

Australian Ramp & Access Solutions Pty Limited

Green Policy

Australian Ramp & Access Solutions Pty Limited (AR&AS) has instigated an internal awareness to Green and now provides greater details on the ways we are trying to make our activities around choice of products, fabrication and related services have less impact our precious environment.

In addition, we give special consideration to ways we can reduce the impact on the environment, so we drive certain initiatives to exercise this:

Waste Reduction:

As company dedicated to a Lean business life-style, we try to eliminate waste at source and some of the ways we do this is:

- The use of electronic communications - unless our customers request otherwise we send all our quotes, invoices and other communications via email. This saves on both paper and also carbon miles for postage.
- It is company policy that any document that does need to be printed is done where possible in draft format to use the as little waste ink as possible

We re-use paper where possible – as packing and space sheets in our printing services. Another example of this is when we had to reprint our letterheads due to a change in company details – we bound all our redundant letterhead to use as office notebooks, rather than simply disposing or recycling the paper

Recycling:

We recycle whenever possible.

- At the end of its practical life any hardware is cleared of information and passed to the local Environ office, or equivalent, to be refurbished or used as parts
- All of our staff may work from home and are encouraged utilise the recycling schemes implemented by the local council
- When on-site, they are aware of the potential impacts form waste and other recyclable materials, including wrappings, fuel usage etc.

Purchasing:

Like all companies our purchasing decisions are influenced by cost, however this by no means our only consideration, and we make a conscious effort to ensure we are buying from sustainable sources, which are local if possible.

- Where possible we utilise 100% recycled material and we don't use packing material that is non-biodegradable
- Wherever possible we try and purchase goods and services locally, to help the local economy and to reduce carbon miles

Travel:

- We have invested in fuel efficient vehicles to reduce emissions. Wherever possible our vehicles are used to attend meetings, and local site works and deliveries
- Although we enjoy meeting our clients face to face this is not always necessary and therefore when practical we use the same audio conferencing techniques for meetings between team members, project updates and tool-box meetings as well as client meetings

Energy Usage:

We are very conscious of their energy and water usage and have adopted Solar Energy to run a portion of our facilities in Albury.

Our commitment to the community:

- At AR&AS we believe it is important to support our local community and where possible we link with other local businesses to provide our services
- We also believe that education is important and have undertaken a wide range of work within the local community including involvement in;
 - Local School and education programs
 - Apprenticeships Scheme support to open the door to opportunity and Trade skills on a regular basis
 - Assisting local charities where we can assist with donations and services
 - Local family support & counselling activities