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Sustainable & Ethical **PRACTICE**



Our VISION

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The Rocks Market aspires to be Sydney's most iconic and sustainable marketplace, distinguished by our exceptional Traders, unique experiences, and unwavering commitment to environmental and social responsibility.

Our Traders are our key partners in contributing to the goal of minimising our impact on the environment while ensuring The Rocks Markets are authentic, ethical and socially inclusive. To do this, we need our Traders to engage in sustainable and ethical practices within their businesses.



Our COMMITMENT



The Rocks Market is committed to the continual improvement of its environmental, ethical and socially inclusive performance, including compliance with all relevant legislation. By continuing to identify and manage environmental and social impacts, The Rocks Markets will maintain industry leadership, deliver value to the community, set new standards and help ensure longevity.

The Rocks Markets defines “environmental and social impacts” as those direct impacts that our market has on both the environment and community, through natural resource use, waste generation, inclusive policies, community giving/contribution and authentic product offering. Our definition also includes the indirect impacts that occur through our market’s supply chain and partnerships.



Environmental Management

We commit to:

- Providing comprehensive waste management infrastructure
- Installing recycling and organic waste collection points
- Offering free refillable water stations
- Creating clear signage for waste segregation
- Developing transport route planners for efficient travel to the market
- Promoting and implementing dog-friendly facilities to encourage walking

Infrastructure and Facilities

The market will ensure:

- Energy-efficient lighting and equipment
- Accessible waste segregation stations for visitors
- Digital resources for sustainable practices
- Inclusive facilities for all abilities

Trader Support and Development

We commit to:

- Conduct annual sustainability assessments
 - Provide information to our traders on sustainable options
 - Explore options for sustainability workshops
 - Provide marketing support for sustainable traders
 - Create opportunities for emerging artists, designers and entrepreneurs
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Trader requirements & EXPECTATIONS

Product and Production Standards

Traders must:

- Prioritise Australian-made products
- Demonstrate transparent supply chains
- Use recycled or upcycled materials where possible
- Avoid mass-produced items
- Respect cultural integrity

Packing and Waste Reduction

Traders are required to:

- Use only compostable or recyclable packaging
- Eliminate single-use plastics
- Minimise packaging materials
- Participate in market-wide waste reduction initiatives
- Ensure all chemicals and oils are responsibly removed and disposed of responsibly

Ethical Business Practices

Traders must adhere to:

- Fair trade principles
 - Humane working conditions
 - International human rights standards
 - Transparent production methods
 - No exploitative labour practices
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Sustainable Production

Traders should demonstrate:

- Local material sourcing
- Organic and sustainable ingredient selection
- Energy-efficient production methods
- Responsible chemical and waste management
- Circular economy principles

Energy and Emissions

Traders are required to:

- Use energy-efficient equipment and switch off appliances when not in use
- Must choose energy-efficient appliances when purchasing or leasing electrical equipment and appliances

Food Vendor Additional Requirements

Food traders must:

- Where possible source ingredients locally and seasonally
- Use sustainable food options to reduce food miles and avoid excessive packaging
- Offer vegetarian and vegan options
- Use reusable or compostable serving ware
- Minimise food waste
- Provide transparent animal welfare information
- ensure all graywater and oils are responsibly removed and disposed of responsibly

Diversity and Inclusion

Traders are expected to:

- Create welcoming environments for all customers
- Avoid discriminatory practices

Continuous Improvement

Both market operators and traders commit to:

- Regular policy reviews
 - Ongoing sustainability education
 - Adapting to new environmental technologies
 - Sharing best practices
 - Continuous learning and improvement
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Our collective **PROMISE**

The Rocks Market is a partnership between operators and traders, united in creating a sustainable, ethical, and vibrant marketplace that supports local businesses and protects our environment.

Together, we are creating positive change.



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