

Sustain Queensland 2025:

A co-hosted summit on Queensland's transition economy and industry decarbonisation

Ambition into action

Queensland stands at a pivotal moment in its sustainability journey. As industry and academia unite to advance regional decarbonisation, clean finance, circular innovation and community transitions, we have a unique opportunity to build on this momentum. So how can we continue to collaborate across sectors to shape a sustainable economic future for Queensland?



Sustain Queensland 2025 brings together changemakers from across sectors to explore these frontiers through dynamic panels, thought leadership dialogues, and an afternoon of insight and exchange.

Co-hosted by **UQ Business School** and **Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia** (BCSDA), this event highlights collaboration, credibility, and action in building a just, resilient, and sustainable Queensland economy.

Why attend?

- *Hear from senior voices across business, government, and academia as they map Queensland's path to a net-zero, regionally inclusive economy*
- *Explore real-world approaches to decarbonisation, circularity, and innovation*
- *Engage in live audience polling and contribute your voice to the discussion*



PROGRAM

| Time | Session | Details |
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| 1.30-2.00pm | Guest arrival and registration | The Long Room, Customs House |
| 2.00-2.15pm | Program commences. Acknowledgement of Country and Opening Remarks | Professor Brent Ritchie , Academic Dean and Head of School, UQ Business School Andrew Petersen , CEO, BCSDA |
| 2.15-2.40pm | Keynote Interview: A Vision for Queensland's Sustainable Future | Kenote Speaker (TBC) Professor Brent Ritchie , Academic Dean and Head of School, UQ Business School |
| 2.40-3.30pm | Panel 1: Transition Economy and Corporate Accountability <i>Queensland's transition to a low-carbon future involves complex interplays between policy, capital, industry, and community. This panel brings together voices from clean energy finance, business leadership, and climate governance to discuss what a resilient and inclusive transition should look like. What are the enabling mechanisms? Who is accountable? How do we embed equity across sectors?</i> | Heidi Cooper , CEO, Business Chamber Queensland Ian Learmonth , CEO, Clean Energy Finance Corporation Professor Belinda Wade , Business Sustainability Initiative Research Hub, UQ Business School Facilitator: Andrew Petersen , CEO, BCSDA |
| 3.30-3.40pm | Audience Poll: Challenges and Opportunities | TBC |
| 3.40-4.00pm | Afternoon Tea break | |
| 4.00-4.50pm | Panel 2: Momentum for Change: Accelerating Industry Decarbonisation <i>This panel explores how industry and academia are advancing practical change through partnership. From regenerative tourism to climate disclosure, from community consent to infrastructure innovation — it highlights real examples of systemic change, cross-sector collaboration, and the barriers still to overcome.</i> | Professor Sara Dolnicar , ARC Australian Laureate Fellow and Professor in Tourism, UQ Business School Professor Matthew Hornsey , ARC Australian Laureate Fellow and Lead, Net Zero Observatory, UQ Business School Ramola Yardi , Corporate ESG Manager, Australian Rail Track Corporation Facilitator: Professor Kath Herbohn , Lead, Business Sustainability Initiative Research Hub, UQ Business School |
| 4.50-5.00pm | Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks | Professor Brent Ritchie , Academic Dean and Head of School, UQ Business School Andrew Petersen , CEO, BCSDA |
| 5.00-6.00pm | Networking | Drinks and canapes served |

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