

Environmental Sustainability and Zero Carbon Strategy

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Climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our – and any – generation. It presents many complex challenges and opportunities relating to the way that our economy and our society are structured and managed.

Way Back When Consulting Historians believes that climate change demands urgent action, and that it is our responsibility to contribute meaningfully to this action and to do everything we can to create lighter carbon footprints.

Way Back When historians work primarily from our own home offices, as well as from archives, collecting institutions, within the facilities of our clients, and in the homes of community members where needed. We are each committed, in both our home and work lives, to reducing carbon emissions and operating as sustainably as we can.

This includes, as much as possible:

- Walking, cycling or taking public transport.
- Preferring digital communication and record-keeping over paper-based.
- Purchasing from renewable energy sources and using energy efficiently.
- Buying and wasting less.
- Actively engaging with and contributing to our local communities.

As non-Indigenous people living and working on the lands of the Wurundjeri, Boon Wurrung, Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation, we acknowledge that Australia's First Nation people sustainably managed the land and its resources for tens of thousands of years. First Nation communities possess valuable knowledge, skills and experiences, and it is critical that we come together as a community of diverse cultures to learn from each other and work together to address the challenges of climate change.

Responding to climate change presents us with the opportunity to reimagine and redefine our homes, workplaces, and local neighbourhoods. Actions to reduce carbon emissions will not only minimise the impacts of climate change, but will also provide opportunities for communities to come together and make our public and private places into spaces that will promote sustainability, social cohesion and wellbeing.

A key aspect of our work as consulting historians is to work with communities to build connectedness, which is a strong contributor to community resilience and the ability to cope and adapt in response to challenges that arise.

Way Back When is committed to standing alongside our clients and communities to create a zero-carbon future.