

**SECTOR AGREEMENT**

**For the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island Region**

**PURSUANT to the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007***

**BETWEEN**

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL**

**and**

**ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL**

**and**

**CITY OF VICTOR HARBOR**

**and**

**DISTRICT COUNCIL OF YANKALILLA**

**and**

**HILLS AND FLEURIEU LANDSCAPE BOARD**

**and**

**KANGAROO ISLAND COUNCIL**

**and**

**KANGAROO ISLAND LANDSCAPE BOARD**

**and**

**MOUNT BARKER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**and**

**SOUTHERN AND HILLS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**and**

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA (ADELAIDE HILLS, FLEURIEU AND**

**KANGAROO ISLAND)**

**and**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**THIS AGREEMENT is made the [ ] day of [ ] 2021**

**BETWEEN**

- (1) The Minister for Environment and Water (the Minister) on behalf of the Government of South Australia  
and
- (2) The Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island region, consisting of the following bodies: Adelaide Hills Council; Alexandrina Council; District Council of Yankalilla; City of Victor Harbor; Hills & Fleurieu Landscape Board; Kangaroo Island Council; Kangaroo Island Landscape Board; Mount Barker District Council; Southern and Hills Local Government Association; Regional Development Australia (Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island).

The parties listed under (2) are jointly referred to as the 'Resilient Hills & Coasts (RH&C) Regional Partners'.

It is acknowledged that other entities (from both the public and private sectors) within the region may become partners in Resilient Hills & Coasts in the future, as implementation proceeds. If this eventuates, this Agreement may be reviewed and amended accordingly.

This Agreement builds on the previous Regional Sector Agreement, which was signed on 5 June 2017 and expired on 30 June 2020.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

This Sector Agreement (the Agreement) between the Government of South Australia and the RH&C Regional Partners acknowledges the importance of the partnership and cooperative work between the signatories in responding to climate change and pursuing sustainability and climate resilience.

The RH&C Regional Partners, with the support of the Government of South Australia, aim to improve the resilience of the region's communities, assets and infrastructure, local economies and natural environment to cope with the inevitable impacts and challenges of climate change in the short, medium and long term, through the implementation of the *Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island Region 2016* (the Adaptation Plan).

This Agreement:

- Articulates a **common goal amongst the signatory parties** to implement a climate change response as resources allow, in a cooperative, coordinated and consultative manner in the region; and
- Has, as its key focus, **response to the impacts, risks, and opportunities of climate change** in the region – to be addressed in alignment with identified priorities from the Adaptation Plan via:
  - setting agreed objectives;
  - joint commitment to collaborative and timely implementation of the Adaptation Plan, and its ongoing evaluation and review; and
  - cooperatively identifying and progressing partnership opportunities between partners and across sectors within the region, to assist with implementation of the Adaptation Plan; and
  - acknowledging that the identified priorities from the Adaptation Plan also align with, and help support state-wide priorities and policy directions as outlined in this Agreement.

## THE REGION

For the purpose of this Agreement, the RH&C region is aligned with the boundaries of the Council areas of Adelaide Hills, Alexandrina, Mount Barker, Yankalilla, Victor Harbor, and Kangaroo Island.

### 1. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 1.1 This Agreement acknowledges a joint commitment on the part of the signatories to respond to climate change by managing risk, harnessing opportunities, adapting and building resilience.
- 1.2 This Agreement will be guided by a high-level integrated approach whereby all signatories provide strategic direction for the region in tackling climate change in alignment with the Adaptation Plan.
- 1.3 The Agreement acknowledges that signatories will endeavour to implement priorities identified in the Adaptation Plan, Schedule, and by the RH&C Regional Partners, as resources allow.
- 1.4 The Agreement includes roles and responsibilities, to which the signatories commit.
- 1.5 The Agreement complements and supports existing policies and programs, including:
  - The Government's [\*Directions for a Climate Smart South Australia\*](#) policy statement, and priorities outlined in the [\*South Australia's Climate Change Challenges and Opportunities\*](#) report;
  - The [\*South Australian Government Climate Change Action Plan 2021-2025\*](#);
  - [\*Stronger Together – South Australia's Disaster Resilience Strategy\*](#);
  - The strategies and corporate climate change plans of each of the signatories.
- 1.6 The Agreement and Schedule support the achievement of the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007* (the Act), and implementation of the Adaptation Plan.
- 1.7 While specific responses to climate change may vary across the region, this Agreement aims to facilitate a cooperative approach across the RH&C region to identify and address elements of common interest and benefit, recognising that responses may need to represent the interests of specific communities.

### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 South Australia's Adaptation Framework assisted regions to develop climate change adaptation strategies across the State to deal with climate change impacts and potentially benefit from opportunities presented by climate change.
- 2.2 The Government of South Australia's *Directions for a Climate Smart South Australia* includes a policy direction for the State government to support South Australian communities, industries, businesses and the environment to manage risk, harness opportunities, adapt and build resilience to climate change.
- 2.3 *South Australia's Climate Change Challenges and Opportunities* report released in September 2020 is informing the government's response on mitigation and adaptation including carbon farming, climate data and information, more efficient water use and adapting agriculture.
- 2.4 The *South Australian Government Climate Change Action Plan 2021 – 2025* describes government-led objectives and actions to help to build a strong, climate

smart economy, further reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and support South Australia to adapt to a changing climate.

- 2.5 The Government of South Australia seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate within the State. The government aims for South Australian greenhouse gas emissions to be reduced by more than 50% below 2005 levels by 2030. The government is aiming to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.
- 2.6 The Government of South Australia and the Resilient Hills & Coasts Regional Partners are taking a collaborative approach to ensure the region is resilient to changes arising from climate change, and to identify opportunities to enhance the region's ongoing prosperity and quality of life as the climate continues to change.
- 2.7 The Minister and the RH&C Regional Partners have entered into a Sector Agreement under the Act in order to:
  - 2.7.1 Recognise differences across the region and facilitate geographically specific responses to climate change;
  - 2.7.2 Work together to support a better understanding of climate change risks and opportunities for communities;
  - 2.7.3 Facilitate community engagement and participation in programs designed to promote climate change resilience;
  - 2.7.4 Explore the potential for joint projects and partnerships; and Australian Government and other funding opportunities; and
  - 2.7.5 Promote and showcase achievements as a template for other areas of South Australia, as well as nationally.

### **3 THIS SECTOR AGREEMENT DOES NOT CREATE LEGALLY BINDING OBLIGATIONS**

- 3.1 This Agreement does not create any legally binding contract between the parties and does not give rise to any legally binding obligations.
- 3.2 The signatories may amend any commitments by written agreement at any time.

### **4 GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

- 4.1 The RH&C Steering Committee (the Committee) will continue to maintain oversight of RH&C and will consist of at least one member from each of the signatory parties.
- 4.2 The Committee will provide annual progress reports to all signatories.
- 4.3 The Committee will evaluate progress against its priorities on a biennial basis.
- 4.4 The Committee will determine its own Terms of Reference.
- 4.5 The Committee may establish sub-groups as required to support the objectives of this Agreement.

### **5 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 5.1 Pursuant to this Agreement, the RH&C Regional Partners undertake to:
  - 5.1.1 Participate in Committee activities, as outlined in the Committee's Terms of Reference;
  - 5.1.2 Promote RH&C objectives and achievements internally and to relevant stakeholders;
  - 5.1.3 Implement the Regional Action Plan priorities outlined in the Schedule;

- 5.1.4 Prioritise opportunities to implement climate change projects on a regional scale, rather than on an organisation by organisation basis, where it is efficient and practical to do so; and
- 5.1.5 Continue to explore opportunities for joint and external funding and resourcing, including for a Regional Coordinator role.
- 5.2 The Government of South Australia undertakes to:
  - 5.2.1 Participate in Committee activities, as outlined in the Committee's Terms of Reference;
  - 5.2.2 Promote RH&C objectives and achievements internally and to relevant stakeholders;
  - 5.2.3 Collaborate on initiatives that support the Government's *Directions for a Climate Smart South Australia* and the *South Australian Government Climate Change Action Plan 2021 – 2025*, including exploring funding opportunities and sharing state-wide learnings regarding climate change response initiatives;
  - 5.2.4 Support the development of any relevant funding proposals to the Australian Government or other funding bodies;
  - 5.2.5 Ensure that relevant briefings and advice are provided to the Committee on State and national policy developments and discussions; and
  - 5.2.6 Provide opportunities to the Committee to consider and provide input into the review and development of relevant State policies, strategies and frameworks.
- 5.3 Pursuant to this Agreement, and subject to funding availability, there may be a Regional Coordinator, recruited by the Committee and hosted by one of the RH&C Regional Partners, who will deliver services set out by and under broad direction from the Committee, which may include (but not be limited to) Committee operations and administration, evaluation and reporting, communications, scheduling, budgeting and quality assurance.

## **6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**



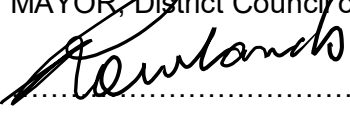
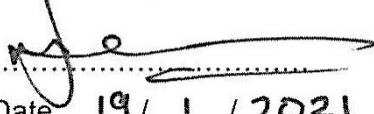

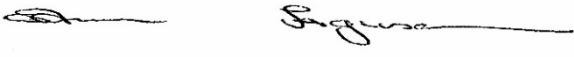
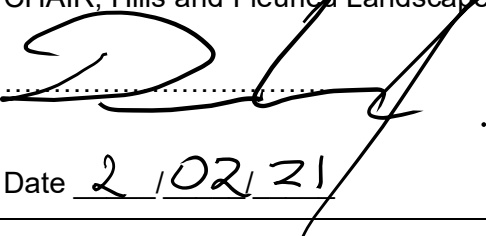
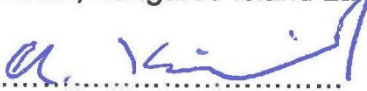



- 6.1 All existing and yet to be developed intellectual property created under the direction of the Committee, including but not limited to, the Resilient Hills & Coasts logo and logo block (Schedule 2), and branding materials, shall be jointly owned by RH&C Regional Partners and the Crown in right of the State of South Australia. As co-owners of copyright material, the parties agree that each party may use or exercise their copyright rights (such as use of the logo and logo block and branding materials, communicating the material to the public or sub-contracting or licensing others to do so) without the consent of the other parties, so long as the activity is aligned with the purpose of this Agreement, and is not to the detriment of any other party.

## **7 DURATION OF THIS AGREEMENT**

- 7.1 This Agreement shall continue from the date on which it is made until 30 June 2025.
- 7.2 The Agreement may be amended or extended on an as needs basis, with the agreement of the signatories.
- 7.3 The Schedule within the Agreement may be reviewed and updated by the Committee.
- 7.4 The Committee will review this Sector Agreement three months prior to its expiration and provide recommendations for future action to the signatories.
- 7.5 This Agreement may be amended at any time if one party seeks to withdraw from the Agreement, by providing 30 days written notice to the other signatory parties.

**RESILIENT HILLS & COASTS SECTOR AGREEMENT**

**SIGNED AND ENDORSED BY**

<p>Jan-Claire Wisdom MAYOR, Adelaide Hills Council</p>  <p>.....</p> <p>Date <u>15</u> / <u>02</u> / <u>2021</u></p>	<p>Keith Parkes MAYOR, Alexandrina Council</p>  <p>.....</p> <p>Date <u>16</u> / <u>2</u> / <u>2021</u></p>
<p>Glen Rowlands MAYOR, District Council of Yankalilla</p>  <p>.....</p> <p>Date <u>12</u> / <u>01</u> / <u>2021</u></p>	<p>Dr Moira Jenkins MAYOR, City of Victor Harbor</p>  <p>.....</p> <p>Date <u>19</u> / <u>1</u> / <u>2021</u></p>
<p>Michael Pengilly MAYOR, Kangaroo Island Council</p>  <p>.....</p> <p>Date <u>22</u> / <u>2</u> / <u>21</u></p>	<p>Ann Ferguson MAYOR, Mount Barker District Council</p>  <p>.....</p> <p>Date <u>19</u> / <u>01</u> / <u>2021</u></p>
<p>David Greenhough CHAIR, Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board</p>  <p>.....</p> <p>Date <u>2</u> / <u>02</u> / <u>21</u></p>	<p>Andrew Heinrich CHAIR, Kangaroo Island Landscape Board</p>  <p>.....</p> <p>Date <u>15</u> / <u>1</u> / <u>2021</u></p>
<p>Mayor Keith Parkes PRESIDENT, Southern and Hills Local Government Association</p>  <p>.....</p> <p>Date <u>16</u> / <u>2</u> / <u>2021</u></p>	<p>James Sexton CHAIR, Regional Development Australia (Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island)</p>  <p>.....</p> <p>Date <u>13</u> / <u>01</u> / <u>21</u></p>
 <p>.....</p> <p>David Speirs MP Minister for Environment and Water <b>Government of South Australia</b></p> <p>Date <u>30</u> / <u>04</u> / <u>2021</u></p>	

## SCHEDULE 1

Signatory parties will implement the Resilient Hills & Coasts Regional Action Plan 2020-2025, which is aligned to the Regional Adaptation Plan and includes the following priorities:

<b>Resilient agriculture</b>	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
<b>Climate-ready development</b>	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
<b>Disaster risk reduction</b>	Support partners and communities to map, understand, plan for and adapt to coastal, bushfire and urban heat hazards

## SCHEDULE 2

Resilient Hills & Coasts logo:



Resilient Hills & Coasts logo block:

