

# Draft Integrated Climate Strategy 2030 Consultation Summary

Strategic Alignment – Our Environment

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the consultation summary on the draft Integrated Climate Strategy 2030 (draft Strategy) and outline the proposed amendments prior to the draft Strategy being presented with a resource plan and monitoring framework.

On 12 December 2023 ([Link 1](#)) Council endorsed the draft Strategy for public consultation ([Link 2](#)). Consultation opened on 5 February 2024 for a period of six weeks until 18 March 2024 (extended from 15 March 2024). A summary of the consultation is provided in **Attachment A**.

The draft Strategy was broadly supported with consultation feedback focused on key themes including investment in public infrastructure for active transport and street trees for greening and shading.

Key themes arising from the consultation are summarised as:

- General support for the draft Integrated Climate Strategy 2030 and proposed goals and priorities.
- Investment in public infrastructure for active transport, and street trees for greening and shading.
- Increasing community awareness of existing opportunities and programs that support action, such as the Incentives for Sustainability program, and energy and resource recovery assessments.
- There will be transitional challenges for many of the key actions identified in the draft Strategy.

Administration continues to progress Council priorities in 2023/24 in finalising the current Strategy and developing a risk and reporting structure for the delivery and monitoring of the Strategy.

The final Strategy is targeting presentation to the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee and Council in June 2024.

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## RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 14 May 2024 for consideration

THAT THE CITY PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives the Integrated Climate Strategy 2030 Consultation Summary contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 7 May 2024.
  2. Notes that the final Integrated Climate Strategy 2030 is targeting presentation to the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee and Council in June 2024.
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## IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	<p><b>Strategic Alignment – Our Environmental</b></p> <p>The Integrated Climate Strategy supports the objectives of the City of Adelaide's Strategic Plan 2024-2028 to protect, enhance and activate our Park Lands and open space, be climate conscious and resilient, and prioritise sustainability in our decisions for the future.</p>
Policy	<p>The Integrated Climate Strategy will replace the Climate Action Plan 2022-2025, Carbon Neutral Strategy 2015-2025, Climate Risk Adaptation Plan 2021-2026, Resource Recovery Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2028, Waste and Recycling Services Policy 2014, Zero Emissions Vehicle Plan 2019-2030, Water Sensitive Cities Plan 2021-2025 and Integrated Biodiversity Management Plan 2018-2023 and delivers on the former Council's decision to develop a Climate Policy.</p>
Consultation	<p>Consultation was undertaken from 5 February 2024 to 18 March 2024 in accordance with the engagement plan endorsed by Council on 12 December 2023, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emails to key stakeholders</li> <li>• Individual meetings with key stakeholders</li> <li>• Online engagement through YourSAy Adelaide.</li> </ul> <p>A summary of the consultation is provided in <b>Attachment A</b>.</p>
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	The development of an Integrated Climate Strategy will clarify Council's policy position and role in responding to climate change for the community and its own operations.
23/24 Budget Allocation	<p>Funding for climate related objectives in 2023/24 is \$2,571,683, across:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Change Action Initiative Fund (CCAIF) \$783,250 (excluding salaries): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$125,000 to climate action plan implementation</li> <li>○ \$140,000 to climate active certification and inventories</li> <li>○ \$225,500 to Sustainability Incentive Scheme</li> <li>○ \$180,000 to community and business support</li> <li>○ \$51,250 to climate risk adaptation</li> <li>○ \$20,500 to water sensitive city</li> <li>○ \$10,250 for Resilient East Partnership</li> <li>○ \$30,750 to the Taking Climate Action Roadmap.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Resource Recovery Strategy and Action Plan of \$788,433. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This strategic project funding concludes in 2023/24.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Council allocated an additional \$1.0M for greening in 2023/24 to increase tree canopy cover in the City of Adelaide.</li> </ul>
Proposed 24/25 Budget Allocation	<p>This initiative is currently unfunded, with funding proposals for climate related objectives that are provided for in 2024/25, subject to approval, totalling \$6.175M and comprised of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating projects of \$475,000 excluding salaries.</li> <li>• \$5.7M for greening in 2024/25 consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$5.0M green infrastructure</li> <li>○ \$0.5M parklets</li> <li>○ \$0.2M cycling infrastructure.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Through the 2024/25 budget deliberations, \$330,000 has been offered as permanent operating savings from the Park Lands and Sustainability Program. The allocation includes approximately \$180,000 for carbon offset purchases and may affect existing memberships and subscriptions. The Council has indicated it wishes to redirect funding allocated to carbon offsets toward the delivery of climate resilience and emissions reduction projects.</p>

	The Strategy will require prioritisation of actions through the 2024/25 and subsequent years' annual business plan and budget process, with consideration of climate initiatives in the short, medium and long term. Costs, above current service levels, for implementation of key initiatives over the life of the Strategy will be presented with the final draft Strategy and incorporated into the Long-term Financial Plan pending prioritisation through the 2024/25 budget process, which will include consideration of grant program funding levels as well as initiative funding.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The Strategy is proposed to deliver climate actions from 2024-2030.
23/24 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

# DISCUSSION

## Background

1. On 12 December 2023 Council endorsed the draft Integrated Climate Strategy 2030 (draft Strategy) for public consultation ([Link 1](#)). A copy of the draft Integrated Climate Strategy 2030 finalised for the purposes of consultation is provided in [Link 2](#).

## Summary of Consultation

2. Consultation opened on 5 February 2024 to 18 March 2024 including direct emails to eleven targeted stakeholder organisations.
3. Online engagement was undertaken concurrently through Your Say Adelaide.
4. Individual or small group meetings were available to stakeholders and held with five organisations, including Australian Hotels Association SA, Mott MacDonald, Hames Sharley, Australian Gas Industry Association and SA Business Chamber.
5. Feedback was sought in person at an Adelaide Sustainable Building Network SustainabiliTEA event on 28 February 2024, with 35 participants, and at the Fringe on Hutt event on 4 March 2024, with over 200 attendees.
6. A total of 28 written submissions, 3 phone submissions, and 39 Your Say Adelaide survey submissions were received.
7. Key themes arising from the consultation include:
  - 7.1. General support for the draft Integrated Climate Strategy 2030 and proposed goals and priorities.
  - 7.2. Investment in public infrastructure for active transport, and street trees for greening and shading:
    - 7.2.1. Installation of public infrastructure, particularly for active transport
    - 7.2.2. Street trees for shading and greening (around bus stops and active transport routes) and for improved biodiversity
    - 7.2.3. Facilitating active transport through changes to traffic light sequencing and lowering of speed limits where appropriate
    - 7.2.4. Funding for capital works, equipment, and appliances
    - 7.2.5. Advocating for improved public transport and regulatory changes to prioritise active transport and to planning and development requirements.
  - 7.3. Increasing community awareness of existing opportunities and programs that support action, such as the Incentives for Sustainability program, and energy and resource recovery assessments.
  - 7.4. There will be transitional challenges for many of the key actions identified in the draft Strategy.
    - 7.4.1. Key audiences that may face additional challenges include strata bodies and community corporations, small businesses, the hotel and catering industry, and not for profit organisations. Council will need to work with these groups to overcome their unique challenges in achieving the goals and priorities.
    - 7.4.2. Existing buildings require additional support to ensure they become climate resilient and net-zero ready. This includes actions like retrofitting technologies and insulation, improving energy efficiency, and support for adaptive reuse.
8. Survey participants were asked to identify potential opportunities for partnerships and collaborations. Over 30 different groups were identified as potential partners.
9. A detailed summary of the consultation process and an administrative response to submissions is included in **Attachment A**.

## Implementation, Resourcing and Reporting

10. Administration is progressing related Council priorities in 2023/24 in finalising the Strategy, including:
  - 10.1. Updating the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Transition Roadmap relating to targets, micro-mobility and implementation of the Roadmap.
  - 10.2. Conducting a biodiversity survey as per the 2023/24 annual business plan and budget priorities.
  - 10.3. Responding to the internal audit on the climate change risk adaptation action plan, specifically relating to implementation, resourcing and reporting.

- 10.4. Transitioning from the purchase of carbon offsets toward the delivery of climate resilience and emissions reduction projects.
- 10.5. Progressing Council's decision on 9 April 2024 to submit a motion about monitoring the implications of the forthcoming public disclosure reporting to the National Local Government Assembly.
- 10.6. Review of the City of Adelaide kerbside waste management services operating guideline.
- 10.7. Targeted consultation as part of the review of the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2021-2024 and development of the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027 (in development).

### **Proposed Amendments to the draft Strategy**

- 11. Based on feedback received through the consultation process, and the implementation of related Council priorities, the following changes are proposed for the Integrated Climate Strategy 2030.
  - 11.1. General changes
    - 11.1.1. Editorial and minor amendments to provide increased clarity of priorities and improve readability.
    - 11.1.2. Refinements for alignment with the Strategic Plan 2024-2028, including as it relates to asset investment, procurement and integrated with the long-term financial plan.
  - 11.2. Goal 2: A net zero city
    - 11.2.1. Goal 2 amended to 'A net zero ready city'.
    - 11.2.2. The reference to carbon neutrality has been removed from the Lord Mayors foreword.
    - 11.2.3. Introduce additional context for retrofitting of existing properties to ensure climate resilient buildings.
    - 11.2.4. Introduce new content relating to transitional challenges in implementing the Strategy.
    - 11.2.5. Update the EV public charging infrastructure target and implementation items to respond to the Council decision on 23 April 2024, regarding the updated Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Transition Roadmap:
      - 11.2.5.1. Initial short-term target to increase the number of public EV charging bays by twenty-five (25), expanding to a network of up to 220 public EV chargers by 2030.
      - 11.2.5.2. Notes that improvements to bicycle networks and cycling infrastructure in the City of Adelaide for increased adoption of electric cargo bikes and small commercial electric delivery vehicles will be considered through the development of the Integrated Transport Strategy.
      - 11.2.5.3. Seek out quality design and low impact charging infrastructure and also consider suitable safety and shading measures, to be installed into on-street locations.
      - 11.2.5.4. Seek advice from providers on the capacity of groups of residents without off street parking to sponsor or request installation of site specific infrastructure to facilitate EV usage.
    - 11.2.6. Update the Strategy to highlight an advocacy role for Council relating to improved public transport systems and regulatory changes to prioritise active transport, as follows: *'Public transport in Adelaide is under the remit of the State Government and the City of Adelaide will continue to advocate for zero emissions public transport and increased incentives to use it.'*
  - 11.3. Goal 3: A city where nature thrives
    - 11.3.1. Update action items in response to Biodiversity Survey.
    - 11.3.2. Update implementation items under the Priority: Caring for Country in partnership with Kaurua Miyurna, for alignment with the draft Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027 (in progress).
  - 11.4. Goal 4: Transition to a decarbonised city
    - 11.4.1. Minor amendments to kerbside waste data.
  - 11.5. Goal 5: A climate leading capital city council
    - 11.5.1. Amend and/or remove paragraphs on carbon offsets and time-bound commentary about carbon neutrality including the sentence: *'After 2025 Council will reinvest carbon offset funding towards emission reduction projects.'*

- 11.6. Update the section titled Climate Change Governance as it relates to the development of a risk and reporting structure for the delivery and monitoring of the Strategy.

### **Next Steps**

12. Administration is finalising the draft Strategy including a risk and reporting structure for the delivery and monitoring of the Strategy.
13. The final Strategy is targeting presentation to the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee and Council in June 2024.

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## **DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Link 1** – [Council Meeting - Agenda - Tuesday, 12 December 2023](#)

**Link 2** – [Draft Integrated Climate Strategy 2030 for engagement](#)

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

**Attachment A** – Consultation Summary - Draft Integrated Climate Strategy 2030

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