

ANU UNIVERSITY TRAVEL SURVEY 2024 SNAPSHOT REPORT



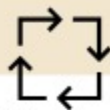
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ANU travel practices and low carbon travel survey



Aim

- To establish a baseline of travel practices and the uptake and support of low carbon travel actions across the ANU community



Methodology

- Distributed between Dec 2023-Mar 2024 via email, newsletters and SharePoint sites
- 16 questions ~10 min to complete

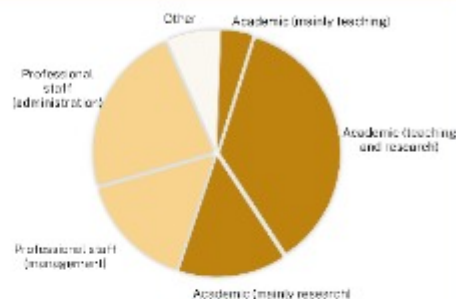


Figure 1 Distribution of respondents by staff role



Respondents

- 505 attempted responses
- Completion rate of 76%
- 473 completed over half of survey
- Academic staff were over represented
- Most responses came from College of Arts and Social Sciences

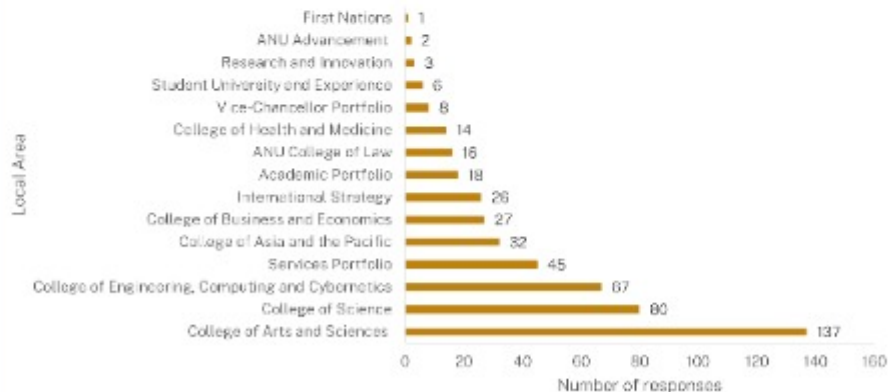


Figure 2 Distribution of respondents by local area

Support for 50% travel emissions reduction



Overall support



77%



17%



6%

Support target

Are neutral

Do not support target



Indicators of support

- Academic staff were least likely to be 'Highly supportive' of the target.
- Staff who were aware of the target prior to completing the survey were slightly more likely to support the target

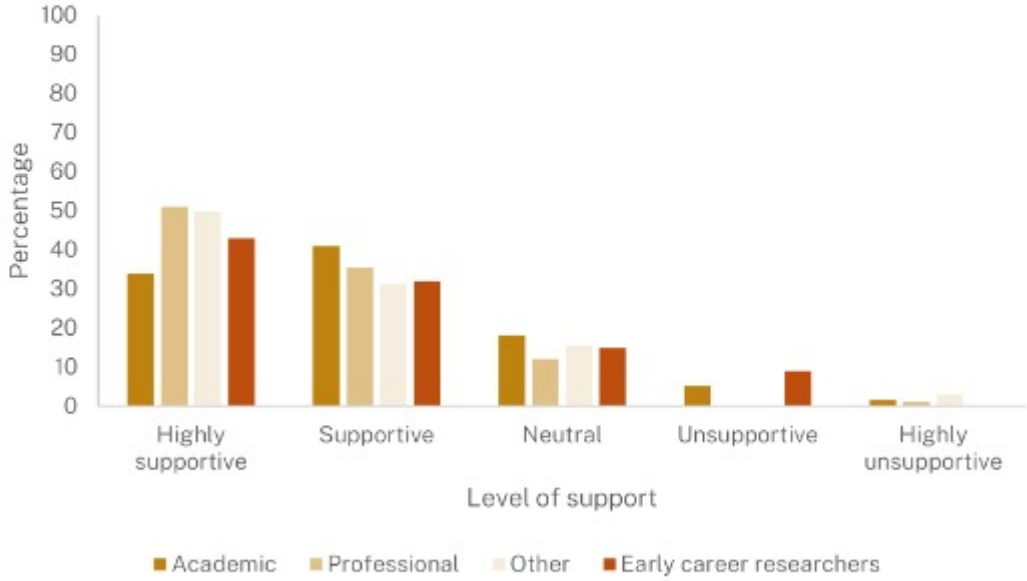


Figure 3 Support for the target by staff role

Actions taken to reduce emissions



Action is already happening

- Most staff have undertaken at least one action that resulted in reduced travel emissions in the past year



Figure 4 Percentage of staff who have already undertaken one action that reduces emissions

Most common reported actions



- #1 Organised an online meeting or event



- #2 Took land-based travel instead of flying



- #3 Combined a personal trip with a University trip



Professional staff actions

Most popular

- Organised an online/virtual meeting or event
- Took shared land-based transport
- Chose to attend a meeting/conference virtually

Least popular

- Purchase carbon offsets from airlines or other organisations
- Calculate a trips carbon footprint and make changes to reduce emissions
- Make an annual or biannual travel plan prioritising high value opportunities



Academic staff actions

Most popular

- Took shared land-based transport
- Organised an online/virtual meeting or event
- Combined a personal trip with a university trip

Least popular

- Plan travel related to field work
- Calculate a trips carbon footprint and make changes to reduce emissions
- Purchase carbon offsets from airlines or other organisations

Proposed actions that are supported by staff



Expand AV capability and support for online events



Support staff who attend virtual conferences in different time zones



Provide recommendations to staff on how to reduce travel emissions

Progress

Piloting



Below Zero has recently commenced a trial of a mobile AV trolley to improve access to AV technology in Hedley Bull

Ideas generation

- Dedicated spaces on campus with high quality facilities, security and access to rest/rejuvenation areas?
- Out of timezone conference leave?

Commenced



Below Zero has recently launched the carbon smart travel guide.

Implementing actions to reduce emissions



Low effort



- Only go to relevant events
- Attend meetings online
- Combine trips to nearby destinations



Highly supported



- Expand AV capability and support for online events



- Support staff who attend virtual conferences in other timezones
- Provide recommendations to staff on how to reduce emissions



More effort



- Calculate carbon footprint and change travel plans



Big impact



- Develop travel plans so travel is coordinated to reduce emissions



- Support academics to maintain their profile with less travel

- Carbon fee on travel emissions



Individual actions



Local area actions



University-wide actions