



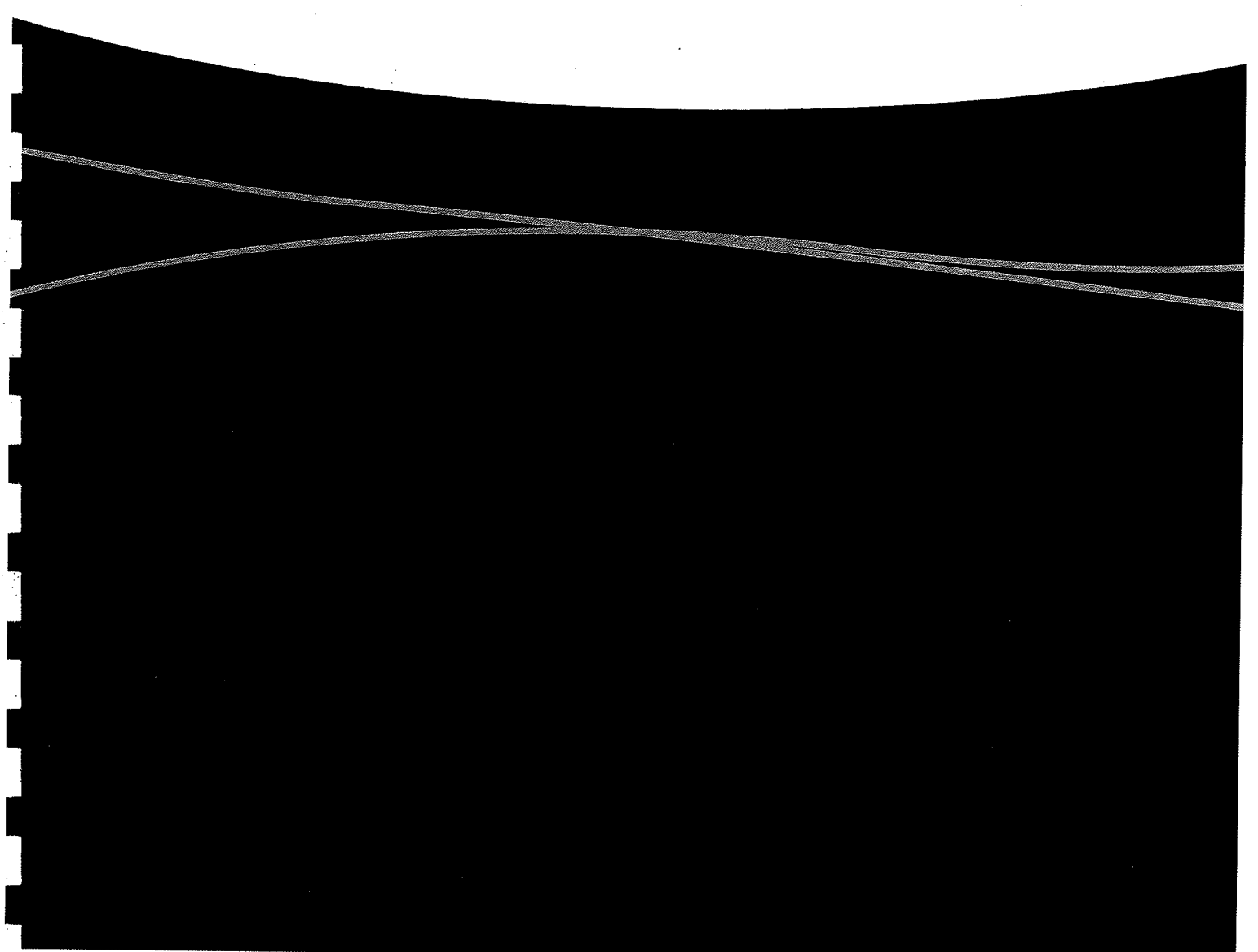
**Government of South Australia**

Department of the Premier  
and Cabinet

# *South Australian Anglican Church Sector Agreement*

*Pursuant to the Climate Change and  
Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007*

**December 2008**



**SECTOR AGREEMENT**  
**ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THE**  
**CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT**  
**2007**  
**FOR THE**  
**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH SECTOR**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**AND**  
**THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF ADELAIDE OF THE ANGLICAN**  
**CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**

THIS AGREEMENT is made the [ ] day of [ ] 2008

BETWEEN

- (1) the Minister for Sustainability and Climate Change ("the Minister") and
- (2) the Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide of the Anglican Church of Australia Incorporated

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The establishment of an agreement between the South Australian Government and Anglican Diocese of Adelaide that exemplifies leadership and cooperation in responding to climate change.

## 1 OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 To work jointly towards the achievement of ecologically sustainable development within South Australia by meeting the challenges of Climate Change.
- 1.2 To provide leadership to the community in caring for the environment, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and addressing the science of climate change within the Anglican philosophy.
- 1.3 To demonstrate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce the ecological footprint of the Diocese, its Parishes, The Cathedral, Anglicare and other agencies, schools and church members.
- 1.4 To engage the broader community to educate, facilitate and encourage South Australians to reduce their ecological footprint.
- 1.5 To jointly progress new exemplar projects that promote sustainability and address climate change.

## 2 INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 The parties acknowledge that for the purpose of this agreement:
  - 2.1.1 "Act" means the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007*
  - 2.1.2 "annual report" means the annual report referred to in Clause 7.1.3
  - 2.1.3 "Commencement Date of this agreement" means the date by which this agreement is signed by all parties
  - 2.1.4 "greenhouse gas emissions" has the same meaning given to that term in the Act
  - 2.1.5 "objectives of this agreement" are set out in Clause 1
  - 2.1.6 "sector agreement" means this agreement
  - 2.1.7 "sector target" means the targets established under Clause 5.4.1 as may be varied from time to time
  - 2.1.8 "steering group" means the Diocesan Environmental Commission and two nominees of the Minister, as described in Section 6 of this agreement.

### 3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Government of South Australia seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the State and has enacted the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007* ("the Act"). The Act is committed to the Minister for Sustainability and Climate Change ("the Minister").
- 3.2 The Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide, through the strategies of the *Protection of the Environment Canon 2007*, also seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the State and to ensure responsible adaptation strategies are adopted.
- 3.3 The Government of South Australia and the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide are taking a collaborative approach on these issues in order to further the objects of both the Act and the *Protection of the Environment Canon 2007*.
- 3.4 The Minister and the Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide of the Anglican Church of Australia Incorporated have sought to enter into a sector agreement under the Act in order to:
  - 3.4.1 collaborate in efforts to achieve South Australia's target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 60% of 1990 levels by 2050 and to increase the proportion of renewable electricity generated and consumed so it comprises at least 20% of electricity generated in the State by 31 December 2014
  - 3.4.2 encourage broad community awareness of sustainability and climate change issues
  - 3.4.3 promote resource conservation and efficiency and the uptake of environmentally sustainable technologies
  - 3.4.4 work together to support the South Australian Government and the Anglican Church to gain a better understanding of climate change risks and issues for communities
  - 3.4.5 explore the potential for joint demonstration projects and funding
  - 3.4.6 facilitate community engagement and participation in climate change and sustainability programs
  - 3.4.7 promote and showcase Anglican Church community achievements and explore and communicate learning and opportunities
  - 3.4.8 explore opportunities and benefits that may arise from joint participation in and planning of sustainability and climate change initiatives
  - 3.4.9 ensure that State Government and the Anglican Church are better informed about initiatives being undertaken by the other party.
- 3.5 This agreement and its schedule identifies reciprocal actions that are to be undertaken by the parties to achieve outcomes within the areas of focus set out in Section 5.

## **4 SECTOR AGREEMENT DOES NOT CREATE LEGALLY BINDING OBLIGATIONS**

- 4.1 This agreement does not create any legally binding contract between the parties and does not give rise to any legally binding obligations.

## **5 KEY AREAS OF FOCUS**

- 5.1 The parties agree to develop and implement an annual financial year program as set out in the attached Schedule.
- 5.2 The parties may amend the Schedule by agreement at any time. The Schedule, when revised, shall address at least the following areas of focus (although it may also identify other areas of focus) and it shall identify clearly relevant and measurable outcomes in relation to each area of focus.
- 5.2.1 The establishment of a Diocesan Environmental Commission (DEC) by the Diocese which will develop and implement an overarching policy framework to reduce its ecological footprint by increasing the water and energy efficiency of its current facilities and operations. This will mean that environmental sustainability is an essential consideration in the development of any new facilities and operations and will ensure that the Diocese will minimise its contribution to the mean global surface temperature rise.
- 5.2.2 The DEC will provide leadership, coordination, guidance and direction on actions by the Diocese that seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to meet the challenge of climate change. It will support Anglicans and the following Anglican organisations to work towards the achievement of ecologically sustainable development, to reduce their ecological footprints and meet the challenges of Climate Change:
- Anglicare
  - Anglican Schools
  - Parishes and Congregations
  - St Peter's Cathedral
  - St Barnabas College.
- 5.2.3 The DEC will facilitate, encourage and support the Diocese and Anglican organisations to work within the broader community and in partnership with Government and other bodies to educate, facilitate and encourage South Australians to reduce our ecological footprint.
- 5.2.4 The DEC will facilitate ecumenical and interfaith action and leadership on climate change.

5.3 In implementing this sector agreement, the initial focus will be on:

5.3.1 The Green Cathedral Project

Conduct of a feasibility study to consider opportunities for water harvesting and reuse within the precinct of St Peter's Cathedral and for enhancing energy efficiency

5.3.2 Energy Efficiency

Within twelve months of the 'Commencement of the Agreement' energy efficiency audits will be underway in key South Australian Anglican facilities, including churches and school.

5.4 As a foundation for the work program:

5.4.1 the Diocesan Environmental Commission (DEC) will set targets and outcomes as identified in the schedule and the *Protection of the Environment Canon 2007*.

5.4.2 the South Australian Government will:

- provide \$100 000 in funding to the Diocese of Adelaide of the Anglican Church of Australia to undertake a feasibility study for The Green Cathedral project
- provide assistance to DEC to undertake energy audits throughout the South Australian Anglican Diocese
- provide access to Government Sustainability and climate change research and programs
- support the Anglican Church in funding applications to the Commonwealth Government
- provide the Anglican Church Sector with a voice at the policy table.

5.5 The State Government will also provide the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide with support that is additional to the funding provided under the Green Cathedral Project which may take the form of project coordination (that might be required when dealing with multiple agencies).

5.6 The State Government, through the Sustainability and Climate Change Division, will coordinate information between Government and the Anglican Church Sector.

## 6 CREATION OF STEERING GROUP

6.1 The Minister and the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide undertake within two months of the commencement date of this agreement to establish a steering group to review progress of this agreement on a quarterly basis. The Department of the Premier and Cabinet and the Anglican Church Sector will provide regular briefings to this forum.

6.2 The steering group will comprise the Diocesan Environmental Commission and two nominees of the Minister.

- 6.3 The steering group will review the agreement on an annual basis and provide recommendations to the Minister and to the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide.
- 6.4 The steering group will provide regular progress reports on a quarterly basis to the Premier's Climate Change Council.
- 6.5 The steering group will appoint its own chairperson and decide its own meeting procedures.

## **7 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SYNOD OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF ADELAIDE**

- 7.1 Pursuant to this agreement, the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide undertakes to:
  - 7.1.1 commence energy audits of its 63 parishes and congregations, schools, Anglicare facilities, St Barnabas College and St Peters Cathedral as a first step to implementing energy efficiencies
  - 7.1.2 continue to provide a strategic and policy framework for Anglican Church groups to encourage and support leading practice in climate change initiatives in the Anglican Church Sector
  - 7.1.3 co-ordinate, publish and promote an annual report of mitigation and adaptation actions of programs implemented by Anglican Church groups and liaise with Anglican Church groups and the steering group on the form of the report
  - 7.1.4 provide information to Anglican Church groups regarding issues related to this agreement at appropriate times and in appropriate forms
  - 7.1.5 provide information and advice to the State Government regarding initiatives, actions, concerns and perspectives from the Anglican Church Sector
  - 7.1.6 publicly acknowledge the support provided by State Government to the Anglican Church Sector consistent with this agreement.

## **8 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MINISTER**

- 8.1 Pursuant to this agreement, the Minister undertakes to:
  - 8.1.1 ensure relevant information is provided to the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide as appropriate
  - 8.1.2 co-ordinate among relevant agencies and Ministers and promote a whole of government response to the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide regarding issues and projects related to this agreement
  - 8.1.3 ensure that South Australian government agency support described in Schedule 1 is provided to the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide

- 8.1.4 ensure regular briefings are provided to the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide on state and national developments and discussions relevant to this agreement
- 8.1.5 support the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide in relation to its annual reporting commitment at Clause 7.1.3 above
- 8.1.6 publicly acknowledge the achievements of the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide
- 8.1.7 ensure advice provided to the steering group from the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide regarding policies and programs relevant to this agreement is fully assessed and considered.

## **9 DURATION OF THIS AGREEMENT**

- 9.1 This agreement shall continue from the date on which it is made until 30 June 2011. The parties acknowledge that the term of this agreement can be extended.

## **10 RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES**

- 10.1 In the event of any of the bodies convened to address issues of mutual interest under this agreement being unable to reach a common position on any matter(s) before them, following appropriate communication collaboration and co-operation, the matter(s) will be referred to the Chief Executive(s) of the responsible agencies and the Secretary of the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide for a determination.
- 10.2 In the event of an issue, having been referred in accordance with 10.1 above remaining in contention, either party may refer it to the Minister and the Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide for a final determination.
- 10.3 The decision of the Minister and the Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide shall be binding on all parties.

Signed on behalf of the Diocese of Adelaide

+ Jeffrey Adelaide

**THE MOST REV'D DR JEFFREY WILLIAM DRIVER  
ARCHBISHOP OF ADELAIDE**

Date 24/02/09

Mike Rann

**HON MIKE RANN MP  
MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

Date 24/2/09

## SCHEDULE 1:

### Annual Program for 2008/09

The parties agree and commit to:

Anglican Church organisations	Key Focus Areas	Anticipated program 2008/09
1. Diocesan Environmental Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of Diocesan Environmental Commission</li> <li>• Protection of the Environment Canon adopted</li> <li>• Diocesan Environmental Policy</li> <li>• Leadership Coordination and Guidance to Anglicans and Anglican Organisations                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Audit of existing initiatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ecumenical and Interfaith Projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DEC established by 31 December 2008</li> <li>• PE Canon adopted by 31 March 2009</li> <li>• Draft policy developed by 31 March 2009</li>   <li>• Initial round of audits completed by 31 March 2009</li> <li>• Draft program for 2009-2012 to be developed by 30 June 2009</li> </ul>
2. St Peter's Cathedral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Cathedral Water project                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Feasibility Study</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Green Cathedral Energy Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief for Feasibility Study completed by 30 June 2009</li> <li>• Contract brief be developed by 30 June 2009</li> </ul>
3. Parishes and Congregations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be developed in first Quarter of 2009</li> </ul>
4. Anglicare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anglicare Environmental Audit</li> <li>• Review of energy efficiency opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultancy brief to be prepared by 31 December 2008</li> <li>• Conduct of energy efficiency audits</li> </ul>
5. Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School projects</li> <li>• Review of energy efficiency opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-going. Initial projects to be developed in early 2009</li> <li>• Conduct of energy efficiency audits</li> </ul>
6. St Barnabas College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Education and training curriculum</li> <li>• Review of energy efficiency opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-going. New curriculum initiatives to be identified in early 2009.</li> <li>• Conduct of energy efficiency audit</li> </ul>