

Environmental Risk



Risk management is integral to UQ's activities. The Enterprise Risk Management Framework (ERMF) includes 'non-negotiable' risk, where environmental harm must be minimised to avoid affecting natural ecosystems.



What UQ is doing

- The Environmental Management System assists staff and students to comply with legal responsibilities under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.
- New staff and students are required to complete induction training in sustainability.
- Within the Sustainability Office, compliance officers maintain environmental licenses and permits for daily activities, ensuring environmental safety.



Why this is important

- Non-compliance with environmental legislation risks harm to the environment, leading to potential fines, financial loss, and erosion of reputation and values.
- Environmental risks can harm others, from emissions exposure, chemical use and disposal.
- Controlling these risks through management and safe work practices keep the UQ community and environment safe.



What you can do

- Include environmental risk in risk assessments undertaken for UQ activities.
- Follow any procedures to reduce environmental risk.
- In labs, correctly dispose of chemicals and other waste, and choose greener chemical alternatives when doing experiments.
- If there is an actual or suspected environmental incident, contact Security, PF Assist, or the Sustainability Office to complete an investigation.

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