

# CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION GUIDELINES

Project outcomes contribute to the following UN Sustainable Development Goals:



For more information about the water industry's contribution to the UN SDGs see [Global Goals for Local Communities: Urban water advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals](#)

## Background

The Climate Change Adaptation Guidelines (CCAG) provide the Australian and New Zealand water industry with consistent, clear and authoritative guidance in building climate resilience across all aspects of the water utility business. The guidelines draw upon the experience of the water industry, identify current best practice and provide clear principles to guide the industry forward in a pragmatic and defensible approach to adaptation.

These guidelines are designed to help water utilities with all stages of the adaptation process, from initial appreciation of the issues, through to the implementation, monitoring and improvement of response actions.

## Outcomes and Benefits

The CCAG are structured to allow the reader to examine specific sections as needed, or to be followed in totality. Adaptation is not a linear process. Information in the report is therefore set out to allow an organisation to easily access what they need depending on their circumstances. Stakeholder engagement is intrinsic to all stages of climate change adaptation.

The report's decision framework includes:

1. Get ready – prepare and commit.
2. Adapt – assess, plan and respond, embed.
3. Keep current – monitor and review.



## Availability

This project was completed in March 2016 and is freely available from the WSAA website. Follow the link: <https://www.wsaasn.au/publication/climate-change-adaptation-guidelines>.