

Resilient Hills & Coasts – Regional Action Plan 2020-2025

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Our Priorities 2020-2025

- Climate-ready development*** Leverage our leadership and networks to encourage residential and infrastructure development that avoids natural hazards, is built to maximise resilience, and is energy efficient and water sensitive
- Disaster risk reduction*** Support partners and communities to map, understand, plan for and adapt to coastal, bushfire and urban heat hazards
- Resilient agriculture*** Build on and spread regional best practice in enabling agriculture that is regenerative, water smart, resilient to a variable climate, and supports carbon farming as part of a zero emissions pathway

Our Principles

- Advocate and lead*** Demonstrate our leadership through commitment, local and regional action, and advocacy to the LGA, State Government and other stakeholders
- Share knowledge*** Generously share tools, resources and knowledge with each other and beyond
- Keep collaborating*** Continue working with each other, other Regional Climate Partnerships, and external partners to leverage collective impact and reduce the load
- Go where the energy is*** Leverage local priorities, existing initiatives and networks to sustain and build momentum

Our Actions 2020-2025

Our priority actions and opportunities are outlined on the following page.
Our action plan is a living document and is subject to biennial review by the Resilient Hills & Coasts Steering Committee.

**Strategic priority
& champions**

Top priorities for action

Short-term opportunities to explore further

Longer-term opportunities

**Climate Ready
Development**

Greg Sarre,
Mount Barker DC
Brian Doman,
City of Victor Harbor

- Develop House of Tomorrow project to deliver on-ground climate ready houses and influence volume home builders (*lead: Mount Barker DC*)
- Host WSUD training for regional practitioners in May 2021 (*lead: Mount Barker DC*)

- Support follow-up Urban Growth and Catchment Health forum
- Consider becoming a Water Sensitive SA member
- Partner with SA Water to expand Smart Irrigation and Air Temperature monitoring in public parks
- Advocate for green infrastructure improvements in Planning & Design Code Gen 2 and the Regional Plan
- Host community workshops

- Explore opportunities to expand Where We Build What We Build and regionally scale House of Tomorrow
- Embed climate risk considerations in the S&HLGA regional infrastructure plan
- Advocate to the LGA, State Government and IPWEA to develop best practice guidelines for climate ready infrastructure
- Embed climate risk management and best practice guidelines in Council Asset Management Plans
- Explore economic stimulus opportunities in the construction sector
- Explore opportunities to provide targeted assistance to community and business to reduce emissions

**Disaster Risk
Reduction**

Sharon Leith,
Adelaide Hills Council
Moni Rhodes,
Alexandrina Council

- Host Bushfire Roundtable in partnership with the Climate Council in 2020 (*lead: Alexandrina Council*)
- Engage with the State Government to support a coordinated and jointly resourced hazard mapping framework

- Explore and pursue proposals for co-investment in hazard mapping projects
- Advocate for improved policy and hazard overlays (coasts, bushfire and flooding) in Planning & Design Code Gen 2 and the Regional Plan
- Share coastal hazard management best practice and learning with other regions
- Collaborate with the Coastal Councils Alliance to advocate for State and Federal investment in coastal adaptation planning and action

- Implement a five-yearly review of Climate Risk Governance Assessments
- Leverage links between Climate Risk Governance Assessments and LGA Council Ready
- Explore options to balance native vegetation and bushfire risk management

**Resilient
Agriculture**

Phillipa Holden,
Kangaroo Island LB
Jodie Pain,
Hills & Fleurieu LB

- Host a Climate Smart Farming Forum in 2020/21 (*lead: H&F and KI Landscape Boards*)
- Explore and pursue a business resilience planning initiative (*lead: RDA AHF&KI*)

- Influence and implement South Australia's Carbon Farming Roadmap
- Promote regional best practice from the Healthy Soils, Healthy Landscapes Initiative and Kangaroo Island's Future-Proofing Ag, Building Resilient Agricultural Systems and Biodiverse Carbon projects
- Host community workshops

- Collaborate across the regions to align monitoring and benchmarking standards for resilient agriculture
- Explore other opportunities for multiple-partner, landscape-scale projects that could secure funding from the Landscape Priorities Fund and Federal Government programs

**Governance &
Engagement**

Graeme Martin,
S&HLGA

- Renew the Regional Sector Agreement and ToR
- Update RH&C website

- Secure funding for a Regional Coordinator
- Stay engaged with all partners, other Regional Climate Partnerships, and the Adaptation Practitioners Network

- Biennially evaluate and annually report progress to all signatory partners
- Review and update the Regional Adaptation Plan