



# Water Management Policy Statement

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## Context

Cranfield University's mission is to work in partnership with business, academia, governments and other organisations to develop and deliver applied research and innovative education in science, technology, engineering and management. In achieving this mission, it is essential we manage our use of water in a sustainable manner.

## Aims

Since 2021 the University has had a target in place to reduce estate water consumption by 50% by the end of 2030 from a 2010 baseline by floor area.

In 2022, we signed the Sustainable Development Goals Accord, which committed us to combating poverty, water and food shortages, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation and promoting peace and justice. We also created a new Vision, to become a globally valued university for sustainability through our education, research and operations; and launched a new Corporate Plan, Ambition 2027, creating impact together with sustainability running throughout it.

## Approach

The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) oversees the management of water across the University estate and holds regular reviews to ensure that adequate progress is being made against its Water Management Plan (CU-SHE-PLAN-05 Water Management Plan V3.pdf (cranfield.ac.uk)). The University provides the necessary resources to ensure that targets are being met.

To be successful the University needs everyone who works, studies or lives on campus to help achieve this policy, in particular by:

- being aware of how much water they are responsible for using
- preventing waste by turning off taps and all other equipment when not needed
- sharing suggestions for cost-effective improvements in water management

This policy is communicated within the University and available to the general public, students and all persons working for, in or on behalf of the University.

**Approved:**

**Date: 09 June 2025**

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