

Climate Health WA Inquiry

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Yes, I / my organisation agree to be identified

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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.

Submissions response field

Please type your response to the item(s) selected above into the field below. Alternatively you may provide your submission as a separate attachment (suggested maximum 5 pages).

I would like to see a huge reduction in use of disposable plastic and other single use items in the hospital system, from plastic spoons in the staff cafeteria to medication dispenser cups.

I would like it to be mandatory that we have to buy 100% recycled paper and other recycled products where available, eg envelopes, sticky notes etc. I would like to see staff within the hospital given a role as sustainability coordinators to ensure continuity of this, and to help monitor and lead the way. I would like waste to be managed much better, to have composting bins, cardboard, plastic etc recycling bins available. Would love to see more consideration given to types of resources purchased, eg long lasting quality resources, instead of single use or poor quality which will end up in landfill. Also engineering depts should be allocated additional time to fix items that break instead of them being disposed of.

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