

Premier's Climate Change Council 2026 Work Plan

OUR PURPOSE

To provide independent advice to the Minister for Environment and Water on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change, and to disseminate information to encourage action on climate change.

GOAL 1

Provide guidance on development and implementation of climate change mitigation and adaptation policy and actions

Activity / Projects

- 1.1 Inform development and implementation of emissions reduction and renewable energy policy and initiatives for the state
- 1.2 Inform development and implementation of initiatives to support South Australians to build resilience and adapt to climate change
- 1.3 Explore sustainability reporting opportunities
- 1.4 Monitor implementation of *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007* (the Act) and government climate change strategies and actions

GOAL 2

Influence broader government strategy, policy and planning to include climate change considerations

Activity / Projects

- 2.1 Influence government strategy, policy and planning to include climate change considerations as opportunities arise
- 2.2 Seek regular updates on how the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (GARP) is supporting emission reduction outcomes
- 2.3 Engage and advise on development of the state's Biodiversity Plan
- 2.4 Engage and advise on key climate change issues including:
 - Green and circular economy opportunities and development
 - Business and industry emissions reduction and climate risk management
 - Agricultural climate adaptation, resilience, and mitigation
 - Low emissions transport
 - Low emissions and climate resilient built environment and land use planning
 - Natural sequestration and carbon farming
 - Sustainable procurement
 - Renewable energy development and reforms
 - Decarbonisation of heavy industry
 - Water security
 - Community-based initiatives

GOAL 3

Engage with stakeholders to promote and inspire climate action and leadership

Activity / Projects

- 3.1 Provide input, support, and direction for engagement with small to medium enterprises on climate change
- 3.2 Explore and develop opportunities to collaborate with government departments, industry associations, unions, non-government organisations, not-for-profits, the Local Government Association and community groups to promote climate action and leadership
- 3.3 Establish strategic networks and collaborate with relevant government and non-government boards and councils, and local government to influence change
- 3.4 Members to use networks, events, and functions to raise awareness, seek input on climate change issues and solutions, and promote the Premier's Climate Change Council
- 3.5 Premier's Climate Change Council
- 3.6 Plan and host the 2026 SA Climate Leaders Awards

KEY SUPPORTING LEGISLATION AND POLICY

- [Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007](#)
- [State emissions and renewable energy targets](#)
- [Climate Ready Government](#)

- [South Australia's Net Zero Strategy](#)
- [South Australian Government Climate Change Resilience and Adaptation Actions](#)