

Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

Our Commitment to Responsible Hospitality

At the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges, we believe that exceptional hospitality goes hand-in-hand with environmental and social responsibility. We respectfully acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we operate, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging.

Our commitment is reflected in our everyday operations, our ambitious goals, and our recognition through leading industry certifications.

Certified for Excellence in Sustainability

We are proud to be accredited with the Quality Tourism Australia Framework for Sustainability Tourism, a testament to our rigorous environmental and social responsibility standards. In addition, we have achieved a NABERS 4.5 Star rating for electricity, demonstrating our leadership in energy efficiency and sustainable building management. Our initiatives focus on five key pillars:

Our Sustainability Pillars

1. Waste Management & Recycling

Achieved a waste diversion rate of over 50%, with a target to reach 60% by June 2026.

- Comprehensive waste segregation program, including Containers for Change, organics, cardboard, recycling, and landfill streams.
- Additional tiered bins in public and back-of-house areas, and dedicated programs for garden and electronic waste disposal.
- Ongoing review and optimisation of waste practices, aiming to reduce overall waste by 10% and contamination by 30%.
- Reuse of working pens and pads in conference and events, and a shift to paperless operations with tablets and digital contracts.

2. Reducing Single-Use Items

- Hotel-wide transition away from single-use plastics, including the elimination of disposable coffee cups for staff and use of ceramic/melamine products for events.
- Straws and coasters provided on request only, reducing unnecessary consumables.
- In-room amenities available by request, minimising waste and supporting our “Bye Bye Single-Use” initiative.

3. Energy & Water Conservation

- NABERS 4.5 Stars for electricity and 3.5 Stars for water, reflecting our ongoing investment in efficient systems.
- Installation of LED and sensor lighting.
- Upgrade of HVAC and building management systems with dynamic schedule optimized for current hotel needs and events as well as energy savings.
- Upgrading to energy-efficient appliances and equipment across the hotel.
- 4x Tesla Chargers available for EV charging.
- Low-flow fixtures, shower aerators, and reduced flush cycles to save water.
- Leak detection, preventative maintenance, and water-efficient landscaping to reduce property water use by 10% annually.

- Targeting a 10% reduction in energy and gas consumption through robust preventative maintenance and system upgrades.
- Future Plans: Project in pipeline to install solar panels and greywater system by 2027.

4. Guest Engagement & Sustainable Choices

- “Room Refresh” initiative: guests can opt to refresh their room instead of a full service; conserving nearly 50 litres of water and 0.65kW of electricity.
- Dual bins in all guest rooms: guests are now able to directly contribute to Containers for Change by utilizing the bins as marked.
- Water stations in public areas and events, replacing single-use bottles and cups.
- In-room menus for amenities by request, reducing unnecessary provision and waste.

5. Team Education & Community Involvement

- Quarterly staff sustainability training and committee meetings to foster a culture of environmental responsibility.
- Regular communication of sustainability goals and achievements through staff briefings, orientation, and workplace updates.
- Recognition and incentives for staff sustainability champions, driving engagement and innovation.
- Collaboration with owners, local council and stakeholders to align on sustainability strategies and share best practices.

Transparency & Reporting

We are committed to transparency and continuous improvement. Our sustainability progress is regularly reported to stakeholders, celebrated with our team, and communicated to our guests. We welcome feedback and collaboration as we work towards a greener future for Fremantle and beyond.

Our Vision

Sustainability is a journey, not a destination. At Esplanade Hotel Fremantle, we strive to lead by example—reducing our environmental footprint, supporting our community, and inspiring our guests and partners to join us in making a positive impact.

Our Team

Internally, we foster a culture of environmental stewardship through regular training, staff incentives, and community collaboration. Our team also participates in the EVT Stretch Contributions program, donating a portion of their weekly pay to charitable organisations—including biodiversity conservation funds such as RSPCA and WWF Australia—with the hotel matching contributions in kind.

Our Guests

Guests play a central role in our efforts. Through our “Room Refresh” program, dual recycling bins in rooms, and water refill stations throughout the hotel, we make it easy for visitors to make sustainable choices during their stay.

All information relating to sustainability and ideas to improve this effort is available on our website at <https://www.rydges.com/accommodation/perth-wa/esplanade-hotel-fremantle-by-rydges/sustainability/>

Our journey is ongoing. With projects like solar panel installation and a greywater system planned by 2027, we continue to push forward. Sustainability isn’t just a practice—it’s our vision. Stay with us and be part of the change.

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