

## Sustainability Statement 2024 ALTAACON AND ALPMA SUMMIT

The Australasian Legal Practice Management Association recognises that urgent action is required to help reduce the impact of climate change, reduce waste, and manage our natural resources as sustainably as possible. As an organisation we are committed to implementing sustainability practices into our operations.

We believe that meetings and face-to-face events are an important part of learning and professional development, forging connections, networking, and knowledge-sharing. We understand however, that these meetings can involve significant travel and resource usage, generate waste, and increase our carbon footprint.

With this in mind, we have prepared a sustainability statement, outlining the ways in which we aim to minimise the environmental impacts of the 2024 ALTAACON and ALPMA Summit.

With ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) factors at the forefront of creating a sustainable Summit we have made choices that align with our sustainability goals and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Where possible, we have chosen venues close to public transport, and given preference to those with strong sustainability credentials. The geographical location of ALPMA members has also been considered to reduce the amount of travel required for potential attendees. For this reason, we chose to use the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC) for the 2024 ALTAACON and ALPMA Summit.

The BCEC is:

- EarthCheck Platinum Certified, acknowledging their compliance to the highest environmental standards.
- Minimising food wastage by working with clients to engineer suitable menus and cater accurately to attendee numbers.
- Reducing organic waste by up to 80% in the Centre's organic dehydrator, turning waste into high-concentrate soil fertiliser able to be used in the community across Brisbane.
- Sourcing local and seasonal produce where available for their menus, reducing food miles.
- Redirecting waste from landfill by using over 30 different waste separation systems including batteries, e-waste, glass, metal, plastic, polystyrene, and timber.
- Generating 40% of the base-load power requirements for the BCEC Grey Street Building and 18% of the entire Centre's power requirements using a 764 panel 309.42 kilowatt solar system.
- Saving 50% on energy demands having installed LED lighting and implemented daylight harvesting.
- Harvesting rainwater for venue cleaning and irrigation.
- Partnering with local community groups and environmental initiatives to promote local and sustainable produce, educate future environmental leaders and support local charities including Emmanuel City Mission.

The BCEC's Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy can be found [here](#).

Taking into consideration the social and governance factor of sustainability in line with our goals, this conference will be implementing a minimal waste plan to ensure we are doing our part to be sustainable.

- Crockery and cutlery rather than disposable items will be used wherever possible.

- Attendees will be encouraged to bring re-usable water bottles, keep cups, backpacks, notepads, and pens. Delegate satchels will not be supplied.
- Digital communication will be the main method of promotion for the Summit.
- Event communications will include a green message asking people to think before printing.
- The website and attendee app will contain all relevant information. No printed materials will be supplied. All pre-event submissions will be made electronically. If printing is required, double-sided printing on recycled paper will be used.
- Water stations will be located throughout the venue for delegate use. Water, in plastic bottles, will not be supplied at the event.
- Reusable materials will be selected wherever possible.
- Waste separation stations are located throughout the venue for delegate use.
- Recyclable name tags, free from plastic pouches will be supplied to attendees.
- The exhibition build structure is a reusable system that can be recycled at the end of its lifecycle.

Additional ways this conference is implementing sustainable strategies:

- The 2024 ALPMA Summit has partnered with Reforest and will carbon offset the event by planting a tree for every attendee.
- The appointed exhibition supplier has a Trees for Displays initiative, whereby they will plant a tree for every stand they build at the Summit.
- Attendees will be encouraged to offset their travel carbon footprint.
- Summit partners will be encouraged not to supply unnecessary material and collateral to attendees.
- Where gifts and/or materials are provided, sustainable and reusable products from local and sustainable suppliers will be encouraged.
- Exhibitors will be encouraged to avoid high-energy stands and unnecessary lighting.
- Exhibitors will be encouraged to minimise waste by providing electronic information to attendees, rather than printed materials.
- Discussions between the organising committee and venue on how we can keep the event as sustainable as possible will be held.
- Suppliers with sustainability credentials will be given preference.
- Local suppliers and products will be sourced where possible.
- Most aspects of the event will be held during daylight hours to reduce power consumption.
- Theming, wherever possible, will not include tropical or cut flowers.
- Items supplied to attendees will be based on registrant numbers to avoid wastage.
- Catering numbers will be calculated according to attendee numbers to keep food wastage to a minimum.
- Accommodation blocks within walking distance of the BCEC have been selected.
- Delegates will be encouraged to travel between venues on foot or via public transport. We will advise attendees on the environmentally friendly ways they can move around the city and to and from the conference.

The smallest choices can influence our future. We are striving to make this event as sustainable as possible by implementing these strategies at the 2024 ALTA CON and ALPMA Summit. It is a step in the right direction as we look to sustainably grow this event year on year.