

AUT'S 2020 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT – SUMMARY

AUT's inaugural Sustainability Report 2020 shows our progress against targets within AUT's Sustainability Roadmap and towards the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. Our Report represents a starting point and shows how we are progressing with sustainability across our teaching, research and operations. It highlights where there are information gaps and where we have advanced. There is still much more to do. Together we can progress forwards.

LEARNING AND TEACHING TARGETS

ALL UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES DEVELOP SUSTAINABILITY LITERACY, VALUES, AND PRACTICES



Compulsory sustainability-focused courses are included in eight undergraduate programmes or as a major within the undergraduate programme

MORE STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO SUSTAINABILITY MAJORS, MINORS, OR COURSES



Six sustainability majors or minors are offered across AUT; 67 sustainability-focused courses were taken by 2,903 students

RESEARCH TARGETS

INCREASING PEER REVIEWED SDG RESEARCH OUTPUTS



573

SDG related research outputs
(Source: Scopus)

EXTERNALLY FUNDED SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH PROJECTS



76

externally funded SDG related research projects

OPERATIONS TARGETS

CO₂e REDUCED BY 50% BY 2025

6,696 CO₂e tonnes*

(51% decrease on 2018 baseline)**



PREFERRING INDIGENOUS PLANTING

Only native species planted across the campuses, excluding fruit and vegetable plantings



WASTE REDUCED BY 50% BY 2025

437 tonnes

of waste was generated at AUT in 2020

(40% decrease on 2018 baseline)



The three core concepts of AUT's Sustainability Roadmap – Ki tua – Futures, Whanaungatanga – Connectivity, and Mauri ora – Wellbeing – align with the sustainability issues that staff and students identified as being most important. These issues are health and wellbeing, waste and packaging, and climate change. The Sustainability Report highlights these core concepts, however we need to do more work to cover them more completely in subsequent reports.

* AUT's CO₂e emissions inventory is currently going through verification against ISO 14064-1- Greenhouse Gases with an independent organisation. This Report will be updated to reflect any changes in total CO₂e emissions post verification.

** Reductions in CO₂e and waste against the baseline relate to the effects of COVID, including campuses being shutdown during lockdowns, reduced air travel as well as efficiency improvements.