

ACSQ Sustainability Roadmap

2023-2030

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Preamble

We acknowledge God is Creator whose first revelation is creation, and Jesus is the agent through whom all things have come into being and in whom there is life.

We recognise that the world is our host. Creation is endowed with rhythms and principles that can be ignored, but not abrogated. Humankind takes its place within the created order in covenant with the God of creation.

We accept that under God, we are citizens of the Community of Life, bearing agency and responsibility, and the Law of Sabbath binds all of humankind to creation.

We work as we pray: on earth as in heaven!

Along with other Anglican [marks of mission](#), our faith calls us to;

- strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth;
- seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation

This document responds to the [General Synod Protection of the Environment Canon 2007](#) which says:

“This Church recognises that climate change is a most serious threat to the lives of the present and future generations. Accordingly, this Canon seeks to reduce the release of greenhouse gases by this Church and its agencies.”

The Protection of the Environment Canon was adopted by the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane in 2009.

VISION:

We actively participate in the flourishing of God’s creation by working deliberately, urgently, creatively to limit and reduce human-induced warming and the resultant effects of climate change.

GOALS

To be achieved by 2030

1. Innovate

Institutional Responsibility

Address operational energy and

- source 100% of our electricity from renewable providers and/or sources
- actively reduce energy consumption
- progressively migrate to electric appliances/machines
- transition vehicles from fossil fuel to renewable where practically achievable
- plan and record annual progress in reduction of non-renewable resource consumption
- track the purchasing of products and materials, identifying and recording the energy spent in their production and delivery (embodied energy) in readiness for 2030-40 Roadmap.

2. Encourage

Personal responsibility

- parishioner/member/community participation in transitioning 100% of household operational energy to renewable providers and/or sources
- reduction in the use of consumable materials and 'embodied energy', re-using, re-cycling, up-cycling ...
- engaging and deepening connections with all creation
- celebrating life, nature, seasons, connections, circular economies, the achievement of goals ...
- engagement in the production and distribution cycle of goods, deepening the understanding of energy and resources spent in their production and delivery

3. Advocate

We will:

- stand with those most affected by climate change and advocate for just policies and actions to support them
- work for equitable access to renewables and a just transition for individuals and communities negatively impacted by the reduction in production of greenhouse gases.

- proactively participate in the democratic process of safeguarding the integrity of creation

Notes:

Operational Energy

This phrase describes the energy necessary and used in the activities of daily work and living.

The ACSQ Sustainability Roadmap 2023-2030 seeks to address operational energy and the necessary transition to renewables.

Embedded Energy

This phrase describes the energy required to create a product or material, and the energy used to move it from its manufacturing to user end point. It describes the energy inherent within physical things and spent in its transportation.

Accounting for and addressing this energy cost will be a significant focus for the ACSQ Sustainability Roadmap 2030-2040.

The Sustainability Roadmap lays out a framework for the Church and its agencies to formalise their bespoke Sustainability Action Plans, in a staged rollout revised every two years. Churches, schools and agencies shall sign up to this road map and:

- establish their own time frames and mechanisms to achieve these goals; and
- use their Sustainable Action Plans as a mechanism for effective action
- record data, report on progress and celebrate successes.