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# **PREMIER'S CLIMATE CHANGE COUNCIL 2020-21 Annual Report**

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Minister for Environment and Water

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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 15 September 2021

Signature



## From the Chair

I am pleased to present the 2020-21 Annual Report for the Premier's Climate Change Council of South Australia.

Here in South Australia, we have much to be proud of in terms of climate change action and response. As well as being recognised globally as a leader in renewable energy, our state continues to achieve reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and deliver economic growth.

We have made good progress towards our ambitious interim target to reduce net emissions by more than 50% by 2030 (from 2005 levels), achieving a 33 percent reduction in emissions between 2005 and 2018-19.

In 2020, the Council assisted the government to develop the *South Australian Government Climate Change Action Plan 2021- 2025*, which was released by the Marshall Government in December 2020. The Action Plan includes 68 government-led actions across seven focus areas.

I commend the government on its approach to climate change and for championing the development of the Action Plan.

In 2020-21, the Premier's Climate Change Council covered a wide range of topics including land use planning reforms, renewable energy and waste management.

I thank my fellow Council members for their expertise and commitment to providing advice on a range of climate change issues.

The renowned climate change economist, Professor Ross Garnaut highlights in his report: *South Australia's Climate Change Challenge and Opportunity* that South Australia is well equipped to respond to the challenges and opportunities of climate change. He highlights that we cannot afford to rest on our laurels.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Assessment Science Report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change further highlights that significant and faster action globally is required.

In this context, the work of the Council to advise the government and to engage with business and community on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change is more important than ever.



Martin Kinnear Haese

**Chair**

Premier's Climate Change Council

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## Overview: about the Premier's Climate Change Council

### Our strategic focus

<b>Our Purpose</b>	The Council's purpose is to provide independent and expert advice to the Minister for Environment and Water and the South Australian government about climate change mitigation and adaptation.
<b>Our functions, objectives and deliverables</b>	<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"> <li>• achieving energy efficiencies</li> <li>• increasing the use of renewable energy</li> <li>• developing methods to remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere</li> <li>• establishing and achieving relevant targets</li> <li>• considering the impact of climate change on business and the wider community</li> <li>• assessing costs associated with reducing or limiting climate change (or failing to take action)</li> <li>• commercial or other opportunities associated with climate change, and</li> <li>• the effectiveness of targets under the Act.</li> </ul> <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 2021, Council membership included:

Mr Martin Haese (Chair)

Professor Richard Turner

Mr Daniel Bennett

Ms Vienna Tran

Ms Michelle Edge

Lord Mayor Sandra Verschoor

Ms Penny Schulz

Mr Craig Wilkins

Professor Andrew Stock

Further information on Council membership and remuneration is reported in the *South Australian Government Board and Committee Information Annual Report 2020-21*.

## Changes to the agency

During 2020-21 there were no changes to the agency'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 Minister for Environment and Water, the Hon David Speirs MP.

## Our Executive team

Mr Martin Haese is the Chair of the Premier's Climate Change Council.

## 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 the Department for Environment and Water.

## Other related agencies

The Department for Environment and Water provides policy advice and administrative 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 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 ensure climate change is considered in key areas of government policy.

The Council supported the development of the *South Australian Government Climate Change Action Plan 2021-25* (Action Plan) which was released in December 2020. The Council will continue to play a key role in the implementation, monitoring and reporting of the Action Plan.

In 2020-21 the Council delivered the third round of the SA Climate Leaders Awards, which aims to recognise individuals, groups, organisations and partnerships that demonstrate collaboration, innovation and action to address climate change.

During this reporting period the Council has provided feedback and developed a number of submissions through public consultation processes, and through meetings with government officers 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.

### Agency contribution to whole of Government objectives

Key objective	Agency's contribution
More jobs	The Council promotes the development and growth of innovative and climate smart businesses and services within South Australia.
Lower costs	The Council promotes energy efficiency and emissions reductions as well as climate change adaptation for businesses and communities. Positive action in these areas can reduce cost of living and business related expenses.
Better Services	The Council seeks to influence the consideration of climate change in key areas of government policy which can have positive outcomes for service delivery.

**Agency specific objectives and performance**

<b>Agency objectives</b>	<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Performance</b>
Support finalisation and implementation of the <i>South Australian Government Climate Change Action Plan 2021-25</i> (Action Plan).	At the request of the Minister for Environment and Water, the Council assisted in the development of the Action Plan.	The Council assisted in the development of the Action Plan which was released in December 2020. The Council continues to monitor the implementation of the Action Plan and receives regular progress updates.
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.	<p>During 2020-21, Council submissions or feedback were provided in response to consultation on: the Planning and Design Code; the draft Waste Strategy and draft Valuing our Food Waste Strategy; the SA Productivity Commission Research and Development inquiry; the Zero and Low Emissions Road user charge; and the Landscapes Strategy.</p> <p>Council members held meetings with key government representatives about climate related issues and opportunities. This included Mr Andrew Nunn, Chief Entrepreneur, Mr Nick Reade, Chief Executive of the Department for the Premier and Cabinet, and representatives from Doctors for the Environment.</p>

Engage with local government, business and industry, peak bodies and communities about climate change risks and opportunities.	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.	The Council supported a joint event with the EPA Board in April 2021 to inform businesses, including EPA licensees, about climate risks.  Council members held meetings with external stakeholders or presented at local forums on climate related issues and opportunities. Examples include the Electric Vehicle Council of Australia, and the Yorke and Mid North Regional Forum.
Promote and inspire climate smart action and recognise climate leadership.	The SA Climate Leaders Awards are an initiative of the Council. The Awards recognise individuals, groups, organisations and partnerships that demonstrate collaboration, innovation and action to address climate change.	The 2020 SA Climate Leaders Awards were launched in September 2020. An Awards Ceremony to announce and celebrate the winners and finalists was held on 22 February 2021.

### 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 2020-21*. Executive, administrative and project support were provided to the Council from existing departmental resources.

### 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 the Department for Environment and Water.
Number of Council meetings held during the reporting period.	Four Council meetings were held during the reporting period.

**Work health, safety and return to work programs**

Program name	Performance
This 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 <i>Department for Environment and Water Annual Report 2020-21</i> .

Workplace injury claims	Current year 2020-21	Past year 2019-20	% 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 2020-21	Past year 2019-20	% 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%

<b>Return to work costs**</b>	<b>Current year 2020-21</b>	<b>Past year 2019-20</b>	<b>% Change (+ / -)</b>
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**

<b>Executive classification</b>	<b>Number of executives</b>
SAES all levels	0

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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 2020-21*.

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.

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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 *Department for Environment and Water Annual Report 2020-21*.

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

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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>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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 2020-21
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 2020-21
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
		<b>Total</b>	0

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### 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.