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PREMIER'S CLIMATE CHANGE COUNCIL 2024-25 Annual Report

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The Hon Lucy Hood MP

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 Requirements*.

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 08 September 2025

Signature _____

This Annual Report is provided after 31 October 2025 because the audited financial statements and the Auditor-General's report on those statements were not available by the statutory deadline. Under section 12(7) of the Public Sector Act 2009 and Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013, the Annual Report must include audited financial statements and the Auditor-General's report. These were not finalised in time, as the Auditor-General required additional time to complete the audit of the Board's financial statements. The report is presented with this written statement of reasons in accordance with section 12(9) of the Public Sector Act 2009.

From the Chair

The Premier's Climate Change Council has delivered another positive year of work providing strategic direction and advice to advance South Australia's climate change agenda.

Our work is an important part of South Australia's leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting adaptation to the changing climate.

The Council was pleased to support, through engagement with the Department for Environment and Water, the passing of amendments to the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007*. The Act was amended to enshrine the state's current greenhouse emissions reduction and renewable electricity targets in law and to strengthen requirements around government planning, risk assessment and action on climate change.

During 2024-25 Council members have provided written submissions and invited agency participation in Council meetings to provide input to development of government legislation and policies such as the *Biodiversity Act 2025*, the development of South Australia's regional plans and South Australia's Transport Strategy.

The Council was particularly pleased to see the passing of the *Biodiversity Act 2025* in June 2025, which is a major milestone in protecting and restoring biodiversity and supporting climate adaptation approaches to conservation.

The Council successfully delivered two major public events in the reporting period. In August 2024 the Council celebrated South Australia's leadership in climate action at the SA Climate Leaders Awards. In May 2025, the Council hosted South Australia's second Industry Climate Change Conference. That event was a great success with over 700 attendees, nearly 70 speakers and participants from across the world.

I was also fortunate to have the opportunity to promote South Australia's renewable energy and climate action leadership at the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, COP29, in Baku, Azerbaijan.

I extend my gratitude to all members of the Council for their knowledge, guidance and commitment during 2024-25.



Martin Haese

Chair

Premier's Climate Change Council

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Overview: about the Premier’s Climate Change Council

Our strategic focus

<p>Our Purpose</p>	<p>The purpose of the Premier’s Climate Change Council 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>Our functions, objectives and deliverables</p>	<p>The primary function of the Council 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"> • achieving energy efficiencies • increasing the use of renewable energy • developing methods to remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere • establishing and achieving relevant targets. <p>In performing its functions, the Council should seek to provide advice to the Minister on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the impact of climate change on business and the wider community and the development or implementation of policies or programs relevant to addressing climate change • the impact of the operation of the <i>Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007</i> on business and the wider community and, as appropriate, any amendments to relevant legislation (including this Act) that should be considered by the Minister • assessing costs associated with reducing or limiting climate change or with failing to take action to address climate change • commercial or other opportunities associated with climate change, reducing or limiting greenhouse gas emissions, and with mitigating the effects of climate change • the effectiveness of targets under the <i>Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007</i>. <p>The Council also has a role in consulting with business, the environment and conservation movement, and the wider community about issues associated with climate change to assist with publicising information that encourages the implementation of practices to address or adapt to climate change.</p>

Our organisational structure

In accordance with section 9(2) of the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007*, the Council consists of ten members appointed by the Minister.

During the reporting period, and as at 30 June 2025, Council membership comprised the following persons:

Martin Haese	Chair	Ongoing. Term expiring 31 December 2026
Susan Jeanes	Member	Ongoing. Term expiring 31 December 2026
Tiahni Adamson	Member	Appointed 1 January 2025. Term expiring 30 June 2026
Daniel Bennett	Member	Reappointed 1 July 2023. Term expiring 30 June 2026
Dr Penny Schulz	Member	Reappointed 1 July 2023. Term expiring 30 June 2026
Craig Wilkins	Member	Reappointed 1 July 2023. Term expiring 30 June 2026
Mayor Angela Evans	Member	Appointed 1 July 2023. Term expiring 30 June 2026
Daniel Spencer	Member	Appointed 1 July 2023. Term expiring 30 June 2026
Jodie van Deventer	Member	Appointed 1 July 2023. Term expiring 30 June 2026
Susan Smith	Member	Appointed 1 July 2024. Term expiring 30 June 2027
Daniel Conley	Member	Reappointed 1 July 2023. Term expired 31 December 2024

Further information on Council membership and remuneration is reported in the *South Australian Government Board and Committee Information Annual Report 2024-25*.

Changes to the agency

During 2024-25 there were no changes to the agency's structure and objectives as a result of internal reviews or machinery of government changes.

Our Minister

In 2024-25 the Premier's Climate Change Council reported to the Hon Susan Close MP, former Minister for Climate, Environment and Water.

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 uses administrative services provided by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) to support its functioning. Reporting on this matter is contained in the DEW 2024-25 Annual Report.

Legislation administered by the agency

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

Other related agencies (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)

DEW provides policy advice as well as executive, administrative and project support to the Council.

The agency'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 climate change 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 2024-25 reporting period the Council has provided feedback through submissions to 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 with other organisations 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 six meetings during the 2024-25 reporting year:

- Susan Jeanes, Susan Smith, Craig Wilkins and Penny Schulz attended all six meetings
- Martin Haese, Daniel Bennett and Jodie Van Deventer attended five meetings
- Daniel Spencer attended four meetings
- Mayor Angela Evans and Daniel Conley attended three meetings
- Tiahni Adamson attended two meetings.

Agency specific objectives and performance

Agency objectives	Indicators	Performance
<p>Provide guidance on development and implementation of climate change mitigation and adaptation policy and actions</p>	<p>The Council provides guidance and plays an active role in the development and implementation of climate change mitigation and adaptation policy and actions</p>	<p>The Council supported DEW on the development of South Australia's Net Zero Strategy.</p> <p>Council members had input into the implementation of a state-wide climate change risk assessment led by DEW. This included presentations and discussions with DEW and consultants at Council meetings. Members also attended consultation sessions organised by DEW.</p> <p>The Council has received regular updates on sustainability reporting at Council meetings and has worked with DEW to propose the development of a green scorecard for South Australia.</p> <p>The Council provided guidance on amendments to the <i>Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007</i>.</p>

<p>Influence broader government strategy, policy and planning to include climate change considerations</p>	<p>The Council identifies and takes advantage of opportunities to ensure climate change is considered in key areas of government policy</p>	<p>The Council regularly engages with government officials on all aspects of climate policy at Council meetings and out of session meetings.</p> <p>The Council has provided written submissions to help inform the development of the following policy documents and legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater Adelaide Regional Plan. • Murray Mallee and Limestone Coast Regional Plans. • Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Far North and Eyre and Western Regional Plans. • South Australian Transport Strategy • South Australian Public Transport Strategy. • The State Development, Coordination and Facilitation Bill. • The South Australian Grain Sustainability Roadmap. • The review of the Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010. • The Biodiversity Bill. <p>Council members also received a presentation on the Biodiversity Bill and discussed the Bill contents with members of the DEW Biodiversity Coordination Unit at the 3 December 2024 meeting of the Council.</p> <p>In addition to the submissions noted above, in 2024-25 Council members have engaged and advised on key climate change issues through direct participation in conferences and events, presentations delivered at Council meetings, responses to public consultations and through their various roles outside of the Council.</p>
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		<p>Presentations and discussions at Council meetings have included engagement with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lot Fourteen on the development of the Lot Fourteen enterprise and innovation district.• SA Zero and its mission to accelerate South Australia's zero carbon and zero waste pathways.• Australia New Zealand Biochar Industry Group (ANZBIG) on the biochar roadmap.• The City of Adelaide on their Integrated Climate Strategy.• The Department of Treasury and Finance on sustainable procurement.• the Department of Infrastructure and Transport on the South Australian Transport Strategy and Public Transport Strategy.• the DEW Biodiversity Coordination Unit on the Biodiversity Bill.• The Australian industry Group on their "futuremap" tool.• the DEW Climate Change team and Deloitte on the state-wide climate change risk assessment.
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<p>Engage with stakeholders to promote and inspire climate action and climate leadership</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 South Australia.</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 Industry Climate Change Conference (ICCC 2025) was delivered successfully on 8 and 9 May 2025.</p> <p>The Council delivered the Climate Leaders Awards on 1 August 2024.</p> <p>The Chair of the Council hosted Chairs and representatives of Australian climate councils at the Industry Climate Change Conference 2025 to facilitate the establishment of an Australian Climate Councils Network (ACCN), to be led by the Australian Climate Change Authority.</p> <p>Members have used their networks to promote the ICCC 2025 and have attended events on behalf of the Council. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Bennett gave a keynote address at the Green Buildings Council's green building day on 28 May 2025 on behalf of the Council. • Daniel Spencer has been engaging with the Torrens Island Transition Authority. • Susan Jeanes presented the Heavy Industry Low-carbon Transition Cooperative Research Centre's projects to the Net Zero Economy Agency. • Penny Schulz has participated in numerous conferences and panels including an AgriTech Meetup Panel. • Mayor Angela Evans attended the National General Assembly of Local Government in July 2024. • Jodie Van Deventer attended a Keep South Australia Beautiful breakfast event and an ECMC event as well as supporting Ai Group submissions on Australian climate policy. • Craig Wilkins assisted in organising the Dunstan Foundation's discussion with community leaders on climate justice. • Tiahni Adamson attended the Youth Impact Summit on 5 April 2025 and discussed the Council, Green
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		<p>Adelaide and environmental literacy in youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Susan Smith attended the Moomba Carbon Capture and Storage launch in January 2025.• The Chair and Darren Ray, DEW Principal Adviser Climate Science, attended the SA Unions AGM on 8 April 2025 to introduce the Council and deliver a presentation on climate science.• Members participated in panel discussions and acted as moderators on panels at the ICCC 2025.
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Corporate performance summary

Please see above.

Employment opportunity programs

The Council has no staff of its own and uses the services of DEW to support administration. Executive, administrative and project support were provided to the Council from existing departmental resources. Reporting on this matter is contained in the DEW Annual Report 2024-25.

Program name	Performance
Government employees supporting the Council's operations undertake a performance review and development program with their managers	Performance development processes were undertaken in line with the requirements of DEW.
Number of Council meetings held during the reporting period	Six Council meetings were held during the reporting period.

Agency performance management and development systems

Performance management and development system	Performance
Government employees supporting the Council's operations undertake a performance review and development program with their managers	Performance development processes were undertaken in line with the requirements of DEW.
Number of Council meetings held during the reporting period	Five Council meetings were held during the reporting period.

Work health, safety and return to work programs

Workplace injury claims	Current year 2024-25	Past year 2023-24	% Change (+ / -)
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 meeting the relevant threshold under the Return to Work Act 2014 (Part 2 Division 5)

Work health and safety regulations	Current year 2024-25	Past year 2023-24	% Change (+ / -)
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%

Return to work costs**	Current year 2024-25	Past year 2023-24	% Change (+ / -)
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 agency

Executive classification	Number of executives
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 DEW Annual Report 2024-25.

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 DEW Annual Report 2024-25.

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>	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. The Minister must cause a copy of the report to be laid before both Houses of Parliament within six sitting days after the report is provided to the Minister.

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 2024-25
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

Complaint categories	Sub-categories	Example	Number of Complaints 2024-25
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
		Total	0

Additional Metrics	Total
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/premier-climate-change-council-annual-report-data>

Service Improvements

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

Compliance Statement

The Premier's Climate Change Council is compliant with Premier and Cabinet Circular 039 – complaint management in the South Australian public sector	Y
The Premier's Climate Change Council has communicated the content of PC 039 and the agency's related complaints policies and procedures to employees.	Y