

SECTOR AGREEMENT

For the Resilient East Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan

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

between

CITY OF ADELAIDE

and

CITY OF BURNSIDE

and

CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL

and

CITY OF NORWOOD PAYNEHAM & ST PETERS

and

CITY OF PROSPECT

and

CITY OF TEA TREE GULLY

and

CITY OF UNLEY

and

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WALKERVILLE

and

THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

THIS AGREEMENT is made the [] day of [] 2017

BETWEEN

- 1) The Minister for Climate Change (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, Campbelltown, Norwood Payneham & St Peters, Prospect, Tea Tree Gully, Unley 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.
 - Working in partnership to deliver initiatives for climate change adaptation in the region;
 - Providing community engagement opportunities toward delivering Adaptation Plan initiatives;
 - Recognising similarities and differences across the Eastern Adelaide region, and facilitating geographically specific responses to climate change;
 - Exploring the potential for joint projects, partnerships and Commonwealth funding opportunities;
 - Promoting and showcasing achievements as a template for other areas of South Australia, as well as nationally;
 - Ensuring briefings and advice to the Government of South Australia on local council and regional developments and discussions relevant to this Agreement; and
 - Providing 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 inevitable 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 and prosperous future for South Australia.
- 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 Prospering in a Changing Climate: A Climate Change Adaptation Framework for South Australia (South Australia's Adaptation Framework)

- 1.4 The Agreement includes a Schedule outlining an action plan for the parties to the Agreement and the Priority Adaptation Options for the region. 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:
- South Australia's Climate Change Strategy 2015-2050;
 - Prospering in a Changing Climate: A Climate Change Adaptation Framework for South Australia (South Australia's Adaptation Framework);
 - the Local Government Association's Climate Change Strategy;
 - the current Sector Agreement between the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA SA) and the South Australian Government;
 - Our Place, Our Future: South Australia's Natural Resource Management Plan 2012-2017;
 - Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Plan;
 - South Australia's Strategic Plan; and
 - Individual Council strategies and corporate climate change adaptation plans already in place.
- 1.7 The Agreement and Schedule supports 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 within the State through the Act.
- 2.2 *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.
- 2.3 The Government of South Australia has developed South Australia's Adaptation Framework for regions to develop strategies across the State to deal with climate change impacts and potentially benefit from opportunities presented by 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 agreement at any time. A one year action plan will be jointly prepared to guide activities toward the areas of focus, as set out in the Adaptation Plan
- 3.3 The Parties may amend this Sector Agreement by unanimous agreement at any time.

4. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS – CREATION OF A PROJECT STEERING GROUP



- 4.1 The Minister and the Resilient East Project Partners undertake within two months of the commencement date of this Agreement to establish 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 CEOs, and at least one nominee of the Government of South Australia.
- 4.2 The PSG will aim to:
- Provide strategic direction and decision making toward achieving the objectives of this Agreement;
 - Establish criteria to measure progress on the Adaptation Plan and this Agreement;
 - 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.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 The PSG may, as approved by the Minister and the Resilient East Project Partners, have observers at its meetings.
- 4.5 The State Government representative may provide regular briefings to PSG on government policy developments as required.

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 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
- 5.2 The Government of South Australia undertakes to:
- Coordinate among relevant agencies and Ministers, to respond 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 Plan, including exploring funding opportunities and sharing state-wide learnings regarding climate adaptation initiatives;
 - Ensure briefings and advice are provided to the PSG on State and national policy developments and discussions, as required and relevant to this Agreement;
 - Support the development and/or coordination of any relevant funding proposal to the Commonwealth Government relating to this Agreement; and
 - Coordinate projects under this Agreement to ensure consistency with South Australia's Adaptation Framework.

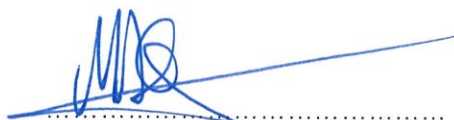
6. DURATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

- 6.1 This Agreement shall continue from the date on which it is made until at least 30 January 2020.



- 6.2 The Schedule within the Agreement will be reviewed annually.
- 6.3 The Agreement in its entirety will be reviewed at least once prior to 30 January 2020.
- 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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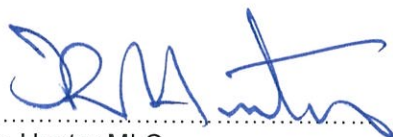
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SCHEDULE 1

Table A outlines the Provisional Action Plan under the Eastern Adelaide Region (Metropolitan Adelaide) Sector Agreement. This Provisional Action Plan will be reviewed by the Project Steering Group at its first meeting, and will be finalised and adopted as soon as practicable thereafter.

Table B outlines the Priority Adaptation Options for the Eastern Adelaide Region.

Table A: Provisional Action Plan

Sector Agreement Element	Key Actions	Date	Responsible Party
Governance framework	Create a Project Steering Group to review progress of the Adaptation Plan on a quarterly basis.	Within 2 months of commencement of agreement.	The Councils and Government of South Australia
Reporting arrangements	The Project Steering Group will provide annual progress reports to the Minister, member Councils and other relevant regional stakeholders on the progress of the Adaptation Plan and this Agreement.	Annually	Project Steering Group
Adaptation	Coordinate among relevant agencies and Ministers, a state-wide, whole-of-government response to the region's Adaptation Plan	Ongoing	Government of South Australia
Information provision	Ensure relevant information is provided to the Eastern Adelaide region as appropriate, including learnings from other regions.	Ongoing	Government of South Australia
External support	Support the development and/or coordination of relevant funding proposals.	Ongoing	Project Steering Group
Communication of achievements	The parties will promote and showcase achievements.	Ongoing	Project Steering Group and Government of South Australia

Table B: Priority adaptation options for the Eastern Region

Ref	Priority adaptation option	Timing
1	Prepare and implement climate ready guidelines for public realm, green infrastructure and urban design	Now
2	Business and infrastructure owners continuity planning	Now
3	Improve stormwater management to maximise amenity and water reuse	Now
4	Increase community education and awareness regarding climate hazards	Now
5	Increase planting across urban areas	Start implementation within 5 years
6	Make asset management plans climate ready	Start implementation within 5 years
7	Increase the area of open space in strategic locations	Start implementation within 10 years
8	Prevent development in hazard prone areas	Start implementation within 10 years
9	Facilitate changes to business practices	Start implementation within 30 years

Table B Source: Resilient East Climate Change Adaptation Plan (June 2016)