

Kaikoura District Council is guided by the principles of Agenda 21 to sustain the social, economic and environmental well being of the community now and for future generations

Policy Statement

This policy has been adopted by Kaikoura District Council to assist in the implementation of the Community's commitment to the principles of Agenda 21. This policy is further supported by environmental and social sustainability initiatives and the Kaikoura Tourism Strategy, which outlines specific actions for achieving economic growth.

In the development of this policy, regard has been given to the World Tourism Organisation's global code of ethics for tourism, with particular regard given to those articles of the code that the Kaikoura Tourism Strategy does not give regard to.

Kaikoura District Council undertakes to review this policy annually and to make the policy available to and communicate it with all stakeholders, members of the general public, employees, customers and suppliers of goods and services of the Council. It will also put in place systems for regularly recording sustainability performance and supply this information annually for the Earthcheck Community Certification.

Policy

Kaikoura District Council:

- a. Will take into account all relevant national and international environmental and sustainability legislation, strategies, agreements, policies and treaties;
- b. Will adhere to the APEC, Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation and PATA, the Pacific Asia Travel Association, Code for Sustainable Tourism to manage tourism outcomes and impacts;
- c. Is committed to achieving local community sustainability through consultation, leadership and guidance to all sectors of the Community;
- d. Will continue to support the Tourism industry in Kaikoura to be leaders in good practise, sustainability and role models in responsible practise and to participate in sustainability programs where practicable;
- e. Will commit to continuous improvement in practise and performance, and measure these through the benchmarking indicators and performance targets of the Long Term

- Plan;
- f. Is committed to achieving a broad range of inter-sectorial partnerships with any relevant organisation, group or individual to achieve improved performance and innovation in sustainability;
 - g. Will work with all members of the community to ensure individual performance and accountability from the public and private sector;
 - h. Is committed to ensuring that any action does not systematically undermine people's ability to meet their basic needs;
 - i. Will shall recognise and provide for the relationship of the Community and Maori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu, and other taonga;
 - j. Will endeavour to minimise the creation of all forms of waste and will, at all times, view waste as a resource with the potential for reuse and recycling;
 - k. Is committed to responsible energy management;
 - l. Will encourage the protection of significant ecosystems and expansion of biodiversity;
 - m. Will make sustainable use of natural resources and will conserve non-renewable resources;
 - n. Will encourage minimal use of any pollutant that may cause environmental damage to the air, land or water;
 - o. Will encourage environmental awareness and encourage the use of environmentally friendly products;
 - p. Is an equal employment opportunities employer and makes a commitment to the employment of community based people or people living in nearby communities;
 - q. Where possible to source goods and services whose origins are as close as possible to the local community, as long as this does not adversely affect the council's activities or have a negative environmental, social or economic impact;
 - r. Will work with contractors and consultants to ensure that their activities and practices are sustainable.

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