

A large red wall with a white doorway on the right side. The doorway is framed by a yellow and orange border. The floor is white and slopes upwards towards the doorway.

Carbon Neutral Adelaide SECTOR AGREEMENT

PURSUANT TO THE

*CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS
REDUCTION ACT 2007*

NOVEMBER 2015



Government of South Australia
Department of Environment,
Water and Natural Resources



SECTOR AGREEMENT
ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THE
CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT 2007
FOR THE
CARBON NEUTRAL ADELAIDE INITIATIVE
BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
AND
THE ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL

THIS AGREEMENT is made the [] day of [] 2015

BETWEEN:

- (1) The Government of South Australia; and
- (2) The Adelaide City Council.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Agreement between the Government of South Australia and the Adelaide City Council demonstrates the parties' leadership and collaboration in addressing climate change and joint aspiration for the City of Adelaide to become the world's first carbon neutral city.

The parties also share an aspiration that Adelaide is a local, national and global leader in taking climate change action and capitalising on the economic and environmental benefits of transitioning to a low carbon economy. The parties aspire that Adelaide builds a reputation of a clean, green, resilient, prosperous and vibrant city and becomes a showcase city for the uptake of renewables and clean technologies, and investment attraction.

1. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 1.1 The Government of South Australia and the Adelaide City Council are committed to climate change action to ensure a resilient and prosperous future for South Australia.
- 1.2 The parties acknowledge science which tells that the impacts of climate change are largely driven by human induced greenhouse gas emissions, and that deep cuts are required to limit the global temperature rise to under 2°C.
- 1.3 This Sector Agreement demonstrates this commitment by formalising the parties' joint aspiration for the City of Adelaide to become carbon neutral.
- 1.4 To deliver the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative, the parties will:
 - work in partnership
 - follow the principles of inclusiveness and transparency
 - engage with the industry, community and other partners to identify preferred greenhouse gas reduction policies and initiatives and to develop pathways to carbon neutrality
 - work together and with other stakeholders to develop local climate change mitigation and adaptation capacity
 - have regard for emissions abatement opportunities with potential to deliver economic, social and environmental benefits in our State, and
 - build on current and past initiatives, including the previous *Adelaide Green City Sector Agreement*.

- 1.5 The parties acknowledge that the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative is designed to drive further emissions reductions, increase the uptake of renewable energy, build the State's green industries, increase energy and resource efficiency, improve waste management and facilitate the transition to cleaner transport modes, as well as deliver broader environmental, social and economic benefits.
- 1.6 The Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative will aspire to achieve a decoupling of economic growth and greenhouse gas emissions.

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 On 10 February 2015, at the opening of the second session of the 53rd Parliament the Governor of South Australia announced the State Government's ambition for the City of Adelaide to become the world's first carbon neutral city.
- 2.3 On 10 November 2015, the Adelaide City Council endorsed its *Carbon Neutral Strategy 2015-2025*, which includes a target for Adelaide to be a carbon neutral city.
- 2.4 The Adelaide City Council is committed to tackling climate change and building community resilience to the impacts of climate change. The Adelaide City Council seeks to further reduce City of Adelaide community greenhouse gas emissions, mitigate rising utility costs and capitalise on opportunities for sustainable business innovation and investment attraction.
- 2.5 The Government of South Australia is a signatory to The Climate Group's Compact of States and Regions which provides a global account of greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets made by state and regional governments.
- 2.6 The Adelaide City Council is a signatory to the Compact of Mayors, which is a global coalition of city leaders addressing climate change by pledging to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, tracking their progress and preparing for the impacts of climate change.
- 2.7 The Government of South Australia and the Adelaide City Council are forming this agreement to jointly commit to the aspiration of establishing the City of Adelaide as the world's leading carbon neutral city. The agreement relates to all of the Adelaide City Council municipal area.

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.

4. AREAS OF FOCUS

- 4.1 In consultation with industry, community and other partners the parties will deliver the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative for the area comprising the Adelaide City Council municipal area.

Areas of focus will include:

- 4.1.1 Development of a shared vision for the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative, as well as an underpinning framework and an action plan.
 - 4.1.2 Development and implementation of climate change policies and initiatives to deliver the carbon neutral vision, including measures in the areas of:
 - renewable energy
 - energy efficiency in the built environment
 - transport
 - waste, and
 - offsets.
 - 4.1.3 Fostering innovation and opportunities in climate change action to deliver environmental and economic outcomes and job creation opportunities.
 - 4.1.4 Analysis of building, energy and transport technologies that can deliver maximum environmental and economic benefits for the City of Adelaide and South Australia.
 - 4.1.5 Implementation and delivery of the Building Upgrade Finance mechanism, commencing in the City of Adelaide, subject to negotiation of a suitable funding model and establishment of an appropriate legislative framework.
 - 4.1.6 Development and implementation of climate change adaptation measures to grow community resilience to climate change impacts and costs, and enhance the City of Adelaide's liveability and vibrancy.
 - 4.1.7 Empower the community, businesses and institutions to take action in support of the Carbon Neutral Adelaide vision.
 - 4.1.8 Development of annual greenhouse gas inventories comparable with national and international carbon neutral commitments and protocols, including at the city, sectoral and sub sectoral levels to ensure consistency.
 - 4.1.9 Demonstrating climate change action leadership locally, nationally and globally.
- 4.2 Parties may identify other areas of focus during the course of delivering the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative.
- 4.3 In delivering the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative, the parties will establish a governance framework to facilitate joint decision making.

5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL

5.1 Pursuant to this agreement, the Adelaide City Council undertakes to:

- 5.1.1 Partner with the Government of South Australia to deliver the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative.
- 5.1.2 Partner with the Government of South Australia to provide community engagement opportunities to deliver the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative.
- 5.1.3 Provide information and advice to the Government of South Australia regarding the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative as appropriate.
- 5.1.4 Continue to provide a policy framework that encourages and supports leading practice in greenhouse gas mitigation, climate change adaptation and environmental sustainability in the City of Adelaide.
- 5.1.5 Provide information to industry, community and other stakeholders regarding issues related to this agreement at appropriate times and in appropriate formats.
- 5.1.6 Publicly acknowledge the support provided by the Government of South Australia to the Adelaide City Council and the achievements of the Government of South Australia consistent with this agreement.
- 5.1.7 Provide leadership in the City by achieving carbon neutrality from its own operations.

6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

6.1 Pursuant to this agreement, the Government of South Australia undertakes to:

- 6.1.1 Partner with the Adelaide City Council to deliver the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative.
- 6.1.2 Partner with the Adelaide City Council to provide community engagement opportunities to deliver the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative.
- 6.1.3 Ensure relevant information is provided to the Adelaide City Council as appropriate.
- 6.1.4 Coordinate input from relevant state government agencies and Ministers to inform the delivery of the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative.
- 6.1.5 Ensure regular briefings are provided to the Adelaide City Council.
- 6.1.6 Provide the oversight of the delivery of the Carbon Neutral Adelaide initiative through the Climate Change and Carbon Neutral Adelaide Cabinet Task Force.
- 6.1.7 Provide information to industry, community and other stakeholders regarding issues related to this agreement at appropriate times and in appropriate formats.
- 6.1.8 Publicly acknowledge the support provided by the Adelaide City Council to the Government of South Australia and the achievements of the Adelaide City Council consistent with this agreement.

- 6.1.9 Provide leadership in the development of the State's Climate Change Strategy, of which the Carbon Neutral Adelaide is a key element.

7. DURATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

This agreement shall continue for a period of five years from the date on which it is made. The parties acknowledge that the term of this agreement can be extended.

This agreement may be terminated at any time by one party providing 30 days' written notice to the other party.

8. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

- 8.1 In the event of any of the bodies convened to address issues of mutual interest under this Agreement being unable to reach a common position on any matter(s) before them, following appropriate communication collaboration and co-operation, the matter(s) will be referred to the Chief Executives of the Department of Environment Water and Natural Resources and the Adelaide City Council for a determination.
- 8.2 In the event of an issue, having been referred in accordance with 8.1 above remaining in contention, either party may refer it to the Minister or the Lord Mayor of Adelaide for a final determination. The decision of the Minister and the Lord Mayor shall be binding on all parties.



MARTIN HAESE
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR OF ADELAIDE
ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL

Date 29 / 11 / 15



HON JAY WEATHERILL MP
PREMIER

Date 28 / 11 / 15