

TREASURER TOM KOUTSANTONIS

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Making Adelaide the world's first carbon neutral city

The State Government is investing \$3.6 million dollars over four years to help Adelaide become the world's first carbon neutral city – a showcase for renewable and clean technology.

The funding will enable further work with the private sector and community to help reduce emissions and drive innovation.

Initiatives include seed funding for community activity to build green infrastructure, reduce and recover community waste and promote shared transport.

In addition, the Government is partnering with Adelaide City Council to secure private investment in renewable energy and storage, building energy efficiency and electric vehicles infrastructure.

Background

With 60 per cent of Adelaide's carbon emissions coming from energy usage, and 35 per cent from transport, there are opportunities to significantly reduce the city's carbon footprint through energy efficiency, reducing individual consumption, greening our electricity grid, providing better public transport and promoting cycling.

Recent work to reduce carbon emissions prompted the Government to invest \$250,000 in the Adelaide to Zero Carbon Challenge - which saw more than 120 entrepreneurs from around the world submit emissions reduction solutions - and the Sustainable Cities Incentive Scheme, which supports Adelaide's businesses and residents to shift to solar energy options and environmentally-friendly lighting.

Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis

We want South Australia to be at the forefront of addressing climate change.

Achieving carbon neutrality will help us to achieve our goal of making Adelaide a more environmentally-conscience and liveable city.

It will also attract investment and contribute to the State's clean and green image – an image that underpins the State's tourism and food and wine sectors.

Quotes attributable to Climate Change Minister Ian Hunter

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Making Adelaide a carbon neutral city is an ambitious target that calls for a combined effort across Governments, businesses, property owners and residents.

The State Government is backing the industries of the future that will create local jobs, and building on our global leadership in this area.

Energy use and transport are the two largest sources of carbon emissions, and working with the community to encourage greater action could significantly drive them down.

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