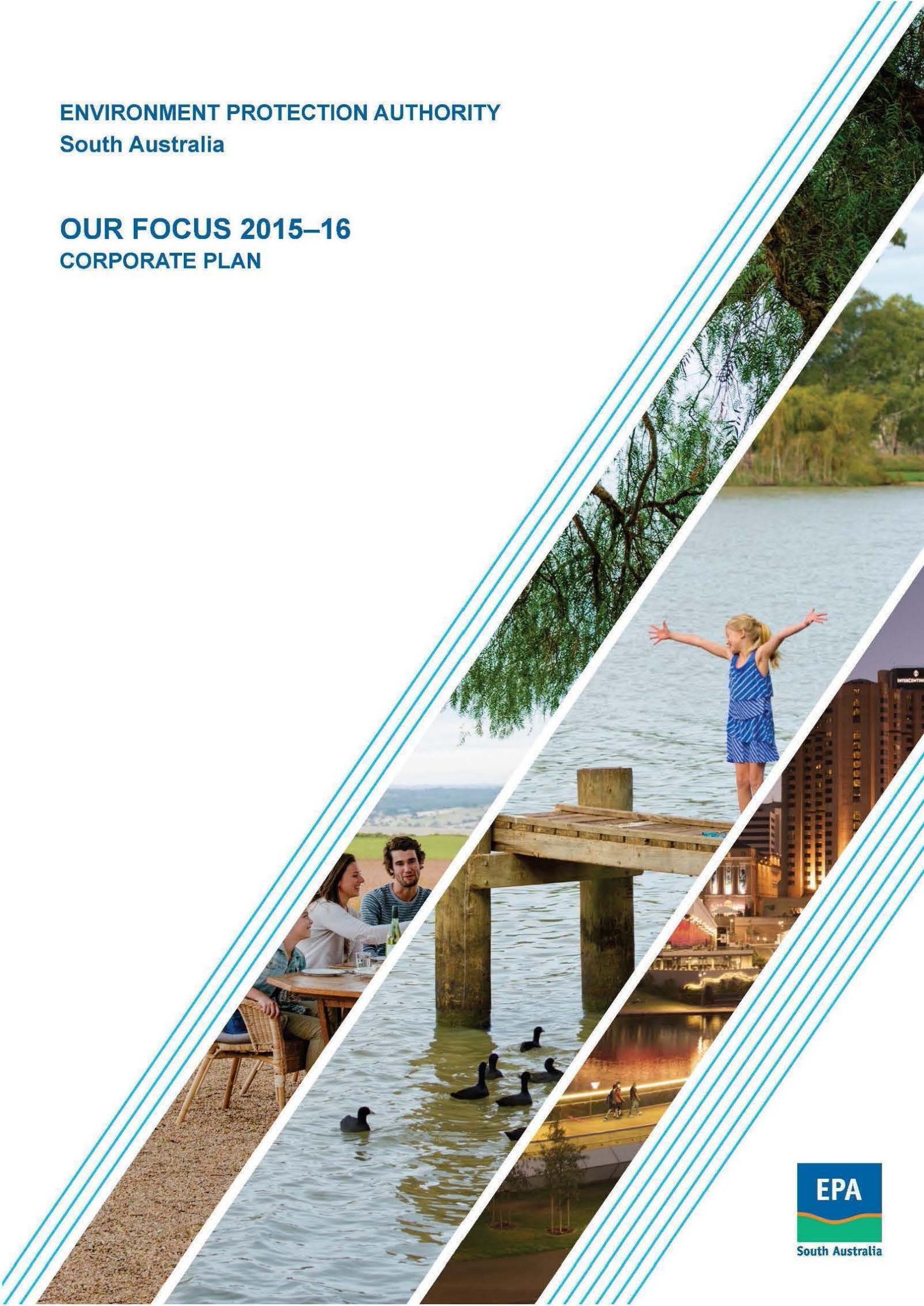


ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY
South Australia

OUR FOCUS 2015–16
CORPORATE PLAN



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The Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) 2015–16 Corporate Plan identifies the priority initiatives we will undertake to meet the objectives identified in our Strategic Directions 2015–18.

In May 2015 we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) as the key environmental protection agency in South Australia. We also launched our *Strategic Directions 2015–18* document outlining our environmental goals, challenges and key areas of focus for the next three years.

This is the first Corporate Plan to support and deliver our new Strategic Directions. It builds on the EPA's achievements over the last 20 years. Some of those delivered in 2014–15 included:

- Continued work to ensure an effective environmental licensing regime is developed for Nyrstar's transformation project in Port Pirie.
- Issued the first EPA licence to Kimberly-Clark Australia for all activities at its Millicent Mill site, following the end of a 50-year indenture.
- Organised the Waste Summit 2015, with Zero Waste SA, bringing together industry and community representatives to discuss opportunities and priorities for waste reform.
- Contributed to improvements in South Australia's planning system through participation in the expert panel on the state planning review.
- Improved our online services by launching a new corporate website, developing and testing a new licensing and waste levy system, and implementing an online waste tracking system.
- Signed a Statement of Agreement with Business SA and Australian Industry Group, formalising a commitment to work together to achieve better environmental outcomes under the principles of mutual respect, open communication and meaningful engagement.

In this anniversary year, our focus centres on providing opportunities for early and meaningful engagement with the community, implementing regulatory reforms that provide a more level playing field for industry development and growth, and continuing to build our culture of high performance.

I look forward to continuing to work together with the community, industry, stakeholders and EPA staff to deliver this plan and achieve our vision for a better environment for the wellbeing and prosperity of all South Australians.

Tony Circelli
Chief Executive

Our Strategic Directions 2015–2018

Our Strategic Directions 2015–2018 builds on the achievements of the past 20 years to improve the state of our environment and support the growth of South Australia. It sets out the objectives that will guide our work over the next three years as we continue to develop and apply modern and innovative approaches to tackle our environmental challenges.

These challenges include:

- major point sources of pollution and waste
- South Australia's legacy issues, particularly contamination and the interface of industry and residential dwellings
- increasing urban and infrastructure development and renewal
- illegal or inappropriate management of wastes and resource recovery
- broader issues of statewide significance such as the potential impacts of renewable energy and climate change
- the impacts of mining in South Australia and its associated infrastructure.

A better environment for the wellbeing and prosperity of all South Australians

Our strategic objectives:

- 1. Support wellbeing and prosperity**
creating a place where current and future generations can thrive
- 2. Keep people informed and engaged**
providing opportunities for early and meaningful engagement
- 3. Be an effective and trusted regulator**
building trust and confidence, and maximising the potential of our people

Our environmental goals:

Good quality land

land is protected from the adverse impacts of pollution and waste

Good quality water

the quality of surface, ground, coastal and marine waters is protected from pollution

Good quality air

air quality is protected from atmospheric pollutants

Safe use of radiation

the environment and the community are protected from the risks associated with radiation

Protection from unacceptable noise

the community is protected from exposure to unacceptable noise levels

Sustainable use of resources

resources are managed sustainably to safeguard the environment for current and future generations.



Our focus 2015–16

Our initiatives for 2015-16 provide a focus for our efforts in progressing and achieving our strategic objectives.



We will:

Support wellbeing and prosperity

- 1 Undertake a waste reform program to achieve industry certainty, promote innovation and growth, and improve safety in the recovery and recycling of resources
- 2 Develop our licensing and compliance regime in line with the transformation of industries, including a new licence for Nyrstar in Port Pirie
- 3 Improve our approach to managing site contamination issues through the implementation of recommendations from the EPA Board Review report
- 4 Implement a new Environment Protection Water Quality Policy
- 5 Work with SafeWork SA to undertake an audit of asbestos removalists
- 6 Work with industry and community to implement the new Radiation Protection and Control Regulations

Keep people informed and engaged

- 7 Inform, involve and engage the community in addressing key environmental challenges for the state, including establishing an ongoing community engagement function
- 8 Improve the protection of seagrasses through the ongoing implementation of the Adelaide Coastal Waters Quality Improvement Plan
- 9 Make our data and information more accessible and transparent through the use of new technologies, including improvements to the online public register

Be an effective and trusted regulator

- 10 Further invest in our organisational and staff capability with a focus on service excellence
- 11 Work with our licensed community, in particular small and medium businesses, to streamline our regulation and enable and reward good compliance
- 12 Work with the Department of State Development in improving the regulation of environmental aspects of mining
- 13 Implement a new modernised licensing IT system and promote innovation in our operations
- 14 Build our knowledge and expertise through the development of a long term science plan

A high performance culture

The dedication and expertise of our staff is one of our greatest strengths.

Our focus is to further the development and support of our staff and to build a culture of professionalism, service excellence, and continuous improvement. These focus areas, together with 'our ways of working', will further enhance our organisation's profile as a leading regulatory body and a great place to work.

Our ways of working:

- Work as one team
- Have a 'yes if' approach to what we do
- Work in a healthy and safe manner at all times
- Focus on outcomes
- Have a strong external and internal customer focus ethos
- Be professional and accountable
- Use our resources wisely
- Deliver what we promise on time, every time

Our commitment to high performance:



Work health and safety

It is everyone's responsibility to make sure we return home safe and well every day

Leadership

Identify, support, develop and demonstrate leadership capability across the EPA

Performance

Ensure accountability and recognise good performance

Service

Recognise that service excellence starts from within

Capability

Build and improve our capability to enable us to meet our current and future challenges

Knowledge and Information

Foster a culture of information sharing and knowledge management

Innovation

Encourage innovation to deliver better organisational and environmental outcomes

Strategy

Be outcomes-focused and able to address future challenges and opportunities

EPA Planning Framework



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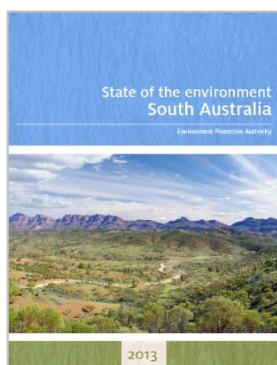


FURTHER INFORMATION

To find out more about how the EPA is contributing to a better environment visit www.epa.sa.gov.au

State of the environment report 2013

The sixth report for South Australia reports the condition of the State's environment and the key environmental challenges



Annual Report

EPA performance and achievements are reported annually against our strategic directions and corporate plan