

# **GRAND VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

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**Chair Signature:**

### **Purpose of the Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to set out the approach to be taken by the Grand Valley Public Library in minimising the environmental impact of its activities and supporting sustainable development.

### **Policy Statement**

- The policy statement covers services which impact upon the environment.
- Is consistent with government's commitment to sustainable development.
- Complies with the Library's policy on health and safety.

The Grand Valley Public Library acknowledges the importance of protecting the environment in a sustainable manner to help reduce any damage or impact its operations and activities might have. The Library is committed to ensuring this in a sustainable, financial and technically feasible approach through the development, implementation and maintenance of an Environmental Management System.

As part of the Environmental Management System the Grand Valley Public Library's focus will be to:

- comply with relevant government environmental legislation, regulations and policies
- consider sustainability issues in the planning and management of the Grand Valley Public Library operations and activities including capital works projects
- prevent pollution, minimise waste and greenhouse gas emissions; minimise our consumption of energy, water and natural resources, through both technical and staff based initiatives
- set, meet and periodically review environmental objectives and targets
- Ensure procurement decisions are mindful of sustainability and environmental impacts.
- Communicate this Environmental Policy and our Environmental Management System to staff
- Provide environmental awareness and training to ensure staff are aware of their environmental roles and responsibilities
- Strive for continual improvement of environmental performance through the monitoring of our achievements on a regular basis

