

## **‘CLEAN & GREEN –STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES’**

In becoming ‘Clean and Green’ – Rowing Australia (RA) brings together two key principles under an overarching Policy direction and theme. Anti Doping and RA’s new Environmental Sustainability Policy, will shape the operations of RA for future generations of rowers. As active and healthy community members, rowers take pride in helping to look after the waterways and local environs of the rivers and water we use. Rowing Australia and its Rowing Community members are committed to its Clean & Green theme and will work towards the holistic principles of fair play and environmental sustainability.

Rowing Australia’s Anti Doping Policy forms the first tenant of the ‘Clean & Green’ theme.

### **Rowers are ‘Clean.’**

Rowing Australia is committed to the principals of anti-doping and the fundamental rationale for the World Anti-Doping Code and FISA's anti-doping rules which states that:

‘doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport, the principal of fair play, medical ethics and can be harmful for the health of the athletes.’

The policy was adopted by RA consistent with its obligations to FISA and the Australian Olympic Committee to adopt and implement an anti-doping policy that conforms with the Code. In doing so RA willingly commits to the purposes of the World Anti-Doping Program and the Code, namely:

‘Doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport and Rowing Australia (RA) is committed to protecting athletes’ fundamental right to participate in doping-free sport and thus promote health, fairness and equality for athletes worldwide. RA is also committed to ensuring a harmonised, coordinated and effective anti-doping program at the international and national level with regard to detection, deterrence and prevention of doping.’

Rowing Australia’s Anti Doping Policy is comprehensive and now incorporates guidelines related to Ergogenic aids – an ever increasing area of performance optimization with tentacles stretching down towards rowers in school programs.

### **Rowers are ‘Green’**

Rowing is a sport that requires clean water and clean air. Rowers are mindful of protecting the environment on which they must rely to carry on their sport. FISA, the International Rowing Federation has provided leadership and set clear expectations for all member Federation. The guidelines recommended in RA’s Policy, are no substitute for compliance with national and local laws. They are intended to focus the collective minds of the rowing community on the part each can play in ensuring that the natural and physical resources which the sport of rowing needs to flourish will be sustained.

The Environmental Sustainability Policy reflects the IOC's Olympic Charter and Agenda 21 for Sport, which encourage the Olympic movement to demonstrate a responsible concern for environmental issues, and to reflect that in its activities, while educating those connected with them about the importance of environmental sustainability.

The Policy is intended to be a 'living' document that can and should be evaluated and revised on a regular basis, in response to changes in technology and the understanding of the significance of environmental sustainability in the sphere of rowing.

In implementing the policy Rowing Australia will be guided by the following principles adopted by FISA the International Rowing Federation.

- Protection of the habitat of fauna and flora and bio-diversity
- Conservation of resources both renewable and non-renewable
- Reduction of the production of waste and pollutants in all their forms
- Recognition of the importance of heritage and indigenous cultural values
- Promotion of healthy conditions for athletes, officials, volunteers and spectators in which to conduct the sport of rowing
- Fostering environmental awareness and education about sustainable development within the international rowing community and,
- Consulting the wider community to foster positive partnerships.