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1. Purpose

To express UNSW's commitment to environmental sustainability.

2. Background

Environmental Sustainability is a guiding principle in UNSW's Strategic Intent, B2B Blueprint to Beyond.

UNSW is also a signatory to a number of international declarations relating to sustainability, including Talloires Declaration and the Universitas 21 Statement on Sustainability.

As a leading research-intensive university with a focus on contemporary and social issues we aspire to be a leader in environmental responsibility.

3. Scope

This policy applies to the operational activities of UNSW and the people associated with the University including staff and students as well as visitors and contractors.

4. Policy Statement

The University of New South Wales acknowledges that its activities have an impact on the environment both locally and globally.

We recognise that all staff, students and visitors have a responsibility to play their part in reducing our environmental impact.

We will work toward this by:

- Developing effective waste management and recycling procedures and practices.
- Promoting and encouraging sustainable forms of travel, transport and communication by staff and students.
- Minimising carbon emissions and conserving natural resources for future generations through improvements in energy efficiency.
- Maintain the University grounds in an environmentally sensitive way, having regard to the protection of natural habitats and local wildlife.
- Increasing awareness of environmental responsibility among staff, students and visitors to the University.
- Taking into account environmental factors in new build projects and re-developments.
- Having an environmental management system that ensures the University complies with environmental legislation.
- Striving to continually improve the University's environmental performance.

5. Environmental Management Plan

This policy will be supported by appropriate Procedures including an Environmental Management Plan ("EMP") which shall operate as if it is a Procedure. The EMP will, among other things, aim to minimise UNSW's environmental impact wherever practicable.

6. Reporting

The University will regularly report on its environmental performance in accordance with recognised standards and the targets expressed in the Environmental Management Plan.

7. Legal & Policy Framework

The roles and responsibilities for implementing this policy are in the Environmental Management Plan, the Environmental Law Compliance Directory and UNSW's Sustainability Strategy.

8. Review

In the context of an ever changing environment this policy will be reviewed annually in consultation with staff and students to ensure it remains relevant and reflects the aspirations of the University's stakeholders.

9. Acknowledgements

In developing this policy UNSW acknowledges Universitas 21 partner; the University of Nottingham and its Environment Policy.

Appendix A: History

Version	Authorised by	Approval Date	Effective Date	Sections modified
1.0	UNSW Council CL95/6	6 February 1995	6 February 1995	
2.0	UNSW Council CL05/73	20 June 2005	20 June 2005	Full review.
3.0	President and Vice-Chancellor	20 February 2012	20 February 2012	All, new document