## **Environmental Policy Statement**

Health Services Laboratories recognises that its' activities impact upon the environment both through routine internal operations, infrastructural development, and through its' influence and effects on the wider community. It acknowledges a responsibility for, and a commitment to, protection of the environment at all levels.

Health Services Laboratories will comply fully with environmental legislation and will have the following objectives:

- Promote environmental management policies and practices at every level and in every department of the Company;
- Increase awareness of environmental responsibilities among all staff;
- Minimise waste and pollution and develop and operate environmentally sound waste management procedures;
- Continue to reduce the consumption of fossil fuels and to incorporate long term strategies for energy efficiency into planning and development;
- Continue to encourage and facilitate modes of transport by staff which minimise environmental impact, and to apply environmentally friendly principles to the operation of company owned vehicles:
- Reduce water consumption;
- Promote a purchasing policy which will give preference, as far as is practicable, to those products and services which cause the least harm to the environment;
- Avoid, wherever practical, the use of environmentally damaging substances, materials and processes;
- Consider environmental factors in respect of the growth of the company, seeking as far as is
  practical to reduce harmful environmental impacts and to integrate new developments into the
  local environment
- Work with other local, national and other agencies as appropriate to meet legislation and Company objectives on environmental issues.