

Are you Climate Risk Ready?

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Climate change presents risks and opportunities for NSW





Expectations have changed...

Guy Debelle, RBA Deputy Governor-March 2019

"Both the physical impact of climate change and the transition are likely to have first-order economic effects"

NSW Minister for Energy & Environment

"...We have a responsibility to the NSW people to make this transition as painless as possible."

Mark Carney, Governor of Bank of England – Oct 2019

"...(firms) that fail to adapt will cease to exist."

Centre for Policy Development & MinterEllison – Jan 2019

"public authorities likely have duties of care and diligence to consider climate risk...which are **at least** as stringent as the duties of private corporation directors"

<u>APRA Executive</u> Member – Nov 2017

"...Australia's financial sector can expect to see more emphasis on disclosure around climate risk exposure and management"



Final Report: Recommendations of the Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures June 2017



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How is NSW Government responding?

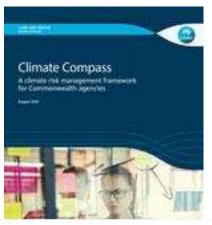
Climate Risk Ready NSW: improving the preparedness of NSW state agencies to respond to climate change

 Partnership with NSW Treasury, DPIE, AECOM and Western Sydney University

Framework • Alignment • Accountabilities • Support resourcing Guide • Practical, How-to • Assessment process • Integration • Consistency Training Course • Certificate 4 • Peer Network • Practitioner-level Policy Integration, Governance, Executive Engagement



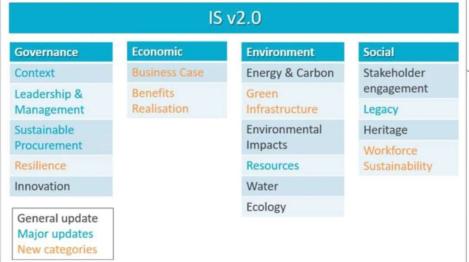
















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Climate risk management process

Step 1: Establish the context

Review existing processes, identify stakeholders, secure approvals

Step 2: Understand changes to natural hazards

Review experience of climate events and identify climate projections

Step 3: Identify impacts on property, people, places

Consider direct and indirect impacts

Step 4: Assess risks (negative and positive)

Utilise existing risk assessment matrices where possible

Step 5: Develop climate risk treatments

Prioritise and theme risk treatments to affect the likelihood or consequence of climate-related risks and opportunities

Step 6: Embed climate change risk management

- Capability & Capacity
- Leadership & Governance
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Integration with existing framework, processes and systems

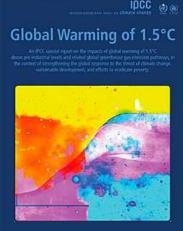


(1) Identify the triggers for climate change risk assessment in your organisation



- Extreme events are increasing
- Opportunities to capture benefits from planning and preparedness
- Market and Government drivers







NSW, QLD fires LIVE: Coffs Harbour put on alert as RFS continues to fight blazes across country, state of emergency declared in NSW

The Sydney Morning Herald



(2) Identify your internal stakeholders

Sponsorship, champions and enablers



Fundamental	Repeatable	Systematic	Embedded	Advanced
1.1. Is the leadership team aware of the need to assess risks and opportunities associated with climate change?	1.2. Has there been commitment by leadership to systematically assess risks, establishing governance arrangements for adaptation?	1.3. Is there a clearly defined 1 strategy for achieving objectives been disclosed, including an outline of governance arrangements?	1.4.1 Have key points of intervention to include adaptation in plans, policies, and procedures been identified?	1.5. Has a standing item to review 1 climate risks and treaments been added to quarterly executive committee meetings?



(3) Consider priority barriers and enablers in your organisation



Common barriers

- Awareness and understanding
- Skills and technical ability
- Lack of ownership/governance
- Staff continuity
- Resourcing

Common enablers

- Awareness and understanding
- Skills and technical ability
- Executive leadership
- Extreme event impacts
- Risk management



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(4) Make a short plan to engage your executive and secure an authorising environment

Guidelines for investment

Major infrastructure program

Understand what success might look like for your organisation

Agency preparedness and management plan



TfNSW Climate Risk Assessment Guidelines

SD-081

Supporting Document - Applicable to Infrastructure and Place





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Emerging best practice

- Scenario analysis
- Moving beyond short term planning
- Diverse perspectives
- Managing shared risk





What might best practice look like for NSW Government?

Climate Risk
Management Maturity
Level

Advanced

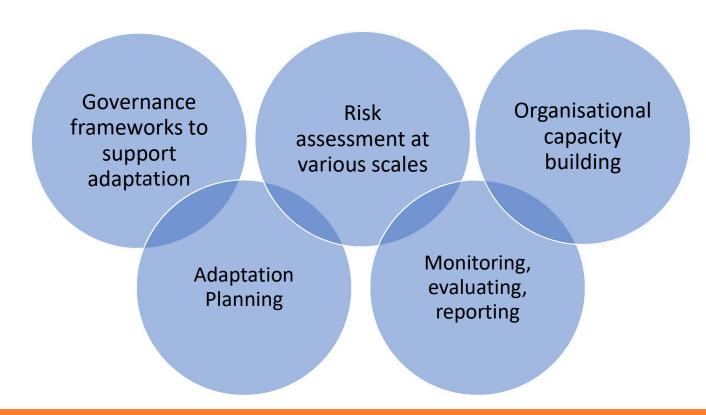
Embedded

Systematic

Repeatable

Fundamental

Leadership + Agency + Awareness + Knowledge & Skills





Four next steps

....To start your climate risk management journey

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Thankyou

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