

Policy Title: Sustainability

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1. INTENT

This policy sets the strategic scope of Edith Cowan University's commitment to sustainability in the appropriate management of the organisation and its operations, the engagement of students and staff in principles and applications of sustainability and the engagement of and collaboration with the broader community.

2. ORGANISATIONAL SCOPE

All ECU students, staff and contractors

3. DEFINITIONS

TERM	DEFINITION
Sustainability	Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

4. POLICY CONTENT

4.1. Commitment

ECU is committed to:

- A broad understanding of sustainability that includes personal, social and environmental elements;
- Creating and supporting a sustainable future through the manner in which it conducts its business and the form of the outputs which it generates;

- Conducting its business in ways that address sustainability and which raise awareness both within itself and the broader community of the needs and requirements for a sustainable future; and
- Driving continuous improvement and complying with relevant legislative requirements to provide ongoing benefits in the protection of the environment and prevention of pollution.

4.2. Sustainability Principles

ECU staff will:

- encourage all staff and students to establish personal goals for their well-being;
- undertake activities in teaching and research that engage students, staff and the broader community in the principles and applications of sustainability;
- conduct all its operations in an environmentally sensitive manner, minimising waste and maximising efficiency;
- include in its policies and plan, aims and activities to support diversity across staff and student profiles and to support the health and well-being of all ECU staff and students
- engage and collaborate with industry, government and the broader community in environmental decision making and project partnerships; and
- incorporate sustainability considerations in all levels of organisation and decision making.

4.3. Reporting Sustainability at ECU

All Schools and Service Centres at ECU will include sustainability goals within their annual operational plans and report to the University Executive on their outcomes and achievements through Executive Deans of Schools and Centre Directors.

5. ACCOUNTABILITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In relation to this policy, the following positions are responsible for the following

Policy Owner

The Policy Owner Director, Facilities and Services has overall responsibility for the content of this policy and its operation in ECU.

Staff, students and contractors are required to comply with the content of this policy and to seek guidance in the event of uncertainty as to its application.

All members of the University community are expected to comply with University Policy.

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS:

6.1 Other documents which are relevant to the operation of this policy are as follows:

- [ECU Environmental Declaration](#)
- [Environmental Management of Information Technology \(PL116\)](#)
- [Strategic Procurement Policy \(PL260\)](#)

7. CONTACT INFORMATION

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