

Monash University Policy

Policy Title	Environmental Sustainability Policy (Australia only)
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Scope	Staff employed by the University in Australia Students enrolled at the University in Australia Contractors engaged by the University in Australia Monash College Pty Ltd
Purpose	This policy demonstrates Monash University's commitment to the support of environmental sustainability in accordance with environmental legislation and principles.
POLICY STATEMENT	

Monash University seeks to improve the human condition by advancing knowledge and fostering creativity. It does so through research and education that is framed by a commitment to social justice, human rights, sustainable progress and enduring well-being.

Monash University respects our relationship with the natural environment and its life-sustaining ecosystems and recognises the need to maintain and restore a rich biodiversity. The University acknowledges the adverse impacts that human activity can impose and takes actions to prevent degradation of our natural systems, while supporting the repair and recovery of those systems.

The University, in support of its commitment to the Talloires Declaration, strives to lead the national and international community in the innovation and practice toward a sustainable environment by:

- continuously researching and integrating best practice into University activities;
- setting, communicating and achieving leading environmental objectives and targets for all aspects of the University to continue to reduce natural resource use and to minimise and prevent adverse environmental impacts;
- incorporating environmental sustainability principles, awareness and understanding into teaching, research, consultancy and community engagement;
- establishing practices that meet or exceed relevant environmental legislation and adhering to agreements and standards at local, national and international levels; and
- integrating principles of ecologically sustainable development into all institutional activities.

Monash University recognises its responsibility to practice and promote behaviours that support activities which contribute to environmental sustainability within the local, national and international community.

Supporting Procedures	Environmental Sustainability Procedures (Australia only)	
Responsibility for implementation	Heads of academic/administrative units Chief Executive Officer, Monash College Pty Ltd Staff and students with environmental responsibilities Supervisors and managers Staff Students Buildings and Property Division Senior Management Team (Property) Monash Sustainability Institute	
Status	Revised	
Approval Body	Academic Quality and Standards policies Name: Meeting: Date: Agenda item:	Operational policies Name: Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice-President (Administration) Date: 26-March-2014
Endorsement Body	Academic Quality and Standards policies Name: Meeting: Date: Agenda item:	Operational policies Name: Executive Director, Facilities and Services Date: 26-March-2014 Senior Management Team (Environment) 29-August-2012
Definitions	Talloires Declaration: The Talloires Declaration is a ten-point action plan for incorporating sustainability and environmental literacy in teaching, research, operations and outreach at colleges and universities. Monash University declared its commitment to the Declaration by signing in 2007.	
Legislation Mandating Compliance	Clean Energy Act 2011 (Comm) Clean Energy Regulations 2011 (Comm) Environment Protection Act 1970 (Vic) Environment Protection (Prescribed Waste) Regulations 1998 (Vic) Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Comm) National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007 (Comm) National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Regulations 2008 (Comm) National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008 (Comm) Water Act 1989 (Vic) Water (Resource Management) Amendment Regulations 2012 (Vic)	
Related Policies		
Related Documents	Monash Environmental Sustainability Intranet Site	