

# ACTS 2021 STRATEGY

ENGAGE

EMPOWER

EXEMPLIFY



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## ALWAYS WAS, ALWAYS WILL BE

Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS) operates across the ancestral lands of many of Australia's and New Zealand's Indigenous peoples.

ACTS recognises the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional owners and custodians of the lands of Australia and the Islands of Torres Strait, and Māori as tangata whenua and Treaty of Waitangi partners in Aotearoa.

ACTS pays deepest respects to ancient learning cultures and traditions that have nurtured our lands and waters for thousands of generations, and acknowledges the importance of Indigenous knowledge in preserving and protecting Country for generations to come.



## COMMITTED TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

ACTS sees a sustainable future as one where the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs<sup>1</sup>.

Our organisation recognises that sustainable development (and by extension the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals) requires the harmonisation of economic, social and environmental dimensions to support equity and wellbeing for individuals, create inclusive and resilient communities, whilst protecting and restoring ecosystems.

ACTS acknowledges that social, cultural and financial wellbeing depends, either directly or indirectly, on our natural environment, and that sustainable practices are inherent in Indigenous culture.

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<sup>1</sup> Brundtland, G. (1987). Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development: *Our Common Future*. United Nations General Assembly document A/42/427.

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## OUR VISION

**Campus based organisations lead the transformation toward a sustainable future that is fair, just and equitable for all.**

## OUR MISSION

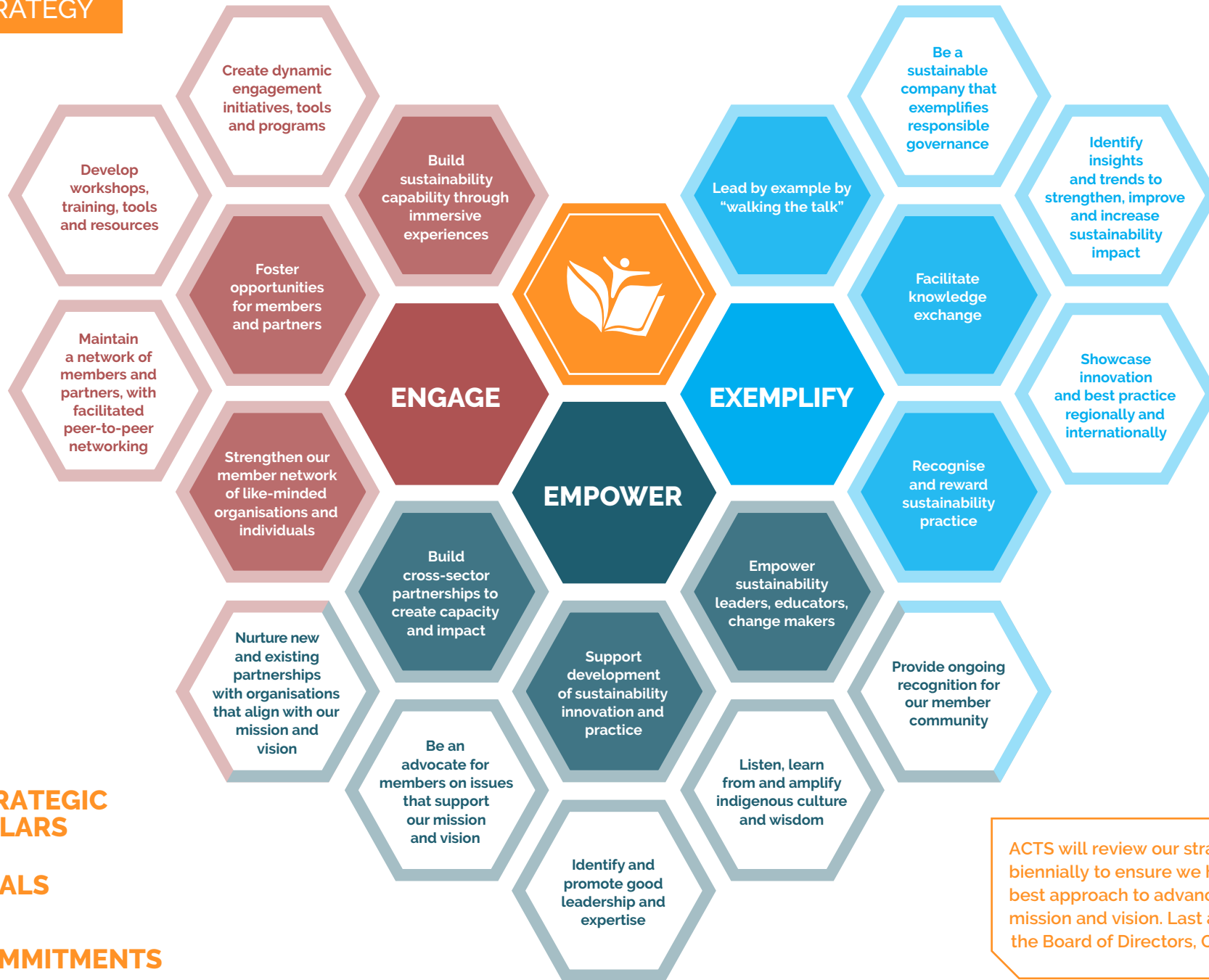
Engage, empower and exemplify all types of campus based organisations to lead on the transformation towards a sustainable future.

We do this by:

- > Being a respected and valued member network for institutions, organisations and individuals that share our vision.
- > Providing programs, resources, developmental and networking opportunities for members.
- > Building cross-sector partnerships, collaborating with stakeholders and bringing together educators, practitioners and change-makers to create a community for positive engagement, capacity building and impact.
- > Supporting top-down and bottom-up approaches that recognise the strength of collective efforts to drive change in this critical time.
- > Recognising that within campus organisations, higher education institutions play a pivotal role in leading sustainability transformations, particularly as living labs.
- > Utilising the Sustainable Development Goals as a framework to address the urgent global issues that threaten a thriving future.



# OUR STRATEGY



- STRATEGIC PILLARS
- GOALS
- COMMITMENTS

ACTS will review our strategy biennially to ensure we have the best approach to advance our mission and vision. Last approved by the Board of Directors, October 2021.