

# Our environmental goals

The EPA's long-term environmental goals describe what we seek to achieve.

## 1 Good quality land

Land is protected from the adverse impacts of pollution and waste

## 2 Good quality water

The quality of surface, ground, coastal and marine waters is protected from pollution

## 3 Good quality air

Air quality is protected from atmospheric pollutants

## 4 Safe use of radiation

The environment and the community are protected from the risks associated with radiation

## 5 Protection from unacceptable noise

The community is protected from exposure to unacceptable noise levels

## 6 Sustainable use of resources

Resources are managed sustainably to safeguard the environment for current and future generations



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ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY  
South Australia

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS  
2015 – 2018



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

The Environment Protection Authority is South Australia's independent environment protection regulator.

We protect, restore and improve the environment through the risk-based regulation of pollution, waste, noise and radiation. We work closely with industry, the community and government to protect our unique natural environment while supporting economic growth and improving wellbeing.

Our Strategic Directions 2015–2018 build on the achievements of the past 20 years to improve the state of our environment and support the growth of South Australia. It sets out the strategic objectives that will guide our work over the next three years as we continue to develop and apply modern and innovative approaches to tackle our environmental challenges.

These challenges include:

- major point sources of pollution and waste
- South Australia's legacy issues, particularly contamination and the interface of industry and residential dwellings
- increasing urban and infrastructure development and renewal
- illegal or inappropriate management of wastes and resource recovery
- broader issues of statewide significance such as the potential impacts of renewable energy and climate change
- the impacts of mining in South Australia and its associated infrastructure.

## Our strategic objectives

To achieve our environmental goals and contribute to the state government priorities we have three objectives.

### Support wellbeing and prosperity

Creating a place where current and future generations can thrive

#### Safeguard communities

South Australians are protected and enjoy a clean environment

#### Protect our environment

South Australia's natural resources and assets are valued and managed sustainably to drive long-term prosperity

#### Enable sustainable urban development

The principles of sustainable development are taken into consideration and applied in the planning system

#### Promote innovative and sustainable industry and mining practices

Innovative solutions to environmental challenges are supported whilst promoting industry development

### Keep people informed and engaged

Providing opportunities for early and meaningful engagement

#### Partnerships and engagement

Work actively with others to manage environmental pressures and find innovative solutions to emerging challenges

#### Sharing information and being transparent

Provide information that is easy to understand and accessible so communities are well informed

### Be an effective and trusted regulator

Building trust and confidence, and maximising the potential of our people

#### Effective responses and interventions

Apply leading, robust and cost-effective regulatory tools and approaches to control environmental pressures

#### High quality services

Deliver high quality and professional services

#### Strong environmental knowledge, science and expertise

Use our expert knowledge and methods to monitor, protect and improve South Australia's environment

#### Be a high performing organisation

Build staff capability, ensure a healthy and safe workplace culture and drive continuous improvement

