

LA TROBE SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY 2025 - 2055

*Cultural Burning, Nangak Tamboree Eco- Corridor,
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

La Trobe University acknowledges our campuses are located on the lands of many Traditional Custodians in Victoria and New South Wales. We recognise their ongoing connection to the land and value their unique contribution to the University and wider Australian society.

La Trobe University is committed to providing opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, both as individuals and communities, through teaching, learning, research and partnerships across all our campuses.



ABOUT

La Trobe is developing a new 30-year Sustainability Strategy which will be underpinned by a 10-year implementation plan comprising short, medium, and long-term targets and actions.

- Replaces the previous Sustainability Plan 2013–2017 and incorporates new elements such as the Sustainable Financial Framework, Green Star Communities Commitment, and the Sustainable Procurement Strategy.
- The Strategy will cover a range of partnership, research, operational and academic areas, and will be applicable to all campuses.
- La Trobe University has rocketed up the QS sustainability ranking 2024, rising more than 200 places to be ranked 166 in the world. Our commitment and efforts to improve in the THE impact rankings* should continue as the UN Sustainable Development Goals underpin our strategic themes. We are focused on improving these ranking amidst growing competition from other universities.
- There are growing concerns within our community about the environment. The strategy will show that we are committed to sustainability and that our impact can be measured.
- Employees and students are seeking higher sustainability standards and environmental quality in our workplaces/places of learning – so we are working to meet and/or exceed their expectations.

** LTU has been ranked in the Top 3 universities for certain UNSDG measures and, in 2023, ranked 57 overall across the globe (1,705 Unis, and growing, in 115 countries participate in THE Impact Rankings).*

KEY DIFFERENCES

- Long-term aspirations, supported by short-term deliverables.
- More balanced focus on environmental, social, and economic sustainability.
- KPIs and monitoring/reporting framework.
- Recognition of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- Increased recognition of First Nations Peoples.
- Increased focus on innovation, entrepreneurship, partnership, and UN Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME).
- Increased focus on climate change and adaptation, community resilience, urban heat island effect, biodiversity & sustainable procurement.

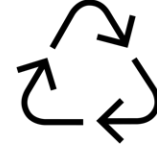
KEY MESSAGES

Long-term vision



Our vision extends beyond short-term gains. We are dedicated to creating lasting change that will benefit current and future generations. The new Sustainability Strategy will serve as a roadmap for achieving our vision of a more sustainable and resilient future.

Commitment to sustainability



The development of this new strategy reaffirms our commitment to environmental responsibility, social equity, and economic prosperity.

Collaboration and inclusivity



Addressing sustainability challenges requires collaboration and diverse perspectives. We are committed to engaging with our diverse community to co-design a comprehensive and inclusive strategy including current activities and filling 'gaps' where relevant.

Impact and innovation



Our Sustainability Strategy will focus on driving measurable impact while fostering innovation, partnerships, and learning.

Transparency and accountability



Transparency is at the core of our approach. We will communicate on our progress, challenges, and successes. We will hold ourselves accountable to our sustainability goals and will report on our performance regularly.

FOCUSED STAFF ENGAGEMENT (JULY – AUGUST)

- Staff workshops
- 1:1 Meetings and sessions with key staff
- Direct SEG engagement and reporting
- Sustainability PSG engagement and regular reporting
- Research centres and labs engagement
- Direct emails to identified stakeholders seeking comment and input
- La Trobe Business School – PRME focus

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (JULY – AUGUST)

- Short pitches to students at big lecture halls
- Direct Clubs and Societies engagement
- Posters with QR codes in student accommodation, libraries, public foyers at all campuses
- Stalls at Semester 2 O-Week, Open Days, Bikers Brekkies
- Green Tuesday event at City Campus
- Regional events
- Forums and talks, Sanctuary Twilight Tour

OTHER ENGAGEMENT (MAY – AUGUST)

- Partner reach outs / Toolboxes e.g. research partners, suppliers, tenants
- Community partners reach outs: local councils, Melbourne Water, Yarra Valley Water, etc.
- Direct emails, social media, sustainability volunteers reach outs, postcards, intercept surveys, website, Agora screens, staff and students internal comms channels
- Climate Network forums
- VC promotion video
- Ideas walls at Bundoora, Albury Wodonga, and Bendigo
- Local government partners engagement

EMERGING THEMES AND FOCUS AREAS

- Net zero carbon emissions
- Moving towards net zero waste to landfill
- Water efficiency
- Urban heat island effect, vegetation canopy & biodiversity
- Climate change impact resilience
- Sustainable procurement
- Economically sustainable & socially inclusive
- Fostering sustainability in learning, research, entrepreneurialism and partnerships
- Sustainable buildings & communities
- Advancing the LTU Indigenous strategy
- Aligning with and promoting the UN sustainable development goals
- Sustainable and active transport

**EMBEDDING SUSTAINABILITY IN EVERYTHING
WE DO**



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THANK YOU