shed Association and the Woodturners Society of Queensland Inc., providing them with quality wood for crafting and construction projects, thus reducing waste and supporting local craftsmanship.

Community Partnerships: Forge strong partnerships with local schools, churches, and the Rotary Club to provide mulch and other gardening supplies that facilitate green spaces and promote environmental education. This initiative not only aids in waste reduction but also enhances community green areas, supporting biodiversity and environmental learning.

Indigenous Collaboration: Work closely with Indigenous communities to ensure that our tree care practices respect their cultural values and contribute positively to their environmental projects. This includes engaging in dialogue to understand traditional land care techniques and incorporating these practices where possible.

Support for Wildlife Conservation: Establish a partnership with Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary to donate suitable tree materials for use in animal habitats. This effort supports the sanctuary's mission to protect native wildlife while responsibly disposing of our tree waste.

Sustainable Sawmilling: Collaborate with local sawmills to ensure that large timber pieces are processed sustainably, promoting the local economy and reducing our carbon footprint by minimising transportation requirements and supporting local businesses.

MONITORING, REPORTING, AND COMPLIANCE

Regular Sustainability Audits: Implement biannual sustainability audits to evaluate compliance with this policy and to identify areas for improvement. These audits will be conducted in line with ISO 14001 standards to ensure comprehensive environmental management.

Transparent Reporting: Commit to transparent and regular reporting of our sustainability efforts, including waste reduction statistics, community engagement activities, and environmental impact assessments. These reports will be made available to the public and our stakeholders through our website and annual sustainability reviews.

Continuous Improvement: Regularly review and update our sustainability policy to reflect the latest in environmental research, technological advancements, and community feedback. This will involve consultations with environmental experts, community leaders, and regulatory bodies to ensure our practices remain at the forefront of industry standards.

CONCLUSION

Through the implementation of this comprehensive sustainability policy, Dynamic Tree Solutions pledges to not only meet but exceed the expectations of environmental stewardship within the arboriculture industry. We are committed to a continuous journey of improvement, ensuring that our operations contribute positively to the health of the planet and the well-being of the communities we serve. This policy will be reviewed annually to adapt to new challenges and opportunities, reinforcing our commitment to sustainability and community partnership.