

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.

Submissions response field

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Work with Local Governments and PHAIWA to adapt and expand the Local Government Policy Awards

This year the 2019 Local Government Policy Awards from PHAIWA had a Climate Change Award.

After attending the event on 8 Aug 2019, many of the awards addressed issues to support/mitigate or adapt to climate change, e.g. recycling, clearing waterways, shaded natural play areas.

Recommendations:

DOH to work with PHAIWA and LG to thread all Sustainable Development Goals to the awards and particularly SDG13 Climate change in successive years.

This will allow an open reporting mechanism for LG to report to government on the SDGs including SDG13.

Link SDG and use the SDG symbols on awards and associated resources to educate communities, key stakeholders and commercial entities.

Raise awareness of LG supported climate change initiatives.

Expand the awards to commercial enterprises to support SDG13 in their actions and activities.

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