

SUSTAINABILITY

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1 PURPOSE

This policy outlines the requirements of the executive, managers, staff and students in meeting the environmental sustainability objectives of the University.

CQUniversity will support and protect the environment through the adoption and implementation of sustainability practices. We will create a culture of environmental sustainability that will be reflected in our learning, teaching and research as well as our infrastructure including energy, water and waste management practices.

CQUniversity has a responsibility to educate its staff and students to preserve the quality of life for present and future generations; support the communities we operate within; and manage our business as a global community member. Using our power of place and engagement strategies we will seek to identify opportunities to embed environmental sustainable practise through our engaged education and training, research and innovation, service and general business.

2 SCOPE

This policy applies to all students, staff, and visitors of CQUniversity. It also applies to all business practices undertaken by and for the University.

3 EFFECTIVE DATE 20 June 2016

4 LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Central Queensland University Act 1998 Qld

5 POLICY STATEMENT

Sustainability is about meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. CQUniversity is committed to managing all areas of its business in an environmentally sustainable, economically rewarding, socially considerate and technically feasible manner.

5.1 This policy outlines the approach the University will adopt to manage itself in a more sustainable manner across all areas of its business. The University will strive to continually improve its sustainability practices in its corporate, teaching and research and community engagement activities.

The policy and framework will focus on four main key principles outlined below:

- Environmental sustainability management
- Economic sustainability, and
- Social wellbeing.
- Engaged teaching, learning and research to facilitate acquiring knowledge to live sustainably.

Corporate Practise

5.1.1 CQUniversity will effectively manage sustainability by:

- Implementing and maintaining a structure that ensures the systematic management of sustainability through CQUniversity campuses and sites.

- Complying with all statutory requirements.
- Minimising its environmental impact and managing its carbon footprint by focused actions on its energy, water and waste management and recycling.
- Embedding sustainability in decision making processes.
- Providing appropriate training in sustainability for all staff, students, contractors and visitors. Communicating all relevant sustainability information to all staff, students, contractors, visitors and the wider community.
- Showcasing the university as a best practice model in sustainability.
- Regularly reporting against progress.

Teaching and Research

5.1.2 CQUniversity confirms its commitment to sustainability in teaching and research and will:

- Through teaching, learning and research, facilitate students gaining the knowledge to live sustainably.
- Advance the University's contribution to research on sustainability.
- Promote sustainability within and beyond the University.
- Engage with and involve students in sustainability projects and ideas.

Community Engagement

5.1.3 CQUniversity will:

- Share and exchange sustainability knowledge and experience with other universities, community groups, the public and private sector.
- Foster engagement of the University community and wider community in sustainability.
- Develop strategies to create knowledge and leadership in sustainability among local, national and international communities.

5.2 Supporting this policy will be a Framework that will align with the strategic goals of the University and provide practical guidance through the consideration of nine elements.

6 RESPONSIBILITIES

Compliance, Monitoring and Review

6.1 The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International and Services) has overall responsibility with the Policy, Framework and prime activities managed through the Facilities Management Directorate.

Reporting

6.2 Commencing in 2016, the Facilities Management Directorate will provide an annual report in the fourth quarter to the Executive Management Committee, the Vice-Chancellor's Advisory Committee, and the Planning and Resources Committee.

Records Management

6.3 All records relevant to this document are to be maintained in a recognised University recordkeeping system.

7 DEFINITIONS

Refer to the University [glossary](#) for the definition of terms used in this policy.

8 RELATED LEGISLATION AND DOCUMENTS

Related Legislation and Supporting Documents

Commonwealth

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975

Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Act 1989

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

New South Wales

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

Queensland

Environmental Protection Act 1994

South Australia

Natural Resources Management Act 2004

Victoria

Environmental Protection Act 1970

Western Australia

Environment Protection Act 1986

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