

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

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Our Objective

At Hierarchy Group, we are dedicated to shaping a sustainable future through responsible architectural design and construction practices. As a New Zealand-based architectural firm, we recognise the importance of environmental stewardship in all our projects. Our goal is to create innovative, high-performance, and resilient spaces that minimise environmental impact while enhancing the well-being of communities.

Scope

This policy outlines key objectives, demonstrating how Hierarchy Group maintains and strengthens its commitment to design sustainability.

Sustainability Principles

To ensure our commitments are met, we have adopted the following principles:

1. Environmental Responsibility

- Implement long-lasting energy-efficient solutions.
- Integrate low-carbon materials and construction technologies.
- Reducing in-house transport emissions by providing biking, charging and changing facilities.

2. Design for Resilience

- Integrate passive design strategies to optimise natural lighting, ventilation, and thermal comfort.
- Use renewable energy sources where possible.
- Employing a team of in-house professionals including Homestar assessors, Greenstar professionals and Passivehaus designers.
- Hierarchy Group is registered with the New Zealand Green Building Council.

3. Social Well-being and Community Engagement

- Design spaces that promote health, accessibility, and inclusivity.
- Promote indigenous Māori perspectives and traditional knowledge in sustainable design.
- Engage with local communities to ensure all projects make a positive contribution to social and cultural values.
- Support community well-being by donating to local charities such as Ronald McDonald House, the Cancer Society, and Heart Kids.

4. Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy

- Support local suppliers and contractors who share our sustainability goals.
- Promote the use of recycled and upcycled materials in construction.
- Minimise construction and demolition waste through efficient life-cycle planning.

5. Regulatory Compliance and Industry Leadership

- Adhere to New Zealand's Building Code, best-practice sustainability standards, and environmental regulations.
- Continuously enhance our expertise and practices by keeping up to date with the latest sustainable design trends.
- Collaborate with organisations and industry leaders to promote sustainable architecture

Implementation and Accountability

To maintain the success of our sustainability initiatives, Hierarchy Group is committed to:

- Provide training and education for our team on sustainable design principles.
- Establish measurable sustainability goals for each project.
- Continuously assess and refine our sustainability practices.
- Encouraging clients and partners to adopt environmentally responsible choices.
- Implementing a four-year plan with annual targets, audited internally each year.

These objectives demonstrate our commitment towards being industry leaders in sustainable design. We continue to exceed the minimum standards, working with the environment to deliver high-quality, long-lasting, design solutions which respect current and future uses.

Quality Assurance

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