

EXECUTIVE BRIEF

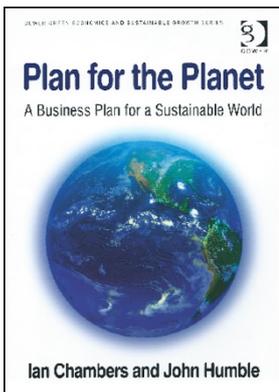


Young Australians'
Plan for the Planet

UNIVERSITIES OVERVIEW

The Young Australians' Plan for the Planet Program was launched at Questacon in Canberra on 12 August 2016 as part of UN International Youth Day.

Why the Young Australians' Plan for the Planet? In 2016 the United Nations launched the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as the framework to “end poverty, protect



the planet and ensure prosperity for all.” The Young Australians' Plan for the Planet provides an approach that enables promotion and delivery of the SDGs throughout Australia utilising an innovative national extra curricula

Why a national schools program? The Plan for the Planet approach was developed in 2012 to leverage the effectiveness of business planning, management and practice principles to achieve sustainable outcomes. It has now been adapted to promote and deliver the UN SDGs based on its integration of science, economics and geography knowledge with a focus on leveraging business management, leadership, teamwork principles and best practice. This will better develop and deliver local, regional and globally sustainable outcomes. Twenty schools across Australia are each developing a sustainable development plan for their regional EcoZone to 2050, then combining their EcoZone plans into a national sustainable development plan, Plan for the Planet (Aust). This will be presented to the Australian Prime Minister in Science Week August 2017.

Who will be involved? School teams each represent one of the 20 EcoZones that cover all major Australian cities and regional areas. Twelve or more Years 9-11 students per School, supported by three Teachers, build their regional EcoZone plan and work with all other schools to integrate these regional plans. With a Team Leader and Business Plan Manager, students each research one of the **12 Plan for the Planet Student Focus Areas**. The program operates over **Five Key Phases**: Phase 1. Nov-Dec 2016 Calibration & Orientation; Phase 2. Jan-Apr 2017 Discovery; Phase 3. Apr-May 2017 EcoZone Plan Build; Phase 4. May-Jun 2017 Combine National Plan; Phase 5. Jul-Aug 2017 Prime Minister's Presentation.

Role of Universities: Key support invited from each regional university is the **University Liaison** to connect with the high school. We'll assist

them to visit the school in the March/April timeframe, and talk about what the University is doing in the sustainability arena, and how students can link in and find out more information if required. We expect this to take about 40 minutes, and hopefully, will support the University's community liaison program as well. A Project Team member can join in for this session and be available to take overall questions on the program from students and teachers. Our project office team will be in touch to assist with the logistics. **Business Management:** A business management person, who can assist the students translate their 4 Key Priorities into a simple Business Planning Framework: i.e. Vision, Objectives, Strategies, Actions (Who, Where, When), Measures and Current Status. These will be compiled into the regional (EcoZone) plan, and then integrated into the national plan. We are also welcoming the business management team from each University to link in with the Discovery Phase of the program if this is useful.

Universities Sustainability Consortium: Finally, we are looking to link up each of the Universities who are supporting the program across the country, into a Sustainability Consortium. This will enable an exchange ideas and learning from the pilot stage in Australia, ready for expansion to other countries interested in the program - including Japan, Fiji, Costa Rica, Finland and USA.

Who are the key program advisor organisations? Questacon, Future Earth Australia, UN Youth, Foundation for Young Australians, Inspiring Australia, Australian National University (ANU), Fenner Foundation, University of New South Wales (UNSW), University of Technology Sydney (UTS), James Cook University (JCU), UN Information Centre (UNIC) Canberra and the OnePlanet Partnership.

How will the program move beyond the pilot? The program and website have been developed to be replicated and scalable beyond Australia, facilitating potential adoption by other countries. The potential outcome over a three-year period is a global Plan for the Planet to achieve the successful delivery of the UN SDGs to 2030 and global sustainable development to 2050.

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