

Environmental Management Statement

Rammed Earthworks – Rural Fencing & Construction
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1. Purpose and Commitment

Rammed Earthworks is committed to conducting its operations in a manner that protects the environment, minimises environmental impact, and respects rural landscapes. We recognise that our work takes place in sensitive agricultural and natural environments, and we aim to manage our activities responsibly to prevent environmental harm.

This Environmental Management Statement outlines our commitment and approach to environmental management in accordance with the principles of ISO 14001:2015 – Environmental Management Systems, with a focus on practical, site-appropriate controls rather than unnecessary bureaucracy.

2. Environmental Objectives

Our environmental objectives are to:

- Minimise disturbance to land, soil, vegetation, and waterways.
- Prevent pollution, erosion, and unnecessary environmental damage.
- Use materials, resources, and energy efficiently.
- Comply with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations, and landholder requirements.
- Continually improve our environmental performance through planning, awareness, and review.

3. Legal and Other Requirements

Rammed Earthworks will comply with all applicable environmental legislation, regulations, local council requirements, and landholder conditions relevant to rural fencing and earthworks activities.

We will remain informed of environmental obligations that apply to our work, including those relating to soil protection, waste management, vegetation protection, and waterway management.

4. Planning and Risk Management

Environmental considerations are integrated into our job planning and site setup. Prior to commencing work, we assess environmental risks associated with each project, including:

- Soil type, slope, and erosion potential
- Proximity to waterways, dams, drainage lines, or wetlands
- Existing vegetation, trees, and habitat

- Access tracks and vehicle movements

Where risks are identified, appropriate control measures are implemented to minimise environmental impact.

5. Soil, Erosion and Land Protection

Rammed Earthworks recognises soil protection as a key environmental responsibility, particularly in rural and agricultural settings. Controls may include:

- Minimising ground disturbance and restricting works to defined fence lines or work zones.
- Avoiding unnecessary trafficking of vehicles and machinery.
- Managing spoil and excavated material to prevent erosion or runoff.
- Reinstating disturbed areas where required following completion of works.

6. Protection of Waterways and Vegetation

We take reasonable steps to protect waterways, stock water, and vegetation by:

- Avoiding works within waterways unless specifically required and approved.
- Preventing sediment, waste, or contaminants from entering watercourses.
- Retaining existing vegetation where possible and avoiding unnecessary clearing.
- Consulting with landholders regarding sensitive areas, tree lines, or shelter belts.

7. Waste and Resource Management

Rammed Earthworks is committed to responsible waste management and efficient use of resources. This includes:

- Minimising waste generation through accurate material estimation.
- Segregating and removing waste such as wire offcuts, packaging, and damaged materials from site.
- Reusing or recycling materials where practicable.
- Ensuring waste is disposed of at approved facilities or in accordance with landholder agreements.

8. Materials Selection and Sustainability

Where practicable, we select materials that are durable, fit for purpose, and suitable for Australian rural conditions. This supports environmental outcomes by:

- Reducing premature failure and replacement.
- Minimising waste and rework.
- Supporting long-term land use and infrastructure durability.

Our rammed earth works also support environmentally responsible construction through the use of natural materials and long-life structures.

9. Training, Awareness and Responsibility

All workers and contractors engaged by Rammed Earthworks are expected to:

- Follow environmental controls and site-specific requirements.
- Report environmental hazards, incidents, or concerns.
- Act responsibly and respectfully when working on rural land.

Management is responsible for ensuring environmental responsibilities are communicated and understood.

10. Incident Management and Continuous Improvement

Any environmental incident, spill, or unplanned impact will be reported and addressed promptly. Where necessary, corrective actions will be implemented to prevent recurrence.

Rammed Earthworks is committed to continual improvement of environmental performance through:

- Review of completed projects.
- Incorporation of lessons learned.
- Ongoing refinement of work practices and controls.

Statement Endorsement

Rammed Earthworks is committed to responsible environmental management and continual improvement in environmental performance across all operations.

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