

REGIONAL CLIMATE ALLIANCE PROGRAM

Regional Climate Alliance Declaration
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SCA Briefing Note – Regional Climate Alliance
Program (Attachment 2)

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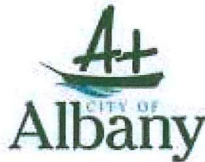
Climate Alliance

The South Coast Alliance Inc. Strategic Plan reflects the collaboration of the four member Shires to address greenhouse gas emissions through the adoption of renewable energy and various adaptive strategies such as building and lighting retrofits. It also reflects the desire to collaborate with industry and community through broader communication, collaboration and industry development strategies designed to leverage the work being done by Local Governments to enable and inspire the whole of our community.

We thus resolve to form a Climate Alliance, within the constructs of our existing Alliance (South Coast Alliance Inc.), under the Regional Climate Alliance Program, an initiative under the State Government's *Western Australian Climate Policy*. This ratifies and confirms our commitment to collaboration to achieve regional progress on this very important issue.

Our commitment to the Climate Alliance is for a minimum of two years.

Dennis Wellington, Mayor City of Albany	Andrew Sharpe, CEO City of Albany	Dated:
Cr. Ceinwen Gearon, Shire of Denmark Shire President	David Schober, CEO Shire of Denmark	Dated:
Cr. Rob Lester, Shire of Jerramungup Shire President	Martin Cuthbert, CEO Shire of Jerramungup	Dated:
Cr. Chris Pavlovich, Shire of Plantagenet Shire President	Cameron Woods, CEO Shire of Plantagenet	Dated:



Briefing Note: Regional Climate Alliance Program

17 May 2021

Purpose:

WALGA is inviting Local Governments to submit an EOI to establish a climate alliance under the Regional Climate Alliance Program, an initiative under the State Government's *Western Australian Climate Policy*. The Program will provide financial support amounting to a maximum of \$420,000 in total, shared between a maximum of two climate alliances in WA.

A successful application to the Regional Climate Alliance Program provides \$55,000 (exc. GST) per annum for two financial years to fund the employment of a Regional Climate Alliance Coordinator Position. In addition, up to \$100,000 is also available to the approved Alliances for on ground project implementation activities in each of the two financial years (competitive process).

These funds would allow the South Coast Alliance Inc. and member Local Governments to progress priority items of the existing Strategy and provide the necessary resources to bring forward community and business engagement that are currently beyond the capacity of the agreed 2021 SCA financial budget.

This is expected to enable earlier implementation of actions to address climate change risks, including bringing forward green house gas emissions reduction strategies from community and business stakeholders.

Action requested:

Applications close on Monday 21 June 2021,

To be eligible for consideration, the SCA must provide evidence that all Local Governments within the application have formally agreed to participate through a Council decision, for the 2-year period of the program.

The specific notation in the EOI is:

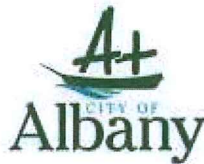
"Local Governments must ... have an agreement, signed by the Mayor/Shire President and the CEO, from the interested participating Local Governments to form an Alliance for a minimum of 2 years.."

Although the SCA is already a formed alliance with 4 Local Governments, it does not have a signed agreement, and is currently funded for one year at a time and so is unable at present to provide the requested documentation.

A draft Agreement is attached for your review/input/execution.

Planning References:

1. **City of Albany:** Promotion of Albany as a Sustainable City. Corporate Business Plan Strategic Objectives (supported by a range of actions):
 - a. To preserve and protect our natural environment.
 - b. To reduce human impact on natural resources, reduce waste and utilise renewable energy.



- c. To acknowledge and adapt to climate change.
2. **Shire of Denmark:** Climate Emergency Declaration. Agreed target of a 50% reduction in Current Shire Emissions by 2030 and net zero emissions from all shire operations and activities by 2050, in line with the Paris Agreement targets. Further policies relating to sustainability, green house gas emissions and renewables include:
 - a. N2.3 To reduce human impact on natural resources, reduce waste and utilise renewable energy.
3. **Shire of Plantagenet:** Outcome 2.8: Awareness of an appropriate response to effects of climate variation. Further relevant policies include:
 - a. Strategy 2.8.1: Support community education and promotion of energy and water efficiency.
 - b. Strategy 2.8.2: Investigate and adopt energy efficiency practices in Council operations.
 - c. Strategy 2.8.3: Investigate green energy initiatives.
4. **Shire of Jerramungup:** Aspiration 1.1 – to be an industry leader in implementing new technology and initiatives which deliver environmental benefits to the region. Aspiration 1.2 – to facilitate community programs and initiatives that deliver best practice environmental planning, management and mitigate the impacts of climate change. Further policies relating to renewables include:
 - a. 1.1.1 invest in and advocate for renewable and energy efficient options for Council buildings and the community.

Project Outline:

The SCA is already progressing a range of activities that are designed to lead to a reduction in climate change risks and greenhouse gas emissions from community, business, or LG activities. In particular the Blue Green Economy review (budget allocation \$76,000 already approved) is working to identify industry development that can work to protect our existing industry from the impact of Scope 3 emissions through consideration of the viability of producing FutureFeed.

Our Energy project (budget allocation already approved \$57,500) is looking to reduce greenhouse emissions across the SCA region by working to facilitate an analysis of solutions such as roof top solar, building retrofits, vehicle fleets with a desire to extend this beyond LG entities to the broader business and industrial community.

Our Dashboard project was designed to share status, progress and outcomes with our community in order to create buy in across the community – and work with ¾ LGs to date indicates that this may commence with a “Roadmap to Zero”, providing clarity to LGs, and community, on what level of collaboration it might take to achieve a zero-carbon emissions community by 2050 (project plan to come to next SCA Committee meeting).

Budget allocations across these project streams up to June 2021 amount to \$133,500 exceeds the required co-contribution level and so no further contributions will be required by SCA members for the eligibility criteria to be met.

It is intended that these activities be incorporated into the SCA Climate Alliance program:

