

## 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 felt I wasn't able to adequately express the issues on the submission form. The issue with health goes beyond climate change. I'm a holistic big picture thinker and I believe that agencies enabling empowerment, self care, self love will ultimately help climate. Because people that can care for themselves are able to relate their health with the environment around them. Healthy Earth, Healthy People.

The submission appeared to be looking for other organisations to commit to assisting and I am an individual caring for a child with health issues – and finding the actual health options limiting and not meeting our needs. I need for my child – health education, nutrition, how to have a good sleep, healthy activities, recognising the impacts of overuse of technology – Working in partnership with Parents. Instead, I find we are just offered tests and pharmaceuticals.

There is a lot of information currently about the microbiome, gut health, organic food. I read that the rapid increase of autoimmune disease may be related to microfibres and other plastics in the food chain, or chemicals sprayed on food, and the link to leaky gut. I have requested assistance and support to address leaky gut. It appears the medical profession is suspicious of this research, or feel there is insufficient evidence.

I'd love the health department to become more open minded. In India, people can choose to be treated with homeopathics, Ayurveda (indian traditional naturopathy) or Western Medicine. India has the lowest rates of dementia world wide. I wonder what the rates of Autoimmune disease are in India?

This issue is not just about the health services creating less waste, less energy consumption, becoming more sustainable in their practices. (These things will

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help) Its about looking at what health is and whether the health industry, supported by the government is actually supporting sustainable health of society.

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