

# RESILIENT SOUTH REGIONAL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

## What we heard - community online engagement

Resilient South is a partnership between the Cities of Holdfast Bay, Marion, Mitcham and Onkaparinga and the South Australian Government that aims to progress and accelerate climate change adaptation and greenhouse gas emissions reduction action in the southern Adelaide region.

The Resilient South partners are preparing a Regional Climate Action Plan to guide their actions over the next five years. Each Resilient South Council hosted an online engagement between December 2022 and February 2023 to gather initial community input into the plan. 615 community members participated in the online engagement.

This summary describes key outputs from the engagement.

### Community survey

A survey was used to gather community input to Resilient South's vision statement for a resilient southern Adelaide. Preferred terms for inclusion in the vision were:

- Low emissions
- Connected communities
- Thriving
- Healthy and diverse natural environments
- Active
- Innovative

### Community ideas for action

The engagement asked how the community would like Resilient South to help them reduce emissions, prepare for or respond to climate change. 307 responses were received, with most incorporating numerous ideas for action. From these, several key themes have been identified including:

- **Active transport** including walkable and rideable suburbs, support for electric vehicles and charging stations, ride sharing and public transport
- **Greening in public and private realm**, including planting the right tree in the right place, addressing urban heat island effect, addressing the loss of green cover and permeable space through urban infill, and protecting and enhancing our natural places and biodiversity
- **Waste** including greater support for recycling and green waste, reduction in use of single use products, and promoting circular economy principles
- **Sustainable urban development** including reducing the rate of urban infill, considering embodied carbon, and advocating for improved building standards
- **Sustainable food systems** including encouraging low food miles, reducing food waste, eating plant-based food, growing your own food, community edible gardens
- **Energy** including supporting renewable energy production and storage, electrification and improved energy efficient buildings
- **Hazard management** including responding to storm surges and sea level rise, storms, drought, bushfire and extreme heat by preparing communities and built infrastructure, reducing hazard risk where possible, mapping hazards, educating the community and providing public refuges during extreme weather

- **Water sensitive urban design** to address flooding risk and improve water security
- **Engaging, educating and connecting** the community and businesses to support them to take effective climate action
- **Engaging with the Kaurna community** and integrating their knowledge into climate response
- **Demonstrating leadership** and best practise, **advocating** for change at a state and federal level, and setting measurable **targets**

## Next steps

The next steps for the development of the Regional Climate Action Plan include:

- Engagement will be continuing with Council Members and Kaurna
- The vision, strategic directions and opportunities for action will be developed for inclusion in the draft Regional Climate Action Plan to be delivered in the coming months
- Engagement on the draft Regional Climate Action Plan will seek feedback from stakeholders
- The Regional Climate Action Plan will be finalised and presented to Council Members for endorsement.

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