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The Hon David Speirs MP

Minister for Environment and Water

This annual report will be presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of the *Public Sector Act 2009* (Act) (Part 3, s12), the *Public Sector Regulations 2010* (Regulations) (Part 2, s7), section 13 of the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007* and the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the Premier's Climate Change Council by:

Martin Haese

Chair

Premier's Climate Change Council

Date 10 October 2019

Signature  _____

From the Chair

I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the Premier's Climate Change Council of South Australia for 2018-2019.

I believe the Council has made a significant contribution over the past year to South Australia becoming a climate smart state. Whilst our State's leadership in renewable energy is acknowledged, the Council recognises that we must continue to accelerate activity across all economic sectors on both climate change mitigation and adaptation. Addressing climate change risks and harnessing the opportunities of a low carbon economic transition are essential to achieving the State's economic, social and environmental goals.

I thank Minister Speirs for appointing me to chair the Council in 2019 and the opportunity for the Council to assist the State Government to develop a new across agency climate change strategy and blue carbon strategy. I acknowledge the expertise and efforts of the Council members and its secretariat in delivering the Council work plan over the past year. I further acknowledge the efforts of the previous Chair, Mr Bruce Carter for his significant contribution to addressing climate change issues during his eight years as Chair of the Council.



Martin Haese

Chair

Premier's Climate Change Council

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Overview: about the agency

Our strategic focus

Our Purpose	The Council's purpose is to provide independent and expert advice to the Minister for Environment and Water and South Australian Government about climate change mitigation and adaptation.
Our Vision	The Council's vision is for a climate smart state.
Our functions, objectives and deliverables	<p>The Council's primary function is to provide independent advice to the Minister about matters associated with reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change, including by achieving energy efficiencies, increasing the use of renewable energy, developing methods to remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere and establishing and achieving relevant targets.</p> <p>Pursuant to the Act, in the performance of its functions the Council should seek:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide advice to the Minister on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the impact of climate change on business and the wider community, and the development or implementation of policies or programs relevant to addressing climate change, including by the initiation of specific projects and plans; and - the impact of the operation and implementation of this Act on business and the wider community and, as appropriate, any amendments to relevant legislation (including this Act) that, in the opinion of the Council, should be considered or promoted by the Minister; and - costs associated with reducing or limiting climate change or greenhouse gas emissions, or with mitigating the effects of climate change or greenhouse gas emissions; and - costs associated with failing to take action to address climate change; and - commercial or other opportunities associated with climate change or reducing or limiting greenhouse gas emissions, with mitigating the effects of climate change or greenhouse gas emissions or with increasing the use of renewable energy sources; and - the effectiveness of any determination or target under section 5 [of the Act], and the need to revise any such determination or target; and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - any other matter on which the Minister requests the advice of the Council; and • To take a leadership role in consulting with business, the environment and conservation movement and the wider community about issues associated with climate change and to assist in disseminating information to business and other groups in order to encourage the implementation of practices that will assist in addressing climate change or adapting to the effects of climate change.
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Our organisational structure

In accordance with section 9(2) of the Act, the Council consists of at least seven and not more than ten members appointed by the Minister. At 30 June 2019, Council membership included:

Mr Martin Haese (Chair)

Mr Andrew Stock

Mayor Ann Ferguson

Lord Mayor Sandra Verschoor

Ms Nicole Halsey

Mr Craig Wilkins

Mr Paul Heithersay

Ms Cecilia Woolford.

Ms Jenny Paradiso

Further information on Council membership and remuneration is reported in the South Australian Government Board and Committee Information Annual Report 2018-19.

Changes to the agency

During 2018-19 there were no changes to the agency's structure and objectives as a result of internal reviews or machinery of government changes.

Our Executive team

Mr Martin Haese is the Chair of the Premier's Climate Change Council. Mr Haese was appointed as the Chair as of 1 January 2019, following the resignation of the former Chair, Mr Bruce Carter.

Legislation administered by the agency

The Council is responsible for complying with the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007*, which is administered by the Department for Environment and Water.

Other related agencies (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)

The Department for Environment and Water provides policy advice and administrative support to the Council.

The agency's performance

Performance at a glance

A key role of the Council is to provide advice to the South Australian Government on matters relating to climate change mitigation and building resilience. The Council actively identifies and takes advantage of opportunities to influence the consideration of climate change in key areas of government policy including through presentations, joint or one on one stakeholder meetings, and via consultation processes.

At the request of the Minister, the Council is currently supporting the Government to develop an across agency climate change strategy for the state; and a blue carbon strategy for South Australia.

The Council also takes a leadership role in consulting with stakeholders about issues associated with climate change, to disseminate information and to encourage climate action. In this reporting period, the Council completed its 2018 round of the SA Climate Leaders Awards, and co-hosted an event to provide information to South Australian business and industry about the consideration of climate change risks including the opportunities of responding to these risks.

Agency contribution to whole of Government objectives

Key objective	Agency's contribution
More jobs	The Council promotes the development and growth of innovative and climate smart businesses and services within South Australia.
Lower costs	The Council supports businesses and communities to reduce carbon emissions and in identifying and mitigating climate related risks. Positive action in these areas can reduce cost of living and business related expenses.
Better Services	See 'More jobs' above.

Agency specific objectives and performance

Agency objectives	Indicators	Performance
Lead the development of an across agency climate change strategy for the state	<p>At the request of the Minister for Environment and Water, the Council is supporting the Department for Environment and Water to develop an across agency climate change strategy for the state.</p> <p>The Council is also supporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - effective engagement across government agencies - identification of a targeted number of practical actions, and - development of relevant indicators or effectiveness ratings for monitoring and reporting purposes. 	<p>The Strategy development will continue into 2019/20. In this reporting period the Council has supported the development of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - project and engagement plans - a Government climate change directions statement (including strategic discussions with the Senior Management Committee and Cabinet), and - across agency consultation workshops <p>The Chair has also lead direct consultation with government agency Chief Executives.</p>
Support the development of a blue carbon strategy for South Australia	<p>At the request of the Minister for Environment and Water, the Council is supporting the Department for Environment and Water to develop a Blue Carbon Strategy for South Australia.</p> <p>The strategy will identify current policy issues, and include technical and research investigation outcomes. From this work, a targeted number of practical actions will be identified.</p>	<p>The Strategy is expected to be finalised and released in late 2019. In this reporting period the Council has supported the development of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - project and engagement plans. - an issues and options paper, and - a draft strategy for targeted consultation.

<p>Influence the consideration of climate change in other State Government policies and initiatives</p>	<p>The Council identifies and takes advantage of opportunities to influence the consideration of climate change in key areas of government policy.</p> <p>The Council develops timely and well written submissions or responses to targeted consultation on government policy.</p>	<p>In this reporting period the Council has commented on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NRM / Landscapes SA reforms. - State Planning Reforms (including State Planning Policies; Natural Resources and Environment; Transport and Integrated Movement; and Productive Economy discussion papers). - Creating a Modern Industry Policy - Productivity Commission Review
<p>Recognise people and organisations in South Australia that are taking action to address climate change</p>	<p>The Council finalised the 2018 round of the SA Climate Leaders Awards (including judging and hosting of the Awards ceremony) in this reporting period.</p> <p>The Awards recognise individuals, groups, organisations and partnerships that demonstrate collaboration, innovation and impacts in addressing climate change.</p>	<p>A diverse range of entries were received across the four SA Climate Leaders Awards categories.</p> <p>The Awards Ceremony was well attended with positive feedback from attendees.</p> <p>The achievements of entrants and category winners were promoted online and in the media.</p>

Engage with business and industry decision-makers about climate change risks and opportunities	The Council worked in partnership with the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) to host a business event about understanding and managing climate change risks.	The event provided information to South Australian business and industry about the consideration of climate change risks, including the opportunities of responding to these risks. The event was well-subscribed and positive survey feedback was received from attendees.
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Corporate performance summary

Refer to the graph above for a performance overview.

Employment opportunity programs

The Council has no staff of its own and utilises the services of the Department for Environment and Water. Reporting on this matter is contained in the Department for Environment and Water Annual Report 2018-19. Executive, administrative and project support were provided to the Council from existing departmental resources.

Agency performance management and development systems

Performance management and development system	Performance
Government employees supporting the Council's operations undertake a performance review and development program with their managers.	Two sessions are held on an annual basis. This is considered to be effective.
Number of Council meetings held during the reporting period.	The Council held five meetings during the reporting period.

Work health, safety and return to work programs

Program name	Performance
This Council abides by the relevant health and safety policies and procedures adopted by the Department for Environment and Water to meet whole of Government and legislative requirements.	Reporting on this matter is contained within the Department for Environment and Water Annual Report 2018-19.

Workplace injury claims	Current year 2018-19	Past year 2017-18	% Change (+ / -)
Total new workplace injury claims	0	0	0%
Fatalities	0	0	0%
Seriously injured workers*	0	0	0%
Significant injuries (where lost time exceeds a working week, expressed as frequency rate per 1000 FTE)	0	0	0%

*number of claimants assessed during the reporting period as having a whole person impairment of 30% or more under the Return to Work Act 2014 (Part 2 Division 5)

Work health and safety regulations	Current year 2018-19	Past year 2017-18	% Change (+ / -)
Number of notifiable incidents (<i>Work Health and Safety Act 2012, Part 3</i>)	0	0	0%
Number of provisional improvement, improvement and prohibition notices (<i>Work Health and Safety Act 2012 Sections 90, 191 and 195</i>)	0	0	0%

Return to work costs**	Current year 2018-19	Past year 2017-18	% Change (+ / -)
Total gross workers compensation expenditure (\$)	0	0	0%
Income support payments – gross (\$)	0	0	0%

**before third party recovery

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/premiers-climate-change-council-annual-report-data>

Executive employment in the agency

Executive classification	Number of executives
SAES all levels	0

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/premiers-climate-change-council-annual-report-data>

The [Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment](#) has a [workforce information](#) page that provides further information on the breakdown of executive gender, salary and tenure by agency.

Financial performance

Financial performance at a glance

The Council is a statutory body; it is not a corporate entity and has no funds of its own. Reporting on this matter is contained in the Department for Environment and Water Annual Report 2018-19.

The costs associated with the administration of the Council are met from within existing departmental resources.

Council members are remunerated in accordance with a recommendation by the Chief Executive, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, in line with the Cabinet approved Remuneration Framework.

Consultants disclosure

The Council did not engage any external consultants during the reporting period.

Consultancies with a contract value below \$10,000 each

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
nil	n/a	\$ 0

Consultancies with a contract value above \$10,000 each

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
nil	n/a	\$ 0
	Total	\$ 0

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/premiers-climate-change-council-annual-report-data>.

See also the [Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance](#) for total value of consultancy contracts across the South Australian Public Sector.

Contractors disclosure

The Council did not engage with any external contractors during this reporting period.

Contractors with a contract value below \$10,000

Contractors	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
nil	n/a	\$ 0

Contractors with a contract value above \$10,000 each

Contractors	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
nil	n/a	\$ 0
	Total	\$ 0

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/premiers-climate-change-council-annual-report-data>

The details of South Australian Government-awarded contracts for goods, services, and works are displayed on the SA Tenders and Contracts website. [View the agency list of contracts.](#)

The website also provides details of [across government contracts.](#)

Other information

Nil to report.

Risk management

Risk and audit at a glance

Not applicable

Fraud detected in the agency

There were no instances of fraud detected in the activities undertaken by the Council in this reporting period.

NB: Fraud reported includes actual and reasonably suspected incidents of fraud.

Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Strategies to detect instances of fraud are reported in the Department for Environment and Water Annual Report 2018-19.

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/premiers-climate-change-council-annual-report-data>

Whistle-blowers disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993*:

0

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/premiers-climate-change-council-annual-report-data>

Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<i>Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007</i>	<p>Section 13 relates to Annual reporting. The Council must, on or before 31 October in each year, provide to the Minister a report on its activities for the financial year ending on the preceding 30 June.</p> <p>The Minister must cause a copy of the report to be laid before both Houses of Parliament within 6 sitting days after the report is provided to the Minister.</p>

A report to meet the requirements of Section 13 of the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007* is provided in Section A of this report.

Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005*

Not applicable.

Public complaints

Number of public complaints reported

Complaint categories	Sub-categories	Example	Number of Complaints 2018-19
Professional behaviour	Staff attitude	Failure to demonstrate values such as empathy, respect, fairness, courtesy, extra mile; cultural competency	0
Professional behaviour	Staff competency	Failure to action service request; poorly informed decisions; incorrect or incomplete service provided	0
Professional behaviour	Staff knowledge	Lack of service specific knowledge; incomplete or out-of-date knowledge	0
Communication	Communication quality	Inadequate, delayed or absent communication with customer	0
Communication	Confidentiality	Customer's confidentiality or privacy not respected; information shared incorrectly	0
Service delivery	Systems/technology	System offline; inaccessible to customer; incorrect result/information provided; poor system design	0
Service delivery	Access to services	Service difficult to find; location poor; facilities/ environment poor standard; not accessible to customers with disabilities	0
Service delivery	Process	Processing error; incorrect process used; delay in processing application; process not customer responsive	0
Policy	Policy application	Incorrect policy interpretation; incorrect policy applied; conflicting policy advice given	0
Policy	Policy content	Policy content difficult to understand; policy unreasonable or disadvantages customer	0

Complaint categories	Sub-categories	Example	Number of Complaints 2018-19
Service quality	Information	Incorrect, incomplete, out dated or inadequate information; not fit for purpose	0
Service quality	Access to information	Information difficult to understand, hard to find or difficult to use; not plain English	0
Service quality	Timeliness	Lack of staff punctuality; excessive waiting times (outside of service standard); timelines not met	0
Service quality	Safety	Maintenance; personal or family safety; duty of care not shown; poor security service/ premises; poor cleanliness	0
Service quality	Service responsiveness	Service design doesn't meet customer needs; poor service fit with customer expectations	0
No case to answer	No case to answer	Third party; customer misunderstanding; redirected to another agency; insufficient information to investigate	0
		Total	0

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/premiers-climate-change-council-annual-report-data>

Service improvements for period

Service improvements that responded to customer complaints or feedback

No customer complaints or feedback was received in relation to the Council.

Appendix: Audited financial statements 2018-19

The Department for Environment and Water provides financial services to the Council. Finances are audited annually as part of the Department's financial statements. Annual report information (including financial statements) is available on the Department for Environment and Water website at:

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/about-us/our-reports/annual-reports>