# **GWF** / George Weston Foods Limited

# **Environment & Sustainability Policy**

Effective date	18 May 2022
Policy owner	Group Health, Safety & Environment
Applies to	All GWF employees, contractors, customers and visitors attending a GWF workplace or event, Australia & New Zealand
Contact Officer	Your HSE Business Partner/GWF Environment Manager
	This signed statement of Policy confirms our commitment to making GWF workplaces environmentally friendly and sustainable for ALL and is to be displayed at all work locations.

# **Purpose and aims**

George Weston Foods Limited, George Weston Foods (NZ) Limited and their related companies (**GWF**, **we**, **us**, **our**) are committed to reducing the environmental impact of our businesses while providing the highest quality products and services in a sustainable manner. We will do this through our dedication to customer insight and a commitment to continually improve the environment and sustainable performance of all of our business activities.

This Environment & Sustainability Policy (**Policy**) expresses our commitment to managing our environmental and sustainability obligations in the workplace. If you work at GWF in any capacity, including employees, potential employees and contractors, whether on a full-time, part-time or casual basis, on or off-site, or if you are a customer or visitor attending our workplace or an event we have organised (**you**, **person**, **people**), then this Policy applies to you and you must familiarise yourself with, and comply with, this Policy and any variations to this Policy.

This Policy may be reviewed, varied, added to or withdrawn by GWF at any time, at our absolute discretion. This Policy, and any amendments to it, does not form part of your employment contract or agreement or your independent contractor agreement (as the case may be).

## **Openness**

GWF will make this Policy available through the People Portal or displayed or available on site.

# **GWF's commitment to environment and sustainability**

In addressing our environmental commitment GWF will:

- focus on the efficient and innovative use of resources such as raw materials, energy, water and packaging to minimise our environmental footprint where possible;
- embrace the principles of the waste hierarchy (Avoid, Reduce, Reuse, Recover, Recycle) to minimise the generation of waste and reduce waste to landfill;
- put in place measures to protect the environment including preventing pollution to air (e.g. noise, odour), water and land;
- seek opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that can contribute to climate change;
- measure, monitor, report and evaluate our environmental and sustainability performance against planned objectives, targets and indicators;
- train employees on how to comply with applicable environmental legislation, related compliance obligations and requirements;

- proactively assess any adverse operational aspects and environmental impacts considering a life-cycle
  perspective when sourcing raw materials, developing products, packaging and any plant or process changes;
- work with our customers and suppliers to increase the environmental performance of their operations, products, services and the supply chain;
- look to continually improve management systems to enhance our overall environmental performance;
- identify, assess, control and review environmental risks and potential emergencies;
- facilitate sharing of information and knowledge, and promote awareness of the environment across the organisation;
- consider environmental impacts on our neighbours, engage with the local community and other stakeholders to address issues and reduce any adverse environmental impacts;
- allocate resources to meet the commitments of this Policy.

## **Your obligations**

Workplace environmental and sustainability management is the shared responsibility of all persons in the workplace and you are responsible for the implementation of this Policy and to act in an environmentally responsible manner. This means that you may need to (depending upon your role):

- be familiar with and comply with this Policy, relevant laws and regulations, as well as any other material dealing with environmental compliance and management;
- observe safe work practices and methods including obeying any reasonable instruction aimed at protecting and/or promoting environmental compliance and management at work;
- attend training dealing with environmental compliance and management; and
- assist in identifying hazards, assessing risks and implement risk control measures.

If you witness any incident compromising workplace environmental compliance and management or a breach of this Policy, you are required to immediately notify an appropriate member of management. All complaints will be treated impartially and will be addressed promptly.

## **Consequences of breaching this Policy**

We retain discretion to commence disciplinary action for breaches of this Policy. Disciplinary action may include a written warning, counselling, suspension or the termination of a person's employment or engagement. We may also refer a breach of this Policy to law enforcement authorities where necessary.

## **Related documents**

- Code of Conduct
- Health & Safety Policy
- HSE Management Standards
- Responsible Sourcing Code of Conduct

#### **Statement from Chief Executive**

I am fully committed to the implementation of this Policy and the motivation of all our people to achieve its objectives.

Stuart Grainger, GWF Chief Executive