

SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION STRATEGY 2024 – 2030

Vision

Great health for all Territorians by caring for country, climate and community

NT Health will embed sustainability and innovation into our everyday practice to reduce our impact on the planet and adapt to climate change so we can protect and improve the health of Territorians, now and into the future.



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Goals

WHAT WE WILL DO		HOW WE WILL DO IT	
HEALTH SYSTEM DECARBONISATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY	HEALTH SYSTEM RESILIENCE	COLLABORATING LOCALLY, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY	HEALTH IN POLICIES
GOAL 1 Radically reimagine and transform health service delivery to achieve value based and low carbon healthcare	GOAL 2 Rapidly build capacity and capability to prevent, prepare, respond and recover creatively from climate-related impacts to the health system.	GOAL 3 Use a common vision and align effort to achieve effective collaboration.	GOAL 4 Pursue integrated approaches to NT Government policies and action based on acceptance of the interdependency of human health and planetary health
NT Health will achieve this by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reduced waste reduced emissions equipping and supporting staff and leadership to innovate and adapt. redesigning systems and practices to be nature positive. 	NT Health will achieve this by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> expanding public awareness and preparedness. building a climate-informed Health workforce. moving to climate-adapted and sustainable health infrastructure. establishing health and climate surveillance systems and robust data. 	NT Health will achieve this by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> leveraging collective effort and investment by prioritising action aligned with international, national and NT Government efforts. aligning metrics and reporting with international and national standards. planning with health system stakeholders to strengthen relationships. 	NT Health will achieve this by leveraging evidence and the health expertise of a climate informed NT Health workforce to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> influence whole of government policies, decision making and investment. influence NT Government agencies to integrate public health impacts into climate adaptation and sustainability actions. influence other stakeholders in the NT healthcare ecosystem to support initiatives which reduce demand on healthcare services.

ENRICHED BY VALUING FIRST NATIONS' WORLD VIEWS AND STEWARDSHIP

Goal 1 Focus Areas

LEADERSHIP Prioritise human and planetary health equally in decision making and actions	ENERGY Manage energy efficiently and transition to clean, renewable energy generation	CLINICAL CARE Apply a value based health care approach, reduce low value care and positively engage our patients	FOOD Source, serve and manage sustainably grown, healthy food	INFRASTRUCTURE Optimise design, construction, use and repair options which reduce current and future damage to the planet and help connect patients and staff to nature
WORKFORCE Build workforce climate literacy and capability to innovate and adapt	WATER Manage water effectively to reduce waste	FINANCE Establish visibility of the financial costs of climate impacts and financial benefits of environmental sustainability	TRANSPORT Improve transportation strategies for patients, staff and goods to reduce emissions	
CHEMICALS Substitute harmful chemicals with environmentally safer alternatives	RISK Establish transparency and awareness of climate change risks to healthcare service delivery	WASTE Prevent and reduce healthcare system waste	MEDICINES Optimise the use and safe management of medicines	