



Testing the Waters

Environmental Laboratory Services (ELS) goal is to be the most effective provider of Total Laboratory Solutions.

This is accomplished through, teamwork and staff communication, customer focus and the use of innovative technology, and by minimising our environmental impact.

The company has its origin as part of the Hutt City Council Laboratory and became a private enterprise in 1994. Since this time other laboratories in the region have joined with us by either a purchase process or merger initiative, and now we are one of the countries largest and most dynamic laboratories.

We are based in a purpose built facility of 1450 m2 at 85 Port Road, Lower Hutt. ELS is comprised of four separate laboratory areas – Instrumental Chemistry, General Chemistry, Biological Fluids, and Microbiology. The latter is further split into three separate rooms with clean, cleaner and ultra clean capabilities.



ELS is privately owned by scientific people committed to the science industry in New Zealand. We continue to be one of the few major laboratories in the country with such a broad microbiological and chemical analysis capability. We provide high quality, fast turnaround analyses at competitive prices.

Environmental isn't our middle name – its our first! Because our name incorporates the world in which we work. We feel we need to live up to it and implement policies that minimise our impact on the earth.

The Guiding principle for the ELS Environmental Sustainability policy is protection of non renewable resources and minimization of the activities of ELS on the environment.

- > **BIOSECURITY:** The appropriate care and handling will be followed for all potential hazards. The ELS Didymo policy will be followed in regard to disposal of water samples originating from the South Island. The policies approved by MAF for operation of the MAF transitional facility are to be followed.



- > **CHEMICALS AND MICROBIOLOGICAL WASTE:** Unwanted or expired chemicals will be disposed of in an environmentally sensitive manner. Microbiological products that can be disposed of through the normal waste bin will be autoclaved first. Other microbiological products including sharps will be placed in the appropriate yellow receptacles and disposed of.
- > **DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT:** Paper resources will be conserved through encouraging clients to receive reports via email and to store records electronically.
- > **RECYCLING:** All cardboard products will be recycled, along with glassware and plastics where practical.
- > **VEHICLES:** Drivers are encouraged to drive in a way that maximizes the use of fuel, trips are combined and vehicle maintenance is regulary performed to reduce fuel consumption.

