

SECTOR AGREEMENT

For the Resilient East Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan

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

between

THE CITY OF ADELAIDE

and

THE CITY OF BURNSIDE

and

CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL

and

THE CITY OF NORWOOD PAYNEHAM & ST PETERS

and

THE CITY OF PROSPECT

and

CITY OF TEA TREE GULLY

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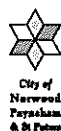
THE CITY OF UNLEY

and

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WALKERVILLE

and

THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA



THIS AGREEMENT is made the [27] day of [July] 2020

BETWEEN

- 1) The Minister for Environment and Water (the Minister) on behalf of the Government of South Australia and
- 2) The Eastern Adelaide region consisting of the following bodies: the Cities of Adelaide, Burnside, Norwood Payneham & St Peters, Prospect, Tea Tree Gully, Unley, Campbelltown City Council and the Town of Walkerville.

The eight partners listed under (2) are jointly referred to as the 'Resilient East Project Partners'.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Sector Agreement (the Agreement) between the Government of South Australia and the Resilient East Project Partners acknowledges the importance of leadership and cooperation on climate change and sustainability. This Agreement:

- Articulates a common goal amongst the key parties to develop and deliver climate change adaptation planning and programs in a cooperative, co-ordinated and consultative manner in the region; and
- Has, as its key focus, adaptation and responding to the impacts, risks and opportunities of climate change in the region - to be addressed via:
 - Setting agreed objectives;
 - Developing strategies to support research and innovative planning;
 - Cooperatively identifying and progressing partnership opportunities across sectors within the region to assist with the transition to a carbon and water-constrained future; and
 - Commitment to cooperate in the timely implementation of the Resilient East Climate Change Adaptation Plan (the Adaptation Plan), and its ongoing evaluation and review.
- Works in partnership to deliver initiatives for climate change adaptation in the region;
- Provides community engagement opportunities toward delivering Adaptation Plan initiatives;
- Recognises similarities and differences across the Eastern Adelaide region, and facilitate geographically specific responses to climate change;
- Explores the potential for joint projects, partnerships and Commonwealth funding opportunities;
- Promotes and showcases achievements as a template for other areas of South Australia, as well as nationally;
- Ensures briefings and advice to the Government of South Australia on local council and regional developments and discussions relevant to this Agreement; and
- Provides information and advice to the Government of South Australia regarding progress and the development of initiatives under this Agreement, including annual reports of progress toward implementing the Agreement and Adaptation Plan.

INTRODUCTION

The Resilient East Project Partners have a common goal that aims to improve the resilience of our communities, assets and infrastructure, local economies and natural environment so they can cope with the continuing impacts and challenges of climate change in the short, medium and long term, through the implementation of the Adaptation Plan.

1. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 1.1 Through the endorsement of the Adaptation Plan, the Minister and the Resilient East Project Partners commit to addressing the issues associated with a changing climate to ensure a resilient, climate smart and prosperous future for South Australia.

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- 1.2 Enable a high level integrated approach whereby all parties provide strategic direction for the region in tackling climate change adaptation issues.
- 1.3 The governance arrangements will be consistent with the previous Sector Agreement, as outlined in Section 4.
- 1.4 The Agreement includes a Schedule outlining an action plan for the parties to the Agreement. The Schedule will be reviewed annually by the parties to this Agreement.
- 1.5 It is expected that the strategies outlined in the Schedule will be coordinated and resourced as appropriate by all signatories to the Agreement.
- 1.6 The Agreement complements and supports existing policies and programs, including:
 - The Government's [Directions for a Climate Smart South Australia](#) policy statement;
 - [Stronger Together – South Australia's Disaster Resilience Strategy](#)
 - the Local Government Association's Climate Change Strategy;
 - The Green Adelaide position paper '[A new approach to managing our urban environment](#)';
 - The [Greener Neighbourhoods Grant scheme](#); and
 - Individual Council strategies and corporate climate change adaptation plans already in place.
- 1.7 The Agreement and Schedule (Part A and Part B) support the achievement of the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007* (the Act), as well as in facilitating the implementation of the Adaptation Plan.
- 1.8 While specific responses to climate change may vary across the region, this Agreement aims to facilitate a cooperative approach across the Eastern Adelaide region to identify and address elements of common interest and benefit, recognising that responses may need to represent the interest of specific communities.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Government of South Australia seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate within the State.
- 2.2 South Australia's Adaptation Framework assisted regions to develop strategies across the State to deal with climate change impacts and potentially benefit from opportunities presented by climate change.
- 2.3 The Government's *Directions for a Climate Smart South Australia* includes a policy for the State Government to support South Australian communities, industries, businesses and the environment to manage risk, harness opportunities, adapt and build resilience to climate change.
- 2.4 The Eastern Region is predominantly residential and is home to the State's capital city and inner and middle ring Council areas that are key contributors to the economic activity and vibrancy of Greater Metropolitan Adelaide and the State.

3. THIS SECTOR AGREEMENT DOES NOT CREATE LEGALLY BINDING OBLIGATIONS

- 3.1 This Agreement does not create any legally binding contract between the parties and does not give rise to any legally binding obligations.
- 3.2 The Parties may amend any actions by written agreement at any time. A one year action plan will be jointly prepared to guide activities toward the areas of focus.
- 3.3 The Parties may amend this Sector Agreement by unanimous agreement at any time.

4. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS – CONTINUATION OF THE PROJECT STEERING GROUP

- 4.1 The Minister and the Resilient East Project Partners undertake to continue the governance arrangements through the Project Steering Group (PSG), comprising of at least one member of each of the signatory parties from the Resilient East Project Partners, selected by their respective councils, and at least one nominee of the Government of South Australia.
- 4.2 The PSG will meet quarterly to guide and review progress of the Agreement.
- 4.3 The PSG will aim to:
- Provide strategic direction and decision making toward achieving the objectives of this Agreement;
 - Measure progress on this Agreement using agreed criteria;
 - Review the progress of the Agreement (and Schedule 1) on an annual basis, and provide annual progress report to the Minister, member Councils and other regional stakeholders;
 - Provide recommendations to inform the annual business planning processes of the Resilient East Project Partners on initiatives that may have a budget impact; and
 - As necessary, develop working groups or subcommittees (i.e. expert knowledge, other stakeholders) to assist with the implementation of specific objectives of the Agreement and/or Action Plan.
- 4.4 The PSG 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.
- 4.5 The PSG may, as approved by the Minister and the Resilient East Project Partners, have observers at its meetings.
- 4.6 The State Government representative may provide regular briefings to PSG on government policy developments as required.
- 4.7 The PSG will provide annual progress reports to the Minister, member Councils and other relevant regional stakeholders on the progress of this Agreement and the Adaptation Plan.

5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 Pursuant to this Agreement, the Resilient East Project Partners undertake to:
- Participate in the Project Steering Group's activities;
 - Ensure consistency with relevant local, state and Commonwealth government strategies;
 - Contribute in a timely fashion to reviews of all key project deliverables;
 - Promote the project's objectives internally and to relevant stakeholders;
 - Prioritise opportunities to implement climate change projects including the Adaptation Plan on a regional scale, rather than on a Council-by Council basis, where it is efficient and practical to do so; and
 - Pursuant to this Agreement, there will be a Regional Coordinator, hosted by one of the member Councils.
 - The role of Regional Coordinator is to project manage the day-to-day operational and administrative needs including contractual obligations, management of consultants, reporting, project communications, scheduling, budgeting and quality. The Regional Coordinator shall operate under the broad direction of the Project Steering Group.
 - The recruitment of the Coordinator will be undertaken by the Project Steering Group.
 - The parties will promote and showcase achievements
- 5.2 The Government of South Australia undertakes to:
- Collaborate on initiatives that support the Government's Directions for a Climate Smart South Australia, including through building resilience and adapting as well as the provision of accessible information;
 - Collaborate to implement adaptation actions through the region's Adaptation Plan, including exploring funding opportunities and sharing state-wide learnings regarding climate adaptation initiatives;

6. DURATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

- 6.1 This Agreement shall continue from the date on which it is made until at least 30 January 2025.
- 6.2 The Schedule 1 Part B within the Agreement will be reviewed and updated annually by the Project Steering Group.
- 6.3 The Agreement in its entirety will be reviewed at least once prior to 30 January 2025.
- 6.4 The Agreement may be amended more frequently or extended on an as needs basis with the agreement of the signatory parties.
- 6.5 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 signatory parties.

EASTERN REGION (METROPOLITAN ADELAIDE) SECTOR AGREEMENT
SIGNED AND ENDORSED BY

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Mark Goldstone (Mar 28, 2020)

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Minister for Environment and Water
Government of South Australia

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SCHEDULE 1

Part A: Five year priority action areas for the Eastern Region

Ref	Priority action areas	Timing
1	Implement the Resilient East Canopy and Green Cover Mission and Strategies towards increasing canopy across the region by 20% by 2045 to create cooler more liveable places for comfort, amenity and urban biodiversity.	2019-25
2	Implement the Resilient East WSUD Mission and Strategies towards the mainstreaming of Water Sensitive Urban Design for Eastern Adelaide to be a green resilient and attractive region with diverse water resources that support healthy, engaged communities and urban biodiversity.	2019-25
3	Establish a region wide monitoring and evaluation framework for councils to support local and state government efforts to report progress on climate adaptation, to respond to new information and to observe and evaluate continuing local impacts.	2021
4	Contribute to ongoing planning and policy reform opportunities relating to climate change, including to support the greater protection, enhancement and re-establishment of urban canopy and green cover on both public and private lands	Ongoing
5	Actively address climate adaptation, transition costs and opportunities relating to councils and businesses operating in our region	Ongoing
6	Play a leading role to engage with our communities on climate change, climate risks and how to make our homes and communities more resilient to climate change, including through events such as the feeling Hot Hot Hot event.	Ongoing

Part B: Financial year priorities 2019-20

Priority Area	Outcomes	Deliverables
<p>1. Align annual planting programs to meet the pathway for increased canopy cover on public land</p> <p>Link to Adaptation Plan Table A:</p> <p><i>A5 Increase planting across urban areas</i></p>	<p>All Councils can track their efforts towards increasing canopy cover</p> <p>Better data to inform decision making and advocacy</p> <p>Collaboration with DPTI and Green Adelaide will determine planning solutions towards preserving and increasing canopy cover on private land.</p>	<p>The Canopy and Green Cover Action Working Group will develop and implement an action plan towards increasing canopy cover including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting councils to report progress towards achieving their 2045 canopy targets (including gains and losses). • Share knowledge on planning, tree planting and canopy cover strategies. • Peer review of methods and approaches by TreeNet. • Prepare and promote information booklet on the role of trees, targets and benefits including the climate ready tree species list. • Improve data collection for planting and removals. • Proactively pursue policy that can protect or increase canopy on private land.

<p>2. Incorporating WSUD in all relevant projects</p> <p>Links to Adaptation Plan Table A:</p> <p><i>A1 Prepare and implement climate ready guidelines for public realm, green infrastructure and urban design</i></p> <p><i>A3 Improve stormwater management to maximise amenity and water reuse</i></p> <p><i>A5 Increase planting across urban areas</i></p> <p><i>A6 Make asset management plans climate ready</i></p>	<p>Councils will Incorporate WSUD and or landscape permeable principles in all capital projects such as footpaths and storm water management to reduce flood risk and the fragmentation of soil and hydrological cycle.</p> <p>Improved Climate resilience - This recognises that use of impermeable materials degrade natural habitats, increases heat island effects, impacts tree canopy and our communities vulnerability to climate change.</p>	<p>The WSUD Action Working Group will implement their action plan including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councils (individually) continue to develop WSUD projects. • Collation and sharing of WSUD project examples, both public and private, to support all further internal/external engagement and education. • Contribute to Water Sensitive SA. • Monitor funding opportunities and consider applications when relevant eg NRM Water Sustainability and Greener Neighbourhoods. • Advocate for WSUD, internally and externally. • Support WSUD research. • Internal education. • Support Green Adelaide priority of WSUD. • Host/co-host forum to promote WSUD across councils and the community.
<p>3. Managing risks of climate change in our organisations and as self insurers</p> <p>Links to Adaptation Plan Table A</p> <p><i>A9 Facilitate changes to business practices</i></p>	<p>Continue progress towards quantifying the impact of heatwaves on council outdoor staff, productivity, services and costs</p> <p>Quantify and describe how being proactive can reduce costs as self insurers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share internally work that City of Adelaide has completed investigating the financial and transitional risks that climate change represents for councils. • Analyse the workforce lost time from inclement weather Summer 2018-19 from two councils for an initial cost estimate and preliminary • Develop recommendations for further work based on initial analysis and data sharing report

<p>4. Continue to engage on Planning Policy Reform and Landscape Reform with the LGA and State Government</p> <p>Links to Adaptation Plan Table A</p> <p><i>A5 Increase planting across urban areas (note that DPTI is a suggested key partner)</i></p>	<p>Resilient East is seen as a key partner to support Green Adelaide and to promote constructive ways to increase canopy and green cover</p> <p>Planning reforms include tangible requirements that will drive and promote retention and reestablishment of canopy and green cover on private land towards 2045 targets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue engaging with DPTI on Planning reforms • Advocate for a planning Client Manager from DPTI to engage with the Resilient East Steering Group and seek a quarterly briefing/debriefing/discussion with DPTI • Provide further input /feedback as required
<p>5. Increase community awareness and education about being climate ready</p> <p>Links to Adaptation Plan Table A:</p> <p><i>A4 Increase community education and awareness regarding climate hazards</i></p>	<p>Communities will have greater understanding and support for climate adaptation and the importance of increased greening</p> <p>Communities in eastern Adelaide will be familiar with and support the Resilient East Project and its mission</p>	<p>Implement the Resilient East Communications and Engagement Plan including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare 'how to and info guide' for heat mapping tool • Update and promote the Resilient East Website. • Pilot an NRM Urban Sustainability Forum on Climate Adaptation Deliver Cooler Infrastructure Forum (workshop and tour of cool street trial at City of Salisbury for infrastructure staff). • Promote the "trees are cool" project about urban trees • Plan and deliver extreme storm scenario (similar to Hot Hot Hot event) Seek to partner with the LGA/ Green Building Council and others as appropriate. • Explore opportunities for Green Adelaide and Climate Adaptation forums, in partnership with the State Government.