

2014 State Report Card

How many climate change adaptation plans have been completed?

Scientists project that climate change will cause more heatwaves and droughts; more intense bush fires, floods and storms; and a rise in sea levels.

These changes will affect infrastructure, industries and natural resources that are key to South Australia's economy, as well as the community's health and wellbeing.

Careful planning to minimise negative impacts and identify emerging opportunities will improve the resilience of the environment and economy in South Australia.

The [Climate Change Adaptation Framework](#) was established by the Government of South Australia in 2012 to provide guidance on the development of adaptation plans by each region. The framework emphasises the importance of leadership and strategic direction, evidence-based policies, sustainable landscapes and healthy, prosperous communities.



Regional trends in the development of Climate Change Adaptation Plans



 **State target**
Improve capacity of individuals and community to respond to climate change

Trend (2012-14) Getting better Since 2012, each region has progressed with developing a Climate Change Adaptation Plan

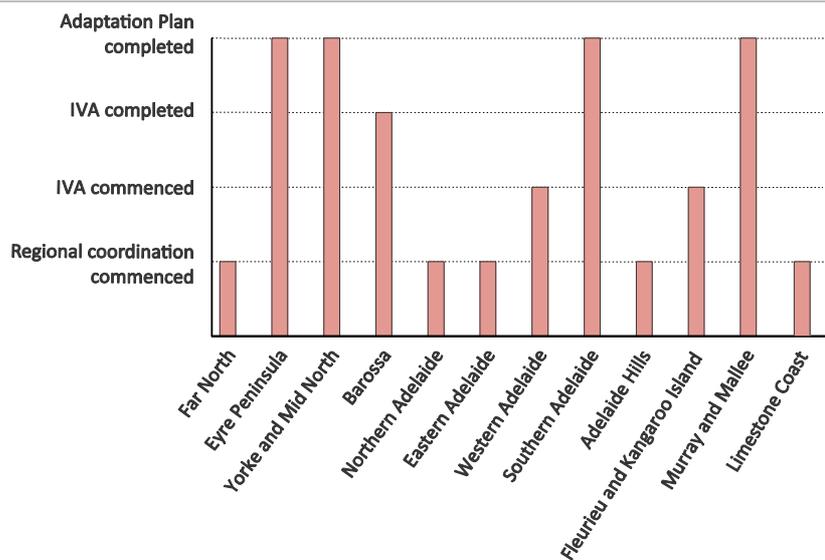
Since 2012, each NRM region has begun developing their Climate Change Adaptation Plans (map above).

There are four steps to planning outlined in the [Climate Change Adaptation Framework](#). First is to engage stakeholders, then to develop a regionally relevant risk assessment of climate impacts on natural resources and assets, known as an integrated vulnerability assessment. This assessment forms the foundation of each adaptation plan. The next steps are to develop and complete the adaptation plan.

Where we are at (2014) Good All plans are on track for completion by 2016

The Yorke and Mid North, Eyre Peninsula, Southern Adelaide and Murray and Mallee government regions have completed their Adaptation Plans.

As of December 2014, a number of other regions have made significant progress and all regions have commenced projects to deliver their adaptation plans by 2016. (graph on right).



Reliability of information ★★★★★ Excellent

Further information :
[Technical information for this report card](#), [Adapting to climate change in South Australia](#)