

6.1 ENVIRONMENT POLICY

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PURPOSE

The Environment Policy provides the framework to manage environmental-related activities at Charles Darwin University, including those relating to the natural, built and social environment of the institution.

POLICY

Charles Darwin University is committed to sound practice and continual improvement of environmental performance through integration of environment concerns into University planning and operations. The University recognises its responsibility to protect and improve the environment in accordance with prevailing community standards of best practice and relevant legislation.

IMPLEMENTATION

Charles Darwin University will undertake its activities in a manner that ensures:

- there are academic components that explicitly foster and promote research and teaching in environmental issues, with a particular focus on issues that significantly impact northern Australia; and
- the institution manages activities over which it has control and which impact upon the environment in accordance with prevailing community standards of best practice in environmental management.

COMMITMENT

Charles Darwin University is committed to:

- undertaking appropriate environment-related activities;
- providing appropriate resources for planned activities;
- compliance with relevant legislation, guidelines, policies and directives with regard to environmental issues;
- establishing and monitoring performance against meaningful and measurable objectives for the activities;
- identifying competency needs and providing appropriate training and professional development of staff to meet those needs; and
- reviewing and improving, where necessary and practical, environmental performance in University activities.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITIES

- All staff members are responsible for undertaking their duties in accordance with this policy.
- Respective responsibility for the achievement of this policy rests with the Council, the Audit and Risk Committee, the Vice Chancellor, Senior Staff, the Internal Audit function and all other staff.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITIES

- The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Teaching and Learning, is responsible for instilling relevant environmental values into University teaching activities. The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Teaching and Learning, is also responsible for monitoring that related activities are carried out, as appropriate, in compliance with relevant University policies, processes and guidelines.
- The Executive Director, Corporate Services, is responsible for ensuring environment concerns are addressed, and the environment performance is continually improved, in University administration and operations.

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Date

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