

# Premier's Council on Climate Change



Climate change is a global problem that affects every Queensland community, region and business. The Queensland Government has been proactive in addressing climate change, and has taken steps to ensure that our continued response is informed by the best available advice.

The Premier's Council on Climate Change is an advisory Council established to provide the Queensland Government with high-level, strategic advice on climate change issues and actions.

The Council is chaired by the Premier of Queensland, Anna Bligh MP, with the Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation, Andrew McNamara MP, as Deputy Chair.

The Council provides advice to the Queensland Government about:

- priorities for action to reduce Queensland's greenhouse gas emissions, including sectoral responses such as sustainable energy options, transport strategies and built environment energy efficiency;

- adaptation measures relevant to Queensland, that assist communities and industries address the inevitable results of climate change;
- priority areas for investment from the \$30M per annum Queensland Climate Change Fund; and
- opportunities for innovation arising from climate change for communities and the private sector.

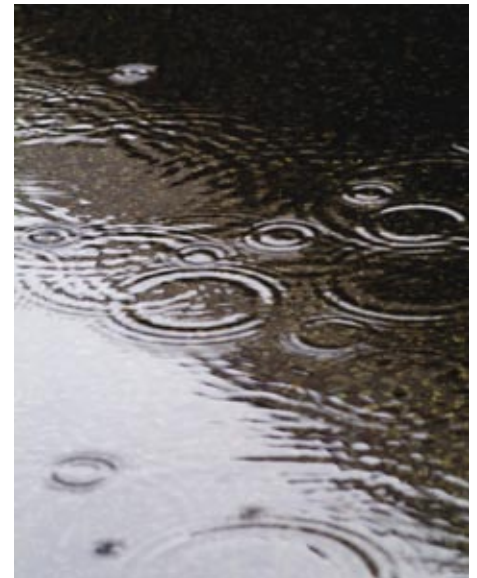
## Council members

The Council members are eminent individuals from across Queensland and Australia, appointed on the basis of their knowledge and expertise.

In addition to the Chair and Deputy Chair, Council members are:

- Professor Chris Cocklin – Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Science, Engineering





and Information Technology, James Cook University and a Lead Author, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fourth Assessment Report;

- Mr Peter Cosier – Member, Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists and Director, Land Repair Australia;
- Dr Tim Flannery – Australian of the Year 2007 and leading Australian scientist, researcher and writer;
- Mr Peter Kenny – General President AgForce and Board Member National Farmers Federation;
- Mr Grant King – Managing Director, Origin Energy and Member of the Australian Business Round Table on Climate Change;
- Professor Ian Lowe – Emeritus Professor, Science, Technology and Society, Griffith University and President, Australian Conservation Foundation;
- Mr Jim McKnoulty – Chairman, Conics Limited and Recipient, Queensland Premier's Award for Leadership in Business Sustainability, 2007;
- Tony Mooney – Former Mayor, Townsville City Council and President, Urban Local Government Association;
- Ms Sam Mostyn – Group Executive, Insurance Australia Group, and Member, Academic Advisory Board of the Australian Institute of Management;
- Mr Chris O'Connell – General Manager, Network 10 Television,

Brisbane and coordinator of the national network's response to climate change;

- Ms Molly Harriss Olsen – Director, Eco Futures Pty Ltd and Director, Australia Institute;
- Ms Fiona Wain – Chief Executive Officer, Environment Business Australia and Chairperson of the annual Business and Sustainability Summit; and
- Mr Ross Willims – Vice President, Commercial Relations, BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance and Director, Queensland Resources Council.

## Council achievements

Following its establishment in December 2007, the Premier's Council on Climate Change has met quarterly, and provided advice to the Queensland Government on a range of climate change issues.

The Council delivered its first working paper - *Achieving early and affordable greenhouse gas reductions in Queensland: strategies for voluntary household and lifestyle changes* in June 2008. The paper examined how the Queensland Government can best encourage householders to take up opportunities to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, and can be viewed online at [www.climatechange.qld.gov.au](http://www.climatechange.qld.gov.au)

Council recommendations on support for Queensland households have informed a range of new Queensland Government

initiatives including the new \$60 million ClimateSmart Home Service and the \$3 million ClimateSmart Communities campaign.

The ClimateSmart Home Service will help Queenslanders to reduce their household greenhouse gas emissions, through providing household energy efficiency advice and assistance. Under the service, householders can pay only \$50 to have a qualified tradesperson conduct a home energy audit, install a Household Energy monitoring device and water efficient shower rose, and provide them with 15 compact fluorescent light bulbs.

The ClimateSmart Communities program is a Queensland Government community information and engagement campaign.

Information on the ClimateSmart Home Service and ClimateSmart Communities can be found online at [www.climatesmart.qld.gov.au](http://www.climatesmart.qld.gov.au).

The Premier's Council on Climate Change will investigate, and produce Working Papers, on a range of climate change issues over the coming months including options for reducing emissions through building design and innovative urban development.

## More information

### Climate change in Queensland

[www.climatechange.qld.gov.au](http://www.climatechange.qld.gov.au)