



AHSLEA Sustainability Framework

Water Management

AHSLEA has developed a comprehensive sustainability framework for the industry.



What the Australian industry is currently doing

- Urban sites maintain a strict no-drainage policy, ensuring all effluent streams undergo comprehensive treatment and segregation.
- Rural sites treat all water designated for irrigation purposes.
- Chromium-containing liquids receive specialized treatment protocols.
- Rainwater collection systems provide substantial storage capacity, accommodating up to 20 megalitres of water.

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- Wastewater from ice machines is captured and repurposed for short-term preservation of fresh hides, effectively reducing water waste.
- Effluent liquid is utilised for hosing internal walls of the equalisation tank, reducing the need for potable water usage.
- Several sites demonstrate notably low water consumption per hide processed.
- Heat exchange efficiency is maximised through strategic co-location of inflow and outflow water pipes.

Our key commitments

- We aim to minimise water consumption while maximising recovery and reuse rates. This initiative begins with a comprehensive benchmarking survey, followed by the establishment of targets for reducing overall water consumption. Our commitment includes ensuring the treatment or reuse of all wastewater streams.



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AHSLEA's Sustainability Framework outlines the industry's commitment to economic, social, and environmental responsibility.

It was developed in collaboration with key stakeholders, an extensive review of existing frameworks in the agriculture sector, and a detailed assessment of industry practices and benchmarks.