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Environment Strategy

Setting the benchmark as Australia's first carbon neutral airport in 2017, Sunshine Coast Airport Pty Ltd will continue to take ambitious steps toward sustainability in operations, reflecting the values of the company and the community.

Background

The Airport occupies a 457-hectare site within the north-east of the Maroochy River floodplain, originally Kabi Kabi land, and of significance to the descendants of the original inhabitants.

Much of the site was originally cleared for the purposes of sugar cane farming and, from 1958 onwards, the development of the airport. The Airport estate is adjoined by a range of land uses, from urban and commercial to environmentally significant areas of National Park and conservation lands.

Environmental Policy

Sunshine Coast Airport recognises its stewardship of the Airport estate, now and into the future. In October 2017, the Sunshine Coast Airport Board adopted an Environmental Policy to set the foundations for contemporary environmental management at the Airport.

The Airport is committed to operating, managing and developing airport land in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner in compliance with relevant environmental legislation. It will set targets to minimise environmental impacts and work to continually improve its environmental management and activity performance.

To implement the Airport's Environmental Policy, an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) has been developed and will be reviewed periodically to ensure continued relevance to development of the Airport and surrounding land, new (relevant) information, the results of ongoing monitoring of environmental indicators; changes to legislation; and evolving community expectations.

The Environmental Management Plan includes:

- air quality and ground-based noise
- biodiversity and conservation
- flora and fauna
- cultural heritage
- wildlife hazard management
- energy and carbon
- environmental management
- hazardous materials
- land and water management
- waste management.

Environmental Initiatives

In 2017, Sunshine Coast Airport became the first Australian airport, and one of only five in the Asia-Pacific region, to achieve carbon neutrality under the Airports Council International (ACI) Airport Carbon Accreditation Scheme.

Sunshine Coast Airport is now recognised around the globe for leading the way in managing carbon emissions and reducing carbon footprint.

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To extend SCAPL's commitment to sustainability, the following initiatives will be investigated and implemented where feasible:

- generating renewable energy through a solar array
- introducing chilled water air conditioning systems
- using electric vehicles for operational purposes
- installing LED airfield lighting
- reducing potable water consumption through total water cycle management
- increasing the mode share of public transport at the Airport
- using low-embodied energy building materials
- working with existing and future tenants at the Airport to implement the above initiatives in third-party development where possible.

Have Your Say

Sunshine Coast Airport will be a world-class airport and a catalyst for economic growth for the region and the Airport Master Plan will help shape this future.

To find out more information or to have your say, visit www.sunshinecoastairport.com.au/masterplan2040.

