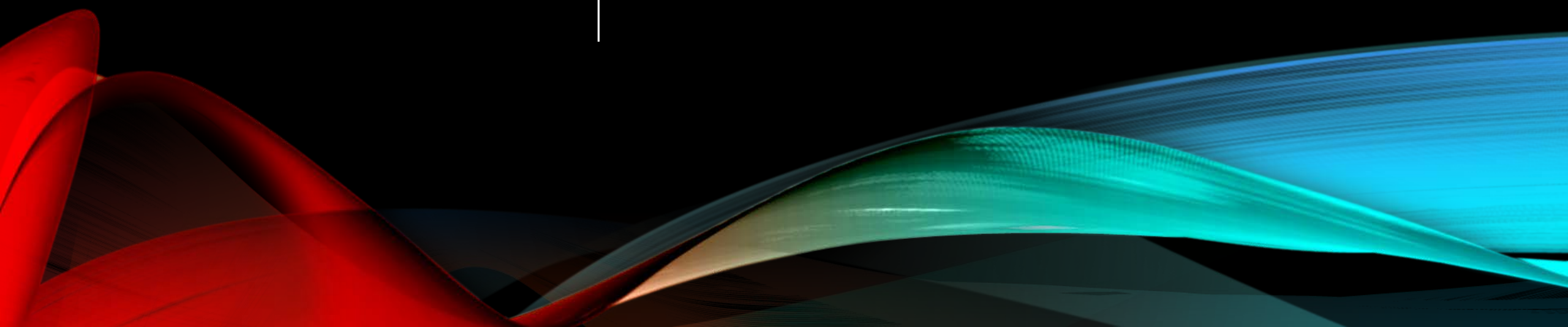


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SDGS, UNI'S & STUDENTS



OUTLINE



- Introduction
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TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD:



THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



1 NO POVERTY



TARGET 1-1



ERADICATE EXTREME POVERTY

TARGET 1-2



REDUCE POVERTY BY AT LEAST 50%

TARGET 1-3



IMPLEMENT SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS

TARGET 1-A



MOBILIZE RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES TO END POVERTY

TARGET 1-B



CREATE PRO-POOR AND GENDER-SENSITIVE POLICY FRAMEWORKS



Our goal this morning is to prompt us all to think about:

**What is the role of students in helping
achieve the SDG agenda?**



How does your work relate to the SDGs?

Declaration in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development :

Never before have world leaders pledged common action and endeavour across such a broad and universal policy agenda. We are setting out together on the path towards sustainable development, devoting ourselves collectively to the pursuit of global development and of “win-win” cooperation which can bring huge gains to all countries and all parts of the world.

www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/migration/generalassembly/docs/globalcompact/A_RES_70_1_E.pdf

UNDERSTANDING THE SDG AGENDA

- Ambition: Transformative change
- Scope: Multiple issues, all sectors
- Site: Everywhere, all nations
- Requirements:
 - New information, knowledge, skills (e.g. systems thinking)
 - New approaches, relationships, partnerships
 - New commitment, resolve, resourcing



EXAMPLE OF AN
SDG NECESSITY:

NOT JUST MORE
INNOVATION...

ETHICAL
INNOVATION



Four core principles



Responsible – anticipatory, precautionary



Inclusive - collaborative, systemic



Disruptive - bold , impactful



Engaged – purposeful, committed

'What we're seeing now is that businesses can spend a lot of money on amazing sustainability initiatives and programs, but it's how a business makes its money that's fundamentally in question'

Catherine Hunter (KPMG, ex-Chair of the GCAN)

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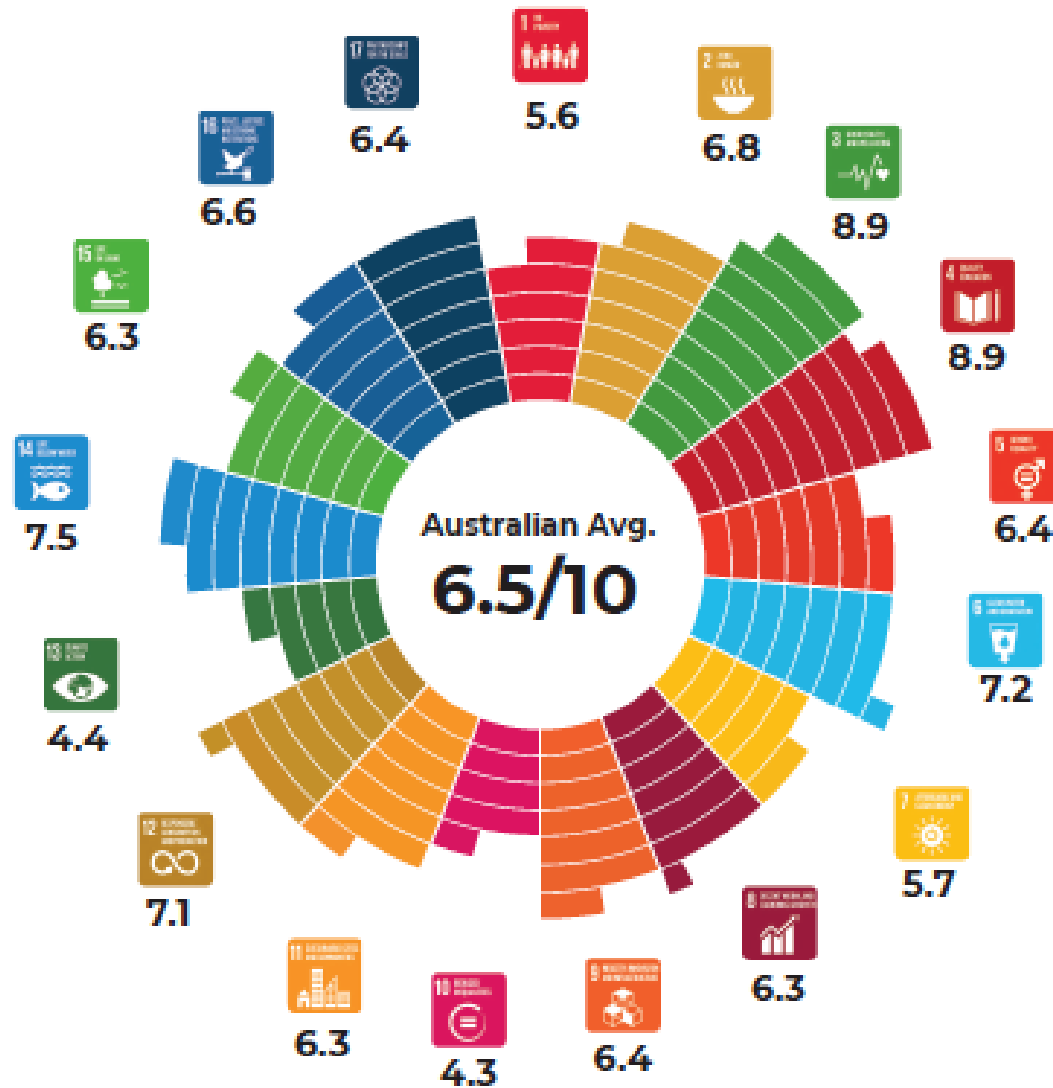


Figure 5. Australia's SDG Indicator Scorecard (source: Transforming Australia: SDG Progress Report p. 2) ^{††} Each score is out of 10.

Snapshot of Australian action on the SDGs

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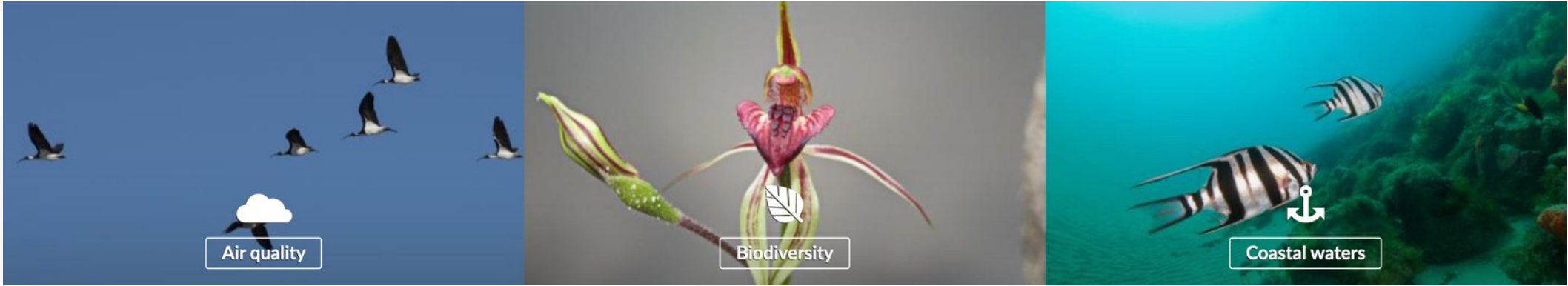
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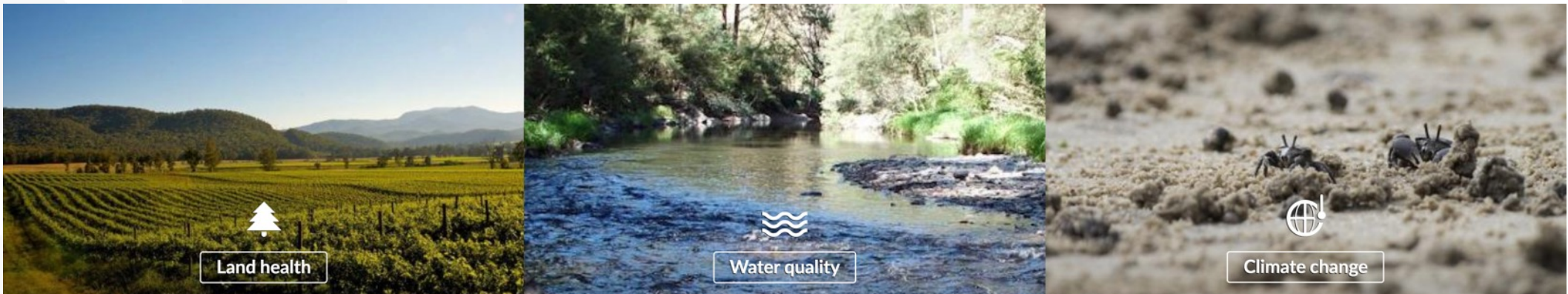


The report 'indicates [the UN] wants to be a left-wing think tank'

A screenshot of the Parliament of Australia website. The header includes the Australian coat of arms and the text 'PARLIAMENT of AUSTRALIA'. A navigation menu contains 'HOME', 'PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS', 'SENATORS AND MEMBERS', 'NEWS', 'EVENTS', and 'ABOUT PARLIAMENT'. Below the menu is a breadcrumb trail: 'HOME / PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS / COMMITTEES / SENATE COMMITTEES / SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) / REPORT / DISSIDENTING REPORT FROM COALITION SENATORS'. The main heading reads 'Dissenting Report from Coalition Senators'. Below this is a small text block containing information about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Council's role.



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Finance moves a step closer to sustainable goals

A major conference of the UN Environment Finance Initiative in Australia has been told that the weight of money is driving the shift towards a more sustainable economy.

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UN Sustainable Development Goals

As one of Australia's largest companies, we're well placed to help advance the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Wednesday 23 August 2017

Melbourne Water has signed up to the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative.

Environmental
ability



Linked to this, we also signed a public CEO Statement of Support for the UN Sustainable Development Goals along with over thirty other leaders in the Australian business community.

By signing, we are committing to:

- making the UNGC and the SDGs part of our strategy, culture and day-to-day operations
- communicating with stakeholders on an annual basis our progress in implementing the principles and our efforts to support societal priorities.

Melbourne Water is in a unique position to contribute to the UNGC and SDGs as water is a vital part of sustainable communities. By supporting the goals, we are building on a solid foundation provided by our vision of 'Enhancing Life and Liveability' and also our strong history in sustainability.



Examples of organisations' SDG engagement



UNIVERSITIES: MULTIPLE FUNCTIONS, MULTIPLE DRIVERS FOR SDG ENGAGEMENT

Figure 8. Multidimensional drivers pushing universities to engage with the SDG agenda.

NEW PERFORMANCE CRITERIA FOR UNIVERSITIES



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The *Times Higher Education* University Impact Rankings are the only global performance tables that assess universities against the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We use carefully calibrated indicators to provide comprehensive and balanced comparisons across three broad areas: **research**, **outreach**, and **stewardship**.

NEW PERFORMANCE CRITERIA FOR UNIVERSITIES

Research: to what extent is the university creating knowledge to address the world's problems?

Stewardship: to what extent is the university managing resources and teaching well, and enacting the 'good' university?


Outreach: to what extent is the university directly acting in society to help meet the SDGs?

[From TIMES Higher Education SDG index]

UNI'S AND THE SDGs

'There is no 'right' way for a university to engage with the SDGs. How universities choose to act will depend on their size, context, research or educational strengths, funding availability, values, priorities and the needs of the communities they serve'.





What do you think are some of the key things universities need to do to help achieve the SDGs?

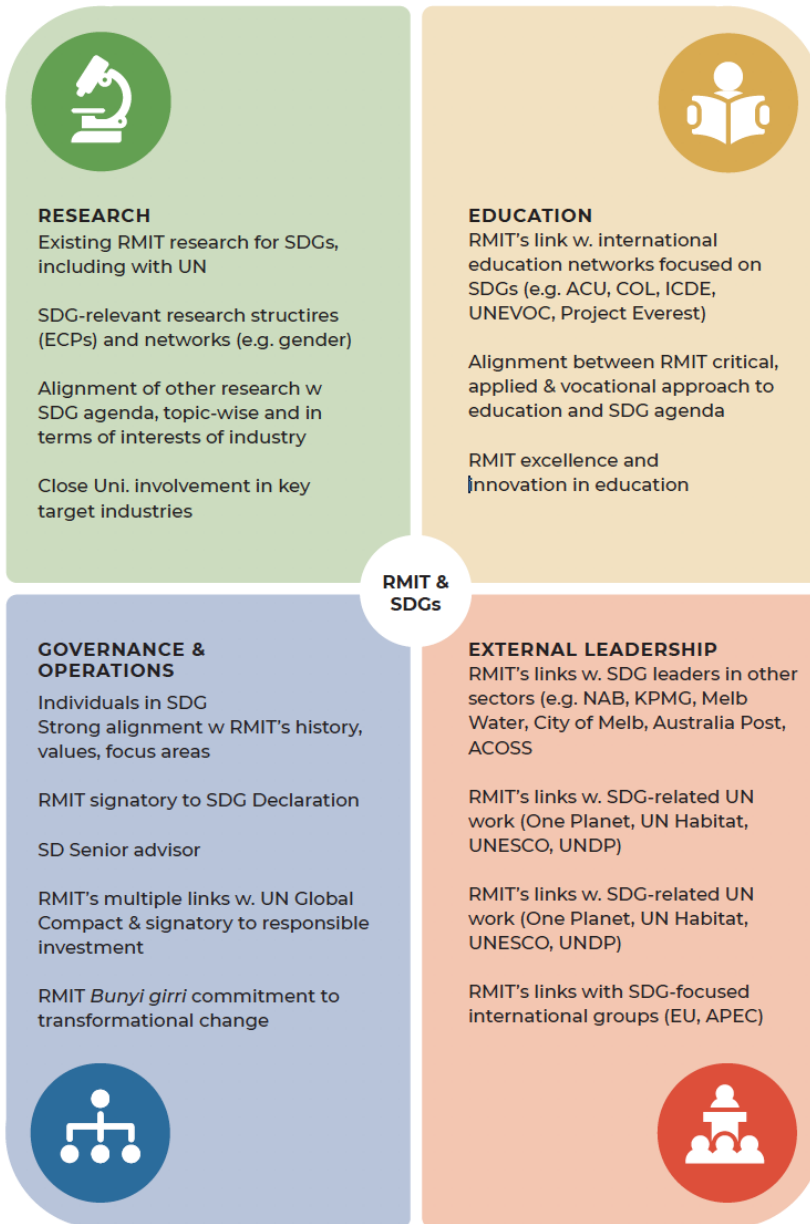


What is the role of students in helping
achieve the SDG agenda?



How does your work relate to the SDGs?

How has your thinking developed?...



DRIVERS FOR RMIT ENGAGEMENT ON SDGS

Figure 10. Summary of some of the main drivers impelling RMIT to engage more strongly with the SDGs.