

About



Emissions Management Plan

TransLink is dedicated to demonstrating leadership in environmental performance and cementing our reputation as a socially responsible organisation.

In April 2011, TransLink engaged environmental advisory specialists Ecofund Queensland to conduct an environmental audit and identify ways we could undertake our corporate business activities while minimising our environmental footprint. Ecofund Queensland examined the following items at our primary business location at T-Central:

- electricity consumption within the building
- energy efficiency of office equipment
- fuel consumption for vehicles used for business travel purposes
- waste disposal, including recycled and general waste
- paper usage, including consideration of recycled and non-recycled content.

Eco Fund Queensland used the results of its audit to present TransLink with a customised Emissions Management Plan in August 2011. The plan recommended targets and strategies for TransLink to reduce electricity and emissions at T-Central.

In line with this plan, TransLink's Leadership Team endorsed an Emissions Management Policy outlining TransLink's pledge to achieve the following targets:

- by 2015–16, reduce electricity-intensity consumption by 20 per cent from 2009–10 levels
- by 2015–16, reduce greenhouse gas emissions-intensity by 25 per cent from 2009–10 levels
- by December 2011, reduce TransLink's paper consumption by 20 per cent from greater than 10 tonnes of paper in December 2010.

TransLink is proud to report that staff achieved the latter target in December 2011, reducing paper consumption by 21 per cent.

TransLink has already taken significant steps towards meeting our electricity and emissions targets. This has included changing our electricity and stationery purchasing procedures and business travel policies to reduce electricity consumption, investing in activities to offset our carbon emissions and engaging with our staff to discourage unnecessary electricity consumption and emissions production.

With the opening of the TransLink Centre for Service Excellence (TCfSE) in March 2012, these revised business practices have been implemented in our secondary location. The site of the TCfSE in Kelvin Grove was specifically chosen with environmental sustainability in mind. Its proximity to T-Central enables staff to travel between the two locations on foot or using public transport rather than corporate vehicles or taxis to minimise production of additional greenhouse gas emissions.

The building itself — of which TransLink occupies one floor — has been awarded a 5-star rating under the Green Building Council of Australia's Green Star rating system, which measures a building's operational impacts on our environment using a 6-star scale. This 5-star rating recognises 'Australian excellence' in building design. Environmental features incorporated throughout the TCfSE building include sensor lighting, zoned air-conditioning, low-impact paint and recycling facilities.

TransLink intends to monitor, measure and report on the environmental performance of both the TCfSE and T-Central moving forward as part of our pledge to operate as an environmentally responsible organisation.

