

Mayors' Foreword



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Our changing climate presents significant challenges for our communities, economies and natural environment. We have a shared responsibility to act and to apply individual and collective effort and ingenuity to build the resilience of all within our region to respond and adapt to climate change.

The Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island region will be warmer and drier with rising sea levels. We know that there is great diversity across our communities, our economies and our natural environments, and there is strength in this diversity. But there are still risks to manage and opportunities to pursue, and we support a proactive approach to working with our communities to explore and address both.

The regional journey toward climate change mitigation and adaptation has just begun, and this Plan and the research and reports upon which it is built, represent significant steps in guiding regional action. We are committed to working together to implement regional priorities and, to complement this, each of our councils will initiate local action. We are also committed to collaborating with state government agencies to ensure the best outcome for the region.



Mayor Bill Spragg, Adelaide Hills Council



Mayor Keith Parkes, Alexandrina Council



Mayor Graham Philp, City of Victor Harbor

In particular, as a regional collective, we will further explore the two key strategic themes of:

- **where we build** - improving planning for, and management of, development in high risk areas
- **what we build** - providing leadership in climate-ready development.

We are pleased to present this Adaptation Plan to guide future regional-scale action. This plan represents input and expertise gathered from across community, government, business and academia and we extend our thanks to everyone who has contributed to its development over the last two years. As a group we commit to transitioning this plan into tangible action, and to embedding climate change considerations into our everyday decision-making. As we move forward into the implementation stage, we invite and encourage you to join us in taking positive action to build the climate resilience of our region.



Mayor Glen Rowlands, District Council of Yankalilla



Mayor Peter Clements, Kangaroo Island Council



Mayor Ann Ferguson, Mount Barker District Council

