

CLIMATE CHANGE SECTOR AGREEMENT

For the Southern Adelaide Region 2024-2029

Pursuant to the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007*

BETWEEN

CITY OF HOLDFAST BAY

and

CITY OF MARION

and

CITY OF MITCHAM

and

CITY OF ONKAPARINGA

and

THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

THIS AGREEMENT is made the [28th] day of [March] 2024

BETWEEN

- (1) the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water (the Minister) on behalf of the Government of South Australia
- and
- (2) the Southern Adelaide region, consisting of the following bodies: the City of Holdfast Bay, the City of Marion, the City of Mitcham and the City of Onkaparinga.

The parties listed under (2) are jointly referred to as the 'Resilient South Regional Partners'.

It is acknowledged that other key entities (from both public and private sectors) within the region may join the Resilient South Regional Partners in the future. If this eventuates, the Agreement may be reviewed and amended accordingly.

This Agreement builds on the previous *Sector Agreement for Climate Change Adaptation for the Southern Adelaide Region*, signed on 7 February 2018 and expired on 30 June 2020.

1 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Climate Change Sector Agreement (the Agreement) between the Government of South Australia and the Resilient South Regional Partners acknowledges the importance of the partnership and cooperative work between the signatories in responding to climate change and pursuing sustainability and climate resilience.

The Resilient South Regional Partners, with the support of the Government of South Australia, aim to reduce emissions and improve the resilience of the region's communities, assets and infrastructure, local economies and natural environment to cope with the inevitable impacts and challenges of climate change in the short, medium and long term, through the development and implementation of climate change actions and initiatives.

This Agreement:

- acknowledges a joint commitment on the part of the signatories to **collectively respond to climate change** by reducing emissions, managing risk, harnessing opportunities, adapting and building resilience
- articulates a **common goal amongst the signatories** to implement emissions reduction and climate change response planning, programs and actions as resources allow, in a cooperative, co-ordinated and consultative manner in the region
- will enable an integrated approach whereby signatories provide strategic direction for the region in tackling climate change in alignment with council, state and regional strategic priorities
- has, as its key focus, **response to the impacts, risks, and opportunities of climate change** in the region –in alignment with identified strategic priorities, via
 - setting agreed objectives

- joint commitment to collaborative and timely implementation of climate change actions, and their ongoing evaluation and review
- cooperatively identifying and progressing partnership opportunities between partners and across sectors within the region, to assist with implementation of climate change actions and initiatives.

2 THE REGION

For the purpose of this Agreement, the Southern Adelaide Region (the region) is aligned with the boundaries of the Council areas of Holdfast Bay, Marion, Mitcham and Onkaparinga (see map at Addendum 1).

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 A Regional Climate Action Plan (ReCAP) for the Resilient South region was completed in 2024 and adopted by each Resilient South Regional Partner. Each partner council has also developed a Local Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan or Policy.
- 3.2 The Government of South Australia is delivering a range of climate change mitigation and adaptation actions. The government has set targets to reduce South Australia's net greenhouse gas emissions by more than 50% (from 2005 levels) by 2030 and achieve net zero emissions by 2050. The state also aims to achieve 100% net renewables by 2030.
- 3.3 Each of the regional partner councils has developed, or is in the process of developing corporate climate change plans and strategies, including the:
- City of Onkaparinga Climate Change Action Plan 2022-2027
 - City of Marion Climate Change Policy and Carbon Neutral Plan 2020-2030
 - City of Holdfast Bay Environment Strategy 2020-2025
 - City of Mitcham 2020-2031 Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Pathways & 2020-2023 Climate Adaptation Pathways.
- 3.4 The Minister and Resilient South Regional Partners have entered into this Agreement under the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007*, in order to:
- facilitate geographically specific responses to climate change, whilst also recognising differences across the region
 - work together to support a better understanding of climate change risks and opportunities for communities, business and the natural environment
 - facilitate community and business engagement and participation in programs designed to assist with emissions reduction and promote climate change resilience
 - explore the potential for joint projects and partnerships, and Australian Government and other funding opportunities
 - promote and showcase achievements as a template for other regions of South Australia and Australia
 - identify and promote resilient, low emissions and climate smart economic and employment opportunities within the region
 - provide relevant information to key service providers to help them reduce emissions, build resilience, adapt, manage risk and exploit opportunities.

4 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 4.1 This Agreement includes Schedule 1 outlining Priority Focus Areas for the Regional Partners. Signatories will endeavour to review, update and undertake the actions outlined in the Schedule, as resources allow.
- 4.2 The Agreement complements and supports key state government climate change policies and programs, including the achievement of the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007*.
- 4.8 This Agreement complements and supports the strategies and corporate climate change plans of each of the local government signatories.
- 4.9 While specific responses to climate change may vary across the region, this Agreement aims to facilitate a cooperative approach across the region to identify and address elements of common interest and benefit, recognising that responses may need to represent the interests of specific communities.

5 THIS SECTOR AGREEMENT DOES NOT CREATE LEGALLY BINDING OBLIGATIONS

- 5.1 This Agreement does not create any legally binding contract between the parties and does not give rise to any legally binding obligations.
- 5.2 The signatories may amend priority focus areas (as outlined in Schedule 1) by written agreement at any time.

6 GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

- 6.1 The Resilient South Management Committee (the Committee) will continue to oversee Resilient South and will include representatives from each of the signatory parties.
- 6.2 The Committee will determine its own Terms of Reference.
- 6.3 The Committee will establish criteria to measure progress on this Agreement and regional plan/s.
- 6.4 The Committee may establish sub-groups as required to support the objectives of this Agreement.
- 6.5 The Committee will provide regular (i.e. minimum of annual) progress reports to all signatories.

7 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 7.1 Pursuant to this Agreement, the Resilient South Regional Partners undertake to:
 - 7.1.1 participate in Committee activities, consistent with the priorities outlined in Schedule 1
 - 7.1.2 promote the Resilient South objectives internally and to relevant stakeholders
 - 7.1.3 ensure consistency with relevant local, state and Australian Government climate change strategies

- 7.1.4 prioritise opportunities to implement climate change projects on a regional scale where it is more efficient and practical than doing so on a council by council basis
- 7.1.5 contribute in a timely fashion to reviews of all key program deliverables
- 7.1.6 continue to explore opportunities for joint and external funding and resourcing, including for the Resilient South Regional Coordinator role.
- 7.2 Pursuant to this Agreement, the Government of South Australia undertakes to:
 - 7.2.1 promote Resilient South objectives and achievements internally and to relevant stakeholders
 - 7.2.2 collaborate on initiatives that support the Government's climate change objectives, including exploring funding opportunities and sharing state-wide learnings regarding climate change response initiatives
 - 7.2.3 support, as appropriate, the development of any relevant funding proposals to the Australian Government or other funding bodies, and partnership opportunities
 - 7.2.4 ensure that briefings and advice are provided to the Committee on state and national policy developments and discussions, as required and relevant to this Agreement
 - 7.2.5 provide opportunities to the Committee to consider and provide input into the review and development of relevant state projects, programs, policies, strategies and frameworks.

8 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 8.1 All existing and yet to be developed intellectual property created under the direction of the Committee, including but not limited to, the Resilient South logo and logo block, and branding materials, shall be jointly owned by Resilient South Regional Partners and the Crown in right of the Government of South Australia. As co-owners of copyright material, the parties agree that each party may use or exercise their copyright rights (such as use of the logo and logo block and branding materials, communicating the material to the public or sub-contracting of licensing others to do so) without the consent of the other parties, so long as the activity is aligned with the purpose of this Agreement, and is not to the detriment of any other party.

9 DURATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

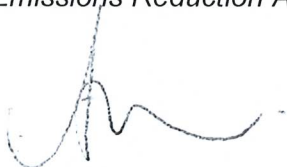
- 9.1 The Agreement shall continue from the date on which it is made until 30 June 2029.
- 9.2 The Agreement can be amended or extended on an as needs basis, with the written agreement of the signatories.
- 9.3 Any party can seek to withdraw from the Agreement by providing 30 days written notice to the other signatory parties.
- 9.4 The Committee will review this Agreement three months prior to its expiration and provide recommendations for future action to the signatories.
- 9.5 The Schedule within the Agreement may be reviewed and updated by the Committee.

Southern Adelaide Region Sector Agreement

(Pursuant to the Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007)

AMANDA WILSON

**MAYOR
CITY OF HOLDFAST BAY**


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Date 28 / 3 / 2024

KRIS HANNA

**MAYOR
CITY OF MARION**


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Date 28 / 3 / 2024

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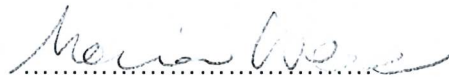
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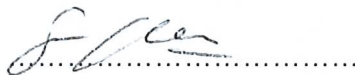
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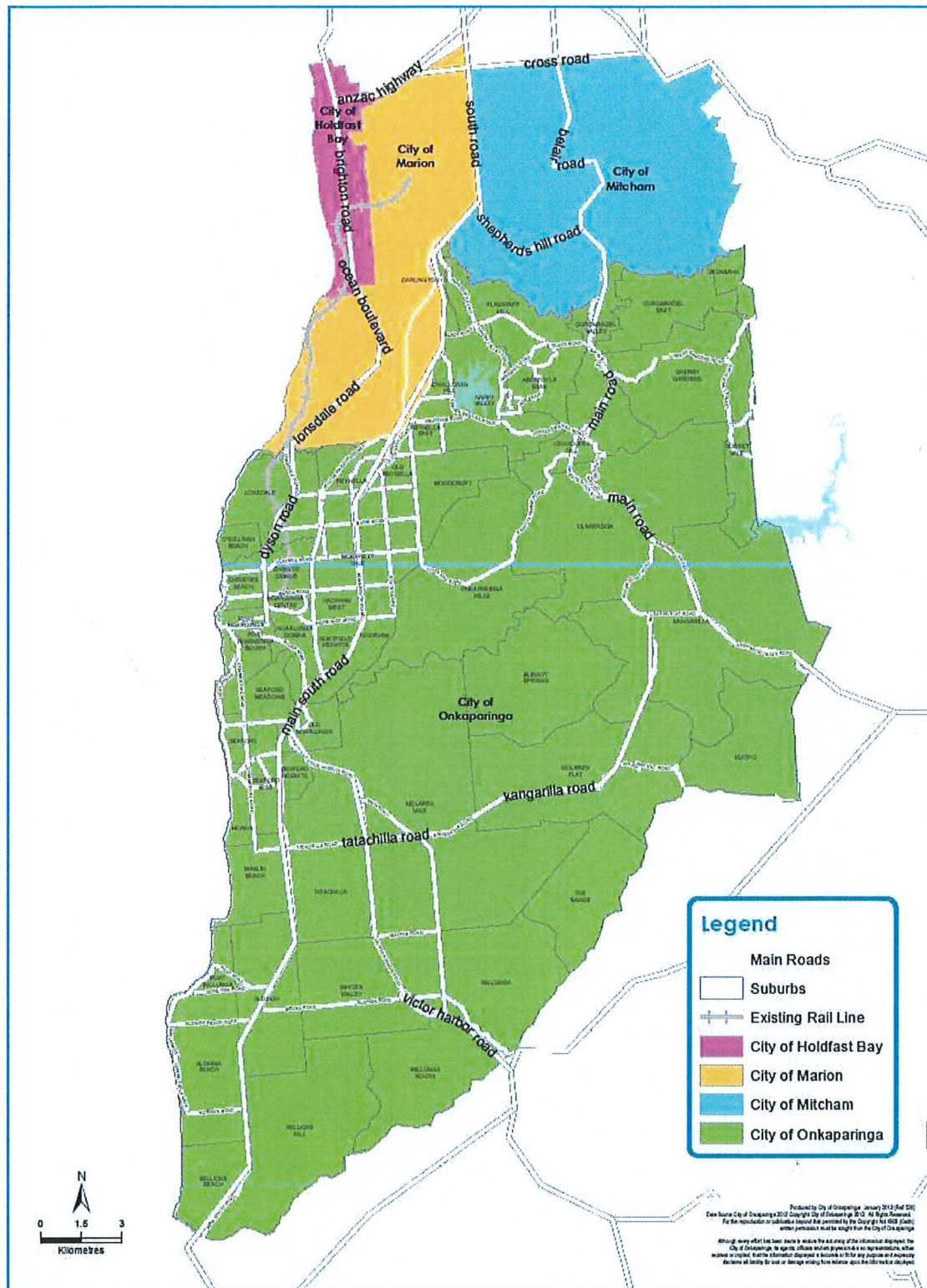

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ADDENDUM 1

Map of the Southern Adelaide Region, showing council boundaries

Southern Adelaide Region



SCHEDULE 1. Priority Deliverables and Focus Areas for the Southern Adelaide Region

Deliverable	Action
Regional climate change planning	Work together to review the existing <i>Resilient South Local Government Implementation Plan</i> and develop a new Regional Climate Action Plan
Mainstreaming	Support the integration of climate change mitigation and adaptation into everyday council, state government and business operations and long-term decision making.
Information sharing	Ensure relevant information is provided to partners, stakeholders and the community; including national developments and learnings from other regions.
Monitoring and evaluation	Monitor, evaluate and report on the effectiveness of Resilient South projects and initiatives.
Focus Area	Action
Climate risk	Invest in understanding and responding to the physical, legal, financial, social and transitional risks associated with climate change.
Emissions reduction	Work collaboratively to support corporate and community emissions reduction.
Coastal management	Support regional coastal monitoring and adaptation.
Community Health and Resilience	Support communities to acquire the skills, systems, technologies and behaviours required to respond and adapt.

Resilient Assets	Invest in infrastructure and assets that deliver adaptation benefits such as shading, cool spaces, effective water management, promotion of urban biodiversity and ecosystem services, erosion control, flood and bushfire mitigation etc.
Resilient towns and suburbs	Promote climate resilient urban development and renewal, such as passive solar housing, public transport and walkability, renewable energy, urban greening, etc.
Natural Environments	Invest in building the adaptive capacity of our natural environments.
Business and Economic Development	Support the local and regional business communities to reduce emissions, manage risks and capitalise on opportunities associated with climate change; and develop economic opportunities within the region.
Climate hazard mapping	Monitor and respond to the impacts of climate change in the region such as heat, flood, bushfire, sea-level-rise etc.