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World Environment Day highlights the growing demand for expertise in understanding and managing the environment to make our world a better place to live, both now and for future generations to come.

UTAS Launceston is meeting this demand with its degrees in Environmental Science, Applied Science (Marine Environment) and Health Science (Environmental Health). These degrees include studies in a wide range of areas, such as marine science, wilderness management, chemical monitoring, resource management, food quality and safety, occupational health and safety, and environmental policy.

Graduates from these degrees will contribute to the development of a sustainable world through employment in government environment departments, natural resource management agencies, water management authorities, industry and private consulting companies, and undertake duties such as environmental and natural resource management, pollution monitoring and environmental impact assessments, water and waste water management, policy analysis and implementation, and as Environmental Health Officers.

UTAS Launceston is also developing and applying its expertise in understanding and managing the environment with a number of projects currently underway, including:

- Developing environmental monitoring programs for the Tamar Estuary
- Developing in-field monitoring techniques for sampling environmental contaminants
- Investigating the environmental effects on population characteristics between generations of the short-lived southern dumpling squid, *Euprymna tasmanica*
- Investigating a risk model to assist with maintaining quarantine through assessing the awareness and public perceptions of *Didymosphenia geminata* within Tasmania
- Studying the effects of changing catchment land use on estuarine water quality and productivity
- Development of novel removal techniques for *Gambusia* from ecologically sensitive environments, particularly the Tamar wetlands

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