Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide the framework for expressing the University of Tasmania’s commitment to the incorporation of inclusive and equitable sustainability principles and practices in, and informed by, its governance, teaching, research, community engagement and operations.

1 Sustainability

1.1 The University will embed sustainability as a key part of its mission and support a culture that increases the capacity of the institution to contribute to sustainable outcomes locally and globally.  

1.2 Sustainability considerations, including risks, will be integrated into University governance, planning and decision making.  

1.3 The University will integrate sustainability topics into the curriculum to provide students with the opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills to embed sustainability principles and practices into their lives and future employment.  

1.4 The University recognises that sustainability is delivered through collaborative partnerships and will influence partners and implement projects with our internal and external communities to deliver sustainable outcomes.  

1.5 Delivering sustainability outcomes is a shared responsibility and the University will improve its sustainability performance through education and awareness-raising and providing resources for staff and students.  

1.6 Staff will seek to increase their sustainability skills and knowledge through induction, professional development, educational and material resources, and ongoing training, engagement and awareness-raising opportunities so that they can apply the principles of sustainability through their jobs and lives.  

1.7 Staff will work to implement and continuously improve sustainability outcomes through evidence-based and innovative research, monitoring, and benchmarking to ensure the University achieves its potential as a leader in this space.  

1.8 Staff and students will ensure that their planning and activities manage and mitigate any risk of environmental or social damage.  

1.9 The University will develop, maintain, and operate sustainable campuses, both built and natural environments, through applying outcomes driven sustainable design principles, assurance frameworks and operational tools.  

Definitions and acronyms: sustainability