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Fairtrade ANZ Environmental Policy

Purpose

Fairtrade ANZ sees the impact of climate change and environmental degradation, both domestically and overseas in the countries where we work. We acknowledge that our activities have an impact on the global environment and that we can (and should) modify our operations to minimise our impact on the environment, and maximise the effective use of resources. Fairtrade ANZ is committed to improving our environmental performance and reducing our contribution to climate change and environmental degradation.

This Environmental Policy outlines the practices that Fairtrade ANZ will undertake in our internal operations as well as in our development activities with producers, in order to establish and promote sound environmental practice in all of our operations.

Related Policies

- Procurement Policy
- Fairtrade Standards – Environment

Who does this policy apply to?

This policy applies to:

- All personnel and associates of Fairtrade Australia and New Zealand, including permanent, fixed term and casual employees, contractors, interns, volunteers and Board and Committee members.
- All Fairtrade ANZ internal operations, including our travel within Australia and flights to international destinations, as well as Fairtrade ANZ's development activities with producers.

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Internal Operations

Fairtrade ANZ is committed to minimising its impact on the environment in its daily operational activities through:

- Complying with all applicable legal and other environmental requirements;
- Ensuring awareness among our employees, volunteers and contractors regarding sound environmental work practices, including providing adequate induction and ongoing training regarding Fairtrade ANZ's environmental practices and safeguards currently in place;
- Undertaking our operations in a manner which minimises the use of energy and prevents air, water and other pollution;
- Implementing waste minimisation initiatives throughout our work, including where feasible the reuse and recycling of materials and the use of recyclable packaging and other materials;

- Reducing or offsetting our greenhouse gas emissions, including by undertaking meetings via skype or other electronic means where practicable;
- Promoting efficient transport solutions for staff commuting and implementing initiatives that reduce our air and fleet transport impacts; and
- Working with suppliers who promote sound environmental practices.

Environmental support for Fairtrade producers

Fairtrade ANZ recognises that the global environmental impacts, particularly arising from climate change, are disproportionately felt by the producers that Fairtrade ANZ supports in the Indo-Pacific region. Fairtrade ANZ acknowledges that as the effects of climate change become more evident, Fairtrade producers are likely to need additional technical and financial support to confront these new challenges. Beyond the benefits that Fairtrade offers to producers (Fairtrade Minimum Price, Fairtrade Premium, strong environmental standards, etc.), the Fairtrade system supports basic pre-conditions that are needed to implement climate change adaptation measures such as: organizational development, environmental sustainability, financial stability, investment possibilities, and greater autonomy.

The Fairtrade Standards promote sustainable development through best agricultural practices, which not only guide producers to adapt to climate change, but also encourage them to mitigate their impact. The focus areas are: minimized and safe use of agrochemicals, proper and safe management of waste, maintenance of soil fertility and water resources and no use of genetically modified organisms.

Fairtrade International has also developed the Fairtrade Climate Standard, as a way for smallholders and rural communities to gain access to the carbon market while also improving their capability to face climate change. The standard sets the requirement for projects which reduce emissions in producer and rural communities, making them eligible for Fairtrade Carbon Credits. A minimum price ensures the costs of running the projects are covered. In addition, producers will receive a Fairtrade Premium for each credit sold: money to support them to adapt to climate change in their communities.

Fairtrade ANZ continues to work directly with Fairtrade producers in the Pacific region as well as support the Network of Asia and Pacific Producers in the wider region to implement the Fairtrade environmental standards.

For More Information

For more information or to report any concerns/violations, please contact info@fairtrade.com.au or info@fairtrade.org.nz

Approval and Review

This policy will be reviewed once every 3 years.

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