

The Department of Health (DH) delivers the responsibilities as set by the Minister for Health, Minister for Ageing and the Minister for Mental Health. The department's core objective is to achieve the best health and wellbeing for all Victorians. This is accomplished through planning, policy development, funding and regulation of health service providers and activities which promote and protect Victorians' health.

The department is committed to the following principles:

- Promoting access to and use of the natural environment to improve the health and wellbeing of all Victorians.
- Improving the health and wellbeing of all Victorians through protecting the quality of the urban environment.
- Providing support and advice to our service providers to assist them and the broader community adapt to the health implications from a changing climate.
- Improving our environmental performance by integrating sustainability considerations in our business operations and striving for continual improvement in the management of our environmental impacts.
- Promoting the application of these sustainability principles within broader government policies and programs, as they relate to improving the health and wellbeing of all Victorians.
- Complying with relevant Commonwealth and Victorian Government policy, regulations and legislation.
- Embedding these Sustainability Principles within our funded service providers.
- Communicating these Sustainability Principles to employees, contractors and other stakeholders as well as making it available to the general public.



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