Climate Ready Australia 2030

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SHARED AGENDA

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The Alliance of Peaks will work together to deliver climate ready projects and solutions to advance systems wide, effective, and just climate action, to reduce climate risks, improve resilience to climate change, and maximise benefits to Australian society, the environment, and economy.

The Climate Ready Australia 2030 (CRA2030) Shared Agenda is a non-binding strategic framework to advance transformative cross-sectoral climate action that contributes to a climate ready Australia by 2030. It articulates the common priorities and principles for action identified by the CRA2030 Alliance of Peak bodies (the Alliance of Peaks).

Sectors face similar climate challenges and are limited in their capacity or ability to solve these alone, and opportunities can be hard to realise independently. Articulating and endorsing a CRA2030 Shared Agenda harmonises direction and empowers collaborative action, enhancing strengths and addressing weaknesses. It aligns collective purpose and individual capabilities, transforming the need to act on climate change into tangible opportunities for strategic, coordinated, effective, and just climate action.

The Alliance will operationalise this Shared Agenda by developing, delivering, and reporting on projects in each of the listed climate action areas. The Alliance will incrementally move the Shared Agenda forward in this manner, with the intention of addressing the full scope of key action areas by 2030.

CRA2030 Alliance of Peaks

The Alliance of Peaks comprises Australian peak bodies that represent a range of sectors that have come together to work collaboratively on the development and advancement of urgent climate action. The Alliance of Peaks recognises the existential threat of climate change and shared challenges and opportunities for climate action, pervasive to the Australian context. Through the Alliance, common opportunities are identified and partnerships brokered, potentially with uncommon partners, to co-design and deliver the Shared Agenda together. The Alliance asserts its:

- willingness to participate

- readiness to act and make decisions

- desire for strategic action

- ability to provide and connect expert input

- eagerness to cross-collaborate

- readiness to contribute knowledge and resources

- confidence in opportunities for innovation and uplift.

All Australian peak bodies are invited to join us on this journey to create a climate ready Australia.

This Shared Agenda was presented at the CRA2030 Roundtable discussion on February 10, 2023.

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SHARED AGENDA: PRINCIPLES

The Alliance of Peaks has identified four interconnected principles to guide its climate-change action activities and projects.

Inclusivity

- Fairly represent the diversity of Australian society.
- Incorporate inclusive and meaningful engagement.
- Facilitate co-design processes and appropriate Indigenous and local participation and leadership.
- Support and encourage participation by both emerging and established actors in the field.
- Elevate action for people who are experiencing vulnerability or are directly impacted by climate hazards.
- Deliver just outcomes that do not perpetuate entrenched cycles of disadvantage.
- Play a bridging role for climate action with Australia's Pacific neighbours.
- Establish and strengthen links to the global community.

Future Fit

- Engage long-term thinking to produce conditions and solutions that meet future needs and promote adaptation and resilience.
- Align activities with the goals and objectives of the United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Adopt a risk-management approach to avoid maladaptive outcomes that increase risk and vulnerability.
- Avoid outcomes that are contrary to our ambition, such as committed emissions, or stranded assets.
- Conserve natural systems and resources, and enhance the integrity of forests, ecosystems, and natural carbon sinks.
- Maximise the impact and competitiveness of outputs in a polluter-pays economy.
- Facilitate scalable, circular, and regenerative solutions that adopt a lifecycle and systems approach.

Clarity

- Implement systems, processes, and practices that maintain a clear view along the pathway to our ambition.
- Ensure our activities are well informed and draw on credible and reliable data and information, including recognised science and peer-reviewed research and best practice.
- Recognise and align with Indigenous and local culture, protocols, and knowledge.
- Be attentive and listen to the concerns and issues raised by the public, partners, and stakeholders.
- Commit to strengthening the national climate conversation for all Australians.
- Enhance knowledge sharing and promote a broader understanding of issues and activities related to climate change.

Agility

- Build and secure the required structures, capability, and resources for climate-change action.
- Facilitate appropriate and responsive financing mechanisms, expertise, and tools.
- Be creative and resourceful in seeking workable solutions to climate change problems.
- Embrace an entrepreneurial approach.
- Leverage existing platforms, programs, knowledge networks, and communities of practice to add value and deliver impactful outcomes.
- Recognise that uncertainties around particulars in climate change should not be a barrier to action.

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SHARED AGENDA: CLIMATE ACTION AREAS

This Shared Agenda is structured by four pillars for climate action. Each pillar identifies the Alliance's shared climate challenges and key action areas.
Many potential projects could be developed for each corresponding action area.

Pillar for action	*Enabling Policy*	*Capacity Building*	*Accelerating Decarbonisation*	*Adaptive Resilience*
Shared Challenge	AUSTRALIA HAS INSUFFICIENT ENABLING POLICY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE	AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL CAPACITY TO EMBED AND ADVANCE CLIMATE ACTION IS LIMITED	AUSTRALIANS LACK CLARITY ON NATIONAL DECARBONISATION PATHWAYS	AUSTRALIA'S APPROACH TO ASSETS, RESOURCES, AND SYSTEMS OF LIVING IS NOT FUTURE FIT
Opportunity	Detailed and long-term industrial and community policies will help to provide sectors with certainty for investment and climate action.	Capacity building of public institutions, businesses, organisations, and individuals will help to embed and advance climate action.	Clarity on decarbonisation pathways and targets will help to drive action and accelerate results.	Adaptation will help to protect quality of life, bolster resilience, and provide appropriate hazard responses, goods, and services.
Key Action Areas	1.01 National climate policy framework	2.01 Coordinating action between tiers of government	3.01 National target setting	4.01 Advance sectoral reform
	1.02 Community representation to inform policy	2.02 Integrating climate action within government	3.02 Decarbonisation pathways and sector contributions	4.02 Priority hazard preparedness
	1.03 Transformative industrial policy	2.03 Strengthening action within industry and associations	3.03 Utilising sectoral scenario analyses	4.03 Reimagining critical infrastructure
	1.04 Community transition policy	2.04 Board and executive leadership upskilling	3.04 Decarbonisation guides and resources	4.04 Securing supply chains for critical goods and services
	1.05 Physical and mental health policy	2.05 Continued Professional Development	3.05 Managing decarbonisation data sets	4.05 Green infrastructure and natural and cultural assets protection
	1.06 Shared intellectual property	2.06 Future degree courses	3.06 Tracking and reporting of emissions	4.06 Managing local ecosystems
	1.07 Building codes and planning regulations	2.07 Vocational education upskilling programs	3.07 Managing natural carbon sinks	4.07 Future place-making
	1.08 Regulation for natural hazards	2.08 Indigenous management of local ecosystems	3.08 Advocacy and education for decarbonisation	4.08 Community planning, recovery, and relocation
	1.09 Risk assessment processes and reporting	2.09 Connecting and managing data and knowledge		4.09 Community preparedness and resilience
	1.10 Sustainability disclosures and metrics			
	1.11 Advocacy to advance climate policy			

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SHARED AGENDA: ACTION AREA PROJECT EXAMPLES

These tables exemplify potential projects that could be developed within the corresponding pillars for climate action.

ENABLING POLICY

1.01	Enable a sufficient long-term policy framework to facilitate national climate action
1.02	Establish national policy committees for First Nations and Young people
1.03	Co-design detailed industrial policy capable of transforming the economy
1.04	Co-design a detailed policy framework to help communities transition
1.05	Accelerate and enable a national policy on climate action and health, including mental health
1.06	Develop fair policy around shared intellectual property to accelerate innovation
1.07	Improve building codes and planning regulations to advance circular economy and climate change objectives
1.08	Strengthen the regulatory environment for natural hazards
1.09	Standardise national risk assessment processes and reporting
1.10	Develop metrics and methods of assurance that quantify the value of non-financial goods and services to assist sustainable business case development and evaluation
1.11	Prepare and publish climate change statements to communicate the Alliance's perspective and advocate for transformative action

CAPACITY BUILDING

2.01	Advocate for and support coordinated action across all tiers of government
2.02	Establish a national program to integrate climate action in local government
2.03	Support industry, associations, and their members to embed climate action into business as usual
2.04	Support the development and implementation of executive education programs to enable the rapid upskilling of Boards and executive leaders
2.05	Support and enrich frameworks for driving continued professional development for climate action
2.06	Support universities and industry to codesign key degrees for the future
2.07	Support vocational education providers to design key trade upskilling programs
2.08	Establish locally led training programs on Indigenous management of local ecosystems
2.09	Consolidate climate action resources and data sets into a recognised central knowledge hub and virtual data room

ACCELERATING DECARBONISATION

3.01	Facilitate dialogue on national sector targets and their delivery
3.02	Understand decarbonisation glide paths and implementation pathways, including barriers and innovations required to enable sector contributions
3.03	Develop a national toolkit for sectoral scenario analysis to inform transition pathways and mitigation activities
3.04	Consolidate and develop industry decarbonisation guides and resources, incorporating best practice and best available technologies.
3.05	Advance a national repository for decarbonisation data sets
3.06	Enable clear and consistent tracking and reporting of emissions to deliver comparable data
3.07	Establish a national plan to strengthen and build natural carbon sinks
3.08	Assess existing advocacy and education initiatives and leverage to deliver clear communications and advocacy for decarbonisation

ADAPTIVE RESILIENCE

4.01	Consolidate opportunities and barriers to sectoral reform, including regulatory barriers, materials, and practices that are hard to transition, and develop an approach for action
4.02	Develop a cross-jurisdictional program or pilot project for priority hazards (e.g., heat)
4.03	Re-imagine critical infrastructure and its use of space and connection to living systems
4.04	Evaluate production and supply chain weaknesses for critical goods and services and develop an approach for action
4.05	Expand designation of asset classes to protect green infrastructure and key natural and cultural assets
4.06	Develop a support program for the locally led management of local ecosystems
4.07	Build on and embed resilient infrastructure and place-making frameworks, rubrics, and guidelines, integrating critical ecosystem services and place-based approaches
4.08	Establish community sensitive planning, recovery, and relocation processes
4.09	Improve place-based community preparedness for extreme weather events and sea level rise