

AUATC Terms of Reference April 2021- April 2023

1. To establish a network of academics from all eight universities to address current high carbon academic mobility practices in New Zealand. While most university travel arises from academic staff, this network will consider all university staff travel including senior managers, and those engaged in brand promotion, global engagement/student recruitment

a. To advance networks, relationship building and coordinated collective action to reduce academic travel emissions on the part of all New Zealand universities

b. To research current academic travel practices collaboratively, and responses to the impacts of COVID-19 on academic practices

c. To explore opportunities for virtual substitution to reduce academic travel emissions by sharing lessons from running virtual conferences;

2. To work with institutional sustainability offices at New Zealand universities, to provide academic perspectives on mitigation measures. The activities of the network will extend to advising UNZ and hence, indirectly, the New Zealand government, and other relevant organisations

a. To offer advice on institutional policies that shape academic travel practices;

b. To seek to improve social justice and equity of access globally, building on the opportunity that the pandemic crisis (e.g., transition to virtual conferences and webinars) has provided

c. To consider what is happening overseas in particular in Australia, with a view to extending the network to include Australian universities.