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## **UTAS Supports Earth Hour, Every Hour 2010**

UTAS will be switching off for an hour this Saturday night as it takes part in the annual global Earth Hour event.

The University will be turning off all non-essential lights and computers within all buildings across all three campuses between 8.30 and 9.30pm this Saturday 27 March.

UTAS Sustainability Manager Kamal Singh said all staff and students are being encouraged to participate in the event.

“The University of Tasmania is committed to sustainable practices, and Earth Hour presents a symbolic action to demonstrate this commitment,” Mr Singh said.

This year’s mantra for Earth Hour is ‘Earth Hour, Every Hour’ and 2010 will be the third year that the University has been a registered Earth Hour participant.

“This important event is part of the UTAS Strategic Plan to reduce its carbon footprint and energy expenditure and a clear example of the steps that the University is taking to reduce its impact on the environment,” Mr Singh said.

As part of Earth Hour 2010, staff, students and the Tasmanian community are invited to join an evening of free food and entertainment to celebrate a combined commitment to environmental sustainability.

The outdoor public event will be hosted by UTAS Accommodation Services and Asset Management Services and will be held at Accommodation Services Amphitheatre, top of College Rd, Sandy Bay.

Information about UTAS’s contribution to Earth Hour can be found at:  
[http://www.env.utas.edu.au/news\\_events.htm](http://www.env.utas.edu.au/news_events.htm)

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