

PREMIER'S CLIMATE CHANGE COUNCIL  
**SA CLIMATE LEADERS**  
**AWARDS**

AWARD GUIDELINES

Entry period 5 July 2016 to 9 September 2016



## About the SA Climate Leaders Awards

The Premier's Climate Change Council wants to shine the spotlight on South Australia's climate change action leaders. We know there are individuals, organisations and communities all over the State who are doing exciting and creative things that need to be acknowledged.

South Australia is recognised nationally and internationally for being a leader in taking action to address and build resilience to the effects of climate change. We have a proud track record for the high uptake of renewable energy, for a pioneering approach to climate change adaptation, and for a commitment to achieve zero net emissions by 2050.

The Government has taken the lead in addressing climate change, including working with the Adelaide City Council to make Adelaide the world's first carbon neutral city, but there is a lot more to the story that needs to be told.

The **SA Climate Leaders Awards** will recognise individuals, groups, organisations and alliances that demonstrate originality, innovation and beneficial outcomes in projects or activities in the areas of:

- adapting to the effects of climate change and taking advantage of the opportunities of climate change action
- reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- supporting South Australia's transition to a low carbon State
- raising awareness of climate change issues and actions to address them.

## Key dates

Award entries open	Tuesday 5 July 2016
Award entries close	Friday 9 September 2016
Event to announce Award winners	Late November 2016

## **Award categories**

### *Individual category*

For South Australia's inspired and driven trailblazers! Open to any individual for a project or activity that is based in South Australia.

### *Industry and business category*

For private sector organisations that are changing the face of 'business as usual' and taking the lead in environmental sustainability. Open to the private sector and business, including individual companies and businesses and industry peak organisations.

### *Community and regions category*

Open to non-government organisations, communities, community groups, universities, tertiary institutions, public and private pre-school, primary and secondary schools, local government, Commonwealth Government-funded bodies, and independent boards and committees (including those appointed by the State Government).

State Government agency entrants are only eligible in this category if they are a supporting partner of a non-State Government entrant(s).

## **Entry process**

Entries can be submitted using the online entry form at [www.climatechange.sa.gov.au/climateaward](http://www.climatechange.sa.gov.au/climateaward)

## Judging

Award entries must relate to an achievement for a project or activity that was *completed or operational* in the calendar years from 2014 to 2016. Projects or activities may have commenced prior to this period.

The judging panel will assess entries against the following five (5) criteria.

1. A project or activity that relates to one or more of the following areas:
  - adapting to the effects of climate change and taking advantage of the opportunities of climate change action
  - reducing greenhouse gas emissions
  - supporting South Australia's low carbon transition
  - raising awareness of climate change issues and actions to address them
2. A project or action that has an original or innovative approach to problem solving or achieving a beneficial outcome
3. A project or activity that shows a successful or novel collaboration or partnership
4. A project or activity that has a demonstrated beneficial impact in South Australia
5. A project or activity that can contribute to longer-term sustainable outcomes.

The judging panel will be made up of members of the Premier's Climate Change Council.

The judging panel will score entries against each award criteria on a scale of 1 to 5 where:

- 1 = criteria not responded to
- 2 = limited demonstration of criteria
- 3 = basic demonstration of criteria
- 4 = good demonstration of criteria
- 5 = exceptional demonstration of criteria

The judging panel may move an entry to an alternative category if it deems it appropriate.

The judging panel will seek to identify winners and finalists in each award category.

From category winners, the judging panel will seek to identify an overall winner of the SA Climate Leaders Awards.

The decision of the judging panel is final and no correspondence will be entered in to.

## **Award prize**

The judging panel will seek to identify an overall winner of the SA Climate Leaders Awards from the category winners.

A prize of \$10,000 will be available to the overall winner of the SA Climate Leaders Awards for:

- attendance at an Australian or international climate-change related conference or event of the winner's choosing; or
- A contribution toward the winner's continued action on climate change, relating to the project / activity outlined in the winner's entry to the SA Climate Leaders Awards.

Each category winner will receive a trophy keepsake and a certificate of recognition for their achievement.

## Eligibility and terms and conditions for entries

- Entries must be related to a project or activity undertaken within South Australia.
- Entries must relate to an achievement for a project or activity that was *completed or operational* in the calendar years from 2014 to 2016. Projects or activities may have commenced prior to this period.
- The judging panel may ask entrants to provide additional information in support of their entry.
- The judging panel may move an entry from one category to another should it deem it a more appropriate fit.
- Entrants may nominate more than once in their category, but must submit a separate entry form for each activity or project.
- Entrants may be self-nominated or nominated by another party. Third parties must seek the entrant's consent before submitting an entry on their behalf.
- Information in entries may be published and reproduced for promotional purposes.
- Entrants must be willing to participate in publicity activities and may be required to provide photographs or other materials for use in these activities.
- The entry process will provide the option for entrants to declare any confidential information in their entry. With the exception of any declared confidential material, entries may be published (omitting any personal contact information) on the Award website.
- State Government agency entrants are eligible in the Community and Regions category only if they are a supporting partner of a non-State Government entrant(s).
- The judging panel is not required to give awards for each category, or to select an overall winner. It may be that no application is deemed outstanding.

- In the event that the Judging Panel decides not to award an overall winner for the *SA Climate Leaders Award*, the Judging Panel may decide to allocate a proportion of the overall monetary prize to any category winners.
- For the overall winner of the SA Climate Leaders Awards, the \$10,000 prize must be used towards an activity agreed by the Premier's Climate Change Council. By accepting the prize, the recipient agrees to provide the Premier's Climate Change Council with a short written report about the knowledge gained from the activity, event or project and how it could be used to further climate change action in South Australia.

## **Our contact details:**

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