



# South Australia's Industry Climate Change Conference

Thursday 8 – Friday 9 May 2025 | Adelaide Convention Centre

## PROGRAM

### Day 1 – Thursday 8 May 2025

From 7.30am	Registrations open	
8.45am	<b>Conference Opening – Welcome Address by Master of Ceremonies</b> Martin Haese - Chair, Premier's Climate Change Council	Hall FG
9.00am	<b>Welcome to Country</b> Kiera Fitzgerald	Hall FG
9.15am	<b>Session 1: Opening Address - Government of South Australia</b> Hon. Peter Malinauskas MP – Premier of South Australia	
9.45am	<b>Session 2: The Global Perspective</b> <i>A broader take on climate change impacts.</i> Sarah Barker – Managing Director, Pollination Law	
10.15am	<b>Session 3: Keynote Address</b> Abigail Forsyth – CEO, KeepCup	Exhibition Hall
10.45am	<b>Morning Tea / Networking</b>	
11.15am	<b>Session 4: Practical Solutions for SMEs</b> <i>Hear from an expert on the simple steps you can take to respond to climate change and prepare for a low emissions future.</i> Presenter: Jon Dee – Social Entrepreneur Moderator: Stacey Lee – Radio Presenter, 5AA	Hall FG
12.00pm	<b>Session 5: Sustainable Low Emissions Industry</b> <i>What do future low emission industries look like in South Australia?</i> Moderator: Estha van der Linden - State Head, South Australia, Ai Group Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susie Smith – CEO, Australian Industry Greenhouse Network</li> <li>• Brendan Beck – General Manager, Policy, Australian Energy Producers</li> <li>• Brenz Saunders – Chair, Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board</li> <li>• Tennant Reed – Director, Energy &amp; Climate, AI Group</li> </ul>	
12.45pm	<b>Lunch / Networking</b>	Exhibition Hall
1.45pm	<b>Session 6 (Concurrent Sessions): Why Decarbonising is Good for Business</b> <i>Leading businesses will share case studies and answer questions from the audience.</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Session 6a: Decarbonise your Business – SMEs</b> <i>Hear from SME's that are taking advantage of market opportunities and new technology.</i> Moderator: Sanj de Silva – Director, Strategic Communications, Flinders University Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jacob Potter – Associate, dsquared Consulting</li> <li>• Mark Pickard – Managing Director, Hallett Cement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Session 6b: Decarbonise your business - Large Enterprises</b> <i>Hear from companies that have found solutions to decarbonise their business and are undertaking financial disclosures.</i> Moderator: Susie Smith – CEO, Australian Industry Greenhouse Network Panellists:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kate McCabe – Finance Director, McCabe AgCo</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HALL FG</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr Tim Richards – Principal, Climate Risk &amp; Intelligence, BHP</li> <li>Mel Squire – Head of Sustainability &amp; ESG, BAE Systems</li> <li>Susan Jeanes – Chair, HILT CRC</li> <li>Ben Wallace – Partner in Charge, Policy, Economics &amp; Public Impact, KPMG</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HALL M</b></p>	
	<p><b>Session 7 (Concurrent Sessions): How to Manage your Emissions</b>  <i>Hear from experts on how to start measuring emissions; managing scope 3 emissions; and reducing emissions in the built environment.</i></p>		
2.30pm	<p>● <b>Session 7a: Measuring your Emissions – The basics and where to start</b>  Moderator: Estha van der Linden - State Head, South Australia, Ai Group  Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rachel Brdanovic – Tandem Energy</li> <li>Pavlo Smolij – CEO, Trellis Technologies</li> <li>Prof Kannan Govindan - Director of Centre for Sustainable Operations and Resilient Supply Chains, University of Adelaide</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HALL M</b></p>	<p>● <b>Session 7b: Managing Scope 3 Emissions – How to decarbonise supply chains and the opportunities from tracking carbon emissions</b>  Moderator: Nicole Halsey – Director, URPS  Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayor Angela Evans – Mayor, City of Charles Sturt Low Carbon Roads Project</li> <li>Karien Erasmus – Director ESG and Climate Services, RSM Australia</li> <li>Brad Lemmon – CEO Recycling &amp; Waste, ResourceCo</li> <li>Nick Palousis – Founder &amp; CEO, 2XE</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HALL FG</b></p>	<p>● <b>Session 7c: Decarbonising Housing and Buildings – How do we balance the high demand for housing with the need to build more sustainably?</b>  Moderator: Jodie Bricout – Design Director, Aurecon  Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Davina Rooney – CEO, Green Building Council of Australia</li> <li>Ken Long – Regional Sustainability Manager Vic &amp; SA, Lendlease</li> <li>Frankie Muskovic – Director, National Policy, Property Council of Australia</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HALL N</b></p>
3.15pm	<b>Afternoon Tea / Networking</b>		<b>Exhibition Hall</b>
3.45pm	<p><b>Session 8: Learning from Climate Savvy Agribusiness</b>  <i>Hear from leading Agribusiness experts on the gaps and opportunities in tackling climate change and building resilience for your business.</i>  Moderator: Prof Simon Maddocks – Chair, Primary Producers SA  Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr Natalie Doran Browne – Principal Consultant, Integrity Ag</li> <li>Louisa Rose – Winemaker &amp; Head of Sustainability, Hill-Smith Family Wines</li> <li>Dr Penny Schulz - Livestock Technical Specialist, SA Drought Hub, University of Adelaide</li> </ul>		<b>Hall FG</b>
4.30pm	<p><b>End of Day 1 - Closing Remarks</b>  Martin Haese - Chair, Premier’s Climate Change Council</p>		
4.35-5.30pm	<b>After Day 1 Networking Drinks</b>		<b>Exhibition Hall</b>
6.00pm (6.30pm start)	<p><b>Dinner Event (limited tickets)</b>  MCs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Craig Wilkins – National Director, Murray Darling Conservation Alliance</li> <li>Tiahni Adamson – National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Manager, Bush Heritage Australia</li> </ul> <p>Keynote address: Tim Jarvis AM – Environmental Scientist and Explorer</p>		<b>National Wine Centre</b>

## Day 2 – Friday 9 May 2025

From 8.00am	Registrations open		
8.45am	<b>Welcome Address by Master of Ceremonies</b> Martin Haese - Chair, Premier's Climate Change Council		Hall FG
8.55am	<b>Welcome to Country</b> Jack Buckskin		Hall FG
9.10am	<b>Session 9: Building South Australia's Climate Resilience</b> Hon Susan Close MP – Deputy Premier for South Australia and Minister for Climate, Environment and Water		
9.40am	<b>Session 10: Keynote Address</b> Dr Pep Canadell – Chief Research Scientist, CSIRO		Hall FG
10.00am	<b>Session 11: Green Finance for Today and Tomorrow</b> <i>How the finance sector is supporting transitional growth of the green economy.</i> Presenter: Guy Debelle – Chair, FundsSA Moderator: Stacey Lee – Radio Presenter, 5AA		
10.45am	<b>Morning Tea / Networking</b>		Exhibition Hall
11.15am	<b>Session 12: The Real Cost of Climate Change</b> <i>Starting with an introduction to the impacts of climate change, this conversation will delve into what this will mean for insurance, finance and business sectors.</i> Moderator: Stacey Lee – Radio Presenter, 5AA Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karlene Maywald – South Australian Water Ambassador</li> <li>• Hon Andrea Michaels MP – Minister for Small and Family Business</li> <li>• Dr Mark Lawrence – Managing Director, Mark Lawrence Group</li> <li>• Kylie Macfarlane – Chief Operating Officer, Insurance Council of Australia</li> </ul>		Hall FG
12.00pm	Transition to concurrent sessions		
12.10pm	<b>Session 13 (Concurrent Breakout): Insight Conversations on Decarbonising and Building Resilience Across Industry Sectors</b> <i>Content experts demonstrating practical solutions for business and industry to take away to reduce emissions and prepare for climate change.</i>		
	<p>● <b>Session 13a: Transport</b> – <i>The Future of Freight</i> Moderator: Nicole Halsey – Director, URPS Presenters:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Mihai Neagoe – Foresion</li> <li>• Wendy Fennell – Managing Director, Fennell Forestry</li> </ul> </p>	<p>● <b>Session 13b: Knowing your Consumer</b> – <i>Customer behaviour and preference as drivers for market diversification and change</i> Moderator: Tori Dixon-Whittle – CEO, Food South Australia Presenters:</p>	<p>● <b>Session 13c: Rethink, reuse, and reap rewards: How the Circular Economy is driving success in business</b> – <i>Moving our energy consumption from fossil fuels to renewables is only half the journey towards decarbonisation. Equally critical is how we manage and value our</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alexandra Kelly – Zero Emissions Delivery Lead, IKEA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Naomi Downer – State Director, SA &amp; NT, Verian</li> <li>Ben Owen – Chief Strategy Officer &amp; General Manager of Home &amp; Energy, RAA</li> <li>Chris Illman – Head of Sales, Marketing &amp; Hospitality, Bickfords</li> </ul>	<p><i>resources. Hear first-hand from businesses successfully shifting from the linear 'take, make, waste' approach that prioritises avoiding waste, reducing consumption, reusing materials, and recovering resources.</i></p> <p><i>Gain insights on the benefits like cost savings, reduced emissions, market advantage, and enhanced business resilience.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Kat Heinrich – Director &amp; Principal Consultant, RAWTEC</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nick Hutchinson – General Manager, Fleurieu Milk</li> <li>Brad Scott – Director, Transmutation</li> <li>Anoop Thakur – General Manager, Procurement &amp; Sustainability, Asia Pacific, Orora Limited</li> </ul>	<p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frances Carter – TFI Group Sustainability Advisor</li> <li>Julian Marchant – ESG Program Manager, Wine Australia</li> <li>John Fargher – Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer, AgriWebb</li> </ul>
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12.55pm	<b>Lunch / Networking</b>			<b>Exhibition Hall</b>
	<p><b>Session 14 (Concurrent Breakout): Foresight Conversations</b>  <i>Hear from experts on emerging trends.</i></p>			
1.55pm	<p>● <b>Session 14a: Transitional Fuels</b>  <i>– Short and medium term fuel solutions to reducing transport carbon emissions.</i>  Moderator: Nicole Halsey – Director, URPS  Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patty Therrios – Head of Strategy &amp; Sustainability, Adelaide Airport</li> <li>Simon Roycroft – Manager Future Fuels, Refuelling Solutions</li> </ul>	<p>● <b>Session 14b: Protecting your business and the environment –</b>  <i>What advice do you need from EPA to assist in identifying and managing the physical risks of climate change to protect your business and the environment?</i>  Moderator: Kathryn Bellette – Executive Director, Science, Climate and Programs, EPA  Presenters:</p>	<p>● <b>Session 14c: Driving Climate Action in Healthcare: Transforming the Sector for a Sustainable Future</b>  <i>– Exploring emissions reduction and adaptation strategies in healthcare to drive sustainable, resilient solutions.</i>  Moderator: Craig Wilkins – National Director, Murray Darling Conservation Alliance  Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professor Nicola Spurrier – Chief Public</li> </ul>	<p>● <b>Session 14d: Future Cities –</b> <i>What are the current and future challenges and opportunities to create better cities in South Australia?</i>  Moderator: Prof Ariella Helfgott – Director of Foresight and Strategic Learning, World Energy Council  Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professor Chris Daniels – Chair, Green Adelaide Board</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Craig Wood – CEO, Vast Energy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Jon Gorvett – CE, Environment Protection Authority</li> <li>• Victoria Chantra - Partner, Climate Adaptation, Risk and Resilience, Deloitte</li> </ul>	<p>Health Officer, SA Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Damien Breen – Operations &amp; Sustainability Director, Celsius</li> <li>• Daniel Panic – Director, Corporate Services, Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network</li> <li>• Amba-Rose Atkinson – PhD candidate, UQ Poche Centre for Indigenous Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lord Mayor Jane Lomax Smith – City of Adelaide Council</li> <li>• Craig Holden – Chair, Planning Commission</li> <li>• Mr Larry Lye Hock Ng – Board Member, Board of Architects (Singapore)</li> </ul>
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2.40pm	<p><b>Session 15: Building the Skills of the Future</b>  <i>Taking action to meet workforce requirements from changes associated with decarbonisation.</i>  Moderator: Callan Markwick – Exec Director, Industry &amp; Workforce Capability, DSD  Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Cameron Baker – Chair of the South Australian Skills Commission</li> <li>• Professor David Lewis – Executive Dean, Faculty of Sciences, Engineering and Technology, University of Adelaide</li> <li>• John Adley – Deputy Secretary, SA Unions</li> <li>• Tiahni Adamson – National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Manager, Bush Heritage Australia</li> <li>• Allys Todd – Co-Founder and CE, ValAi</li> </ul>			<b>Hall FG</b>
3.25pm	<p><b>Session 16: Keynote Address</b>  Craig Reucassel – Radio and television presenter, War on Waste</p>			
3.55pm	<p><b>Closing Summary</b>  Martin Haese - Chair, Premier’s Climate Change Council</p>			
4.15pm	Conference Close			
4.15-5.15pm	<b>After Event Networking Drinks and Catering</b>			

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