

Environmental Sustainability Policy

Section 1 - Introduction

(1) The University of Newcastle (University) is committed to becoming a leader in environmental sustainability within the University sector. The University regards the implementation of leading environmental sustainability practices as critical to our performance as a world class teaching and research based organisation.

Section 2 - Policy

(2) The University aims to achieve our environmental sustainability goals through the ongoing development and implementation of an endorsed Environmental Sustainability Plan which supports environmental sustainability through ethical decision making in accordance with the [Ethical Framework](#), teaching and learning practices, research, the management of University campus and facilities, and community engagement.

(3) The University will ensure the following principles are embedded across the University:

- a. demonstration of a visible commitment to environmental sustainability by University leaders;
- b. dedication of resources to support the ongoing implementation of environmental sustainability actions and targets in the [Environmental Sustainability Plan](#);
- c. demonstrating continuous improvement towards the achievement of the measures of success of our Environmental Sustainability Plan;
- d. monitoring the implementation of the Environmental Sustainability Plan, and reporting on the University's achievement against our objectives on an annual basis to University Council, Executive Committee and within the University's annual report;
- e. actively promoting and engaging environmental sustainability initiatives to staff and students at the University; and
- f. environmental sustainability actions to contribute to the targets set in the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals 2015.

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Glossary Terms and Definitions

"University" - The University of Newcastle, a body corporate established under sections 4 and 5 of the University of Newcastle Act 1989.

"Campus" - means any place or premises owned or controlled by the University, but may also specifically refer to a designated operating location such as the Callaghan Campus.

"Student" - A person formally enrolled in a course or active in a program offered by the University or affiliated entity.

"Staff" - Means a person who was at the relevant time employed by the University and includes professional and academic staff of the University, by contract or ongoing, as well as conjoint staff but does not include visitors to the University.