

## Climate Health WA Inquiry

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- No  
 Yes

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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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1. Access to more public interaction with Indigenous knowledge-based systems that relate the health of our ecosystems to the health of those people that live within those ecosystems. On listening to a program on RN ABC Radio 'The songbirds project at Broken Hill Jail' a young indigenous inmate was interviewed and expressed his belief that the early and untimely deaths of Aboriginal people living on the Murray-Darling River system was directly related to the health (disease) of the river. We need a creative mind-shift that acknowledges the spiritual values, wisdom and understanding of Aboriginal culture.
2. I'm calling it 'Essential Planet Time' - A designated day that is implemented in workplaces, schools etc to spend time in a natural environment locally. This would have many benefits including an increase in mental health wellness by spending time in nature, connecting people with each other and to country and creating a desire in people to preserve these natural space. The essential planet time day could be once a week, once a month or once a year depending on proximity to a natural space and the willingness of the companies, schools etc to recognise the health, social and environmental benefits of such a day.

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