

## Student Climate Forum Outcomes

To whom it may concern,

In May, the UWA Student Guild Environment Department hosted a **student forum** to discuss student views on what UWA is doing to address climate change. The Student Climate Forum was motivated by the desire to gain a broad cross-section through students' **concerns and visions** on addressing climate change at UWA. A variety of students, both domestic & international, student clubs and organisations contributed to the outcomes. As the discussion unfolded, **3 distinct themes** emerged:

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### Education

- Each major needs to incorporate **education on climate change solutions**, especially on how that major/profession/field of study is positioned to respond to climate change.

### Policies & Operations

- The University should engage in research that solves complex problems, like **decarbonising industry**.
- Steer away from technologies and industries that exacerbate climate change; this includes **research agreements & investment**.
- Financial transparency regarding investments.

### Interdisciplinary Collaboration

- More **opportunities** for interdisciplinary collaboration on sustainability among students.
  - Interdisciplinary discussion and collaboration between **researchers, students & industry** on climate change.
  - More opportunities for **employment and internship** options in climate & sustainability .
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In order for UWA to improve student engagement, it needs to demonstrate that it acts to address student views. By addressing these themes, the University will signal to current and prospective students that studying at UWA will enable them to address the global challenge of climate change. We think it is important that the themes are not just superficially addressed, rather all three should be addressed in a genuine, thorough manner. By sharing the outcomes of the Forum, we hope to create a strong, constructive dialogue between students and the University. We understand this requires ongoing commitment from both sides in order to make this work.

Kind regards,  
the UWA Student Climate Community

