



Bloomfield's Commitment to Environmental Sustainability

Bloomfield Lodge has stringent environmental policies and practices in place, with Advanced Ecotourism Certification at the Eco IV level.

At the very essence of Bloomfield Lodge is a commitment to conserving its landscape, flora and fauna to ensure that guests can enjoy a wilderness experience immersed in nature which does not impair nature's delicate biodiversity and ecology. Nowhere else in the world do two World Heritage sites sit side by side; surrounded by the Daintree Rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef just across the bay; Bloomfield Lodge has a unique and very special location.

We have a recycling policy and recycle everything that we can, we have a compost on site, mulch garden leaf matter to save water, recycle glass/cans/plastic, fax and printer cartridges and send our newspapers to be recycled/used at the Young Animal Protection Society. We have a reduced paper consumption policy with key marketing activities being online (website and email marketing) and a pdf version of our brochure on the website. The Bloomfield Lodge brochure is printed on 75 % recycled paper. In the office we use recycled paper and there is a no-print email footer on all email correspondence.

We have campaigned for many years and will continue to do so for a change in policy to allow Bloomfield Lodge to connect to mains power in order to minimize our carbon footprint. Solar power is used to heat the swimming pool and run our telephone system. We manage our energy use effectively by using energy efficient light bulbs, path lights with photo sensor and the main lodge lights turned off at night. The accommodation has been designed to take advantage of the natural shade provided by the canopy of the rainforest and to capture sea breezes thus eliminating the need for air conditioning. We monitor our emissions through a

calculator for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and are the eyes and ears for the Marine Park in our local area and monitor change and general health of the reef.

Bloomfield Lodge is not connected to mains water and water is provided by eight rainwater tanks at the Lodge with a capacity of 500,000 litres. Additional water is drawn from onsite bore water and a natural source which is approved with a licence issued by DNRM. Water conserving equipment and practices are implemented at the Lodge and grounds are low maintenance mulched gardens with no irrigation required. A recent refit of bathrooms has allowed for low flow showers, dual toilet flush and tap aerators to be fitted. Guests are requested by documentation in the rooms to minimise water consumption and we have a boomerang system in place for the guest to request a linen change.

Bloomfield Lodge purchases environmental cleaning products where possible and ones that are compatible with our waste water treatment system. The Spa water treatment we use is a chlorine free environmentally safe product. Guest in-room amenities and spa products are organic nature based.

All activities at the Lodge are guided and carried out in an extremely respectful nature to the world heritage listed areas in which we reside – with rainforest walks marked to narrow trails and all touring/fishing carried out in accordance with the Great Barrier Reef zoning regulations. Guides are locals and deeply protective of the environment and encourage guests to be sensitive to their surroundings at all times. Additional environmental information can be found in the library at the Lodge with reference books, journals and information about the local Turtle Conservation facility which guests can chose to support. We want our guests to leave Bloomfield Lodge with a greater understanding and appreciation of the natural environment and how to protect it.

At all times Bloomfield Lodge aims to minimise any adverse impacts on the environment and harmful effects on natural resources and meet the requirements of all relevant environmental regulations and best practice codes.

