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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: 4 October 2022

Signature:



From the Chair

On behalf of the Council, I am pleased to present the 2021-22 Annual Report for the Premier's Climate Change Council of South Australia.

The Council remains committed to assisting the South Australian Government to prioritise and deliver climate action for the benefit of current and future generations. The Council is supportive of the government's climate emergency motion that reaffirms the urgent need to decarbonise the South Australian economy.

The Council commends the state government's commitment to repeal the state's electric vehicle levy act, as well as plans for a hydrogen power plant and to drive green hydrogen industry development as important elements of our future emission reduction.

The Council has covered a wide range of topics and delivered a large number of outcomes to support climate change mitigation and adaptation over the reporting period. This includes submissions regarding state-wide landscape management, urban water, and urban greening, as well as providing input to the South Australian Productivity Commission's Inquiry into SA's renewable energy competitiveness.

Our work is conducted with the support of the Department for Environment and Water, and informed by our many significant partnerships including Green Adelaide, Landscapes Boards and the State Planning Commission. The Council continued to build on strategic partnerships through participation in events and engagement opportunities.

I thank my fellow Council members for their expertise and commitment to providing advice on a range of climate change issues. I also thank outgoing members Professor Andrew Stock, Michelle Edge and Vienna Tran who was the Council's first youth member.

The Council looks forward to continuing its important work 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

Our Purpose	The Council's purpose is to provide independent and expert advice to the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water and the South Australian Government about climate change mitigation and adaptation.
Our functions, objectives and deliverables	<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"> • achieving energy efficiencies • increasing the use of renewable energy • developing methods to remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere • establishing and achieving relevant targets • considering the impact of climate change on business and the wider community • assessing costs associated with reducing or limiting climate change (or failing to take action) • commercial or other opportunities associated with climate change, and • the effectiveness of targets under the <i>Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007</i> (the Act). <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. At 30 June 2022, Council membership included:

Mr Martin Haese (Chair)

Ms Penny Schulz

Mr Daniel Bennett

Professor Richard Turner (Deputy Chair)

Mr Daniel Conley

Lord Mayor 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 2021-22*.

Changes to the Council

During 2021-22 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) staff. Reporting on this matter is contained in the DEW 2021-22 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 from existing DEW resources.

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 this reporting period the Council has provided feedback and developed a number of submissions through public consultation processes, and through meetings with 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*. In this reporting period the Council has developed a Council Reconciliation Statement.

The Council held 5 meetings in the 2021-22 reporting year. Sandy Verschoor and Richard Turner attended all 5 meetings; Martin Haese, Craig Wilkins, Penny Schulz and Daniel Bennett attended 4 meetings. Susan Jeanes and Daniel Conley attended the 2 meetings held since their appointment in January 2022.

Council contribution to whole of Government objectives

<p>Council's contribution</p>
<p>The Council has contributed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the implementation of the <i>Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007</i> • the implementation of integrated climate change strategies including the South Australian Government's Climate Change Action Plan 2021-2025 • the consideration of climate change in government policy and planning.

Council specific objectives and performance

Council objectives	Indicators	Performance
Support implementation of priority actions to address and mitigate climate change in South Australia	The Council plays an active role in identifying, reviewing and monitoring the progress of priority climate change actions.	<p>The Council supported the implementation of the <i>South Australian Government Climate Change Action Plan 2021-2025</i> (Action Plan).</p> <p>The Council provided input into the Action Plan monitoring and review program and reviewed the 2021 annual progress report.</p> <p>Updates were provided to the Council on key government actions and initiatives including: the hydrogen jobs plan; circular economy; the renewable energy transition and the development of a carbon farming roadmap for South Australia.</p>
Influence the consideration of climate change in state government strategy, policy and planning	The Council identifies and takes advantage of opportunities to ensure climate change is considered in key areas of government policy.	During 2021-22, Council submissions or feedback were provided in response to consultation on: South Australia's State Landscapes Strategy; setting our future urban water directions; the South Australian Productivity Commission's Inquiry into SA's renewable energy competitiveness; and development of an urban

		<p>greening strategy for Metropolitan Adelaide.</p> <p>The Council met with the Auditor General to discuss climate related risk management.</p> <p>The Council held a workshop in July 2021 to discuss future clean growth opportunities for South Australia.</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, 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 external stakeholders or presented at local forums on climate related issues and opportunities. Examples include: the 2021 Ag Excellence Forum; the Stormwater Management Authority; the Green Industries SA Board; and the 2021 Climate Ready Schools Expo.</p> <p>The Council also held a joint meeting with the Green Adelaide board to discuss opportunities to collaborate.</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 supported the 2021 SA Climate Science Update Webinar, facilitated by member Craig Wilkins, featuring climate expert Mark Howden, as well as government and industry experts.</p> <p>Council Chair, Martin Haese, participated in online events promoting South Australia's climate change leadership at Climate Week New York City 2021 and COP 26. Member Richard Turner also participated in the 2021 CivTech Alliance COP26 Global Scale-up program.</p> <p>The Council supported the nomination of Adelaide as a National Park City.</p>

		Tom Linnell, the overall winner of the 2020 SA Climate Leaders Awards presented to the Council about the positive benefits of winning the Award.
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Employment opportunity programs

The Council has no staff of its own and utilises the services of the Department for Environment and Water. Reporting on this matter is contained in the Department for Environment and Water Annual Report 2021-22. Executive, administrative and project support were provided to the Council from existing departmental resources.

Council 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 the Department for Environment and Water.
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

Program name	Performance
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 2021-22

Workplace injury claims	Current year 2021-22	Past year 2020-21	% 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 of 30% or more under the Return to Work Act 2014 (Part 2 Division 5)

Work health and safety regulations	Current year 2021-22	Past year 2020-21	% 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 2021-22	Past year 2020-21	% 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

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 Department for Environment and Water Annual Report 2021-22.

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.

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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 Council

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 2021-22. 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 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 6 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 2021-22
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 2021-22
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

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 was 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.