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The University of Tasmania is pleased to present our inaugural Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) submission for rating consideration and associated reporting.

The University of Tasmania is committed to operating and focusing on sustainable outcomes for ourselves, our surrounding communities and the world. Respecting the traditional owners and their deep history with these lands and waters, we will strive to act in the best interests of not only the current generation but generations yet to come. We will holistically embed this in the ethos of our operating model, our teaching, learning and research activities, and through engagement with our partners and stakeholders.

The *University of Tasmania Strategic Plan 2019-2024* identifies the contributions we wish to make for Tasmania, nationally and globally, across key outcome areas: education, health, culture, social, economy and environment.

Our *Strategic Framework for Sustainability* provides a collective focus on activities in and for sustainability across the University and in so doing encapsulates our commitment across four areas:

- Goal 1: A leader in sustainability governance and implementation.
- Goal 2: A leader in sustainability education and research.
- Goal 3: Partnerships and engagement activities deliver sustainability outcomes.
- Goal 4: A University committed to sustainability in its facilities and operations management.

Achievement of these goals are guided by whole of institution aspirational, absolute and continuous improvement targets. Progress to attainment is framed through our contribution areas and aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



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The University of Tasmania has been delivering on our sustainability goals in several ways, including world leading research in marine and Antarctic science, public health, agriculture and aquaculture, and geology to name a few. We have also launched a Diploma of Sustainable Living alongside our expanding inclusion of sustainability across the curriculum. Our Sustainability Integration Program for Students (SIPS) is an award-winning program that engages students to deliver operational sustainability outcomes. The University has been certified carbon neutral since 2016 and has a concerted sustainability focus across all operational areas, including transport, procurement, energy, biodiversity, water and waste. Broader community engagement is a critical focus, including our participation as a core member of Education for Sustainability Tasmania: a United Nations-recognised Regional Centre of Expertise, which received an International Green Gown Award in 2018.

The University's Sustainability Team is the primary contact for any questions or feedback you may have and they can be reached at sustainability.utas@utas.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

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