

## Sustainability Policy

Marlborough Airport is a strategic asset for the region, as both a lifeline utility under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 and a commercial operation. The airport connects travellers to regions across New Zealand as well as providing a vital link to international destinations.

This Sustainability Policy outlines MAL's commitment to operating a safe, resilient, and environmentally responsible airport, while contributing positively to the wellbeing of people and the Marlborough community. Our approach is guided by three interconnected pillars:

- Planet – minimising environmental impact
- People – prioritising safety and social responsibility
- Prosperity – reinvesting to support long-term resilience and value

The way we approach sustainability is three-fold:

- Partnership and Innovation – We will actively collaborate to lower our environmental footprint, as well as innovate and look to our NZ Airport peers for potential solutions.
- Contracts and Lease Agreements – Sustainability considerations will be incorporated into material contracts, procurement processes, and lease agreements.
- Operations and Best Practice – We will actively look for ways to improve sustainability in existing operations, without compromising safety, as well as consider the environmental footprint of future revenue streams.

These approaches will be carried out through the following priorities.

### Planet

#### *Greenhouse gas emissions*

By 2029, MAL will align with [Level 2 of the Airport Carbon Accreditation](#) programme, including development of a carbon management plan. Long-term to 2050, MAL will reduce Scope 1 & 2 greenhouse gas emissions to net zero.

With Scope 1 and 2 emissions, MAL will make every reasonable effort to lower emissions as assets are retired and new equipment is purchased, as well as consider all reasonable options for emissions abatement in new ventures. MAL will actively work with partners to lower or mitigate Scope 3 emissions, which are aligned with the goals and priorities of MAL and our partners (eg aircraft emissions). Landside landscapes will be enhanced with native biodiversity in a way that does not interfere with flight paths and airport safety.

#### *Waste*

With 2023/2024 as the baseline year, more than 30% of waste has been diverted from landfill. The focus for the duration of this policy will be to monitor and continuously improve waste management systems. MAL will continue to work with partners to reduce waste to landfill by collaborating on material waste streams.

## Water

MAL recognises water as a taonga resource. The airport is committed to stewardship in both minimising the volume used and the monitoring of water discharge.

This commitment is documented in the actions outlined in the *2026 Marlborough Airport Water Management Plan*. By 2027, MAL will undertake a high-level investigation into rainwater collection and storage. For major capital works, MAL will look to embed water-saving principles wherever practical.

## People

We are committed to fostering positive social outcomes by supporting the wellbeing and resilience of the communities we serve. In alignment with Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) frameworks and best practice sustainability standards, we recognise that our airport plays a critical role as a community asset, economic enabler, and regional connector. We operate responsibly, inclusively, and transparently, ensuring our activities deliver shared value for passengers, employees, partners, and the wider community.

## Safety

MAL's top social concern is that of aviation safety and the safety of airport users. This is achieved via [MAL's Safety Management System](#), which covers aviation safety policy, people, hazards and risk mitigation.

## Mana whenua and heritage

We acknowledge the history and cultural significance of the land on which we operate and the importance of protecting and celebrating local heritage. We are committed to engaging respectfully with mana whenua, incorporating cultural design elements and storytelling within the airport environment, and supporting the preservation and promotion of local culture, history, and identity.

## Prosperity

Profits from business operations are primarily invested back into improving the airport's resilience, infrastructure and future and, secondly, as an investment back into the community as a dividend to Marlborough District Council.

## Reporting and Review

The [annual and half-year statement of intents](#) outline key goals and priorities for the year. This policy is to be reviewed in the 2027-2028 financial year.

Signed:



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