Climate Change and South Australian Local Government: Action Plans and Resources

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Table 1: Climate change programs by Local Government Association of SA (LGASA)

- climate change survey of SA councils (2007)
- Beyond Carbon local government climate change summit (2008)
- *LGASA climate change strategy 2008-2012* (2008)
- *South Australian local government sector agreement – climate change* (2008)
- Renewable Energy Forum (2009)
- Update on the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (NGER) Act (2009)
- Local government greenhouse gas inventory worksheet (2009)
- Climate Change Risk Management and Adaptation Program (2008-2010)
- Public Lighting Forum, Technical feasibility report & Implementation guide (2009)
- briefing papers on carbon offsets for local government (2009/10)
- emissions measurement and management training course & workbook (2009/10)
- *Local government transition to sustainable public lighting discussion paper* (2010)
- CSIRO Energymark trial report on household energy use (2010)
- *Local government climate adaptation program interim report* (2010)
- *A guide for councils developing a climate change action plan* (2011)
- *Guidelines for undertaking an integrated climate change vulnerability assessment* (2011)
- Solar councils innovation fund (2011)
- National carbon tax modelling project (2011)

Source: Local Government Association of SA (www.lga.sa.gov.au);

Table 2: Greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets for State of SA

- ***GHG Emissions Reduction:***
  Limiting the State's GHG emissions to 108% of 1990 levels during 2008-12*
  60% reduction in State GHG emissions to 40% of 1990 levels by 2050#
  Reduce total GHG emissions from State Government operations by 60% by 30 June 2020#
- ***Renewable Energy:***
  Comprises 20% of the State's electricity production and consumption by 2014, 33% by 2020*
- ***GreenPower:***
  Purchase renewable energy for 50% of the government's electricity needs by 2014*
  Purchase minimum of 20% GreenPower for State Government operations by 1 January 2008#
- ***Energy Efficiency:***
  Improve efficiency of government buildings by 30% and private dwellings by 15% by 2020*
  Convert 50% of State Government cars to more environmentally friendly fuels by 2010#
- ***Zero Waste:***
  Reduce waste to landfill by 35% by 2020*

Sources: **South Australia's Strategic Plan 2011* (SA Plan 2011), #*Tackling Climate Change: SA's Greenhouse Strategy 2007-2020*
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Note: Climate change included in strategic plan/business plan for: City of Marion, City of Mount Gambier, City of Murray Bridge, City of Victor Harbour, District Council of Mallala, District Council of Mt Barker, District Council of Mount Remarkable, District Council of Yankalilla, Northern Areas Council, Port Augusta City Council, Southern Mallee District Council, Tatiara District Council, Town of Gawler; Murray and Mallee LGA, South East LGA, & Southern and Hills LGA.
SA Councils in Earth Hour 2011: Adelaide Hills, Burnside, Campbelltown, Charles Sturt, Holdfast Bay, Marion, Mitcham, Mount Barker, Murray Bridge, Norwood Payneham & St Peters, Playford, Port Adelaide Enfield, Port Augusta, Prospect, Salisbury, Tatiara, Walkerville.

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