



## Local Government Association Conference NSW Local Government and Shires Associations and Albury City Council 2010

### A Sustainable Conference

The NSW Local Government and Shires Associations (LGSA) and Albury City Council were committed to working together to create a sustainable LGA conference in 2010. A number of initiatives were implemented in the organisation of this event to reduce the impact on the environment and set a positive precedent.

**The LGSA works with conference host councils to ensure sustainable initiatives are in place.**

#### Environmental Sustainability Commitment

The LGSA is committed to environmental sustainability at our events and conferences, to reduce the impact on the planet. Initiatives in place to "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" at the 2010 LGA Conference include a waste reduction policy, the use of glasses and water jugs rather than bottled water, and locally sourced produce for catering where possible. The venue will be powered by 100% Green Power for the duration of the conference.

[View LGSA's principles and guidelines for sustainable events](#)

Organisers of the 2010 LGA conference aspired to create a responsible event in support of the global mission to find positive solutions for sustainable development and the climate crisis. It was recognised that meetings and events could have negative impacts on both the host communities and the environment if not properly planned.

Organisers of the 2010 LGA Conference aimed to address adverse environmental, social and economic impacts and make positive contributions to the conference. Six key areas were identified in the quest of hosting a sustainable 2010 LGA Conference in Albury:

1. Resource use and procurement
2. Energy use and purchase
3. Greenhouse gas emissions
4. Waste
5. Venue and temporary structures
6. Transportation

As a result, the following policies were developed for the conference:

 [LGA Conference 2010 Sustainable Events Policy \(221KB\)](#)



 [LGA Conference 2010 Sustainable Engagement Policy \(164KB\)](#)

Albury City Council offset greenhouse gas emissions from the 2010 LGA Conference by planting native box gum woodland trees equivalent to remaining greenhouse gas emissions.

Essential Energy (previously named Country Energy) provided 100% Green Power for the venue during the LGA Conference.

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### Advice to Councils

It is people that make things happen, so forming a team to drive sustainable purchasing is essential. Your council may have an existing team such as Cities for Climate Protection or a waste management team able to take on this role. If not, set up a new team.

The important thing is to make sure senior management is supportive, and that the team holds regular meetings.

The goal is to make sustainable purchasing an everyday activity integrated into council's existing processes and systems. This will be easier if key people are members of the team. Good people to have involved are the Procurement Manager, Head of Engineering, the Environment Manager, Finance Manager and Supply Manager. Most important however, is to involve people who are motivated and passionate because team members need to be willing and able to champion sustainable purchasing within council.

Next, identify a team leader. This person doesn't necessarily need to do any extra work, but they should be willing to make sure that regular meetings take place, and provide a first point of contact for sustainable purchasing.

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