

Climate Health WA Inquiry

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Yes, I / my organisation agree to be identified

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Terms of Reference

You are encouraged to address at least ONE of the Terms of Reference as listed below. Please select which item/s you will address:

- 1. Establish current knowledge on the implications of climate change for health in Western Australia (WA) and recommend a framework for evaluating future implications.
- 2. Identify and recommend a program of work to manage the implications of climate change for health in WA, which will protect the public from the harmful health impacts of climate change.
- 3. Identify and recommend a program of work to manage the implications of climate change for health in WA, which will strengthen the preparedness and resilience of communities and health services against extreme weather events, with a focus on the most vulnerable in the community.

4. Identify and recommend a program of work to manage the implications of climate change for health in WA, which will reduce the contribution of WA health services to climate change and other detrimental impacts.
5. Identify and recommend a program of work to manage the implications of climate change for health in WA, which will enable WA Health services to implement change, including energy efficiency, to a more sustainable model.
6. Evaluate the likely benefits (health and wellbeing, social and economic) arising from climate change mitigation strategies, with a focus on WA health services.
7. Define the role of the Department of Health in leading public policy on climate change and health.
8. Recommend the Terms of Reference, scope and preferred methods for undertaking a climate change vulnerability assessment for the health sector.
9. Recommend the Terms of Reference, scope and preferred methods for developing a Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the health sector.

Submissions response field

Please type your response to the item(s) selected above into the field below. Alternatively you may provide your submission as a separate attachment (suggested maximum 5 pages).

I'm Kai. I'm 8 years old and I think climate change is a big problem. I'm in year 3 and I go to ██████ Primary School in Perth. I have a mum, a dad, a sister, a dog and a fish.

Climate change worries me a lot, because maybe in my generation there will be huge weather problems for the world (for example tsunamis, heat waves and cyclones). People and animals will get hotter and their bodies might not be able to cool down and other/new diseases might become a problem. I feel that diseases might need new medical breakthroughs to control them.

I feel sorry for all the people that might die because of climate change. We should make a change today.

Here are my answers to some of your questions.

- Could solar panels or wind turbines please be used for electricity for your hospitals and clinics.
- Could the Department of Health encourage the Department of Education to use solar panels and wind turbines in schools and universities.
- Could the Department of Health please come to schools all over Western Australia to teach students, teachers and parents about how if climate change continues: some diseases can become more common; drowning can occur because of rising sea levels; hurricanes, tsunamis and bushfires can injure and kill people; there might be too many heatwaves causing people and animals to die of thirst and heat; some places may have too much water and other places may have too little.
- Could the Department of Health please encourage the WA Government to shut

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down the use of fossil fuels for electricity and make electric cars less expensive.

- Could the Department of Health please encourage the WA Government to be more alert about climate change.

The WA Government needs to help stop climate change because otherwise future generations might not have a future.

Thank you for reading this (and save the future!).

P.S. My mum did all the typing and helped with the grammar, but I did all thinking.

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