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1. PURPOSE

This policy states Lincoln University's commitment to environmental sustainability. It recognises the impact it has on the local, national and global environment. This commitment will be undertaken by the whole university community, in all aspects of the university's activities: research, curricula, extension and facilities management, including all university properties and farms. The University will strive towards environmentally, socially and culturally sensitive and sustainable practice in its use of physical resources, energy and living species. The University will be a leader in environmental sustainability in research, teaching and extension at a national and international level.

2. OUTCOMES

From this policy Lincoln University will:

- ❖ demonstrate leadership in research, teaching and learning on environmental sustainability by students and staff;
- ❖ make efficient use of energy; and all material inputs
- ❖ use best practice systems in use and disposal of chemicals and other toxic substances,
- ❖ recycle where practicable and practice environmentally sensitive waste disposal;
- ❖ develop well designed workspaces, study and recreational areas providing attractive, safe, culturally and environmentally sustainable environments;
- ❖ enhance amenity and ecological values, especially biodiversity, on campus and all university properties;
- ❖ comply with all relevant environmental legislation.

3. PRINCIPLES

- ❖ This policy supports the University's mission, values and goals for the management of resources, organisation development and positioning/business development as laid out in the Statement of Intent.
- ❖ Lincoln University is committed to the use of environmentally sustainable practices to achieve a sustainable future.
- ❖ Lincoln University recognises that environmental sustainability is linked to responsible management of ecological, economic and socio-cultural processes.

- ❖ Lincoln University acknowledges that a sustainable future involves commitment to dialogue between campus sections regarding goals, and technological and socio-cultural adaptation.
- ❖ Lincoln University accepts that it has a significant role to play in securing a sustainable future for local, national and international communities through its teaching, research and operation.
- ❖ Lincoln University will promote the goal of a sustainable future by sharing knowledge and experience through active cooperation with local, national and international networks.
- ❖ Lincoln University's [Environmental Sustainability Advisory Group](#) will advise the Vice-Chancellor, on practical ways to work towards our sustainable future.
- ❖ Lincoln University will produce an annual statement of its environmental sustainability in relation to the outcomes specified in this policy.

4. SUBSIDIARY RESOURCES

- ❖ [Environmental Sustainability Advisory Group \(Appendix One\)](#)

5. LINKS WITH OTHER POLICY

- ❖ [Related Policies](#)

6. RESPONSIBILITIES AND DELEGATIONS

The Vice-Chancellor has overall responsibility for implementation of the Policy and for ensuring that the University's resources are managed sustainably.

The Environmental Sustainability Advisory Group will advise the Vice Chancellor in the implementation of this Policy.

With support and advice from the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Group, the Senior Management Group will set and report on annual targets for the implementation of this Policy.

7. REVIEW

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1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Environmental Sustainability Advisory Group (ESAG) advises the Vice-Chancellor on the implementation of the Environmental Sustainability Policy.

The ESAG will:

- ❖ provide assistance and advice to the Senior Management Group;
- ❖ provide advice on environmental sustainability issues and environmental management systems;
- ❖ promote the Environmental Sustainability Policy to staff, students and the wider community;
- ❖ advise on an annual plan to implement the Environmental Sustainability Policy;
- ❖ seek feedback from the University and wider community of opportunities for improvement in Lincoln University's environmental sustainability, and facilitate initiatives to improve environmental sustainability at Lincoln University.

2. PROCEDURE

The ESAG assists the Vice-Chancellor by:

- ❖ advising on environmental sustainability;
- ❖ providing information on relevant new developments;
- ❖ identifying and prioritising initiatives to better meet the Environmental Sustainability Policy;
- ❖ preparing an annual statement of the University's position and progress in relation to all outcomes specified in the Environmental Sustainability Policy;
- ❖ disseminating information to, and soliciting feedback from, staff, students and the wider community on environmental sustainability initiatives; and
- ❖ recommending to the Vice-Chancellor reviews and updates of the Environmental Sustainability Policy and the Policy on the Environmental Advisory Group.

3. FUNDING

The ESAG does not have an operating budget.

The ESAG will need to seek finance and resources (internally and externally) for new initiatives.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1. The Chair (appointed by the Vice-Chancellor).
- 4.2. Two representatives from academic staff (appointed by SMG).
- 4.3. Two representatives from general staff (appointed by SMG).
- 4.4. One Lincworks representative.
- 4.5. One Farms representative.
- 4.6. One student representative (appointed by LUSA).
- 4.7. Other persons (either internally or externally) can be co-opted.

Membership of the ESAG will be recognised as service to the University in salary and promotion review.

5. MEETING FREQUENCY

At least three scheduled meetings each year.