

EPA Board Communique

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The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Board Communique has been developed to provide information on matters discussed by the Board at its monthly meetings.

Climate Change and Greenhouse Initiatives Report

The Board receives a quarterly update on climate change and greenhouse initiatives. This quarter's report provided an update on the Commonwealth's *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Bill* and also included some preliminary discussion on assessing and reducing the EPA's greenhouse emissions.

The *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Bill* was developed following discussions at the Council of Australian Governments. It will require that significant industrial emitters report on the extent of their emissions. Work is currently being undertaken to assess the impacts of this Bill on State initiatives.

2006-07 Annual Report

The Board reviewed and endorsed the EPA 2006-07 Annual Report for the Minister to table in Parliament. This Report is a legislative requirement and provides an important avenue of agency accountability and review.

The EPA 2006-07 Annual Report will be available in early December and may be accessed via the EPA's website at http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/pub_epa.html#annual.

Corporate Operational Plan

The Board noted the EPA's 2007-08 Corporate Operational Plan and directorate reports to the Board will now be presented using the structure of this document.

The Corporate Operational Plan is an integral part of the EPA's planning and budgeting framework. It outlines the high level projects and programs being undertaken to implement the EPA Strategic Plan and provides a link between the Strategic Plan and Divisional Business Plans.