

Premier's Climate Change Council

Council Member Nomination Information



Overview

The Premier's Climate Change Council (the Council) is established under the [Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007](#) (the Act) to provide independent advice to the Minister about matters associated with reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change.

The Council takes a leadership role in engaging with business, the environment and conservation movement and the wider community about climate change and the implementation of practices that will assist in addressing climate change issues.

The full functions of the Council are set out in the [Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007](#).

Members are appointed by the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water for their personal skills and expertise, rather than representing an organisation.

For more information about the Council and its workplan go to: [Premier's Climate Change Council](#).

The opportunity

Being a member of the Council provides you with the opportunity to contribute to solutions that reduce emissions, support climate change adaptation, and drive innovation across sectors including government, business and community.

Eligibility to apply

The Council consists of between seven and 10 members, and the membership requirements are set out in the [Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007](#).

The Minister for Climate, Environment and Water seeks to obtain a reasonable range of members from across the following sectors:

- state government
- local government
- business community
- environment and conservation sector
- scientific community
- other sectors of South Australia's community more generally.

The Minister will:

- seek to appoint members who can demonstrate a commitment to action to address climate change and an understanding of the issues and impacts associated with climate change, and
- have regard to the desirability of including a member or members with understanding of calculation, assessment, measurement or reporting of greenhouse gas emissions; and science related to climate change is also desirable.

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The Local Government Association (LGA) and Conservation Council of South Australia will be consulted on candidates to be appointed for expertise relating to the local government sector and the environment and conservation sector.

As some Council business is conducted electronically there is a requirement to hold an email account and access to the Microsoft Teams platform.

Current Council members are eligible for reappointment.

Desirable knowledge, skills and experience

In addition to the requirements outlined above, skills or expertise in one or more of the following area's below would be desirable:

- Climate change adaptation
- Climate change economics
- Industry and business
- Built environment and/or land use planning
- Climate-related ecosystem and natural resource management
- Public engagement and behaviour change
- Decarbonisation pathways and technologies
- First Nations peoples and climate change
- Youth climate leadership

Experience in board or committee roles, strategic and long-term planning, and effective stakeholder engagement will be viewed favourably and should be highlighted in the application.

Allowances and expenses

Eligible members of the Council are entitled to fees, allowances and expenses that have been approved by the Minister. Council members are entitled to the following annual remuneration, paid fortnightly:

- Chair \$ 18,574
- Members \$ 12,383

Annual remuneration covers meeting and meeting preparation time, out-of-session items, attendance at relevant workshops, sub-committee or ad-hoc meetings, and other events. No additional payments accounting for members' time, are applicable.

State government employees are not entitled to be paid for board membership without the specific approval of the Chief Executive, DPC, and the support of the responsible Minister.

For more information refer to [DPC Circular PC016 - Boards and Committees: Remuneration, Governance and Diversity](#)

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Meetings and member commitment

- Meetings occur approximately six times per year. Usually there is no meeting in January.
- Meeting materials such as an agenda and papers will be provided electronically before each meeting in line with the government's commitment: Digital by Default.
- Members are required to review meeting material before meetings.
- The Council Chair and members have additional responsibilities between meetings including attending out of session meetings; representing the council at stakeholder events; preparing input to Council submissions, advice and projects; supporting events organized by the Council including the SA Climate Leaders Awards.
- Appointments are up to three years with some members appointed for shorter terms to ensure staggered membership.
- Members are eligible for re-appointment at the end of their term.
- All new members of the Premier's Climate Change Council will receive an induction to help them understand their role and responsibilities.

Next steps

- To express interest please complete the application form.
- Expressions of Interest **close on Monday 1 September 2026**.
- Applications will be assessed to identify suitable candidates that will provide a balance of the required skills and experience.
- Applicants will be notified of the outcome by email.