

| Corporate Plan 2016–17 | | Status against scope | Summary of progress |
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| Support wellbeing and prosperity | | | |
| 1 | Continue to engage and assist industry transformation in the Upper Spencer Gulf region, including Nyrstar's transformation project in Port Pirie and Flinders Power's decommissioning of the power station in Port Augusta | achieved | The EPA worked with Flinders Power, the Port Augusta City Council and other state government agencies in relation to the closure of the Port Augusta Power Station site. The EPA also responded to community interest over a significant dust event on 1 January 2017 by increasing its presence in the area and undertaking significant community engagement with residents. The EPA is represented on the State Government taskforce, led by the Department of State Development (DSD), established to provide a whole-of-government response to community and business engagement needs. |
| 2 | Support implementation of a new <i>Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy</i> and relevant guidelines | achieved | The new <i>Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016</i> came into effect in July 2016, modernising and consolidating legislation in relation to the management of South Australia's air quality. The new <i>Policy</i> reflects current understanding of health impacts from air pollution, with risk-based regulatory principles and management of air quality now in line with contemporary practices. |
| 3 | Continue to develop a robust regulatory framework to support innovation and investment in the waste and resource recovery sector and continue robust enforcement on rogue operators | achieved | Proposed amendments within the <i>Environment Protection (Waste Reform) Bill 2016</i> will empower the EPA to achieve a suite of waste reforms and address illegal dumping through stronger powers. It is intended that the <i>Bill</i> is introduced into Parliament for debate in early 2017-18. The EPA led a multi-agency review across government on identified asbestos transporters and removalists. |
| 4 | Provide advice as required regarding regulatory considerations of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission Report and the community consultation process | achieved | The Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission was established by the South Australian Government to undertake an independent and comprehensive investigation into the potential for increasing South Australia's participation in the nuclear fuel cycle. The EPA provided advice and information to the Commission, including licensing requirements under the <i>Radiation Protection and Control Act 1982</i> . |
| 5 | Work with SafeWork SA to review and, where appropriate, audit the risk of EPA licensed major hazard facilities to protect human health and the environment | achieved | The EPA continued to support the SafeWork SA Major Hazard Facility (MHF) audit process, with dedicated officers providing advice in relation to the safe transport and disposal of asbestos. The EPA worked closely with SafeWork SA which remains the responsible agency for asbestos removal at worksites. The majority of initial verification audits regarding preventative environmental impact arrangements have been completed. |
| 6 | Support the effective implementation of the <i>Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016</i> through the review of relevant policies and guidelines | achieved | The EPA worked with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) to develop a program for implementing the new <i>Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 (PDI Act)</i> . The new legislation provides for a staged introduction of new planning tools and governance frameworks. Key areas involving the EPA during 2016-17 included working with DPTI on the development of State Planning Policies, an e-planning system and the Planning and Design Code. |
| 7 | Review the management of legacy site contamination in South Australia | achieved | An Orphan Sites Committee led by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and supported by the EPA was established in 2016. Completion of a pre-screening project of historical and older site contamination records was achieved by the end of May 2017. |

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| Keep people informed and engaged | | | |
| 8 | Build stronger partnerships with local government for the implementation of the <i>Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016</i> and for the improvement of customer service in relation to environmental nuisance | achieved | The <i>Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016</i> landmark legislation formalised the role of local government in managing local minor nuisances, and provides for a more modern legislative scheme to reduce the prevalence of litter and illegal dumping across the state, and provide better services to local communities. The EPA undertook extensive engagement and training in partnership with local government, in readiness for the new legislation. |
| 9 | Continue to encourage small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to meet their environmental obligations and support innovation | achieved | The EPA was involved in activities to seek better engagement with SMEs. These include sponsorship of the 2016–17 Environmental Award for the Business SA Export Awards in October 2017, ‘Meet the Buyer’ events and ‘Bizlink’ seminars. Work also commenced on a Community Engagement Program targeting SMEs to provide information of an advisory nature regarding EPA functions. |
| 10 | Develop a revised Partnership and Engagement Framework and continue to build our internal engagement capability, in particular, on site contamination issues with potential to unreasonably affect public health | achieved | A new Partnership & Engagement Framework was launched in late-2016 which sets out the EPA’s commitment to lead the way in driving early and meaningful engagement with our stakeholders in dealing with environmental challenges. The Framework outlines the EPA’s approach to how and when it will engage with stakeholders and sets out three guiding principles for engagement; communication, transparency and accountability. A Community Engagement Champion's Program was developed to build a pool of officers to support community engagement activities. |
| Be an effective and trusted regulator | | | |
| 11 | Continue to focus on the EPA's Work Health & Safety and Injury Management (WHS & IM) so that safety remains an integrated way of doing our business. | achieved | The 2016–17 WHS & IM Action Plan comprised 76 separate tasks/projects with 55 tasks completed, 11 tasks delayed or partially completed, and 10 tasks not progressed. Most of the tasks not progressed were related to pending changes to the Return to Work legislation and actions deferred due to our imminent relocation to 211 Victoria Square. The EPA was audited by Deloitte as part of the Whole-of-Government’s Public Sector Audit and Verification System (AVS) program, and received positive feedback on its culture and systems. The EPA was awarded a White Ribbon Workplace Accreditation. |
| 12 | Continue to investigate digital tools and new technologies with potential to improve our services and enforcement capability | achieved | To complement the litter provisions of the <i>Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016</i> , which commenced on 1 February 2017, the EPA launched the ‘Dob-in-a-Litterer’ app and website. The app uses the latest technology to identify the type, model and colour of the offending vehicle, a map to determine the exact location of where the littering took place, and a photo feature to capture evidence. |
| 13 | Review and develop a forward-looking plan for our scientific services | some delay | The development of a science plan was delayed. The consolidation of the Air & Noise and Water Quality branches into an Environmental Science Branch was achieved, seeking to improve our scientific capability and services. An EPA Air Science program review was completed. |