

POLICY		Responsible Department	Corporate Services
		Original Adoption Date	26.06.19
		Current Adoption Date	24.02.21
		Audit Committee Review Date	11.02.22
		Date of Review	30.06.22

TITLE	POLICY – CLIMATE CHANGE
Latest Review Changes	30.01.21
Previous Council Reviews	26.06.19
Previous Audit Committee Reviews	Not Applicable

Applicable Legislation:

Related Policies (alphabetical list):

Related Procedures:

Previous Policies:

1. PURPOSE

Roxby Council recognises climate change science and the impact this will have on our remote community with work, transportation, wellbeing and lifestyles. This policy sets out where Roxby Council will focus its energies in responding to the impact of climate change and strengthen the council's commitment to environmental sustainability.

2. POLICY VALUES

As we move forward with a climate change policy as an organisation we will:

- Act with integrity and take ownership and responsibility for our decisions
- Treat everyone with fairness and respect. We value diversity and appreciate everyone's strengths
- Take pride in delivering value to our community
- Engage with our community through collaboration, understanding and inclusiveness
- Strive for continuous improvement in all our operations and seek creative solutions
- Meet the changing needs and priorities of our community and continue to build organisational and community resilience
- Adopt the public value model in our decision making.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to the following.

- All of Roxby Council's activities and services.
- Roxby Council's communications and collaborations with community, regional and inter-regional partners in the effort to assist residents, businesses, and the local ecosystems to build resilience and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

4.1. This policy focuses on six key statements to address climate change and build climate resilience into the community and ecosystem.

4.2. Climate resilient communities

Roxby Council will assess, prioritise, strengthen, and manage climate change risks and plans to recover quickly from extreme climate-driven occurrences.

Outcome:

Roxby Downs will have the means and toolkit to assess, prioritise, strengthen and manage climate change risks and is able to recover quickly from extreme climate-driven natural disasters

4.3. Low Carbon Economy

Roxby Council will lead an orderly and socially responsible transition to a low carbon economy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Outcome:

Roxby Downs Council and community reduces their greenhouse gas emissions in line State and Federal Government targets.

4.4. Ecosystem Protection

Roxby Council recognises the unique terrestrial ecosystems in our arid region and will protect and maintain the vegetation and fauna within the ecosystem against the rising threats of climate change

Outcome:

Our natural environment is healthy and resilient to emerging threats and is valued both in its own right and for the essential contribution to our health and wellbeing through its provision of a range of ecosystem services.

4.5. Thriving Circular Economy

Roxby Council will lead an orderly and innovative transition to a thriving circular economy with a focus on best practice in waste, energy and water management.

Outcome:

Roxby Downs community has moved away from the 'take-make-dispose' approach of the past and support the growth of a circular economy with minimal remaining residual landfill waste.

4.6. Enhanced Community Wellbeing

Roxby Council will assess, prioritise, strengthen and maintain the health and wellbeing of the community, workers, traditional owners and visitors to the region against the rising threats of climate change

Outcome:

Roxby Downs has assessed, prioritised, and strengthened community wellbeing able to manage climate change risks and is able to support community through extreme climatic conditions

4.7. Advocacy and Partnerships

Roxby Council will be at the forefront on practical sustainable practices. The Council will support residents and businesses to adopt sustainable practices through advocacy and key partnerships

Outcome:

Roxby Downs has thriving and resilient partnerships to support the community and advocates for climate issues on the community's behalf

5. REVIEW & EVALUATION

This Policy will be reviewed and evaluated no less than once every three years.

6. AVAILABILITY OF THE POLICY

This Policy will be available for inspection at the Council Office at 6 Richardson Place during ordinary business hours and a copy will be available from Council's website www.roxbydowns.sa.gov.au.