What is the Sustainability Charter?

The Charter is an enduring document created through consultation over October to December 2015 which places sustainability at the heart of what we do at The University of Melbourne.

It outlines the principles and commitments which will be translated into priority actions in the Sustainability Plan.
Who was involved in the consultation?

- The Sustainability Executive
- 11 different university committees & advisory boards
- University Council
- Chancellery Executive
- Academic Board
- Students
- Staff
- Alumni
- Wider community
What was the conversation?

- 111 submissions, 58 South Lawn respondents, 80 forum participants
- 49% of feedback was concerned about investments
- 33% of feedback was “general” relating to content and process
- Concerns operationally focused on emissions, procurement & waste
- More explicit research aims and teaching & learning objectives
- Acknowledging social inclusion as a significant part of sustainability
The University of Melbourne is addressing all our interactions with the fossil fuel industry, rather than treating investments as a standalone issue.

From an investments standpoint, we will implement investment strategies consistent with the University’s commitment to sustainability and its financial and legal responsibilities.
What is the relationship between the Sustainability Charter, Report & Plan?

The Charter is an enduring document which defines our principles, values and high level commitments for each of our activity areas.

The Sustainability Plan articulates how we will work over the next five years to move forward in realising the commitments of the Charter. It will identify the priority actions, targets and commitments for 2016 to 2020 and will have an operational focus.

The Sustainability Report will publically and holistically report progress towards delivery of the Plan and Charter commitments on an annual basis.
What happens next?

**MARCH 2016**: Release Virtual Launch of the Final Charter – March 18th

**APRIL – JUNE 2016**: Plan Consultation Period with Forums + Workshops

**JULY 2016**: University Executive Considers Endorsement – July 20th

**AUGUST 2016**: University Council Considers Approval – August 10th
Release of the Final Sustainability Plan – 2nd Half of August
Join the conversation

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Read the full Charter at: sustainablecampus.unimelb.edu.au

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