

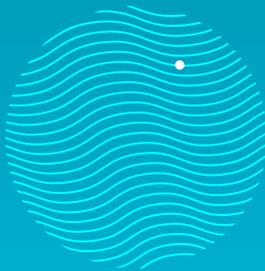
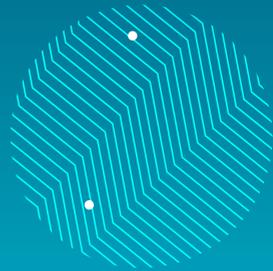


THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN 2017 – 2020



HIGHLIGHTS





“THIS PLAN IS NOT ONLY A PUBLIC STATEMENT OF OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY. IT ALSO REFLECTS THE CONSOLIDATED EFFORTS AND COLLECTIVE WILL OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY, RESPONDING TO PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS OF THE ROLE WE SHOULD PLAY AS A UNIVERSITY IN HELPING MEET A GRAND CHALLENGE OF OUR AGE.”



**PROFESSOR GLYN DAVIS AC
VICE-CHANCELLOR**

WHAT IS THE SUSTAINABILITY PLAN?

The Sustainability Plan 2017–2020 articulates how the University of Melbourne will realise the principles and commitments of the Sustainability Charter, released in March 2016. The Plan is an ambitious four-year strategy which aims to position the University of Melbourne as a leader in sustainable practice and a major contributor to sustainability innovation and education.

The Plan will ensure the University of Melbourne further embeds sustainability into all its activities. It was developed between April and August 2016 in consultation with staff, students, alumni, partners and the community.

HOW IS THE PLAN DIFFERENT TO THE SUSTAINABILITY CHARTER?

The Sustainability Charter is an enduring document created through consultation over October to December 2015. It defines the University's principles, values and high-level commitments for each of our activity areas – Research, Teaching & Learning, Engagement, Operations and Governance.

It demonstrates our public commitment to place sustainability at the heart of what we do at the University of Melbourne. The commitments of the Charter are translated into targets and priority actions in the Sustainability Plan.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The annual Sustainability Report forms the third pillar of the University's sustainability governance framework. It draws together

our sustainability progress and enables us to report publicly and transparently in delivering the Charter commitments.



YOU'LL FIND THE CHARTER, PLAN, CONSULTATION SUMMARIES AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS ONLINE AT



ourcampus.unimelb.edu.au/sustainability-plan

WHAT HAVE WE COMMITTED TO?

OUR KEY COMMITMENTS ARE ↓



TEACHING & LEARNING

- ✓ By 2020, all undergraduate degree programs can demonstrate (at the course and/or major level) that core and compulsory curriculum enable students to understand and apply sustainability knowledge and values to practice in their field, consistent with the Melbourne graduate attributes



RESEARCH

- ✓ Develop industry partnerships that emphasise our resources for sustainability research including the campus as a living laboratory



OPERATIONS

- ✓ Achieve carbon neutrality before 2030
- ✓ Achieve zero net emissions from electricity by 2021



ENGAGEMENT

- ✓ Ensure the University's convening power is used to bring together policy leaders, industry and academic experts to advance issues of sustainability

OUR SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENTS ALIGN WITH THE UNIVERSITY'S STRATEGIC GOALS TO EMBED SUSTAINABILITY ACROSS ALL OUR ACTIVITIES.



INVESTMENTS

By 2021 the University's investment portfolio will:

- ✓ Have divested from, or be in the process of divesting from within a reasonable period, any material holdings that do not satisfy the requirements of the University's sustainable investment framework for managing material climate change risk
- ✓ Incorporate a meaningful allocation of impact investments in the strategic asset allocation, potentially in partnership with peer organisations



GOVERNANCE

- ✓ Report annually and publicly on the University's sustainability impacts and performance using global best practice standards



**THESE COMMITMENTS ARE
A SELECTION OF HIGHLIGHTS.**

You can read more about our commitments and how we'll fulfil them in the Sustainability Plan online.



[ourcampus.unimelb.edu.au/
sustainability-plan](http://ourcampus.unimelb.edu.au/sustainability-plan)

WHO IS KEEPING THE STRATEGY ON TRACK?

Overall accountability for sustainability lies with the 'Vice-Principal Administration & Finance and Chief Financial Officer', who has oversight of the University's sustainability approach. This office leads the University-wide governance and strategy development of sustainability.

The Sustainability Executive provides leadership to deliver the University's sustainability agenda. This group

comprises executives, academic and professional staff, and presidents of the two major student associations.

Sustainability at the University of Melbourne relies on the whole University community – our staff, students, alumni and visitors – to work together to model sustainable campuses and resilient communities.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The University intends to provide many avenues for staff and students who care deeply about sustainability to take action.

In 2017, the University will focus efforts on enabling the community to work together, facilitating engagement and action on the Sustainability Plan.

You can also:

- » Become a sustainability advocate. Join a group of sustainability champions who meet quarterly and who are committed to making grass-roots impacts in their work and learning environments. Advocates include

staff and students with formal sustainability roles, passionate individuals and people who just want to find out more. Advocates play a critical role with their colleagues and student peers. Email the Sustainable Campus team to find out more about joining the Sustainability Advocates Group.

- » Subscribe to the Sustainable Campus newsletter for hints on how to reduce power and waste, travel smarter, and keep up to date with sustainability events and actions university-wide. Sign up at: ourcampus.unimelb.edu.au/sustainability-plan



FURTHER INFORMATION

Download the Sustainability Plan at:



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Do you have feedback on the Sustainability Plan?
Email us with your suggestions on how we can
move closer to achieving our sustainability goals.



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