

# ACTING NOW to reduce the Tasmanian Government's carbon footprint

The Government will implement the priorities identified in Dr Kate Crowley's *Framework for Reducing the Tasmanian Government's Greenhouse Gas Emissions*.

The Government is undertaking an ambitious work program around Dr Crowley's **six action** areas:

1. Conducting an **audit** of Tasmanian Government greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Setting **targets** for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
3. **Monitoring** and reporting greenhouse gas emissions.
4. **Reducing** greenhouse gas emissions with immediate actions and longer term programs.
5. **Empowering** Government employees to champion the climate change cause by generating ideas for action in their own workplaces.
6. Developing a process to **evaluate and learn** from new initiatives and programs.

The Government will adopt Dr Crowley's **six principles** to guide long term action:

1. Leadership
2. Shared responsibility
3. Best practice and beyond
4. Accelerating outcomes
5. Creative thinking and innovation
6. Openness and transparency

**Two phases** of implementation:

1. **Key areas of Government activity** where greenhouse emissions information is available and where there is potential to reduce emissions quickly, such as administrative areas of Government
2. **More complex areas of Government** where more research and planning is required to effect real change, such as schools and hospitals.

## **Government action now**

The Government is already taking action to reduce its carbon footprint.

### ***Emissions audit underway***

- Tenders are being considered for the conduct of an audit of the Government's greenhouse gas emissions and the design of an emissions monitoring and reporting system.

### ***A carbon neutral Government vehicle fleet***

- The Government vehicle fleet will be carbon neutral by 2010.
- Minimum greenhouse ratings will be immediately introduced for new Government fleet vehicles, including Ministers' cars.
- The Government will immediately begin ordering more hybrid and alternative-fuel vehicles for use in the Government fleet.

### ***Carbon neutral Government air travel***

- The Government will immediately begin offsetting greenhouse gas emissions from all Government air travel.

## ***A Tasmanian carbon offsets scheme***

- Following an expression of interest process, the Government will establish partnerships with a range of organisations to develop and operate a Tasmanian-based carbon offsets scheme.
- The scheme will commence with a partnership with Greening Australia to offset greenhouse gas emissions from Government air travel for the next five years.

## ***Energy efficiency in Government buildings***

- The Government will implement greater energy efficiency measures in Government buildings.
- The Government will consider a report mid-year on the introduction of solar panels and solar hot water systems in major Government-owned buildings.
- All new Government office buildings, education and healthcare facilities will be required to meet minimum green star ratings.

## **Want to know more?**

If you want to register for updates on the State Government's action on climate change, or have ideas for climate solutions, email the Tasmanian Climate Change Office on [climatechange@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:climatechange@dpac.tas.gov.au).