



LIMESTONE COAST

SECTOR AGREEMENT

pursuant to the

*CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS
REDUCTION ACT 2007*

11 September 2016



Government of South Australia
South East Natural Resources
Management Board



**Government
of South Australia**



SECTOR AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO
PURSUANT TO
THE CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS
REDUCTION ACT 2007
FOR THE
LIMESTONE COAST REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PLAN
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
AND
SOUTH EAST NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA LIMESTONE COAST
LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

THIS AGREEMENT is made the [] day of [] 2016

BETWEEN

- 1) The Minister for Climate Change ('The Minister') on behalf of the Government of South Australia and
- 2) The Limestone Coast region consisting of the following bodies: Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast, the Limestone Coast Local Government Association and the South East Natural Resources Management Board. These partners are jointly referred to as the 'Limestone Coast Region Partners'.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The establishment of a Sector Agreement ('the Agreement') between the Government of South Australia and the Limestone Coast Region Partners that formalises leadership and cooperation between the signatories in responding to climate change.

1. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 1.1. Through the endorsement of the Limestone Coast Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2016 (LCRCCAP), the Minister and Limestone Coast Region Partners commit to address the issues associated with a changing climate to ensure a resilient and prosperous future for South Australia.
- 1.2. This Sector Agreement demonstrates this commitment by formalising the signatories' joint aspiration to tackle climate change by focusing on adaptation actions.
- 1.3. This Agreement will be guided by a high level, integrated approach of all signatories to provide strategic direction for the region in tackling climate change. This Agreement establishes a Steering Committee, to be called the Limestone Coast Climate Adaptation Committee (LCCAC), with representation from all signatories.
- 1.4. The Agreement will be underpinned by a jointly developed three-year action plan that will map out the priority climate adaptation actions to be taken in the Limestone Coast region over the next three years, in addition to longer-term aspirations.
- 1.5. The action plan will be reviewed on an annual basis with involvement by all signatories.
- 1.6. The Agreement will support the achievement of the objects of the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007*.
- 1.7. This Agreement will complement and support existing policies and programs, including:
 - South Australia's Climate Change Strategy 2015-2050
 - Prospering in a Changing Climate: A Climate Change Adaptation Framework for South Australia ('the Adaptation Framework')
 - Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast Regional Roadmap 2013-2016
 - Our Place, Our Future: State Natural Resources Management Plan South Australia 2012-2017; and
 - South East Regional Natural Resources Management Plan 2010.

2. INTERPRETATION

The signatories acknowledge that for the purpose of this Agreement:

- 2.1 "Act" means the Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007
- 2.2 Commencement date of this Agreement means the date on which this Agreement is signed by all parties.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The Government of South Australia seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the State and has enacted the Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007 ("the Act"). The Act is committed to the Minister.
- 3.2. South Australia's Climate Change Strategy 2015-2050 – Towards a low carbon economy, provides an overarching framework for climate change action, including adapting to climate change, reducing emissions and attracting low carbon investment.
- 3.3. The State Government has developed the Adaptation Framework for regions to develop strategies across the State to deal with climate change impacts and benefit from opportunities presented by climate change.
- 3.4. The Limestone Coast region has demonstrated long term achievements in sustainability through water management, stormwater capture, renewable energy use and improving energy efficiency. The Agreement seeks to build on these achievements by providing structure for tackling climate change at a regional scale.
- 3.5. The Limestone Coast region contributes to the State's economy through its strengths in horticulture, agriculture, dairy, livestock production, commercial forestry, fisheries, tourism, advanced manufacturing, food processing, development and innovation.
- 3.6. The region is well placed to serve new market opportunities including in the green industries sector in areas such as food production, water, renewable energy and tourism.

4. THE SECTOR AGREEMENT DOES NOT CREATE LEGALLY BINDING OBLIGATIONS

- 4.1. The Agreement does not create any legally binding contract between the parties and does not give rise to any legally binding obligations.
- 4.2. The parties may amend any actions and commitments by agreement at any time. A three-year action plan will be jointly prepared to guide activities towards the areas of focus set out in the LC RCCAP and others as required, and shall clearly identify relevant and feasible actions and measurable outcomes.

5. AREAS OF FOCUS

5.1. The key areas of focus for this Agreement are:

- coordination and regional leadership in climate adaptation
- climate change action through the implementation of the Action Plan.

6. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS – CREATION OF A STEERING COMMITTEE

6.1 The Minister and the Limestone Coast Region Partners undertake within two months of the signing this Agreement to establish the Limestone Coast Climate Adaptation Committee (LCCAC), comprising of at least one member of each of the signatory parties from the Limestone Coast, selected by their respective boards, and one nominee of the Government of South Australia.

6.2 The Limestone Coast Climate Adaptation Committee (LCCAC) will:

- provide strategic decision making and direction towards achieving the objectives of the Agreement
- establish criteria to measure success for reporting of progress against this Agreement
- provide recommendations to inform the annual business planning processes of the Limestone Coast Region Partners on initiatives that may have a budget impact
- review progress of this Agreement on a yearly basis and provide annual progress reports to the Minister
- as necessary, develop working groups or subcommittees to involve expert knowledge and involvement of other stakeholders to assist with implementation of specific objectives of the Agreement or Action Plan.

6.3 The LCCAC will appoint its own chairperson and prepare its own terms of reference, meeting procedures, processes to resolve potential disputes and to manage potential conflicts of interest.

6.4 The State Government representative will provide regular briefings to this forum on government policy developments as required.

7. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

7.1 Pursuant to this agreement the LCCAC undertakes to:

- work in partnership to deliver initiatives for climate adaptation in the region.
- ensure briefings and advice to the Government of South Australia on local government developments and discussions relevant to this agreement.
- provide information and advice to the Government of South Australia regarding progress and development of initiatives under this agreement. Progress will include annual reports of progress towards implementing the Agreement.

7.2 The Government of South Australia will:

- coordinate among relevant agencies and Ministers and promote a whole of government response to the region regarding issues and projects related to this agreement through the delivery of a state wide whole-of-government Adaptation Action Plan..
- collaborate to implement adaptation actions through the Adaptation Action Plan, including exploring funding opportunities and sharing state-wide learnings regarding climate adaptation initiatives.
- ensure briefings and advice to the Steering Group on state and national policy developments and discussions relevant to this agreement.

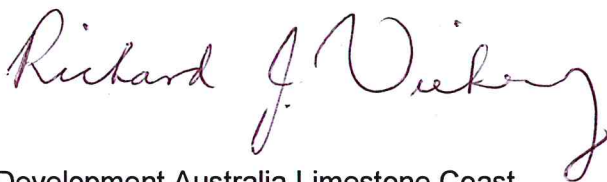
8. RESOURCING COMMITMENTS

- 8.1 The LCLGA will host the LCCAC, providing executive and administrative support for the Committee.
- 8.2 All parties will commit to covering their representatives' time, travel and accommodation costs associated with attendance at LCCAC meetings.

9. DURATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

- 9.1 This agreement shall continue from the date on which it is made until 30 June 2019.
- 9.2 The Agreement will be reviewed on a yearly basis. The Agreement may also be amended more frequently or extended on an as needs basis with the agreement of the parties.
- 9.3 This Agreement may be amended at any time if one party seeks to withdraw from the Agreement by providing 30 days' written notice to the other parties.

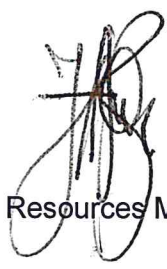
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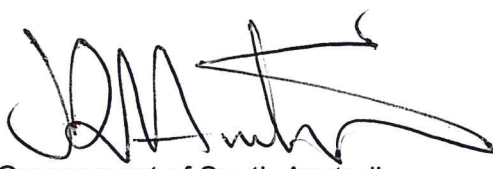
Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast



Limestone Coast Local Government Association



South East Natural Resources Management Board



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