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Environmental Policy

The Sydney Buddhist Centre (SBC) recognises that all organisations have an impact on the environment. Therefore we are committed to the continuing improvement of our environmental performance in relation to our projects and activities to meet, and where possible exceed, relevant environmental regulations.

We seek to put our key ethical principles of kindness, generosity, contentment, truthfulness and awareness into practice in relation to the environment by:

1. Encouraging ways of living which reduce our impact on the environment, such as:

- Divesting the SBC's banking from trade in fossil fuels
- Living communally
- Simplifying lifestyle
- Eating a vegan or vegetarian diet
- Sharing transport to and from the SBC and Vijayaloka
- Purchasing animal-friendly cleaning products
- Gardening in a way that is nature friendly

2. Recycling wherever practicable, such as:

- Separation of recyclable materials for collection
- Donation of lost property to charity shops
- Donation of surplus furniture to neighbours, other charities, etc.

3. Carefully managing energy and raw materials, such as:

- Monitoring our use of water, gas and electricity
- Installing energy-efficient appliances
- Improving draught-proofing and thermal insulation at the SBC and Vijayaloka
- Increasing online publicity to reduce printing and postage

We believe it is the responsibility of all committee members, association members, employees and volunteers to support ethical environmental practice at the SBC and Vijayaloka.

The management committee will review this policy annually and update it as appropriate.

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