



AUSTRALIAN TECHNOLOGY NETWORK

DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT TO

LOCAL, NATIONAL AND GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY

We, the Universities of the Australian Technology Network, undertake to make sustainability a focus in teaching and learning, research, operations, infrastructure, service and outreach to local, regional and global communities.

As respected and trusted **leaders of our communities**, we will strive for best practice in sustainability by anticipating the future and accepting we must prepare now by building the capacity to measure, monitor and address the impact of our ecological footprint within local, national and global contexts.

As **partners of government, industry and business, and local communities** we will play a lead role in demonstrating by our own actions the capability to implement effective and efficient sustainable practices in our teaching, research and operations.

Six principles underpin our commitment to a sustainable future for ourselves and our partners:

1. Promoting learning and teaching which addresses sustainability issues and principles.

Promoting the integration of the social, economic, cultural, political and environmental pillars of sustainability as core considerations of academic programs so that our graduates are informed, active and responsible in matters of sustainability.

2. Promoting and creating opportunities for social outreach and community engagement, promoting the relevance of sustainability to all aspects of our lives in a process of lifelong learning.

Education in sustainability assists the community to make decisions and take action that reflects concern for the pillars of sustainability in all aspects of their lives.

3. Integrating sustainability principles into the decision making, management and operation of university business.

Establishment and application of sustainability goals, strategies and performance outcomes to our operations ensures an organisationally consistent commitment to sustainability.

4. Fostering a culture of continuous improvement in sustainability practices across the ATN universities.
Establishing processes that transparently monitor and review sustainability issues providing a basis from which to improve.

5. Creating university communities that can proudly declare they actively contribute to a sustainable workplace.
Staff who have the tools, education and support to achieve each university's sustainability objectives and targets.

6. Collaborating with each other, industry and government, locally and globally to further research in sustainability.
Discovery and applied research contributes to nation building, providing solutions to national and global priorities.

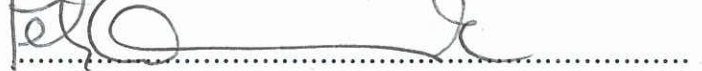
This declaration is being signed by the Parties to evidence their in principle non-binding intentions. The Parties acknowledge that no legally binding obligations are intended to arise between them as a result of the signing of this document. Legally enforceable and binding obligations are only intended to arise upon signing by the parties of a separate formal written agreement which sets forth the terms and conditions of specific activities under this Declaration. Any action taken by any party in anticipation of approvals will be at the sole risk of that Party.

The Parties agree and acknowledge that nothing contained in this Declaration constitutes any of them as agent, partner or trustee of any other of them, or to have authority or power to act for, or create or assume any responsibility or obligation on behalf of, any other Party or Parties.

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