

# Supporting Tasmania's communities



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## Tasmania's Climate Change Action Plan 2023–25

*Tasmania's Climate Change Action Plan 2023-25* outlines the Tasmanian Government's plan for action on climate change for the next two years. It will support Tasmania's transition to a low emissions economy, to help us reach our target to maintain net zero greenhouse gas emissions, or lower, from 2030.



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### Action plan priority areas



#### **Priority Area 1: Information and Knowledge**

We will ensure our businesses, industries, governments and communities can make informed decisions by providing up-to-date, high quality and user-friendly information about Tasmania's emissions, our future climate, and emissions reduction, sequestration and adaptation opportunities.



#### **Priority Area 2: Transition and Innovation**

We will reduce our emissions and increase our carbon sequestration by making the most of opportunities using existing and emerging technologies, and support business, industry and the community through the transition to a low emissions economy.



#### **Priority Area 3: Adaptation and Resilience**

We will manage the risks and take advantage of the potential opportunities from climate change, support planning and decision making, and build the resilience of our communities, environments, industries and infrastructure.



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## Developing the plan

To develop the action plan, we consulted state and local government, business, industry, non-government organisations and the community. We used the best available science and were informed by the outcomes of the most recent independent review of the *Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008* and the Tasmanian Emissions Pathway Review. The action plan aligns with other Tasmanian Government policies and considers developments in other Australian jurisdictions, including the Australian Government's climate change initiatives.

## Supporting Tasmania's communities to take action on climate change

We recognise that climate change will impact all Tasmanians, and that we need to support statewide action on climate change from all levels of society.

The action plan includes community climate change action grants to support community-level action to improve information and knowledge about climate change, reduce emissions and build resilience.

We will support communities to reduce their emissions by providing financial incentives to support the uptake of electric vehicles and active transport options such as e-scooters and e-bikes.

We will explore options to incorporate Aboriginal knowledge into action on climate change.

We will also deliver a range of initiatives for children and young people, including:

- developing climate change resources for schools
- supporting the Youth Climate Leaders Program
- working with partners to develop appropriate ways to consult with children and young people
- working with partners to explore additional options to address the impacts of climate change on the mental health and wellbeing of Tasmanians, with a focus on children and young people.

## Building community resilience to the impacts of climate change

We will deliver a statewide climate change risk assessment, including consideration of the economic, environmental and social impacts of climate change. We will also work with local government so they can better respond to a changing climate.

These new initiatives will complement work already underway to increase the resilience of our communities, for example the Community Bushfire Ready Challenge and actions to address the impacts of climate change on the health and wellbeing of Tasmanians under the *Healthy Tasmania Five-Year Strategic Plan*.

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