

Directions for a Climate Smart South Australia



The Marshall Liberal Government is investing in practical action to help prepare South Australia for a new climate future.

Directions for a Climate Smart South Australia sets the policy directions and desired outcomes that will guide the work and decision making of all South Australian Government agencies.

Practical action is already underway and new actions are being developed to boost the government's climate change response. By acting to harness economic opportunities, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt and build resilience to climate risk, South Australia can attract new investment, drive innovation, create jobs and further enhance the liveability of our great State.

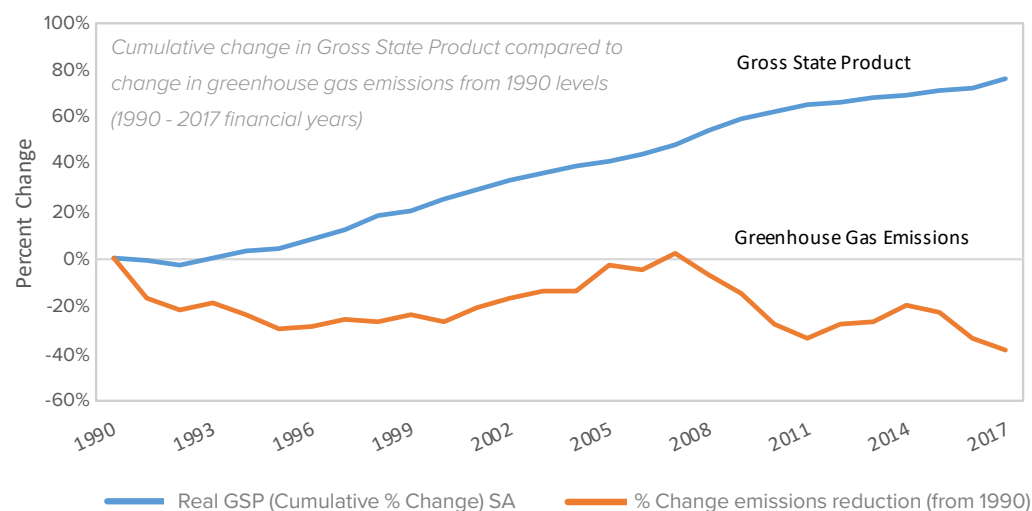


A Climate Smart future

By progressing the five policy directions and taking practical action on Climate Change the South Australian Government is working to achieve the following outcomes:

- a climate smart state that is more liveable and resilient
- jobs and growth that are low emissions and socially responsible
- net-zero emissions for South Australia by 2050.

Economic growth can happen hand in hand with emissions reduction



Five policy directions will guide government planning and action

1

Unlock innovation and economic opportunity

The State Government will support the development of low emissions and climate smart industries and services in South Australia.



2

Reduce net emissions

The State Government will lead an orderly and socially responsible transition to a low emissions economy.



3

Build resilience and adapt

The State Government will support South Australian communities, industries, businesses and the environment to manage risk, harness opportunities, adapt and build resilience to climate change.



4

Provide accessible information

The State Government will provide high quality, accessible information and build capacity for South Australians to respond to climate related risk and opportunity.



5

Government leading by example

The State Government will embed climate risk and opportunity into Government decision making and investment, and seek to achieve net zero emissions in government.



Our Journey to a Climate Smart South Australia

South Australia's climate change directions statement will build on existing efforts and guide government planning and action on the journey to a climate smart future.

Directions for a Climate Smart South Australia

The Directions Statement will guide climate smart planning and action across the South Australian Government.

EXISTING GOVERNMENT ACTION

Embed climate smart thinking in state planning

Growth State

South Australia's 20 Year Infrastructure Plan

Land use planning reforms

HYDROGEN ACTION PLAN

A plan to scale up renewable hydrogen production for local use and to create a new energy export industry for South Australia.

BLUE CARBON STRATEGY

A strategy is being developed to restore and protect coastal ecosystems, improve resilience to climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

The Premier's Climate Change Council is assisting government to develop a new government climate change strategy.

NEW INITIATIVES 2019-20

JULY 2020

STRONGER TOGETHER, SA'S DISASTER RESILIENCE STRATEGY

Stronger Together is being implemented to collectively build the resilience of SA communities to survive, adapt and grow no matter what happens.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE STRATEGY

A strategy is being developed to prepare for more electric and hydrogen fuel vehicles and to optimise their benefits for South Australians.

CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE PLAN

A plan is being developed for accessible and robust climate science and information.

WASTE STRATEGY

A new waste strategy is being developed to support South Australia's leadership in waste management reform and resource recovery.

Foundational activities

Work collaboratively with business and industry, local government and communities

Embed climate smart thinking across government business

Sustainable government procurement

Best practice climate science, information and management approaches

Climate Smart Future

A climate smart state that is more liveable and resilient

Jobs and growth that are low emissions and socially responsible

Net zero emissions for South Australia by 2050.



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