

Enhancing Biodiversity Values at Deakin

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Sam Smith, ESD Officer at Deakin University will outline the journey Deakin is taking to fulfil the 2030 aspiration of having biodiversity corridors established on Deakin's campuses in response to sustainability targets set as part of the commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Enhancing the biodiversity values of Deakin's campuses is an exercise in collaboration and stakeholder engagement. Anticipating campus growth in the face of a changing climate with the ultimate aim being to ensure the natural environment is seen as a priority in master planning and design development.

Bio

Sam Smith is an architect with a history in sustainable development and strategic planning. Sam currently combines her understanding of master planning and the design process with experience in international permaculture development projects in the NGO sector, emissions reduction programs with Local Government and engaging community through sustainable education and climate change programs in her current role as Deakin's Environmental Sustainability officer.

Her work with the Organisational Sustainability team at Deakin delivers on the Sustainable Built Environment, Climate Change Adaptation and Biodiversity outcomes. She has a strong focus on embedding sustainability in the design process, early stakeholder engagement and collaboration as the keys to delivering great project outcomes.