

## INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT/ INVITATION TO COMMENT

*The following is a list (by no means exhaustive) of state-based initiatives/organizations currently contributing to the discourse on adaptation strategies for climate change in the context of the Australian landscape. It is intended as a starting point for discussion amongst members of the profession on some of the issues under consideration in this field, including current strategic directions. Contributions from members are welcomed, both in terms of additional resources not yet identified, and/or comments on particular relevance/applicability of initiatives to future directions for Landscape Architects in this area.*

## **(STATE INITIATIVES/ORGANIZATIONS):**

### **ACT**

- **TERRITORY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

  - Climate Change Policy**

  - <http://www.tams.act.gov.au/live/sustainability/climate>

  - Information on the Climate Change Policy Unit and strategies for response to climate change.

### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

- **BASIX (Building Sustainability Index) – NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING**

  - <http://www.basix.nsw.gov.au/information/index.jsp>

  - A web-based planning tool that measures the potential performance of new residential dwellings against sustainability indices.

- **BIOCITY STUDIO (UNSW) – in association with McGregor + Partners**

  - A Research and Development unit designed to facilitate academic research and foster dialogue in landscape architecture, urban design and the environment. The first project resulting from the studio was a 2 week winter elective in July 2007 through the Landscape Architecture programme at the University of New South Wales' Faculty of the Built Environment, investigating strategic research, policy and planning responses in relation to a series of hypothetical crisis scenarios brought on by climate change.

- **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE (NSW)**

  - <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/>

  - <http://www.greenhouse.nsw.gov.au/>

  - State Govt. body managing the environment and adaptive responses to climate change.

  - Botanic Gardens Trust**

<http://www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/>

New South Wales State Government organisation within the Environment portfolio — under the Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water. Education, research & public information on plants and ecology, in conjunction with administration of three Gardens and the Domain.

- **NATURE CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF NSW**

<http://nccnsw.org.au/index.php>

A non-profit, non-government organisation representing 120 community environment groups across NSW. Work includes awareness and education campaigns, original research and publications.

- **TRANSITION SYDNEY**

<http://www.relocalize.net/groups/transitionsydney>

Web-based resource centre for community groups/individuals/organizations interested in the development of localized, community-based responses to climate change.

## **NORTHERN TERRITORY**

- **DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER**

<http://www.dcm.nt.gov.au/dcm/legislation/climatechange/>

Website of the Chief Minister – broader NT climate change information.

- **NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT & THE ARTS**

<http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/environment/greenhouse/index.html>

Website providing information on greenhouse and climate change issues relevant to NRETA's work.

## **QUEENSLAND**

- **BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL**

**City Smart**

[http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/BCC:CITY\\_SMART:1501500127:pc=PC\\_27\\_97](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/BCC:CITY_SMART:1501500127:pc=PC_27_97)

**Eco Development Advisory Service**

[http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/BCC:CITY\\_SMART:1501500127:pc=PC\\_31\\_53](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/BCC:CITY_SMART:1501500127:pc=PC_31_53)

- **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**Smart Housing**

[http://www.build.qld.gov.au/smart\\_housing/index.asp](http://www.build.qld.gov.au/smart_housing/index.asp)

Guideline principles for designing, planning and building homes to be more socially, environmentally and economically sustainable.

- **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

<http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/>

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is a Queensland Government department with the role of managing climate change and protecting the environment.

**Office of Climate Change**

<http://www.climatechange.qld.gov.au/>

State Govt. department dealing with adaptation strategies in response to climate change.

- **PARKS AND LEISURE AUSTRALIA**

[http://parks-leisure.com.au/queenslandevents.php?subaction=showfull&id=1216946373&archive=&start\\_from=&ucat=15&](http://parks-leisure.com.au/queenslandevents.php?subaction=showfull&id=1216946373&archive=&start_from=&ucat=15&)

**Climate Change Adaptation Forum**

August 19, 2008. 3.15pm - 6.30pm.  
Eco Centre, Griffith University  
170 Kessels Rd, Nathan

- **SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND REGIONAL ORGANIZATION OF COUNCILS (SEQROC)**

**Sustainable Housing Code (Draft ?)**

Guideline standards for assessment of sustainable housing development.

## **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

- **SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE DIVISION (DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER & CABINET)**

<http://www.climatechange.sa.gov.au/default.htm>

This website is an information source on climate change and greenhouse issues as they impact on South Australia's environment, communities and industry sectors.

- **Sustainable Living Choices**

<http://www.sustainableliving.sa.gov.au/>

South Australian website for sustainable lifestyle information.

- **THE CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH NETWORK – FLINDERS UNIVERSITY**

<http://climatechange.flinders.edu.au/>

South Australian multidisciplinary research into climate change.

## TASMANIA

- **DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES & WATER**  
<http://www.dpiw.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/ThemeNodes/MCLE-5WV6FF?open>  
Strategies and actions currently being undertaken or planned to address greenhouse gas emissions and climate change adaptation.
  
- **DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER & THE CABINET**  
**Office of Climate Change**  
<http://www.climatechange.tas.gov.au/home>
  
- **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA**  
<http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=540>  
Website of the LGAT, the association that represents the 29 councils that make up local government in Tasmania. Links to a range of websites, articles, tools and resources to help local Councils understand and address the issue of climate change.

## VICTORIA

- **DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY & THE ENVIRONMENT**  
**Victorian Climate Change Program**  
<http://www.climatechange.vic.gov.au/index.html>  
This website provides information about the suite of actions led by the Victorian Government to address climate change.
  
- **MELBOURNE WATER**  
<http://wsud.melbournewater.com.au/>  
Govt. website focusing primarily on the stormwater aspects of WSUD.
  
- **VICURBAN**  
[www.vicurban.com/](http://www.vicurban.com/)  
VicUrban is the Victorian Government's sustainable urban development agency.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION**

### **State Sustainability Strategy**

<http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/our-environment/sustainability/state-sustainability-strategy.html>

Australia's first comprehensive sustainability strategy developed by an Australian State or Territory Government.

### **Office of Climate Change**

<http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/our-environment/climate-change/about-the-office-of-climate-change.html>

The Office of Climate Change is responsible for whole of government policy and strategy focussing on the economic, environmental and social impacts of climate change.

### **Western Australian Greenhouse Strategy**

[http://portal.environment.wa.gov.au/portal/page?\\_pageid=54,5691452&\\_dad=portal&\\_schema=PORTAL](http://portal.environment.wa.gov.au/portal/page?_pageid=54,5691452&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL)

- **WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

<http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/>

WAPC is the peak representative body of land use planning and development in WA.

### **Liveable Neighbourhoods**

<http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/Initiatives/Liveable+Neighbourhoods/default.aspx>

Liveable Neighbourhoods is an operational policy for the design and assessment of structure plans and subdivision for new urban areas in the metropolitan area and country centres.