

# **SECTOR AGREEMENT**

**For Climate Change Adaptation for the Southern Adelaide Region 2018-2020**

**Pursuant to the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007***

**BETWEEN**

**CITY OF HOLDFAST BAY**

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**and**

**CITY OF MARION**

**and**

**CITY OF MITCHAM**

**and**

**CITY OF ONKAPARINGA**

**and**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

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THIS AGREEMENT is made the [ 07 ] day of [ February ] 2018

BETWEEN

- (1) the Minister for Climate Change (the Minister) on behalf of the Government of South Australia
- and
- (2) the City of Holdfast Bay, the City of Marion, the City of Mitcham, the City of Onkaparinga - jointly referred to as the 'Resilient South Program Partners'

It is acknowledged that other key entities (from both public and private sectors) within the region may become partners in the Resilient South Program in the future. If this eventuates, the Agreement will be reviewed and amended accordingly.

## 1 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Sector Agreement (Agreement) acknowledges the importance of taking a leadership role in climate change and sustainability, and working collaboratively with our partners.

This Sector Agreement:

- 1.1 Builds upon the previous Sector Agreement between the Resilient South Program Partners and the State Government.
- 1.2 Formalises a continued commitment to leadership and cooperative work around sustainability and resilience; with a key focus on adapting and responding to the impacts, risks and opportunities arising from climate change in the region.
- 1.3 Articulates a common goal amongst the parties to implement climate change adaptation planning, programs and actions in a cooperative, co-ordinated and consultative manner in the region.
- 1.4 Supports the implementation of the:
  - Resilient South Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan (the Adaptation Plan);
  - Southern Region Local Government Implementation Plan 2015-2019 (the Implementation Plan);
  - Local action plans and policies for each partner council; and
  - Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan for South Australia.
- 1.5 The Resilient South Program Partners and the State Government are entering into this second Sector Agreement under the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007* (the Act) to:

- Collaborate on the implementation of the Adaptation Plan;
- Identify and promote economic and employment opportunities within the region that may be affected by climate change, including those related to new markets, industry practices and regulatory environments;
- Provide relevant information to key service providers to help them manage risk and exploit opportunities;
- Work together to support a better understanding of climate change risks, issues and opportunities for communities, business and the natural environment;
- Facilitate community engagement and participation in programs designed to promote adaptation actions;
- Explore the potential for joint projects, partnerships, and Commonwealth funding opportunities;
- Promote and showcase achievements as a template for other regions of South Australia, as well as nationally; and
- Recognise the differences across the region and facilitate geographically specific responses to climate change.

## 2 THE REGION

For the purpose of this Agreement, the Southern Adelaide Region (the region) is aligned with the boundaries of the Council areas of Holdfast Bay, Marion, Mitcham and Onkaparinga (see map at Addendum 1).

## 3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Government of South Australia seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the State through the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007*.
- 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 *Prospering in a Changing Climate: A Climate Change Adaptation Framework for South Australia* (the Framework) provides a framework for dealing with the impacts of climate change and identifying opportunities.
- 3.4 In 2011, the Resilient South Program Partners initiated a regional climate change adaptation planning process. The Adaptation Plan was completed in 2014 and adopted by each Resilient South Program Partner. A subsequent *Southern Region Local Government Implementation Plan 2015-2019* was developed and adopted in 2015. Each partner council has also developed a Local Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan or Policy.
- 3.5 The Resilient South Program Partners and the State Government signed a sector agreement in August 2013 in support of the development and implementation of the Adaptation Plan. This Agreement expired on 30 June 2014.



- 3.6 In 2014, Resilient South won the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility's (NCCARF) Climate Adaptation Champion award.
- 3.7 Concurrent to the adaptation planning undertaken by the Resilient South Program Partners, the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) undertook a large-scale emergency risk management project in the Southern Adelaide region and developed a *Southern Adelaide Emergency Management Plan*, with links to climate change adaptation. The Resilient South Program Partners have a demonstrated track record in adapting to the impacts of climate change, with initiatives in:
- Risk and hazard management including coastal impacts, bushfire, flooding/stormwater management, storms, extreme heat;
  - Infrastructure and development planning;
  - Water and energy security;
  - Biodiversity and natural resources protection; and
  - Public health impacts.

#### 4 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 4.1 This Agreement supports the achievement of the Act.
- 4.2 This Agreement recognises that the Government of South Australia and the Resilient South Program Partners are committed to collectively address the issues associated with climate change to ensure a resilient, sustainable and prosperous future for the region.
- 4.3 This Agreement supports the implementation of the priorities identified in the regional Adaptation Plan, Implementation Plan, Local Action Plans and State Adaptation Action Plan for South Australia.
- 4.4 This Agreement will enable an integrated approach whereby all parties provide strategic direction for the region in tackling climate change adaptation and supports the continuation of the Resilient South Program Management Committee with membership from each party.
- 4.5 This Agreement includes a Schedule outlining an Action Plan (Table 1) and a list of Priority Adaptation Focus Areas (Table 2) to which the signatories commit. The parties will endeavour to undertake the actions outlined in the Schedule, as resources allow.
- 4.6 The implementation approach will be consistent with the recommendations of Australia's National Climate Change Adaptation Framework and the Climate Change Adaptation Framework for South Australia.
- 4.7 The parties recognise that the Agreement is complementary to, and supports, existing legislation, strategies, policies and programs, including:
- *Southern Adelaide Zone Emergency Management Plan*;
  - *South Australia's Climate Change Strategy 2015-2050 – Towards a low carbon economy*;
  - *Local Government Association's Climate Change Strategy*;
  - *State Natural Resources Management Plan*;

- *Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Plan*;
- *South Australia's Strategic Plan*;
- *30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide*;
- *State Public Health Plan: South Australia, A Better Place to Live*; and
- Individual Council strategies and plans; and
- International frameworks and agreements including the Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the United Nations Green Cities Declaration.

4.8 This Agreement will build on common interests in order to deliver a regional approach to responding positively to the challenges of climate change, recognising that specific responses may vary across the region and that responses may need to represent the interests of specific communities.

4.9 It is recognised that the parties will have an opportunity to consider and provide input into the review of national and state adaptation plans, policies and frameworks.

## **5 THIS SECTOR AGREEMENT DOES NOT CREATE LEGALLY BINDING OBLIGATIONS**

5.1 This Agreement does not create any legally binding contract between the parties and does not give rise to any legally binding obligations.

5.2 The parties may amend any commitments (as outlined in the Schedule) by agreement at any time.

## **6 GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

6.1 The Resilient South Program Management Committee (the Committee) will continue to maintain oversight of the Resilient South Program and will consist of at least one member from each of the Resilient South Program Partners, including the State Government.

6.2 The Committee will appoint its own chairperson and determine its own meeting procedures to resolve potential disputes and manage potential conflicts of interest.

6.3 The Committee may, as approved by the Resilient South Program Partners and State Government, have observers at its meetings.

6.4 The Committee may establish working parties as required to support the implementation of the Adaptation Plan and this Agreement.

6.5 The Committee will establish criteria to measure progress on the Adaptation Plan, Implementation Plan and this Agreement.

6.6 The Committee will provide regular progress reports to the Minister and to other regional stakeholders.

6.7 The State Government representative may provide regular briefings to the Committee on government policy development, as required.



## **7 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Agreement includes a Schedule outlining an action plan for the parties to the agreement.

7.1 Pursuant to this Agreement, the Resilient South Program Partners undertake to:

- Participate in Committee activities including all relevant actions identified in the Adaptation Plan and Agreement;
- Promote the Resilient South Program objectives internally and to relevant stakeholders;
- Ensure consistency with relevant local, state and Commonwealth government strategies;
- Prioritise opportunities to implement the Adaptation Plan on a regional scale where it is more efficient and practical than doing so on a council by council basis; and
- Contribute in a timely fashion to reviews of all key program deliverables.

7.2 Pursuant to this Agreement, the Government of South Australia undertakes to:

- Coordinate among relevant agencies and Ministers, to respond to the State regions regarding priority actions related to this Agreement and Plan through the delivery of a State-wide, whole-of-Government Adaptation Plan;
- Collaborate to implement adaptation actions through the Plan, including exploring funding opportunities and sharing state-wide learnings regarding climate change adaptation initiatives;
- Support the development and/or coordination of any relevant funding proposal to the Commonwealth Government relating to the Adaptation Plan and this Agreement;
- Ensure consistency with the Framework; and
- Ensure that briefings and advice are provided to the Committee on State and national policy developments and discussions, as required and relevant to this Agreement.

## **8 DURATION OF THIS AGREEMENT**

8.1 The Agreement shall continue from the date on which it is made until 30 June 2020.

8.2 The Agreement can be amended or extended, as required, with the agreement of the signatory parties.

8.3 Any party can seek to withdraw from the Agreement by providing 30 days written notice to the other signatory parties.

8.4 The Schedule within the Agreement will be reviewed annually.

*(Pursuant to the Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007)*

LORRAINE ROSENBERG

**MAYOR  
CITY OF ONKAPARINGA**



Date 07 / 02 / 18

STEPHEN PATTERSON


**MAYOR  
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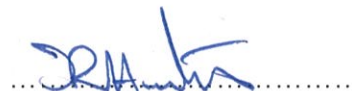
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HON IAN HUNTER MLC

**MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE  
GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**



Date 29 / 1 / 18

## ADDENDUM 1

Map of the Southern Adelaide Region, showing council boundaries

### Southern Adelaide Region

