

CLIMATE CHANGE AND CARBON NEUTRAL ADELAIDE CABINET TASKFORCE

Terms of reference

September 2017

Membership	
Premier	Hon Jay Weatherill (Chair)
Deputy Premier Attorney-General Minister for Planning	Hon John Rau
Treasurer Minister for State Development Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy	Hon Tom Koutsantonis
Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation Minister for Climate Change	Hon Ian Hunter (Deputy Chair)
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure	Hon Stephen Mullighan

The Chair and Deputy Chair have the discretion to invite any minister, departmental officer or external stakeholder to attend a meeting to assist the Cabinet Taskforce to meet its objectives. This may occur on an ad hoc or regular basis.

The following will receive a standing invitation for them, or their proxy, to participate in ordinary meetings:

- The Chair of the Premier's Climate Change Council
- The Chief Executives of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, the Department of State Development, and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure
- The Chiefs of Staff of the Premier and the Minister for Climate Change.

Other agencies will be invited as required (e.g. Primary Industries and Regions of South Australia and the Investment Attraction Agency).

Objectives

To drive the government's response to climate change and transitioning to a low-carbon economy, including overseeing the development and implementation of initiatives under:

- South Australia's Climate Change Strategy 2015-2050: Towards a Low Carbon Economy
- The Carbon Neutral Adelaide commitment

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- A Low Carbon Investment Plan for South Australia: Achieving \$10 billion investment in low carbon energy generation by 2025 and 50 per cent of electricity production by renewable energy by 2025.

To streamline the Cabinet agenda by approving proposals and initiatives which assist to implement the strategic direction outlined above and the public value proposition below, except those items which have significant public impact or are controversial and should therefore be considered by full Cabinet, or have a budget impact and therefore should be considered by the Budget and Performance Review Committee. This includes submissions to inquiries.

The Taskforce is driven by the public value proposition that:

If we pursue ambitious investment in low carbon industries and renewable energy, then South Australia will be well-placed to be a world-leader in addressing global warming. This in turn would create more liveable cities, better preserve our natural assets and support new industries and jobs.

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The Taskforce will meet its objectives by:

- Considering and making recommendations on the most cost effective mechanisms to:
 - reduce greenhouse gas emissions
 - adapt to climate change
 - achieve the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative
- Maximising the economic opportunities and job creation that arise from local and global action to tackle climate change
- Monitoring the impact of the transition to a low-carbon economy on energy reliability and affordability
- Overseeing collaboration with all levels of government, industry, business and the community to transition to a climate resilient, low-carbon economy
- Supporting industry, business and the community to adapt to climate change, including through the development and implementation of the Climate Change Adaptation Framework
- Considering opportunities for government to engage with business, industry and individuals to take voluntary action to reduce emissions
- Considering opportunities to reduce emissions associated with government activities
- Making recommendations on strategic measures related to climate change and transitioning to a low-carbon economy through the annual budget process.

Term of operation

The Taskforce will recommence operations for the period 10 August 2017 to 31 May 2018.

Operational matters

Meetings

The Taskforce will meet at least four times per annum, or more frequently at the discretion of the Chair.

Secretariat

The secretariat function supporting the Taskforce will be provided by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

Governance

The Taskforce will be supported by the Climate Change Senior Officials Group, which will report to the Taskforce on an as needs basis.

Templates

Proposals for consideration by the Task Force must use the following templates:

- Cabinet submission template – where approval or endorsement is required
- Cabinet note template – for noting information
- Strategic discussion template – for items which require more in-depth consideration or discussion.

For more information:

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