

## Climate Health WA Inquiry

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- No  
 Yes

If yes, please identify the organisation: Shire of Narrogin

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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).**

Submission to Department of Health Western Australia on:

#### **Climate Health WA Inquiry**

The impacts of climate change include warmer or colder temperatures, decrease in rainfall, an increase in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events and rising sea levels.

Climate Impacts on human Health for residents of the Shire of Narrogin include warmer and/or hotter summers, more frequent and longer heat waves, a decrease in rainfall and exposure to extreme weather events. A warmer climate will expose residents to increased risk of diseases, and death from extreme heat and poor air quality.

Exposure to higher temperatures will have an impact on outside workers, students, low income households as well as those who are less able to regulate their body temperature such as young children, pregnant women, the elderly and people with certain medical conditions.

Other effects include poorer air quality from dust and smoke, greater risk of bushfire and an increase in allergens and asthma triggers and increase in vector borne diseases.

In addition where a person's physical health is impacted there can be a flow on effect to that person's mental health and their stress levels

What can be done by Federal, State and Local Governments to assist residents of

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Western Australia:

- Encourage consumers to use energy wisely;
- Promote and subsidise the installation of solar hot water and solar energy;
- Plan meals to be climate friendly – eat more meat free meals;
- Buy less food;
- Reduce food waste;
- Encourage the growing of a person's/family's own food;
- Promote, encourage and subsidise on-site water storage for non-potable water use, i.e. washing vehicles, gardening etc.;
- Promote buying local where possible, the less transported products the better;
- Encourage greening of the urban environment with water wise native vegetation; and
- Encourage people, for short trips to walk or ride as an alternative to driving, except in extreme conditions, and in doing so, also increasing physical and emotional wellbeing.

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