



The Western Australian Local Government Declaration on Climate Change

The Shires of Cunderdin, Quairading, Tammin and York acknowledge that:

- Evidence shows that human-induced climate change is occurring.
- Climate change will continue to have significant effects on the Western Australian environment, society and economy, and the Local Government sector. In particular:
- Predicted changes in the climate of the Wheatbelt, such as decreased winter rainfall, higher temperatures, more frequent and severe droughts, and increased extreme summer storms may lead to adverse effects on agriculture and infrastructure.
- Changes in rainfall will dramatically affect available wildlife habitat in an area that is internationally recognised for its outstanding biological value and has undergone a significant amount of clearing and fragmentation.

The Shires of Cunderdin, Quairading, Tammin and York 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.

The Shires of Cunderdin, Quairading, Tammin and York commit from date of signing to:

- Investigate an appropriate emissions reduction target and work toward its achievement.
- Work with State and Federal Government to ensure achievement of greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets as set out in key National and International agreements.
- Work with State and Federal Government to implement key actions and activities for climate change management at a local level.

- Assess the regionally specific risks associated with climate change and implications for Local Government services, and identify areas where appropriate mitigation and/or adaptation strategies should be applied.
- Develop an internal Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) for climate change actions across all Local Government functions.
- 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 greenhouse gas emissions.
- Monitor the progress of climate change initiatives and ensure full communication of achievements for Council and Community.

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