



## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

### Introduction

Interpretation New Zealand is committed to improving the sustainability of its activities, working with suppliers to ensure they achieve the same ideals and highlighting sustainability initiatives to our wider audience of the communities and stakeholders we work with.

### Our Policy

Interpretation New Zealand undertakes to:

- \* consider and mitigate environmental social and cultural impacts of all aspects of our work
- \* work to exceed the requirements of applicable legislation
- \* value the communities we work amongst and their support
- \* use our resources efficiently
- \* adopt new technologies that reduce both inputs and outputs
- \* encourage our suppliers and stakeholders to take a personal commitment towards these issues.

Our Environmental Policy is a work in progress and as such we strive towards a culture of continuous improvement throughout our range of activities.

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## Our Principles of Environmental Sustainability

Interpretation New Zealand's environmental principles are:

1. We proactively seek to be environmentally responsible in our actions
2. We work in partnership with the communities and stakeholders we work with to promote sustainability in all our projects
3. We choose to support causes that contribute to the understanding and protection of New Zealand's biodiversity
4. Our use of carbon fuels (primarily air and vehicle travel) is monitored on an annual basis and carbon emissions calculated and offset through <http://www.carbonzero.co.nz/EmissionsCalc/tourismeditor.aspx>

A corresponding offset is then calculated and planted on our property in Banks Peninsula using native eco-sourced plants - see: [www.akaroaorganics.co.nz](http://www.akaroaorganics.co.nz)

5. We use technology to limit the amount of paper we use. All paper used is from Forest Stewardship Council licensed sources
6. We work closely with all our suppliers and partners to help them reduce the environmental impact of their activities. We actively work with suppliers to use recycled materials or materials that have low inputs and even lower waste streams.
7. We seek an on-going reduction in our resource use and in 2013 will publish our initial environmental impact assessment report.

We support initiatives such as Green Globe International and were instrumental in introducing this programme to the New Zealand tourism industry in early 2000. See <http://greenglobe.com/>



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