

# Taronga Sustainability Strategy 2021-2025

Taronga's vision is a shared future for wildlife and people, and we recognise our important role in inspiring people, driving change and helping safeguard the future of the planet. For this reason, one of six strategic priorities in the Taronga 2021-2025 Strategic Plan is to lead environmental sustainability and climate change action.

This priority will be guided by Taronga's Commitment to Country; embedding a way of working that respects and includes Indigenous peoples, cultures, knowledge and place. Taronga is committed to looking after Country through the Cultural Practice of maintaining meaningful relationships and consultation with Traditional Custodians to support the implementation of sustainability initiatives.

## Past achievement highlights:

### Certified Carbon Neutral

Installed close to **500kw** of solar panels



Eliminated over **80%** of single-use plastics

Developed a **sustainability scorecard** for evaluating prospective partners



Implemented **water efficiencies** which cut consumption by **4,000 litres** per week, and a further **21,000 litres** per day during peak summer temperatures

Diverted **73%** of **operational waste** from landfill on average across both sites last year



Installed a **HotRot** which recovers food scraps and compostable packaging to help **generate compost**

Achieved **6 star green star rating** for construction of the Taronga Institute of Science and Learning



The UN Sustainable Development Goals provide a blueprint for the global community to support a healthy future for wildlife and people. The targets within this strategy align with several UN SDGs, including:



Taronga is committed to the following sustainability targets which are enabled through the organisation's six divisional plans:



Net Zero by 2030 with **70% reduction in absolute emissions**, based on Financial Year 18/19 levels



Divert **90%** operational waste from landfill by 2025, with a focus on **Circular Economy initiatives**

All new buildings, precincts and exhibits over \$25 million are **Infrastructure Sustainability Council certified**, or **Green Star certified targeting 5 star rating or higher**



All projects over \$2 million will **embed sustainability principles into design**



All prospective corporate partners are **evaluated against sustainability criteria**



**100% renewable electricity** before 2030



**Zero net increase in water use** from 2025 (excluding recycled or reclaimed water)



Apply a **sustainable and ethical procurement framework** to all purchasing decisions by 2025



All new conservation projects to be **evaluated against climate projections**, and **prioritise climate refugia**

