



The University of Newcastle's Indigenous Student Collective

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS AT UON

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The University of Newcastle's Indigenous Student Collective are formally encouraging the University of Newcastle (UON) to look to a sustainable future across all their campuses. We recognise the current sustainable practices and policies implemented at UON. Though there are these practices in place there is still a long road ahead and room for improvement.

Indigenous people have an ongoing deep spiritual and physical connection with the land that we now call Australia. In many creation stories across Indigenous communities we come from the earth and it is thus regarded in many communities as our mother. The Indigenous students at UON recognise and respect that the Callaghan campus currently sits on the Pambalong Clan of the Awabakal Nation's land. The traditional owners must be respected. One way that UON can ensure that a respectful relationship is maintained is through developing long term sustainable goals that have real measurable outcomes.

Goals that we would like to see achieved are;

1. Better recycling practices (particularly in the Indigenous unit, Wollotuka),
2. NO further investment in non-renewable energy, this includes financial contributions and support to organisations that invest heavily in non-renewable energies and
3. Implementation of renewable energy sources in each building.

Sincerely,

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