

## Silky Oaks Lodge Sustainable Management Policy

Baillie Lodges is an intimate collection of globally celebrated luxury lodges in environmentally significant remote wilderness regions of Australia. A proactive approach to best managing the health of each property's environmental setting is key to guests' experience, to the ongoing appeal of the destination and to the sustainability of business in experiential tourism.

Baillie Lodges was created in 2003 with the debut of Capella Lodge on World Heritage-listed Lord Howe Island, followed in 2008 by Southern Ocean Lodge on the untouched wilderness of Kangaroo Island's south-west coast. It was expanded further in 2013 with the addition of acclaimed luxury camp Longitude 131° overlooking Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) in Australia's desert heart.

In 2019, Baillie Lodges entered into a joint venture with KSL Capital Partners, heralding a new chapter in Baillie Lodges' quest to deliver Australia's finest collection of luxury lodges. Silky Oaks Lodge in Tropical North Queensland was the first property to join Baillie Lodges following the new partnership agreement. Set adjacent to the World Heritage-listed wilderness of the Daintree Rainforest National Park and along the banks of the gently flowing Mossman River, Silky Oaks Lodge offers guests a stylish rainforest escape.

A dynamic environmental management plan featuring state-of-the-art, continually evolving technologies steers lodge operations and ultimately enhances each guest's experience of the destination.

### **Biodiversity Protection & Conservation**

All **Baillie Lodges** properties engage local naturalist guides to provide expert interpretive experiences for guests, building awareness of the natural environment as well as cultural understanding, and encouraging a greater sensitivity for broader ecological issues.

**Silky Oaks Lodge** is located on the banks of the Mossman River, on 40 hectares of land adjoining the Daintree Rainforest National Park, listed as a World Heritage site in 1988. At just 27km from Port Douglas and 78km from Cape Tribulation, Silky Oaks is also at the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area.

Native vegetation is predominantly undisturbed rainforest, which supports a range of native birds, lizards and snakes.

Silky Oaks Lodge works to an Environmental Management Plan (EMP), an overarching document that outlines how Silky Oaks Lodge operates to efficiently manage resources, details the responsibilities of all employees, and establishes objectives and targets designed to improve environmental management.

It ensures compliance and prescribes the resort's activities and systems relating to the environment, from water and waste management to energy conservation, recycling and the monitoring of machinery output to ensure peak performance.

### **Energy Management**

A commitment to best-manage energy is ongoing at Capella Lodge, Southern Ocean Lodge, Longitude 131° and Silky Oaks Lodge.

The aspect and architectural design of the properties has been planned to maximise benefits of each destination's natural weather patterns, encouraging flow-through ventilation and the use of glazing to capture sunlight and store natural heat.

**Silky Oaks Lodge** guest treehouses are set high above the Mossman River and among the rainforest canopy, with deep verandas and wide doors allowing cool breezes to flow to guest areas.

### **Renewable Energy and Energy Savings**

**Silky Oaks Lodge** has a dedicated energy management plan, designed to improve the efficient use and conservation of energy, with responsibility shared among resort management, staff and extended to guests. Silky Oaks operates on mains power supplied from the Mossman power grid, with a generator onsite for use in times of power loss. Wherever possible, energy efficient equipment is utilised to reduce energy consumption; this includes low wattage light globes and 'daylight switches'.

### **Waste Management**

Extensive recycling is undertaken at each of the Baillie Lodges properties, with staff separating compostable materials, cardboard and paper, glass, plastic, aluminium and rubbish. Biodegradable chemicals are used for cleaning.

All waste water at **Silky Oaks Lodge** is sent to the property's own waste water management plant, a gated facility located 200 metres from the resort. The plant comprises a series of above ground aeration and settling tanks, from which waste water is processed through a sand filter system and stored for use. The result is second grade effluent suitable for irrigation, which is distributed around the property's forested areas fed via a sprinkler system.

A dedicated Waste Management plan has been developed and is in action at **Silky Oaks Lodge**, designed to minimise the property's environmental impact by reducing products brought into the resort and improving the reuse and recycling of waste materials.

Under the plan, responsibility is shared among management and staff as well as guests to minimise disposable products coming onto the property and maximising recycling through a vigilant sorting process. Recycled materials include glass, aluminium and plastics, paper and cardboard, cooking oil, printer cartridges and vehicle batteries.

### **Water Management**

All Baillie Lodges properties have accredited bathroom and shower fittings to ensure efficient systems for guests to minimise their water usage.

Guests are encouraged to opt for towel and linen changes every third day of their stay, potentially saving 250,000 litres a year per lodge as well as minimising detergent use.

### **Multi-use Vessels**

Each of the Baillie Lodges properties uses refillable water bottles for guest use on outdoor adventures. There are no single-use (plastic) drinking straws on offer for guests in the bar or restaurant.

Guest amenities (shampoo, conditioner, liquid soap and hand cream) are all presented in guest suites in stylish, refillable vessels, which are refilled as needed as part of the daily housekeeping service.