

## Climate Health WA Inquiry

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### Terms of Reference

You are encouraged to address at least ONE of the Terms of Reference as listed below. Please select which item/s you will address:

1. Establish current knowledge on the implications of climate change for health in Western Australia (WA) and recommend a framework for evaluating future implications.

2. Identify and recommend a program of work to manage the implications of climate change for health in WA, which will protect the public from the harmful health impacts of climate change.

3. Identify and recommend a program of work to manage the implications of climate change for health in WA, which will strengthen the preparedness and resilience of communities and health services against extreme weather events, with a focus on the most vulnerable in the community.

- 4. Identify and recommend a program of work to manage the implications of climate change for health in WA, which will reduce the contribution of WA health services to climate change and other detrimental impacts.
- 5. Identify and recommend a program of work to manage the implications of climate change for health in WA, which will enable WA Health services to implement change, including energy efficiency, to a more sustainable model.
- 6. Evaluate the likely benefits (health and wellbeing, social and economic) arising from climate change mitigation strategies, with a focus on WA health services.
- 7. Define the role of the Department of Health in leading public policy on climate change and health.
- 8. Recommend the Terms of Reference, scope and preferred methods for undertaking a climate change vulnerability assessment for the health sector.
- 9. Recommend the Terms of Reference, scope and preferred methods for developing a Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the health sector.

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I would like to submit that the Health sector lead the way with a view to collaboration between the separate government departments, namely, "Environment" and "Planning and Infrastructure". For example, I am a resident of the City of Joondalup (COJ) who is undergoing major infill under the direction of the Minister of Planning and Infrastructure, however I feel that this is not being managed AT ALL by the Management of the City of Joondalup with regards to garnering infrastructure support for the increased population. I have a real life example where at the council meeting last month, a resident with a chronically sick child was reporting to COJ that the waiting time to see the community nurse had more than doubled due to increased population numbers from infill, this was causing her and her family major anxiety from worry about her sick child. The council told her she had to talk to the Health Department. She already has a sick child, and suffering anxiety, working and other children, to put the onus onto individual residents is not conforming to "duty of care". It would be valuable to population mental health as well as physical health if the Health Dept could lead the collaboration between the departments during infill as this is going to change the landscape of communities in our suburbs and needs more attention to infrastructure and health services.

I live within the City of Joondalup in Duncraig and have come across many "silos" of amazing sustainability activity by both individuals and groups. For example, there is a company called "Greenbatch" who take plastic bottles from schools and turn them into 3D printer plastic and give back to the schools to use. This company is WA's first PET plastic reprocessing facility whilst educating the community, the website is [www.greenbatch.com](http://www.greenbatch.com) and the head of the company is inspirational." Millennium Kids" is a non-for profit environmental youth organisation

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that empowers young people with a skills for life approach, the website is [www.millenniumkids.com.au](http://www.millenniumkids.com.au). This works with school children on sustainability projects. Both these groups are run by potential "champions" of sustainability in our local communities and they could feed into climate and education policies. There are other sustainability activity centres for example Edith Cowan University has launched a few sustainability packages related to health.

I think it would be instrumental for the Health Dept to have a "champions" group that feed into policy. This would be headed by someone who is able to seek out and bring these champions on board.

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