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**The Australian Dental Foundation** is a health promotion charity, providing oral health care and education to children, teens, seniors and those with intellectual and physical disabilities across metropolitan and regional sites in Australia; all of whom suffer the greatest burden of oral disease. We provide professional and high-quality dental treatment onsite and rely on the generosity of the community to fund our work to achieve a decay free future. Our third-party accredited, national award-winning dental outreach operations have a proven track record in delivering professional, high quality dental services to more than 1,500 sites facilities throughout Australia.

**Australian Dental Foundation** recognises that all businesses have the potential to impact negatively on the environment, and as such, are committed to preventing pollution and reducing our impacts on the environment where possible. As part of our ongoing journey to achieve best-practice environmental sustainability, our organisation is working towards certification to the international standard for environmental management systems (ISO14001:2015) through BSA's 'Green' Certification Scheme. In short, obtaining certification to ISO14001:2015 which will help us to:

- actively manage and continually improve our environmental sustainability.
- prevent pollution, and lead by example through implementing sustainable principles in-house.
- engage in dialogue with our clients as a basis to promote good environmental choices.
- establish relationships to achieve sustainable outcomes in partnership with third party suppliers.
- undertake sustainable procurement practices prioritising whole of lifecycle costs and impacts to inform procurement decisions
- prioritise wherever practicable purchasing environmentally sustainable products in line with industry regulations
- integrate the consideration of environmental concerns and impacts into our decision making and undertake our operations using minimum impact methodologies.
- meet and where possible exceed environmental legislation, regulations and other requirements to which our organisation subscribes.
- use the waste management hierarchy to improve our resource efficiency, thereby reducing the total proportion of our waste sent to landfill

We will ensure that our employees, suppliers, contractors and sub-contractors are made aware of our Environment and Sustainability Policy Statement and of their own responsibilities via ongoing communication and education. They will also be encouraged at all levels to take ownership and responsibility for these initiatives through active participation and co-operation. This Environment and Sustainability Policy Statement will be displayed at all times and is openly available to all members of the public via our website.

**Signed**



**Name and position**

Dr Greg Miller

**Date signed**

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