

# Sustainability Policy

## Our Commitment

Next Rail is committed to delivering the MTMS Program in a safe, reliable, smart and sustainable manner. Balancing economic, environmental and social issues in order to leave a positive legacy and contribute to a sustainable transport system for NSW. Next Rail will work towards achieving this commitment by implementing a Sustainability Pathway on the MTMS Program by:

### Considering whole of life costing

- Achieving agreed financial targets and taking a long term, responsible approach to financial management and governance
- Minimise whole of life asset impact by future proofing assets and responding to climate change

### Working together

- Forming collaborative beneficial relationships with Transport for NSW and the other IDE
- Sharing knowledge to aid continuous improvement and lift industry benchmarks
- Creating a diverse and inclusive workforce that are socially conscious by developing robust, comprehensive diversity metrics to identify barriers to equality, highlight areas of concern and prioritise diversity and inclusion initiatives.

### Fostering innovation

- Encouraging innovation among our design and delivery teams and supply chain to continually reduce our project carbon footprint
- Investigating innovations developed through the Joint Coordination Team and trialling innovations promoting market transformation

### Having a customer and community focus

- Creating a sense of place for communities, by making a positive and meaningful difference to the community by genuinely engaging with the community and stakeholders
- Providing employment for the Greater Sydney region, boosting the local economy
- Being good neighbours, proactively managing nuisance issues during construction

### Engaging our partners

- Working closely with Transport for NSW and the other IDE to achieve optimal and resilient outcomes for the MTMS Program, the rail industry, users and society

### Considering the future

- Ensure procurement decisions take into consideration total lifecycle cost and the triple bottom line being the economic, environmental and social impacts.
- Adapting to climate change by exploring low carbon, renewable and efficient energy options
- Local heritage values are identified, interpreted, and enhanced
- Enhance ecological value by developing environmentally beneficial programs in consultation with local authorities leaving a positive legacy
- Considering water cost, availability and environmental demands when developing water supply options



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