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3.2	Director of Governance	27 July 2021	27 July 2021	
<b>Policy Statement</b>				
<b>Purpose</b>	To express UNSW's commitment to environmental sustainability.			
<b>Scope</b>	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.			
<b>Policy Provisions</b>				

## 1. Introduction

Environmental Sustainability is both a strategic priority and a strategic enabler in UNSW's 2025 Strategy.

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.

## 2. 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:

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

## 3. Environmental Sustainability Plan

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

## 4. Reporting

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

## 5. Acknowledgements

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

<b>Accountabilities</b>				
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Executive Director, Estate Management			
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Head of Environmental Sustainability			
<b>Supporting Information</b>				
<b>Legislative Compliance</b>	This Policy supports the University's compliance with the following legislation: Nil			
<b>Supporting Documents</b>	<a href="#">Environmental Sustainability Plan</a>			
<b>Related Documents</b>	<a href="#">UNSW 2025 Strategic Plan</a> <a href="#">Talloires Declaration</a> Universitas 21 – Statement on Sustainability			
<b>Superseded Documents</b>	Environment Policy, v3.1			
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<b>Definitions and Acronyms</b>				
No terms have been defined				
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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
3.1	Vice President – Campus Life and Community	8 December 2015	8 December 2015	Administrative update and review to align with UNSW 2025 Strategy
3.2	Director of Governance	27 July 2021	27 July 2021	Administrative update