







Greenhouse gas assessment guidance consultation

Environmental Protection Authority



Background

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) is an independent body. Our role is to consider and promote ways of protecting the environment and to advise the Minister for Environment.

The EPA has provided advice on greenhouse gas emissions for projects in Western Australia for more than 20 years.

We have guidelines we apply when we assess projects. We're updating our greenhouse gas emissions guidance to ensure it is current. The EPA's guidelines are not state government policy nor are they binding rules or regulation. They will be used to provide a framework for the EPA to consider the greenhouse gas emissions of future projects.

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Have your say

The EPA is calling for industry and community input on how it should consider greenhouse gas emissions when assessing proposals in Western Australia.

We are inviting you to make a submission through our online Consultation Hub. You can also:

- email a submission to: greenhousegasconsult@epa.wa.gov.au
- or send a hard copy submission to:
 - EPA greenhouse gas emissions assessment guidance consultation

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In submitting your feedback, it is important to note that the EPA intends to publish all submissions on the EPA's website under the name of the submitter. Contact details, including email addresses, postal addresses and phone numbers will not be published.

For more information on the consultation process, please see our website: epa.wa.gov.au

Facts



New resource and energy proposals anticipated in the coming decade are expected to add significantly to Western Australia's (and, as a result, national) emissions.



The technical guidance will be reviewed after 12 months or following any significant changes to state and Commonwealth policy.



Western Australia's greenhouse gas emissions have significantly increased above its 2005 baseline (23%).*

* State and Territory Greenhouse Gas Inventories 2017

Proposed timeline

	Action
Monday 10 June	Public consultation begins.
Monday 2 September	Public comment period closes
September- October	EPA reviews public responses and publishes them on its website.
October	EPA supplies its draft new guidance to its Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG), an advisory group made up of non-government organisation and industry stakeholders.
November	The SRG provides feedback to the EPA.
November- December	The EPA board considers feedback from SRG.
December 2019	EPA intends to publish new guidelines.

Is this a chance to comment on the state government's climate change policy?

No. This consultation is about the greenhouse gas guidelines that inform how the EPA assesses projects in Western Australia.





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