



# ADAPTING NORTHERN ADELAIDE

## SECTOR AGREEMENT

pursuant to the

*CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREENHOUSE  
EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT 2007*

November 2016



Government  
of South Australia



SECTOR AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO  
PURSUANT TO  
THE CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS  
REDUCTION ACT 2007  
FOR THE  
ADAPTING NORTHERN ADELAIDE INITIATIVE  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
AND  
THE CITIES OF PLAYFORD AND SALISBURY

THIS AGREEMENT is made BETWEEN

- (1) The Government of South Australia
- (2) The City of Playford
- (3) The City of Salisbury

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The establishment of an agreement between the Government of South Australia and the Cities of Playford and Salisbury that demonstrates their leadership and cooperation in responding to climate change.

The parties share an aspiration for Northern Adelaide to become a local, national and global leader in adapting to climate change, through the development of internationally competitive green industry research and businesses.

## 1. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 1.1 Through the endorsement of the Adapting Northern Adelaide Sector Agreement, the Government of South Australia and the Cities of Salisbury and Playford commit to address the issues associated with a changing climate to ensure a resilient and prosperous future for South Australia.
- 1.2 This Agreement demonstrates the commitment by formalising the parties' joint aspiration to tackle climate change by reducing emissions, adapting to the changes occurring in climate and maximising opportunities in the transition to a low carbon economy.
- 1.3 Under this Agreement, the parties will:
  - Collaborate and work in partnership with a range of stakeholders that can contribute to delivering the objectives of this agreement;
  - Follow principles of inclusiveness and transparency;
  - Work together and with other stakeholders to implement the Adapting Northern Adelaide Plan to support resilient and prosperous communities; and
  - Engage with industry, community and other partners to develop, improve and market the Northern Adelaide's green industries' products, services and capabilities that support a low carbon and adaptive economy.
- 1.4 The Agreement will support the achievement of the objects of the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007*.
- 1.5 This Agreement will complement and support existing policies and programs, including:
  - South Australia's Climate Change Strategy 2015-2050
  - South Australia's Climate Change Adaptation Framework
  - Northern Economic Plan
  - Salisbury City Plan 2030 and strategic priorities
  - Playford Community Vision 2043 and strategic priorities



## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 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 for Climate Change (“the Minister”).
- 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 State Government has developed the South Australian Climate Change Adaptation Framework for regions to develop strategies across the State to deal with climate change impacts and benefit from opportunities presented by climate change.
- 2.4 The City of Salisbury and City of Playford have demonstrated long term achievements in sustainability through water management, water sensitive urban design, recycling, improving the sustainability of transport systems, renewable energy use and improving energy efficiency. This Agreement seeks to build on these achievements by providing structure for tackling climate change at a regional scale.
- 2.5 The shared objective of the parties is to adopt and deliver the Adapting Northern Adelaide vision of *“Building liveable communities underpinned by a prosperous economy and sustainably managed natural resources”*.
- 2.6 Through well tested adaptation and mitigation strategies, the Northern Adelaide Region contributes to the State’s economy and through its strengths in advanced manufacturing, service, horticulture, food processing, recycling, research, development and innovation.
- 2.7 The region is well placed to serve new market opportunities including in the green industries sector in areas such as water, energy, waste food production and tourism.
- 2.8 The Polaris Business Innovation Centre and Stretton Centre are acknowledged as delivery points that play a key role in the success of this Agreement.
  - The Polaris Centre specialises in providing business support, advice and training for small to medium enterprises in the Northern Adelaide Region. The Polaris Centre is a hub for business and innovation in Northern Adelaide to support economic growth by encouraging innovation and offering practical programs that improve business performance.
  - The Stretton is a regional innovation centre, making things happen in the North through research and development projects, training and learning opportunities, all of which will help transform the economic landscape of the North.

## 3. THE SECTOR AGREEMENT DOES NOT CREATE LEGALLY BINDING OBLIGATIONS

- 3.1 The 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 and commitments by agreement at any time. A rolling three year action plan will be prepared to guide activities toward the areas of focus set out in Section 4 (although it may also identify other areas) and shall identify clearly relevant and measurable outcomes.

## **4. AREAS OF FOCUS**

4.1 The key areas of focus for this Agreement are:

### **4.1.1 ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

- The City of Salisbury and City of Playford agree to implement the Adapting Northern Adelaide Climate Change Adaptation Plan, within priorities as agreed by the Councils through annual business planning and budget allocation; and
- The State Government will collaborate to implement the adaptation actions, including to explore funding opportunities and to share state-wide learnings of climate adaptation initiatives.

### **4.1.2 REDUCING EMISSIONS**

The parties will actively promote emission abatement opportunities with the potential to deliver economic, social and environmental benefits through activities that may include, but are not limited to:

- Programs to improve energy and resource efficiency, the reuse of assets, recycling and use of renewable energy related to council activities;
- Improving the efficiency of offices and buildings and facilities under the control of the parties;
- Working with the business and industry sectors, and the wider community;
- Supporting the transition of street lighting to high efficiency illumination and renewable energy use;
- Exploring ways to raise community awareness of emerging renewable energy and storage options, and facilitate the further uptake of renewable energy;
- Improving the monitoring and data management of energy and fuel usage of councils, to better inform decision making;

### **4.1.3 SUPPORTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN GREEN AND LOW CARBON INDUSTRIES**

- The parties commit to encouraging Northern Adelaide's green and low carbon industries to be nationally and internationally recognised as part of a green industries region.
- Through a programme of initiatives, the parties will work towards establishing and promoting Northern Adelaide as a region that provides opportunities and economic growth in low carbon and green business development including:
  - supporting initiatives for all businesses to become greener and resource efficient;
  - supporting adoption of business operational efficiency leading to lower demands on water gas and power;



- Promoting environmentally sustainable tourism opportunities associated with the Regions Conservation Parks, St Kilda Adventure Playground and the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary;
  - Investigating a Northern Adelaide Green Industries brand to promote Northern Adelaide's achievements with additional recognition for those firms that meet high standards for sustainability in their activities and for their supply chain partners; and
  - Fostering partnerships and alliances for the research, innovation and development in technologies and practices that assist in adapting to climate change and reducing emissions.
- The parties will collaborate with other councils and regions.
  - The signatory parties will also consider how supporting green industries may be integrated into the Northern Economic Plan's industry sector actions and priority projects to optimise business investment and jobs in the region.

## **5. CREATION OF STEERING GROUP**

- 5.1 The parties will establish a steering group to provide strategic direction for the implementation of Adapting Northern Adelaide, and oversee the achievement of the objectives of the Sector Agreement.
- 5.2 The steering group will comprise four to six members with knowledge and skills in adaptation, mitigation and economic development, nominated by the Cities of Salisbury and Playford, and at least one nominee of the Government of South Australia.
- 5.3 The role of the steering group will include:
- Strategic decision making and providing direction towards achieving the objectives of the Sector Agreement within the annual budget constraints and priorities of the Councils;
  - Providing guidance on actions necessary and forward strategies to achieve the Adapting Northern Adelaide vision;
  - Establishing criteria to measure success for reporting of progress against this Agreement;
  - Reviewing progress of this Agreement on a quarterly basis; and
  - Providing recommendations to inform the annual business planning processes of Councils on initiatives that may have a budget impact.
- 5.4 The steering group 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.
- 5.5 The State Government representative will provide regular briefings to this forum on government policy developments and in turn inform the State Government of the strategic direction and work steered by the group.

## **6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 6.1 Pursuant to this agreement the parties undertake to:

- Work in partnership to deliver Adapting Northern Adelaide initiatives including:
  - adapting to climate change;
  - reducing emissions; and
  - promoting Northern Adelaide's green and low carbon businesses, facilitating partnerships, and attracting further green industry development in the region.
- Provide community engagement opportunities toward delivering Adapting Northern Adelaide initiatives.
- Develop marketing, branding and promotional tools consistent with South Australia's brand.

6.2 The Government of South Australia will:

- Co-ordinate 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 on the implementation of the adaptation actions through the Plan, including looking at opportunities and sharing state-wide learnings regarding climate change adaptation initiatives; and
- Ensure briefings and advice to the Steering Group on State and national policy developments and discussions, as required and relevant to this Agreement.

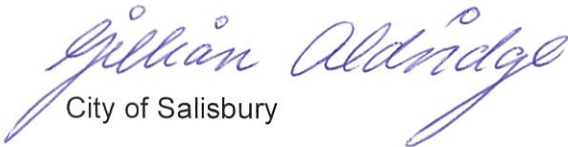
6.3 The Cities of Playford and Salisbury will:

- Partner with the Government of South Australia toward the implementation of Adapting Northern Adelaide including initiatives for:
  - Adapting to climate change;
  - Reducing emissions; and
  - Building on current business attraction and mentoring services to provide support to create a green industry network and collaborative forums that provide community engagement opportunities.
- Prepare a three year rolling action plan on priorities to implement this Agreement, updated on an annual basis;
- Ensure briefings and advice are provided to the Government of South Australia on local government developments and discussions in the region, relevant to this Agreement; and
- 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. DURATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

- 7.1 This Agreement shall continue from the date on which it is made for a period of five years. The Agreement may also be amended more frequently or extended on an as needs basis with the agreement of the parties
- 7.2 The progress of implementing the Agreement will be reviewed annually.
- 7.3 This Agreement may be terminated at any time if one party seeks to withdraw from the Agreement by providing 30 days written notice to the other parties.

Signed

  
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City of Salisbury

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Government of South Australia

Date

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