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In today's climate, organisations are starting to take environmental management more seriously, whether as a result of their CSR policies or commercial pressure from buyers requiring more than the standard one page policy document.

Burcote has been assisting organisations and properties to implement appropriate and practical environmental management systems (EMS) to gain the internationally recognised ISO 14001 accreditation.

An EMS is a systematic approach to identify environmental risks, operational controls and environmental performance. The implementation of an EMS demonstrates commitment to:

- Complying with environmental legislation and other requirements.
- Controlling activities, services and products that may cause significant environmental impact.
- Ensuring continual improvement of environmental management.
- Promoting sustainable development.

ISO 14001 is an internationally accepted standard with a defined, structured approach for establishing, implementing and operating an EMS. It establishes a consistent approach to environmental management throughout industry, demonstrates to employees, customers, shareholders and the general public that an organisation has control over its activities, services and products.

One of the key benefits with an ISO14001 EMS is that it brings together all environmental management issues into one system, including; environmental procedures, objectives and targets, training, procurement, contractor management, communication, legal requirements, environmental management programmes and data collection.

### Key Benefits;

- Supports cost and carbon reduction targets
- Structured approach to environmental performance and improvements
- Identifies specific roles and responsibilities for environmental performance
- Keeps up to date with environmental Legislation
- Provides clear and measurable targets and objectives
- Significant cost savings can be achieved
- Demonstrates environmental commitment to stakeholders
- Decreased risks of fines and prosecution
- Improved supply chain/tender opportunities

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