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# Sustainability Strategy 2030

## Executive summary

Our *Sustainability Strategy 2030 - Here for good*, builds upon the University's Strategic Plan, *Future Making* to enable the institution to respond to the accelerating environmental, social, economic and technological change across the globe. The objective of the Strategy is to embed sustainability across the institution in all decision-making and arm our graduates, communities and government leaders with the knowledge and innovations to adapt well and prosper across generations.

As a signatory of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) since 2016, the University is well placed to help businesses, industries, governments and future generations in progressing sustainable transitions locally and globally. Our world-class researchers and teachers are already building sustainable pathways to address the issues of climate change, food security, water security, biodiversity, health and housing. *Here for good* builds on this to ensure we respond to the Sustainable Development Goals through our research, teaching, community outreach and campus operations. Central themes throughout the Strategy are how the University will achieve global impact, lead by example, encourage transdisciplinary research and teaching, and unite to achieve not only our own community but broader societal sustainability goals.

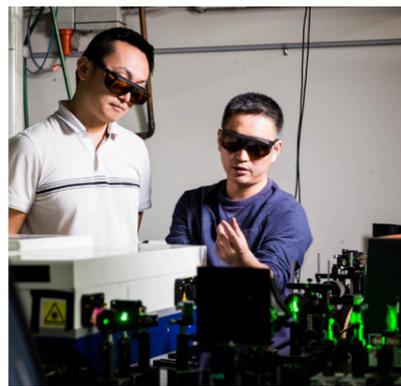
Solving known and emerging problems of today, and preparing future leaders for tomorrow is our strength. We will align our efforts in research and education to accelerate sustainable transitions and contribute to global solutions for the health, peace and prosperity of the planet.



## A net zero world

We will accelerate decarbonisation efforts within our campus footprint by reducing emissions sources and updating policies, procedures and practices.

**Target:** Net zero emissions from directly controlled operations by 2025 and carbon neutral as per the Australian Government's Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard for Organisations by 2030.



## Research with impact

As South Australia's leading research-intensive institution, we will continue and accelerate sustainable transitions with investment in research that has measurable sustainability impact.

**Target:** Year-on-year increase in the number of sustainability research Programs, projects and publications.



## Sustainability education for all

Every graduate of the University of Adelaide will be sustainability literate and able to influence sustainable change in their chosen professions.

**Target:** Embed sustainability in the graduate attributes and teaching in Programs across the University by 2028.



## Value-led performance and leadership

A sustainable culture will be achieved through recognition and performance processes at all levels, including rewarding team-based work and transdisciplinary sustainability research.

**Target:** Inclusion of a sustainability value to the Staff Values & Behaviour Framework by 2024.



## A social-good consulting experience

Collaborate with partners to provide students with opportunities to experience consulting for clients on projects that support sustainable transitions.

**Target:** Establish a new sustainability and social-good student consulting experience by 2025.



## The Sustainability Challenge initiative

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a university-wide online Sustainability Challenge simulation to solve real-world sustainability problems.

**Target:** Provide an online Sustainability Challenge simulation tool from 2025 onwards.



## Responsible investment

We commit to responsible investment by applying strong environmental, social and governance principles across investments.

**Target:** Divest from direct ownership and any commingled funds that include public equities and corporate bonds of companies whose primary business is the ownership and exploitation of fossil fuel reserves by the end of 2024. For this purpose, "primary business" refers to a 10% revenue threshold.



## Broadcast sustainability

Our journey will be brought to life on campus through living laboratories and immersive learning experiences.

**Target:** Develop, promote and maintain an online portal to map academic projects and partnerships to the UN Sustainable Development Goals by 2024.

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