

# The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP Minister for Climate Action



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Energy,  
Environment  
and Climate Action

We acknowledge and respect Victorian Traditional Owners as the original custodians of Victoria's land and waters, their unique ability to care for Country and deep spiritual connection to it.

We honour Elders past and present whose knowledge and wisdom has ensured the continuation of culture and traditional practices.

DEECA is committed to genuinely partnering with Victorian Traditional Owners and Victoria's Aboriginal community to progress their aspirations.



## World leading climate action targets

- First jurisdiction in Australia to set a 2035 target
- Earliest net zero emissions target of any major jurisdiction in Australia – net zero by 2045
- Exceeded our 2020 target and within our 2025 target range of 28–33% reduction



## Leading climate action through Victorian Government operations

- From 1 July 2025, the SEC is supporting the Victorian Government's commitment to using 100% renewable electricity across its operations from 2025.
- First climate-related risk disclosure by an Australian state government



## Energy transition

- Set ambitious renewable energy targets including 65% renewables by 2030 and 95% by 2035
- Reducing Victoria's dependence on fossil gas through reforms under the Victorian Gas Substitution Roadmap
- Brought back the State Electricity Commission



## Climate action across Victoria

- First in Australia to develop system-based adaptation plans to build Victoria's resilience to the impacts of climate change
- Reducing emissions and providing cheaper and more sustainable transport options
- Cessation of commercial native timber harvesting
- Supporting Victoria's farmers to prepare for emissions reductions by investing in research, new low-emissions technologies and practices

# Climate Action Funding in 2025-26 State Budget

The 2025-26 Budget includes investment in climate action of a further \$1.8 billion across portfolios including:

- **\$1.33 billion over 5 years** for actions to reduce our transport emissions and provide cheaper and more sustainable transport options for Victorians.
- **\$174.8 million over 5 years** to support Victoria's energy transition
- **\$167.4 million over 5 years** to ensure our emergency management services have the equipment, facilities and capabilities they need.
- **\$75.7 million over 3 years** to support communities impacted by the Western Victoria Bushfires.
- **\$41.7 million in 2025-26** to enable more households to install energy efficient electric heat pumps, solar hot water systems and insulation in their homes
- **\$25.6 million over 4 years** to accelerate environmental assessments and planning approvals to enable faster development of renewable energy projects.
- **\$17.3 million over 2 years** to support Landcare and Coastcare volunteers
- **\$6.1 million over 2 years** to deliver agriculture sector emissions reductions
- **\$3.8 million in 2025-26** to manage our water security

**This builds on the almost \$2 billion committed alongside the Climate Change Strategy and over \$1.8 billion invested in the 2024-25 Budget.**



**Continuing to deliver the Solar Homes Program**  
– Supported over 400,000 households to install solar panels, hot water and battery systems through the \$1.3 billion program.



**Released an updated Gas Substitution Roadmap**  
– Converting an existing home with solar panels from gas to electricity can save around \$2,000 a year on energy bills.



**Delivering the Victorian Energy Upgrades Program** to help households and businesses to electrify and improve their energy efficiency



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Invested in **emergencies services and disaster relief and recovery**, including recovery support following the Western Victoria bushfires



Commissioned and implemented the **Network Outage Review** to make our electricity system more resilient to extreme weather



**Amended the Planning and Environment Act** to require climate change to be incorporated into planning decisions



Released **Victoria's Climate Science Report 2024** and 7th edition of the **Victorian Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report**



Introduced **best-practice emissions reporting** by all departments and public sector entities.



Enshrined in the **Climate Action Act 2017** **Victoria's emissions reduction and renewable energy targets**

We are continuing to drive new action that delivers benefits for communities, our environment and the economy, this includes:

- **Victoria's second Climate Change Strategy (2026-30)** which will set the direction to reduce emissions and strengthen climate resilience over the next 5 years.
  - **Public engagement held in March/April 2025** - receiving over 500 responses from organisations and individuals
- **Emission reduction pledges for 2026-30** – the actions the Victorian Government is taking to reduce emissions across 6 sectors of the economy and its own operations
- **Adaptation Action Plans for 2027-31** – the actions the Victorian Government is taking across 7 statewide systems that are vulnerable to climate change or are vital to building our state's climate resilience

