

GREEN METRO NORTH

SUSTAINABILITY FOOD SERVICES PLAN



OUR GREEN INITIATIVES



Metro North Health is working toward making our health service greener and cleaner for our staff, our patients and our communities.

We want to be the sustainability leader for the health industry.

By reducing our environmental footprint and making our hospitals greener we can contribute to a brighter future for a healthier and more sustainable tomorrow. We are taking positive steps to enhance energy efficiency and to reduce waste. We are putting a range of actions for sustainable change into play across our six green initiative areas and will be supported by implementation plans to take action now.



Alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, specifically Goal 2 Zero Hunger and Goal 12 Responsible Consumption and Production

Improved nutrition, achieving food security and promoting sustainable agriculture are required to transform food systems so they are sustainable, resilient and equitable.

ZERO
NET EMISSIONS
BY 2050



OUR PLAN

Health systems can contribute to improving food insecurity, addressing malnutrition, obesity or chronic disease, and support treatment and recovery from accidents and acute medical conditions, while promoting healthy, local, and sustainable food systems.

The Sustainable Food Services Plan (SFSP) outlines our strategy to increase integration of a planetary health focus into our food services, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and enhance overall health outcomes.

The SFSP outlines Metro North's commitment towards improving environmental sustainability, corporate governance and accountability through responsible sustainable practices relating to food service delivery, to reduce the environmental impacts associated with generation and consumption of food and reducing emissions in-line with Government targets with the end goal of net zero by 2050, and with a focus on reducing food waste.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- Increase the availability of plant-based proteins
- Embed sustainability in procurement processes
- Promote circular economy principles and product stewardship
- Minimise food and packaging waste generation and enhance waste management practices
- Ensure food procurement decisions consider the full lifecycle costs and environmental impact
- Commit to emissions reduction and waste reduction targets set by the Queensland Government
- Promote and support sustainable food practices through stakeholder engagement and education
- Track progress on food sustainability targets



Room Service

The Prince Charles Hospital



- Enhance energy and water efficiency in food services
- Ensure ongoing compliance and improvement.

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