



Tākina Events Sustainability Policy

Tākina Events operating in Tākina, the Wellington Convention and Exhibition Centre is committed to achieving best practice environmental and social sustainability and has partnered with EarthCheck, the world's leading Benchmarking and Certification provider.

Tākina Wellington Convention and Exhibition Centre (Tākina) was built to enable Wellington to attract international and domestic conferences for the benefit of the city, region, and country and to provide a place from which to share the stories of the nation. Mana whenua played a vital part in shaping the building's identity, with the centre's name and karakia being gifted by Taranaki Whānui.

The Māori meaning of Tākina is to encounter and invoke, to connect and to bring forth. The Convention Centre was bestowed with the name Tākina to acknowledge and reflect the way that Wellington summons great winds, which are considered a metaphor for bringing magic, energy, ideas, and the sharing of knowledge.

Tākina is a large building sitting on 5,5882m² area of land in an urban environment located at 201 Wakefield Street; - 41.291649, 174.780836. The property is bounded by busy Wakefield Street to the West and Cable Street to the east. To the north is a large commercial and residential building and residential apartments to the south. It consists of more than 10,000sqm of flexible meeting space operated by Tākina Events, and staff facilities to support the conference operations.

The closest water body is Te Whanganui-a-tara Harbour, 300m northwest of the property. Within close proximity is the Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongarewa.

Sustainability was forefront in the design process for Tākina, with the centre projected to use 60% less energy and emit 66% less carbon emissions than buildings of a similar size and function. It has been awarded Five Green Star Design certification – the first convention centre in the country to achieve this standard. The rating represents New Zealand excellence for environmental sustainability, energy efficiency and green building.

At Tākina, we recognise our activities have the potential for negative impacts on the environment and community if not properly managed. As such we have implemented an Environmental Management System that meets the requirements of the EarthCheck Company Standard.

As such, Tākina is committed to continual improvement measured by way of annual Benchmarking Assessments. The team strives towards minimising our footprint on the environment by implementing sustainable initiatives aimed at improving the hotel's performance, reducing the use of Energy and Water and the production of Waste.

Tākina Wellington Convention and Exhibition Centre will comply with all relevant legislation and regulations and aims to achieve international best practice. We have an appointed EarthCheck Coordinator and Green Team, who together have the responsibility for improving our facility's sustainable performance.

Tākina Events are committed to supporting our local community, employing local, and wherever possible sustainable products and services will be sourced locally in accordance with Fair Trade principles.

We encourage staff to present our commitment to environmental and social sustainability to all key stakeholders including guests, suppliers, and contractors.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Dorrington".

Andrew Dorrington
General Manager Venues

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