

# Climate Lens Project Checklist

*This is a tool to help you in planning your project with an awareness of how climate change is impacting our community.*

**Using a climate lens when planning a public health project adds a further dimension to community engagement while bringing value to health and well being impacts.**

Incorporating climate awareness into your project can provide opportunities for participants to plan and prepare for climate variability and can add to the knowledge we take away in understanding how people can be supported to adapt to a changing climate.

**There are five key steps in this process.**

The questions below will help you think about how your project can provide support to communities and the individuals you work with to prepare and adapt. The climate lens should be considered within the broader context of your project delivery objectives.

The project may only be able to address some elements of the steps below. This is ok, as the lens is about assisting you in considering climate as part of your thinking and planning.



**WWHS**

# Preparing your project

# Five steps

## PROJECT ALIGNMENT

- What does the project do to help people's wellbeing?
- How does this project help people prepare for issues of climate variability?  
For example: major events such as fire, flood, disease risk etc?
- How does this project help people make changes to lifestyle to better adapt to a changing climate? For example: behaviour changes in purchasing, heating/cooling, travel, surrounding environment etc?

## STAKEHOLDER ASSESSMENT

- Who are the key groups or individuals you want to engage with in this project?  
Why?
- Who benefits most from this project? Define the groups, individuals, or networks.
- How will local community values and attitudes impact your approach?
- Will these values and attitudes make certain outcomes harder to achieve?
- How will community values and behaviours help your project?
- Who might be excluded from the project?
- What barriers or actions might you need to address to be able to attract more people to be a part of the project?

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

- What other climate adaptation efforts might be underway in my project area or with my target groups that could add value to this project? For example, think about programs and incentives at Local Government, State Government or Federal level.
- Do you know of any specific climate adaptation issues that are existing or prevalent in this community?
- How might these positively or negatively impact your project?

## EVALUATION

- How will I record information about the changes people are making to reduce climate impacts as part of this project?
- What kinds of things can I measure?
- How can the information I have learned be used to good effect in future projects?

## COMMUNICATION

- How can I communicate information about community or individual efforts to plan and prepare for climate impacts as part of this project?
- Who are my target audiences for this information?
- Which methods of communication are best utilised in this community?

To learn more about how to apply a climate lens to WWHS communities please read [research report](#).