

## 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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The health department in WA has many so opportunities to reduce and mitigate the future climate change impact through changing its practices. From office based to hospital settings. Low hanging fruit is the styrofoam cups I noticed in FSH today! There is so many other ideas like glove recycling (see terracycle- or investigate using plant based compostible gloves). Perhaps a role for an environmental officer for each hospital/community service. Plastic free hospital kitchens no more tetra packs (which are not recyclable. These practices need not compromise sterilization processes which need to be thought through. Asking staff and patients what they spot and can change is a great start and can lead to financial benefits over time.

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