VicRoads provides, operates and maintains the road system in order to meet Victorians’ expectations for an integrated and sustainable transport system that contributes to an inclusive, prosperous and environmentally responsible State.

In meeting its responsibilities under the Transport Integration Act 2010, VicRoads will have regard to environmental sustainability and climate change impacts when managing the road network or influencing road users. VicRoads will continue to protect our cultural and environmental heritage, build capacity to meet significant emission reduction targets and reduce our organisational footprint.

VicRoads’ key priorities include:

• Reducing environmental and climate change impacts to and from the road system
• Managing the road system to adapt to a changing climate
• Protecting and enhancing the natural and cultural environment
• Fostering a culture of leadership and best practice on sustainability and climate change

In actioning these priorities, we will:

• Promote the efficient movement of goods and services across the transport network
• Promote reduced dependency on cars and encourage sustainable transport alternatives such as cycling, walking and public transport
• Reduce the carbon footprint of our offices, operations and road construction
• Procure goods and services that provide value for money and minimise emissions and damage to the environment
• Adopt an approach of ‘avoid, minimise, mitigate and offset’ to prevent and manage environmental impacts associated with all aspects of VicRoads’ activities
• Improve VicRoads’ knowledge and understanding of the extent and condition of Victoria’s environmental and cultural heritage assets
• Continually improve environmental performance through maintaining, reviewing and implementing VicRoads’ environmental management systems
• Provide VicRoads’ employees with the skills, awareness and leadership to achieve VicRoads’ sustainability and climate change objectives
• Monitor and publicly report on VicRoads’ performance in embedding sustainability and climate change in all aspects of VicRoads’ activities.

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