

## Sustainable Food Production (SFP)

### SFP.H5K Understand how to develop an environmental policy

#### Unit Summary

This unit is about understanding how to develop an environmental policy. An environmental policy is a written statement summarising the organisation's intentions with regard to environmental performance.

#### Related Units

This is a knowledge unit which underpins the skills set out in:  
SFP.H5S Develop an environmental policy

#### You need to know and understand:

1. The purpose of the environmental policy
2. Guidelines and good practice relating to the content of an environmental policy
3. How to recognise areas where an existing environmental policy can be improved
4. The importance of continual improvement with respect to environmental performance
5. The significant environmental impacts of the organisation
6. The requirements of environmental legislation of relevance to the organisation
7. The existing organisational commitments of relevance to the environmental impacts and the content of any existing environmental policies.
8. The systems in place, if any, for evaluating an environmental policy
9. Methods available for evaluating an environmental policy
10. How to engage interested parties in the evaluation process
11. Good practice in environmental management

## Key Words

<b>Continual improvement</b>	A recurring process of enhancements to achieve improvements in environmental performance
<b>Environment</b>	Surroundings in which an organisation operates including air, water, land, natural resources, flora, fauna, humans and their interrelation.
<b>Environmental impact</b>	A change to the environment resulting wholly or in part from the organisation's activities, products or services.
<b>Environmental objectives</b>	These are the overall environmental goals set by the organisation in line with its environmental policy commitments.