

# Sustainability Statement

*Nganga-dha garray-gu, bila-galang-gu!  
Yandu garray-bu bila-galang-bu ngan-  
ga-girri nginyalgir*

Look after the land and the rivers, then the land and the rivers will look after you.

*Yindyamarra Winhanganha*

The wisdom of respectfully knowing how to live well in a world worth living in.



Charles Sturt University recognises and acknowledges the diversity and unique position of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional owners and custodians of Australia and the islands of the Torres Strait, in accordance with local Indigenous laws and customs.

Charles Sturt recognises that sustainable practices are inherent within Indigenous culture and seeks to learn from this.



## Recognition

Charles Sturt is committed to incorporating sustainability into its actions and practices as part of its responsibility to the community and the environment.



## Acknowledgement

The University takes the approach that sustainability is a process that integrates environmental, social and economic considerations into decision making with the goal of creating a thriving and healthy society. Its focus is on improving the quality of life for all citizens without increasing the use of natural resources beyond the capacity of the environment to supply them indefinitely. Sustainability is based on a simple principle: Everything that we need for our survival and well-being depends, either directly or indirectly, on our natural environment.



## Responsibility

Our contributions to the Sustainability process can start with how we use and build on our connections to the global community and the shared knowledge gained from research, our creative approaches to learning and teaching, our positive community partnerships and our modelling of sustainability on Charles Sturt's campuses. As Australia's first certified carbon neutral University, Charles Sturt recognises that climate change remains one of the single greatest environmental and social challenges that we face as a species, and will actively seek to be part of the global response that is needed.



## Commitment

The University has adopted the Learning in Future Environments (LIFE) Index as a structured process for evaluating current practices that support or impede best sustainability practices and identifying strategies for improvement. As Australia's leading university of inland Australia, we recognise and values its role and responsibility in promoting best sustainable practices and subscribes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



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