

Vision, Commitment and Planning Module

The Vision, Commitment and Planning module involved the Mercy Services Board of Directors and Management Team in clarifying the extent of the organisation's commitment to environmental responsibility. They decided that environmental responsibility will be integral to how Mercy Services provides its services.

As a result of this module, Mercy Services:

- Clarified our motivation, opportunities and barriers to environmental sustainability
- Made a minor revision of the Mercy Services Vision Statement to better express our environmental commitment
- A thorough revision of the Mercy Services Environmental Responsibility Policy;
- Established the following key environmental goals:
 1. Ensure more efficient and sustainable use of resources by:
 - a. Reducing electricity use per service output by 20% by 2020
 - b. Reducing transport fuel per km travelled by 10% by 2020
 - c. Reducing gas use at each site by 5% by 2020
 - d. Reducing waste to landfill by 20% by 2020
 - e. Reducing water used at each site by 10% by 2020
 2. Integrate environmental sustainability into all facets of business planning and operation
 3. Promote environmental sustainability to staff and stakeholders
- Developed a detailed Sustainability Action Plan with a range of strategies to address the above goals; and
- Joined the Sustainability Advantage Hunter Region Aged Care Cluster to share ideas and undertake collaborative action.