



The BRANZ Group Environmental Policy

1 Policy Objective

BRANZ is committed to minimising its impact on the local, national and global environment by committing to and demonstrating environmentally conscious and sustainable practices.

2 Scope

2.1 Inclusions

All activities.

2.2 Exclusions

Nil

3 Definitions

3.1 Green House Gases

Gases which trap heat in the atmosphere are called greenhouse gases. These gases are: carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O) and fluorinated gases (hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, sulphur hexafluoride, and nitrogen trifluoride).

3.2 Global Warming Potential (GWP)

The ability of a greenhouse gas to trap extra heat in the atmosphere over time, relative to carbon dioxide (CO₂). Having a common scale for all greenhouse gases allows comparisons between emissions from different activities or sectors. This helps decide how much effort should be put into reducing the levels of different greenhouse gases and allows emission-reducing activities that target different gases while minimising the economic impact.

4 Means – Approach

- 4.1 We will comply with all relevant legal and statutory environmental obligations and, where practicable, exceed the minimum requirements. Examples include complying with discharge to air, water and land resource consent conditions.
- 4.2 We will ensure that staff are aware of, and can provide input into, BRANZ's approach to operating in an environmentally conscious and sustainable way. We will ensure staff are adequately resourced to enable them to do so.

- 4.3 We will use a recognised Environmental Management programme and/or Environmental Management Standard to plan, monitor, assess and improve our environmental performance.
- 4.4 We will maintain and incorporate the principle of “Environmentally sustainable” into our investment plans and decisions e.g. Campus and Asset Management Plan, Digital Futures roadmap, where practicable.
- 4.5 We will enable ‘green’ procurement by ensuring our procurement practices include the consideration of using environmentally sound services up and down the supply chain, when determining the ‘value to BRANZ’. Examples include modes of travel/transport; chemical use and interaction with onsite systems; use of gases with a lower Global Warming Potential for testing, onsite air conditioning or refrigeration systems.
- 4.6 We will benchmark, monitor and review our energy use and water consumption, investigate anomalies and take corrective action where appropriate.
- 4.7 We will recycle materials where practicable and encourage workplace practices which minimise waste. Examples include double-sided printing, recycling stations in café for paper, glass and recyclable plastics.
- 4.8 We will publish the independently verified BRANZ Group greenhouse gas emissions inventory and action plan.
- 4.9 We will conserve biological diversity, water resources, soils and ecosystems impacted by our activities.
- 4.10 We will ensure a range of workplace travel options are available and reported on to enable more sustainable travel, including consideration of whether travel is required. Examples include use of technology solutions for collaboration; flexible or remote working opportunities; car sharing; selecting energy efficient vehicles; training staff in fuel-efficient driving techniques.
- 4.11 We will consider decisions which affect the environment through a Te Ao Māori lens.

5 Delegations and Accountability

- 5.1 The implementation of this policy is delegated to the Chief Executive.
- 5.2 The Chief Executive will prepare an annual action plan and report matters to the Board annually and by exception.
- 5.3 Management will oversee and monitor environmental performance and take appropriate action to support this policy.

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