

GREEN METRO NORTH SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY 2021–2026

Message from the Board Chair and Chief Executive

Metro North Health is a recognised leader in the provision and delivery of world class healthcare. Our role as a leader in healthcare extends beyond caring for the community in the present, to future generations to come.

As the largest health service in Australia, we are dedicated to reducing our environmental footprint, promoting public and environmental health, and ensuring our service is resilient to climate change.

Green Metro North presents our commitment to environmental sustainability spanning over five strategic elements. This strategy represents an important step on our sustainability journey and reflects the passion of our staff to make a positive impact.

We encourage all staff to take this opportunity to imagine a brighter future and join us in taking action to create a healthier and more sustainable tomorrow.


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 Chair
 Metro North Hospital
 and Health Board


Shaun Drummond
 Chief Executive
 Metro North Hospital
 and Health Service

Queensland Government targets

Metro North actions will reflect Queensland Health's **Climate Change Adaptation Planning Guidance** and progressively align with Queensland Government targets of:

- 50 per cent renewable energy by 2030
- An interim emissions reduction target of at least 30 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030
- Zero net emissions by 2050.

Our commitment

To take action towards environmental sustainability and deliver high quality health services for our community and future generations.

Strategic elements

Metro North will deliver on our commitment by focusing on five strategic elements.

Green Monitoring

Measure, monitor and report on key sustainability metrics to track progress and identify opportunities for improvement.

- Implement Sustainability Reporting to quantify major sources of waste and energy use
- Establish sustainability baselines and targets in alignment with Queensland Government targets

Green Partnerships

Collaborate with other organisations to improve sustainability performance and innovation within the healthcare sector.

- Promote organisational collaboration as a source of research and knowledge sharing
- Foster partnerships with a wide range of partners, including government, healthcare providers, private sector, universities and peak bodies



Green Facilities

Build and maintain all facilities, plant and infrastructure to integrate environmental sustainability and resilience.

- Adopt a whole of lifecycle approach to our assets, incorporating design, construction, maintenance and redevelopment
- Cross-reference Green Building rating systems to find the right fit
- Create culturally appropriate places for people, with a focus on precinct master planning, walkability, and improving patient outcomes

Green Initiatives

Action for sustainable change, including enhancing energy efficiency and minimising waste output.

- Consolidate, showcase, scale and support existing Green Initiatives
- Identify, investigate and implement new Green Initiatives

Green Workforce

Prioritise staff engagement to champion environmental sustainability across all organisational locations.

- Grow a sustainability culture where everyone has a role to play
- Provide staff with opportunities to become more engaged and provide input through Green Teams
- Embed environmental sustainability into Metro North's governance structure to provide ongoing sustainability leadership



Our next step will be to prepare organisation-wide waste and energy implementation plans.

To join the Green Team at your facility, contact greenmetronorth@health.qld.gov.au