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# **PREMIER'S CLIMATE CHANGE COUNCIL**

## **2022-23 Annual Report**

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To:

The Hon Susan Close MP

Deputy Premier; Minister for Climate, Environment and Water

This annual report will be presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of the *Public Sector Act 2009* (PS Act) (Part 3, s12), the *Public Sector Regulations 2010* (PS Regulations) (Part 2, s7), section 13 of the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007* and the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the Premier's Climate Change Council by:

Martin Kinnear Haese

Chair, Premier's Climate Change Council

Date\_1 August 2023\_\_\_\_\_

Signature



## **From the Chair**

On behalf of the Council, I am pleased to present the 2022-23 Annual Report for the Premier's Climate Change Council of South Australia.

The Council is proud of South Australia's climate change action to date and committed to ensuring the state remains at the front of the global race towards the future green economy.

The Council continues to be supportive of the state's climate emergency declaration that reaffirms the urgent need to reduce emissions and build resilience.

The Council commends the state government's commitment to updating the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007* to reflect current targets and encourage stronger climate action.

The Council is also invested in the government's work to plan a pathway for the state to reach net zero emissions and acknowledges the importance of this work to meet the state's emissions reduction targets.

Council members have supported several climate change initiatives over the reporting period. This includes South Australia's Industry Climate Change Conference; the 2022 SA Climate Leaders Awards; submissions in relation to planning reform; and engagement with stakeholder groups and government Ministers on priority climate change projects for the state.

South Australia's inaugural Industry Climate Change Conference, held on 20-21 April 2023 was a key highlight, with the Council heavily involved in the delivery of this event which attracted over 850 attendees across business, industry and government.

I thank my fellow Council members for their expertise and commitment to providing advice on climate change issues.

The Council looks forward to continuing to provide direction and strategic advice to the state's climate change agenda over the year ahead.



Martin Haese

**Chair**

**Premier's Climate Change Council**

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## Overview: about the Premier's Climate Change Council

### Our strategic focus

<p><b>Our Purpose</b></p>	<p>The Council's purpose is to provide independent and expert advice to the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water and the South Australian Government on climate change mitigation and adaptation.</p>
<p><b>Our functions, objectives and deliverables</b></p>	<p>The Council's primary function is to provide independent advice to the Minister about matters associated with reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• achieving energy efficiencies</li> <li>• increasing the use of renewable energy</li> <li>• developing methods to remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere</li> <li>• establishing and achieving relevant targets</li> <li>• considering the impact of climate change on business and the wider community</li> <li>• assessing costs associated with reducing or limiting climate change (or failing to take action)</li> <li>• commercial or other opportunities associated with climate change, and</li> <li>• the effectiveness of targets under the <i>Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007</i> (the Act).</li> </ul> <p>The Council also has a role in consulting with business, the environment and conservation movement and the wider community about issues relating to climate change.</p>

### Our organisational structure

In accordance with section 9(2) of the Act, the Council consists of at least seven and not more than ten members appointed by the Minister. As at 30 June 2023, Council membership included:

Mr Martin Haese (Chair)	Dr Penny Schulz
Mr Daniel Bennett	Professor Richard Turner (Deputy Chair)
Mr Daniel Conley	Ms Sandra Verschoor
Ms Susan Jeanes	Mr Craig Wilkins

Further information on Council membership and remuneration is reported in the *South Australian Government Board and Committee Information Annual Report 2022-23*.

## **Changes to the Council**

During 2022-23 there were no changes to the Council's structure and objectives as a result of internal reviews or machinery of government changes.

## **Our Minister**

The Premier's Climate Change Council reports to the Hon Dr Susan Close MP as the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water.

The Minister also oversees the following portfolios:

- Deputy Premier
- Industry, Innovation and Science
- Defence and Space Industries

## **Our Executive team**

Mr Martin Haese is the Chair of the Premier's Climate Change Council.

The Council has no staff of its own and utilises the services of Department for Environment and Water (DEW). Reporting on this matter is contained in the DEW 2022-23 Annual Report.

## **Legislation administered by the Council**

The Council is responsible for complying with the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007*, which is administered by the Department for Environment and Water.

## **Other related agencies**

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) provides policy advice as well as executive, administrative and project support to the Council.

## The Council’s performance

### Performance at a glance

A key role of the Council is to provide advice to the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water and the South Australian Government on matters relating to climate change mitigation and building resilience. The Council actively identifies and takes advantage of opportunities to support implementation of priority actions to address and mitigate climate change in South Australia, and to ensure climate change is considered in key areas of government policy.

During the 2022-23 financial year reporting period the Council has provided feedback and developed submissions through public consultation processes, and through meetings with Ministers, government agencies and other government boards and councils.

The Council takes a leadership role in consulting with stakeholders about issues associated with climate change, to disseminate information and encourage climate action. This includes holding joint meetings and presenting at stakeholder forums.

The Council recognises the importance of contributing towards reconciliation with First Nations people. The Council is actively working to align with the *DEW Reconciliation Action Plan 2021-24*.

The Council held 5 meetings in the 2022-23 reporting year. Martin Haese, Richard Turner, Daniel Conley, Susan Jeanes and Craig Wilkins attended all 5 meetings; Daniel Bennett, Penny Schulz and Sandy Verschoor attended 4 meetings.

### Council contribution to whole of Government objectives

Council’s contribution
<p>The Council has contributed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• delivery of South Australia’s inaugural Industry Climate Change Conference on 20-21 April 2023</li> <li>• the implementation of the <i>Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007</i></li> <li>• support for the planning and delivery of state government climate change priorities (legislative amendments, net zero planning, state risk assessment)</li> <li>• the consideration of climate change in government policy and planning.</li> </ul>

### Council specific objectives and performance

Council objectives	Indicators	Performance
Support implementation of priority actions to address and	The Council plays an active role in identifying, reviewing and monitoring the	The Council supported the implementation of state government climate change initiatives. The Council work plan

<p>mitigate climate change in South Australia</p>	<p>progress of priority climate change actions.</p>	<p>was updated in August 2022 to reflect current priorities, following a presentation by the Deputy Premier.</p> <p>In November 2022, the Chair presented to state government Ministers on priorities for climate change action. This was followed by individual meetings in early 2023 with Ministers and relevant agency officials.</p> <p>The Council supported delivery of the 2023 Industry Climate Change Conference on 20-21 April, through strategic direction, participation as speakers and facilitators, and promotion. The event was considered a success with over 850 attendees from industry, business and various levels of government. The program involved 60 speakers across the two days, including keynote speakers, panel sessions, and case study presentations. Key findings from a survey following the event included: 95% of respondents saying they would attend a future conference; 72% of respondents scored the conference between an 8-10; and over 70% of respondents rated the overall quality of the conference program as ‘excellent’ or ‘very good’.</p> <p>The Council reviewed the 2022 annual progress report for <i>South Australian Government Climate Change Actions</i>.</p>
<p>Influence the consideration of climate change in state government strategy, policy and planning</p>	<p>The Council identifies and takes advantage of opportunities to ensure climate change is considered in key areas of government policy.</p>	<p>During 2022-23, Council submissions or feedback were provided on: Planning System Implementation Review; Flooding Hazards Mapping Update Code Amendment; Net Zero Pathway planning; and amendments to the <i>Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007</i>.</p>

<p>Engage with local government, business and industry, peak bodies and communities about climate change risks and opportunities</p>	<p>The Council and its members develop partnerships and collaborate and engage with relevant stakeholder groups to strengthen the understanding of climate risk and opportunities within our State.</p>	<p>Council members held meetings with a range of stakeholders and presented at local forums on climate related issues and opportunities. Examples include presentations to the Greater Adelaide Regional Organisation of Councils (GAROC); Climate Tech Showcase; Local Government Financial Managers Authority; State Planning Commission; and Community Climate Panel meetings.</p>
<p>Promote and inspire climate smart action and recognise climate leadership</p>	<p>The Council actively engages to promote and inspire climate change action and leadership. The Council also delivers the biennial SA Climate Leaders Awards.</p>	<p>The Council Chair, Martin Haese, participated in events promoting South Australia's climate change leadership at Climate Week New York City 2022.</p> <p>The SA Climate Leaders Awards were held in November 2022, recognising leadership across the business, community, government and research/education sectors.</p>

**Employment opportunity programs**

The Council has no staff of its own and utilises the services of the Department for Environment and Water (DEW). Reporting on this matter is contained in the DEW Annual Report 2022-23. Executive, administrative and project support were provided to the Council from existing departmental resources.

**Council performance management and development systems**

<p><b>Performance management and development system</b></p>	<p><b>Performance</b></p>
<p>Government employees supporting the Council's operations undertake a performance review and development program with their managers.</p>	<p>Performance development processes were undertaken in line with the requirements of the Department for Environment and Water.</p>
<p>Number of Council meetings held during the reporting period.</p>	<p>Five Council meetings were held during the reporting period.</p>

**Work health, safety and return to work programs**

<b>Program name</b>	<b>Performance</b>
The Council abides by the relevant health and safety policies and procedures adopted by the Department for Environment and Water to meet whole of Government and legislative requirements.	Reporting on this matter is contained within the Department for Environment and Water Annual Report 2022-23.

<b>Workplace injury claims</b>	<b>Current year 2022-23</b>	<b>Past year 2021-22</b>	<b>% Change (+ / -)</b>
Total new workplace injury claims	0	0	0%
Fatalities	0	0	0%
Seriously injured workers*	0	0	0%
Significant injuries (where lost time exceeds a working week, expressed as frequency rate per 1000 FTE)	0	0	0%

*\*number of claimants assessed during the reporting period as having a whole person impairment of 30% or more under the Return to Work Act 2014 (Part 2 Division 5)*

<b>Work health and safety regulations</b>	<b>Current year 2022-23</b>	<b>Past year 2021-22</b>	<b>% Change (+ / -)</b>
Number of notifiable incidents ( <i>Work Health and Safety Act 2012, Part 3</i> )	0	0	0%
Number of provisional improvement, improvement and prohibition notices ( <i>Work Health and Safety Act 2012 Sections 90, 191 and 195</i> )	0	0	0%

<b>Return to work costs**</b>	<b>Current year 2022-23</b>	<b>Past year 2021-22</b>	<b>% Change (+ / -)</b>
Total gross workers compensation expenditure (\$)	0	0	0%
Income support payments – gross (\$)	0	0	0%

*\*\*before third party recovery*

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/premiers-climate-change-council-annual-report-data>.

**Executive employment in the Council**

<b>Executive classification</b>	<b>Number of executives</b>
SAES all levels	0

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/premiers-climate-change-council-annual-report-data>.

The [Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment](#) has a [workforce information](#) page that provides further information on the breakdown of executive gender, salary and tenure by agency.

## Financial performance

### Financial performance at a glance

The Council is a statutory body: it is not a corporate entity and has no funds of its own. Reporting on this matter is contained in the Department for Environment and Water Annual Report 2022-23.

The costs associated with the administration of the Council are met from within existing departmental resources.

Council members are remunerated in accordance with a recommendation by the Chief Executive, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, in line with the Cabinet approved Remuneration Framework.

### Consultants disclosure

The Council did not engage any external consultants during the reporting period.

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/premiers-climate-change-council-annual-report-data>.

See also the [Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance](#) for total value of consultancy contracts across the South Australian Public Sector.

### Contractors disclosure

The Council did not engage with any external contractors during this reporting period.

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/premiers-climate-change-council-annual-report-data>.

The details of South Australian Government-awarded contracts for goods, services, and works are displayed on the SA Tenders and Contracts website. [View the agency list of contracts](#).

The website also provides details of [across government contracts](#).

## Risk management

### Risk and audit at a glance

Nil to report.

### Fraud detected in the agency

There were no instances of fraud detected in the activities undertaken by the Council in this reporting period.

*NB: Fraud reported includes actual and reasonably suspected incidents of fraud.*

### Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Strategies to detect instances of fraud are reported in the Department for Environment and Water Annual Report 2022-23.

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/premiers-climate-change-council-annual-report-data>.

### Public interest disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018*:

0

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/premiers-climate-change-council-annual-report-data>.

Note: Disclosure of public interest information was previously reported under the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993* and repealed by the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018* on 1/7/2019.

## Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<i>Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007</i>	<p>Section 13 of the Act relates to Annual reporting. The Council must, on or before 31 October in each year, provide to the Minister a report on its activities for the financial year ending on the preceding 30 June.</p> <p>The Minister must cause a copy of the report to be laid before both Houses of Parliament within 6 sitting days after the report is provided to the Minister.</p>

This report is developed to meet the requirements of Section 13 of the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007*.

### Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005*

Not applicable.

## Public complaints

### Number of public complaints reported

Complaint categories	Sub-categories	Example	Number of Complaints 2022-23
Professional behaviour	Staff attitude	Failure to demonstrate values such as empathy, respect, fairness, courtesy, extra mile; cultural competency	0
Professional behaviour	Staff competency	Failure to action service request; poorly informed decisions; incorrect or incomplete service provided	0
Professional behaviour	Staff knowledge	Lack of service specific knowledge; incomplete or out-of-date knowledge	0
Communication	Communication quality	Inadequate, delayed or absent communication with customer	0
Communication	Confidentiality	Customer's confidentiality or privacy not respected; information shared incorrectly	0
Service delivery	Systems/technology	System offline; inaccessible to customer; incorrect result/information provided; poor system design	0
Service delivery	Access to services	Service difficult to find; location poor; facilities/ environment poor standard; not accessible to customers with disabilities	0
Service delivery	Process	Processing error; incorrect process used; delay in processing application; process not customer responsive	0
Policy	Policy application	Incorrect policy interpretation; incorrect policy applied; conflicting policy advice given	0
Policy	Policy content	Policy content difficult to understand; policy unreasonable or disadvantages customer	0

<b>Complaint categories</b>	<b>Sub-categories</b>	<b>Example</b>	<b>Number of Complaints 2022-23</b>
Service quality	Information	Incorrect, incomplete, out-dated or inadequate information; not fit for purpose	0
Service quality	Access to information	Information difficult to understand, hard to find or difficult to use; not plain English	0
Service quality	Timeliness	Lack of staff punctuality; excessive waiting times (outside of service standard); timelines not met	0
Service quality	Safety	Maintenance; personal or family safety; duty of care not shown; poor security service/ premises; poor cleanliness	0
Service quality	Service responsiveness	Service design doesn't meet customer needs; poor service fit with customer expectations	0
No case to answer	No case to answer	Third party; customer misunderstanding; redirected to another agency; insufficient information to investigate	0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Additional Metrics</b>	<b>Total</b>
Number of positive feedback comments	0
Number of negative feedback comments	0
Total number of feedback comments	0
% complaints resolved within policy timeframes	N/A

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/premiers-climate-change-council-annual-report-data>.

**Service Improvements**

No customer complaints or feedback were received in relation to the Council.

**Compliance Statement**

The Department for Environment and Water is compliant with the Premier and Cabinet Circular 039 – complaint management in the South Australian public sector. The Premier's Climate Change Council adheres with these departmental complaints policies and procedures.