

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY
South Australia

CORPORATE PLAN
2017–18



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From the Chief Executive



The 2017–18 Corporate Plan summarises our priorities to deliver our *Strategic Directions 2015–18: a better environment for the wellbeing and prosperity of all South Australians*.

Looking back on the last year, the organisation delivered significant achievements across all areas of our business. Of particular note we:

- achieved accreditation as a White Ribbon Workplace to support our staff and provide a safe and respectful place to work
- implemented the *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016* which formalises local government's leading role in providing services to the community
- launched a 'Dob in a Litterer' app and website to assist in combating litter from vehicles
- launched our EPA Partnership & Engagement Framework 2016–18 which supports our community engagement approach
- introduced a new *Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016* to better safeguard people and the environment
- developed the *Environment Protection (Waste Reform) Amendment Bill* to improve waste management practices and support business certainty and growth
- welcomed two significant Supreme Court decisions regarding our effective regulation of stockpiled materials as waste
- celebrated the 40th anniversary of South Australia's pioneering Container Deposit Scheme.

This 2017–18 Corporate Plan builds on these achievements to ensure a healthy environment, which is essential for our state's prosperity and sustainability.

I thank the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, the Hon. Ian Hunter MLC, the EPA's Presiding Member, Ms Linda Bowes and the EPA Board for their continued confidence and support. I would also like to acknowledge EPA staff for their commitment and enthusiasm in protecting the environment and wellbeing of all South Australians.

I look forward to another successful year ahead.

Tony Circelli
Chief Executive

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

Our environmental goals:

- Good quality land
- Good quality water
- Good quality air
- Safe use of radiation
- Protection from unacceptable noise
- Sustainable use of resources



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 and developing our organisational capability

Our public value

We will continue to work together with the community and our partners, making the best use of our resources and capabilities, to deliver a better environment for all South Australians:

- ensuring a healthy environment which is essential for our wellbeing and prosperity
- safeguarding communities from the health impacts of pollution and contamination
- supporting a green and clean environment for the economic prosperity of the state and the sustainability of future generations
- keeping communities informed about environmental issues that are important to them
- working actively with communities, industry and across government to manage environmental pressures and find innovative solutions to emerging challenges
- applying a modern approach to regulation that encourages innovation and creates a more even playing field for business.

Our priorities for 2017–18

Our priority initiatives for 2017–18 provide a focus for our efforts in progressing and achieving our strategic objectives.



We will:

Support wellbeing and prosperity: creating a place where current and future generations can thrive

- contribute to the state's energy and resources agenda through the environmental assessment of new proposals
- create a level playing field and provide business certainty through improved regulation in the waste and resource recovery sector
- safeguard the community through improved management of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances in the environment
- support sustainable urban renewal through improved planning and environment protection policy
- protect communities by assessing orphan contaminated sites and strengthening our community engagement approach
- improve services to the community by working with local councils in managing litter and nuisance
- support the development of the medical precinct by facilitating safe and effective medical radiation technologies

Keep people informed and engaged: providing opportunities for early and meaningful engagement

- support small and medium enterprises by providing guidance on compliance and fostering innovative practices
- improve access to our data and provide more user-friendly information for the community and industry
- develop the State of the Environment Report 2018 in collaboration with stakeholders

Be an effective and trusted regulator: building trust and confidence, maximising the potential of our people and developing our organisational capability

- improve our preparedness and resilience in responding to environmental incidents
- develop our organisational capability to innovate and implement regulatory improvements
- support our staff by providing a safe, flexible and respectful workplace.

A high performance culture

We will continue to build a culture of professionalism, service excellence, and continuous improvement.



Our EPA ways of working:

Our ways of working are a set of expected behaviours that we adhere to, and which, shape the culture and identity of the EPA. The ways of working are consistent with the South Australian Public Sector Values and represent our commitment to the wellbeing of our staff and the achievement of the EPA's goals for a better environment.



Work in a healthy and **safe** manner at all times (are you OK?)



Deliver what we promise on time, every time



Always look for new and **better ways** (what if?)



Work as **one team**



Actively engage and provide a high level of **service** (yes if)

South Australian Public Sector Values

- **Service:** proudly serve the community and Government of South Australia
- **Professionalism:** strive for excellence
- **Trust:** we have confidence in the ability of others
- **Respect:** we value every individual
- **Collaboration and engagement:** we create solutions together
- **Honesty and Integrity:** we act truthfully, consistently, and fairly
- **Courage and tenacity:** we never give up
- **Sustainability:** we work to get the best results for current and future generations of South Australians

EPA Planning Framework

Sets the direction for the EPA over a three-year period and supports SA Government priorities



Sets the annual priorities and focus for the agency to deliver on our strategic directions

Support wellbeing and prosperity

Keep people informed and engaged

Be an effective and trusted regulator

Annual Compliance Plan

Partnerships and Engagement Framework

**High Performance Framework
Workforce Capability Development Plan
Better Regulation
Risk Management
Project Management
Service Charter
Digital Strategy**

Our regulatory approach and annual compliance objectives and activities



Our strategies to inform, involve and engage the community and our stakeholders



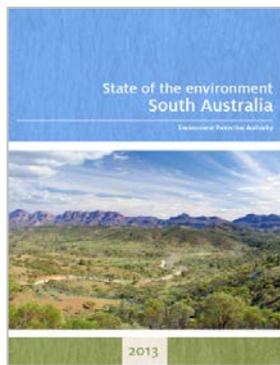
Our strategies to improve our organisational capability

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, compliance plan and corporate plan