



## The Western Australian Local Government Declaration on Climate Change

Local Governments of Western Australia acknowledge that:

- Evidence shows that human induced climate change is occurring.
- Climate change will have significant effects on the Western Australian environment, society and economy.

Local Governments of Western Australia support the:

- Environmental, social and economic benefits of addressing climate change immediately.
- Opportunity for Local Government to demonstrate leadership in climate change management at a community level.
- Development of equitable and implementable State and Commonwealth strategies for climate change management, including but not solely comprised of, a well designed Emissions Trading Scheme.

Local Governments of Western Australia commit from date of signing to:

- Set an appropriate, individual Local Government emissions reduction target and work towards its achievement.
- Work with State and Federal Government to ensure achievement of greenhouse gas emission reduction targets as set out in international (Kyoto Protocol) agreements.
- Work with State and Federal Government to implement key actions and activities for climate change management at a local level.
- Assess the Local Government specific risks associated with climate change and implications for services and functions to community and identify areas where additional mitigation and/or adaptation strategies could be applied.
- Develop an internal Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) for climate change adaptation across all Local Government functions, with a focus on the two, five and ten year future.
- Ensure that, at appropriate review intervals, the strategic plan and policies for the Local Government are reviewed and amended to reflect climate change management priorities and emissions reduction targets.
- Encourage and empower the local community and local businesses to adapt to the impacts of climate change and to reduce their individual greenhouse gas emissions.
- Monitor the progress of climate change initiatives and report to the Western Australia Local Government Association 'Climate Change and Sustainability Annual Report'.

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