

## Environmental Policy

The Coillte estate is a rich, high quality environmental resource, within which there is the combined interaction with people, forest, landscape, water, biodiversity and archaeology/cultural heritage. As such, Coillte commits through responsible environmental management to protect this resource and prevent pollution. Coillte recognises and seeks to minimise any potential adverse impacts of our business on all environmental receptors through responsible environmental management.

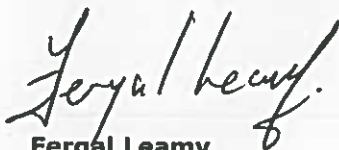
As part of our commitment to the stewardship of our forests, we seek, welcome and take on board comments and suggestions from stakeholders with regard to environmental issues. Through this partnership approach we also encourage co-operation from our stakeholders.

As a prerequisite to all our operations, Coillte is committed to the protection of the environment. The scope of this policy covers the operations and activities associated with our forests, forest operations, nurseries, property sales, energy businesses and other land based developments.

### Our objectives are to:

1. Adopt an organisation wide system for managing environmental issues. The Director of Stewardship, Risk and Communications, has responsibility for managing the implementation of this policy and our environmental management system (EMS).
2. Manage our business in full compliance with all applicable laws, directives and regulations, as well as voluntary external accredited schemes to which we subscribe e.g. the Forest Stewardship Council<sup>®1</sup> (FSC<sup>®</sup>) and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC<sup>™</sup>).
3. Prevent negative environmental impacts through a system of operational controls that include risk assessment, written instructions, communication and appropriate training.
4. Continually improve environmental performance by setting and reviewing objectives and targets related to significant environmental risks and putting into effect programmes to reduce those risks.
5. Commit to responsible energy management through compliance with the applicable legal requirements, ensuring availability of the information and resources necessary to manage energy and seek to continually improve our energy performance.
6. Communicate, as appropriate, our Environmental Policy to Coillte staff, contractors and their employees, stakeholders and the communities within which we operate.

This policy is reviewed annually to take into account current and potential future business issues.



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<sup>1</sup> FSC licence code FSC – C005714