

ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT POLICY

The Bega Co-operative Society Limited (Bega Cheese) is committed to protecting the environment. In this endeavour Bega Cheese is focussed on understanding and controlling the impact of our business activities on the flora and fauna in the Bega Valley.

The management at Bega Cheese believe that as the largest employer in the Bega Valley, the company plays a pivotal role protecting the environment. This role includes ensuring that our economic activities provide suitable returns to our shareholders and benefit to the community in which we operate.

Our operations will fulfil the expectations of consumers and customers for quality products and services, while minimising any negative environmental impact and ensuring that our practices are sustainable into the future.

To this end we will:

- **Ensure that environmental considerations are an integral part of Strategic and Operational business planning activities by review of potential environmental impacts, which may arise from business decisions.**
- **Continuously review our operation to improve efficiencies and optimise use of resources including energy, chemicals, water, packaging and other raw materials.**
- **Reduce, reuse and recycle onsite waste or by-products wherever practicable and ensure safe disposal of any waste to minimise negative environmental impact.**
- **Implement an environment management system, which promotes commitment and involvement through all levels of the organisation by raising environment awareness in all activities.**
- **Achieve a level of environmental performance that exceeds basic regulatory compliance by regular review of performance standards in line with mainstream community expectations.**
- **Impress upon our suppliers, contractors and customers the high priority The Bega Co-operative Society Limited places on environment management issues and its potential effect on long term business relationships.**
- **Establish a Public Relations process to update the community of the onsite Environment Management Process and participate in community environment programs.**

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Chairman of Board of Directors

Michael Byrnes
Chief Executive Officer