



QUT Climate Change Statement

QUT recognises climate change as a critical issue requiring all individuals and organisations to respond.

QUT's vision is to move towards a low carbon future and continually reduce activities that result in emissions of greenhouse gases.

The United Nations' Paris Agreement aims to 'strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change', and its stated goal, is to limit the increase in the global average temperature to 'well below 2 °C' above pre-industrial levels.

In addition, a report from the UN, published in May 2016, concluded that 'much greater emission reduction efforts will be required in the period after 2025 and 2030 to hold the temperature rise below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels'. Hence QUT aims to not only meet, but to significantly exceed the reduction targets outlined in the Paris Agreement by 2030.

QUT's strategic plan '[Blueprint 6](#)', features Sustainability and the Environment as one of seven priorities. QUT will demonstrate this commitment by:

- enhancing research aimed at mitigating and adapting to the impact of climate change
- extending the public understanding of environmental challenges, including climate change
- partnering with industry to develop new ways of lighting, feeding and moving the world
- embedding sustainability into our curricula and our practices
- measuring and seeking to reduce the environmental impact of operating the university.

QUT's Sustainability Action Plan, developed in 2020, provides the roadmap that includes targets and priority actions for all areas of the University.