

ANU Council – Climate Change Resolution

The ANU Council:

- Recognises that the ANU community has had to deal with multiple severe events this summer including bushfires, smoke and a hailstorm, that have threatened the health and lives of staff, students and our communities, and impacted our environment, while also affecting the operation of the University;
- Accepts that these unprecedented severe events have been exacerbated by climate change as ANU scientists, amongst others, have long predicted and warned; and
- Agrees that ANU needs to respond to these challenges with a continued focus on world-leading climate research, coupled with effective actions to minimise and adapt to climate change.

The ANU Council therefore recognises the urgency of action to address the growing climate challenge, to which the University will respond collectively, using the resources at its disposal, in order to:

- Ameliorate the impact of these events on staff and students;
- Adapt to and mitigate the changing climate and its consequences, including by minimising the University's greenhouse gas emissions footprint through its own operations (in line with commitments to be greenhouse gas negative as soon as possible) and further reducing the emissions intensity of its investment portfolio;
- Further strengthen our world-leading climate research, and to deploy this to inform and support the development of policies and initiatives that will effectively deal with climate change at both national and international levels; and
- Speak strongly in public, and work with industry and government, to address the dangers of inaction on climate change and the benefits and opportunities of effective, strategic action on climate change.

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