

## **The Model, Home of the Niland Collections - DRAFT Environmental Policy 2025**

The Model recognises that its operations and activities impact the environment. As set out in The Model's Strategic Management Plan 2024–2028, Priority 4, we are committed to sustainable practices and programming that address climate and environmental changes.

### **UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of 17 global objectives created by the United Nations to address pressing challenges like poverty, inequality, climate change, and environmental protection. They provide a roadmap for creating a more sustainable, equitable, and prosperous world by 2030.

The Model aligns with the UN SDGs, particularly:

- SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, promoting resource and energy efficiency, reducing waste, and encouraging sustainable practices.
- SDG 13: Climate Action, fostering a proactive approach to climate change within the arts sector.

### **Policy Objectives**

We will develop and implement a high-level sustainability policy and actionable implementation plan to achieve the goals set out in this document, embedding sustainability in daily operations and strategic decisions. The implementation plan will be developed within six months of board approval and reviewed annually to ensure effectiveness. This plan will also raise awareness and engagement on climate change and sustainability among staff, artists, and visitors.

We are committed to reducing our environmental impact by:

- Improving the environmental performance of our operations.
- Partnering with local stakeholders to foster environmental sustainability.
- Maintaining the grounds we occupy using best practices for biodiversity and climate resilience, including pollinator-friendly planting and reducing non-sustainable landscaping methods.
- Aligning with international green museum principles for collection care.

- Sourcing food sustainably for our café, emphasising vegetarian and vegan options.
- We are committed to reducing our environmental impact by:

## **Key Areas of Environmental Impact**

1. Curating, installing, and de-installing exhibitions.
2. Caring for and storing The Niland Collection.
3. Programming.
4. Retail and catering.
5. Building construction, operation, and maintenance.
6. Office processes.
7. Transport of artworks and staff travel.
8. Managing and enhancing The Model's grounds to support biodiversity and climate resilience.

## **Commitments**

The Model commits to:

- Reducing our carbon footprint, in line with the UN SDGs, by 2030.
- Adopting a public transport-first policy where practicable.
- Switching to greener electricity sources across all spaces.
- Implementing sustainable procurement practices.
- Ensuring compliance with all relevant environmental legislation.

## **Within the Energy Management Plan (EMP), The Model will:**

- Identify and address significant environmental impacts.
- Set objectives and targets to reduce these impacts.
- Continually improve performance by reducing pollution risks.
- Regularly review progress to ensure continual improvement.

## **Sustainability Leadership**

To sustain our determination to effect and inspire change, The Model will:

- Develop an annual implementation plan with measurable targets, reviewed by the Board of Directors.
- Amplify artists' concerns and integrate their insights into programming.
- Actively engage with audiences and communities to spotlight climate issues.
- Address climate change through urgent and innovative programming.

## **Governance and Policy Review**

The General Manager will oversee adherence to this policy, ensuring its objectives are achieved through annual implementation plans. Regular updates will be provided to the Board of Directors, including an annual review of progress. Interim updates will be provided if significant issues requiring Board approval arise.

This policy will be reviewed annually to remain aligned with best practices, legislation, and organisational objectives.

## **Motivation**

The climate emergency is one of the greatest challenges of our time, and the arts sector plays a vital role in shaping public discourse and cultural values. The Model is uniquely positioned to lead by example, influencing conversations on climate action through exhibitions, community engagement, and sustainable practices.

By embedding sustainability across all operations, programming, and grounds management, The Model will serve as a cultural leader in climate and biodiversity efforts, promoting these values locally and globally.

## **Adoption**

This Environmental Policy was formally adopted by the Board of Directors on:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_