

## Environmental Policy

Ecoganic Farming was founded and established in Far North Queensland by the Sciacca family in 2000. The company operates across several growing regions in Queensland.

Our vision is the lifelong journey of innovation and discovery of understanding how nature can unlock secrets to solve man-made problems and how we can use these discoveries to turn climate change problems into climate change solutions.

Our goal is to continue growing and producing foods, under a sustainable production system and a sustainable marketing system, with the least impact on our natural assets. The ***Ecoganic protocol uses innovative farming techniques, while harnessing and utilising the Earth's natural capital to help us unlock nature's secrets to significantly reduce or remove the use of man made products that cause harm to on and off farm ecosystems.***

Through these practices:

- we have an identified brand in the market place as a supplier of ecologically sound produce.
- achieved significant reduction in puts below the Industry Best Management Practices & Environmental Guidelines.
- addressed the requirements of the Agricultural ERA Standard for Banana cultivation in the Great Barrier Reef catchment.
- received the endorsement of the Great Barrier Reef Foundation.
- received widespread acknowledgement from NGO's and relevant Stakeholder as the recipients of various awards.

Our goal is to continue to provide management support and education at monthly management meetings for our farmers to assist in the annual review and continual improvement of the Ecoganic Farming Protocol using the framework of the Environmental management system ISO 14001:2015.

Provide the education and management support to achieve objectives as defined in the Protocol and Environmental Management System and its Action Plans which guide continual improvements in our environmental activities.

Farm Managers are responsible for communicating the Environmental Policy to all persons working for or on behalf of the organization. Our websites [eco-banana.com.au](http://eco-banana.com.au) and [ecoganic.com](http://ecoganic.com) make our environmental policy available to the public.

Farm Managers are responsible and committed to protecting the environment by preventing and eliminating environmental pollution under our control through:

- Continual education of staff in order to prevent environmental pollution, preserve natural resources, and improve the EMS
- Continual raising of environmental awareness
- Exploration of new materials with smaller environmental footprints
- Decrease of nonrenewable energy consumption and replacement with renewable energy sources
- Activities that emerge from the context of the organization
- Following environmental procedures in order to decrease environmental pollution, and prevent degradation and damage to the environment
- Decrease of adverse impact on water, soil, air, and biodiversity.

Farm Manager  
Frank Sciacca

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