

QUT Sustainability Strategy on a Page



VISION | QUT is recognised as a leader in sustainability research, education and practice by 2026

APPROACH*



<p>Sense of purpose Transforming QUT into a sustainable university committed to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals</p>	<p>Holistic approach Embracing real world sustainability challenges and opportunities through all aspects of our work</p>	<p>Active engagement Developing multi-dimensional relationships with organisations and communities to pursue sustainability</p>	<p>Willingness to invest Allocating expertise and resources to sustainability research, education, partnerships and operations</p>
<p>Recognising sovereignty** Recognising and acknowledging the Turrbal and Yugara people as sovereign owners of the lands on which QUT stands</p>	<p>Transparency and accountability Clearly communicating our sustainability plans, targets and progress to stakeholders and the public</p>	<p>Innovative methodologies Using new technologies, creativity and entrepreneurialism to understand problems and implement solutions</p>	<p>Sense of place** Recognising QUT stands on Turrbal and Yugara Country and we have a responsibility to care for Country, inc. flora, fauna and ecosystems</p>

FOCUS AREAS



<p>1. Embed sustainability in QUT strategies, plans and policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed a focus on sustainability into the integrated planning process and all foundational, faculty, divisional and institute plans Review and revise university policies to address sustainability Develop a framework to regularly review and report on the Sustainability Action Plan Foster cross-university communication and collaboration on sustainability matters 	<p>2. Grow QUT sustainability research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursue major new sustainability research initiatives, infrastructure and partnerships Build research leadership for contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals Promote QUT sustainability research through Sustainability Week and other communications activities Support sustainability research through internal funding schemes and philanthropic programs 	<p>3. Integrate sustainability into QUT curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a university-wide project to embed sustainability in all undergraduate courses by 2026 Integrate sustainability into the broader new curriculum model Develop new courses, majors or units addressing major sustainability challenges Promote the sustainability focus of QUT courses, including WIL programs, to current and future students 	<p>4. Reduce the environmental impact of QUT's campuses and operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieve net zero carbon emissions (scope 1, 2 and 3) by 2030 Minimise QUT's energy and water consumption and waste to landfill Enhance campus biodiversity Implement sustainable building, transport, and procurement plans Engage staff, students and alumni in the sustainability agenda
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* Adapted from the 'seven dimensions of a civic university' in "Why the Civic University?" (John Goddard et al 2016) ** QUT specific

