2MNO Monaro Community Radio Inc.

Environmental Sustainability Policy

Introduction

Monaro Community Radio (MCR) recognises it has a role in minimising its impact on our environment and in maximising the effective use of resources. We will achieve this by communication and awareness of our efforts in accordance with this policy and fostering responsible environmental behaviour amongst our suppliers and volunteers.

Policy

MCR commits itself to minimising its impact on the environment through:
- Providing a safe and healthy workplace;
- Having an environmentally aware culture, where responsibility is understood;
- Being an environmentally responsible neighbour in our community;
- Conserving natural resources by reusing and recycling;
- Using, in our own operations, processes that do not adversely affect the environment;
- Ensuring the responsible use of energy throughout the organisation;
- Participating in efforts to improve environmental protection and understanding;
- Working with suppliers who promote sound environmental practices

Practices

1) MCR will act promptly and responsibly to correct incidents or conditions that endanger health, safety, or the environment.

2) MCR will, where feasible, reuse and recycle materials, purchase recycled materials, and use recyclable packaging and other materials. We will:
  a) Aim for all paper stock to be 100% recycled. Where 100% recycled paper is not available or appropriate, we will ensure that paper is not sourced from old-growth forests or from companies using unsustainable forestry practices.
  b) Make use of recycling programs for old computer hardware, used toner cartridges and obsolete equipment/furniture.

3) MCR will ensure that its services and products are safe, efficient in their use of energy, protective of the environment, and able to be reused, recycled or disposed of safely. We will:

a) Consider the 'carbon miles' that materials, food and products have travelled to reach us, by buying local wherever possible.

b) Buy products (e.g. tea, coffee) that have been produced using environmentally sustainable and fair trade practices.

4) MCR will in its operations minimise materials, water and energy use, prevent air, water, and other pollution, and dispose of waste safely and responsibly. We will:

a) Use natural light wherever possible;

b) Turn lights and equipment off when not in use;

c) Purchase energy efficient office equipment;

d) Establish and encourage the use of paperless systems where practical;

e) Set printing preferences to double-sided by default;

f) Where practicable read electronic documents on screen rather than printing them;

g) Consider the environmental impact of travelling to face-to-face meetings and aim to meet via online means where appropriate (e.g. video- or teleconference).

h) Consider the environmental impact of hard-copy post, using electronic forms of communication where appropriate (e.g. mail-outs, newsletters, annual reports).

5) MCR will in its operations conserve energy by improving energy efficiency and giving preference to renewable over non-renewable energy sources when feasible. MCR has a strategic objective to install solar panels at our Cooma broadcast studio.

6) MCR will ensure that every volunteer is informed of and expected to
follow this policy and to report any environmental, health, or safety concern so that prompt action may be taken.

This policy has been adopted at a Committee Meeting and is fully supported by management and members.

This policy is available on the station's web page at   http://www.2mno.org.au/.