Climate Action Screening and Assessment Template

Climate Action Assessment

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# About the Climate Action Assessment

The Climate Action Assessment is intended to enable the alignment of policies put forward in the annual budget process with Victoria’s climate action goals.

Over time, it aims to build capacity across the Victorian Public Service to think critically about how policies, programs and services help or hinder Victoria’s climate action goals.

## How to complete the Climate Action Screening and Assessment Template

**A completed Climate Action Screening and Assessment Template (‘the Template’) must be attached to all budget proposals.**

The Template comprises two sections:

1. **Climate Action Screening** – All budget proposals must complete Section 1. It is designed to screen for proposals likely to have a material impact (both beneficial and adverse) on Victoria’s climate action goals.
2. **Climate Action Assessment** - Only proposals likely to have a material impact are required to complete Section 2. This section is designed to gather information about the proposal’s potential climate action impacts.

Departments may self-select to complete Section 2 of the Template if they consider the initiative to have material beneficial or adverse impacts for climate action even if it is not captured in the Climate Action Screening.

Guidelines have been provided to accompany this template. The Guidelines provide further instructions to assist in completing this Template and additional information, including relevant climate action policies and resources.

For further information regarding the Climate Action Assessment process, please contact climate.change@deeca.vic.gov.au

# Climate Action Screening

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| Budget Proposal Title | Area or Group & Department | Budget Proposal Contact |
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This section screens for material impacts on climate action.

Section 1.1 screens for initiatives that are likely to have a **beneficial** material impact on climate action.

Section 1.2 screens for initiatives that are likely to have an **adverse** impact on climate action.

## Proposals that support Victoria’s climate action

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| Question A: Is the proposal designed to contribute to: * meeting Victoria’s emissions reduction targets; or
* reducing government operational emissions; or
* Victoria’s resilience to climate change, including implementing Adaptation Action Plans; or
* a climate action policy?
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| [ ]  No – please go to Question B | [ ]  Yes – please go to Question D |

## Proposals with potential adverse climate action impacts

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| Question B: Is the proposal likely to:  |
| Involve new fossil gas connections? | [ ]  No | [ ]  Yes – please go to Question L | [ ]  Don’t know – please go to Question C |
| Require substantial off-grid energy generation from fossil fuels (e.g. diesel) over the life of the initiative? | [ ]  No | [ ]  Yes – please go to Question L | [ ]  Don’t know – please go to Question C |
| Directly encourage the purchase of new internal combustion engine (ICE) light vehicles or involve procuring ICE light vehicles? | [ ]  No | [ ]  Yes – please go to Question L | [ ]  Don’t know – please go to Question C |
| Involve or encourage land clearing greater than 100 hectares? | [ ]  No | [ ]  Yes – please go to Question L | [ ]  Don’t know – please go to Question C |
| Seek >$100 million for infrastructure funding? | [ ]  No | [ ]  Yes – please go to Question P |  |

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| If you answered **no to all the above questions,** a Climate Action Assessment is not required. Please attach this Template to your proposal. |
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| Question C: If you answered “don’t know” to Question B, please, provide a short explanation |
| Type explanation here. |

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| If you answered **no or don’t know to all parts of Question B and completed Question C**, a Climate Action Assessment is not required. Please attach this Template to your proposal. |
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| Question D: Will the budget proposal:  |
| Support emissions reductions in Victoria? | [ ]  Yes – please go to Question E |
| Support Victoria’s resilience to climate change, including by implementing Adaptation Action Plan action(s)? | [ ]  Yes – please go to Question H |

If you select **yes to both options in Question D**, please complete both sets of relevant questions.

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| Question E: Are you able to provide estimates of the emissions reduction that could occur due to this proposal?  |
| [ ]  No – please go to Question G | [ ]  Yes – please go to Question F |

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| Question F: Please provide your emissions reduction estimates |
| **Sector & action** | **Estimated total emissions reduction in Victoria from the initiative in FY2030 (tCO2-e)** | **Estimated total emissions reductions in Victoria over life of the initiative (tCO2-e)** |
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| Question G: Please provide any other information on how this proposal may contribute to reducing emissions in Victoria |
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| Question H: Does the proposal contribute to climate resilience by supporting the implementation of one or more of Victoria’s seven Adaptation Action Plans (AAPs)?* If yes, please list which AAP(s), and which specific AAP action(s) the proposal will contribute to.
* If no, please go to Question I.
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| **AAPs** | **AAP actions** |
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| Question I: Does the proposal contribute to Victoria’s climate resilience more generally (i.e. other than by supporting the implementation of an AAP)? * If yes, describe below how this proposal will contribute to increasing Victoria’s resilience to climate change.
* If no, please go to Question J.
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| Question J: Cost-benefit of climate resilience - Are you able to provide the amount of the bid that will be attributed specifically to addressing climate resilience, including disaster risk mitigation and preparedness? |
| [ ]  No – please go to Question K[ ]  Yes – please provide the amount ($) |

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| Question K: Cost-benefit of climate resilience - Are you able to provide information on the potential avoided damages or similar (e.g., return-on-investment or benefit-cost-ratio etc.) to your project by implementing climate resilience measures? |
| [ ]  No[ ]  Yes – please provide the potential avoided damages or similar figure below (e.g., return on investment or benefit cost ratio etc.):Type here. |

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| Question L: Are you able to provide estimates of the emissions increase resulting from this proposal? |
| [ ]  No – please go to Question N & O | [ ]  Yes – please go to Question M & O |

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| Question M: Please provide your emissions estimates |
| **Sector & action** | **Estimated total increase in Victoria’s emissions from the initiative in FY2030 (tCO2-e)** | **Estimated total increase in Victoria’s emissions over the life of the initiative (tCO2-e)** |
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| Question N: Please provide further detail regarding the likely emissions impact of the initiative.*Refer to the Guidelines for prompts on how to answer this question* |
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| Question O: Have you considered options to mitigate the emissions impact? (NB: Mitigation options are not expected to be costed within the proposal).*Refer to the Guidelines for prompts on how to answer this question.*  |
| [ ]  No – please provide detailsType here. | [ ]  Yes – please provide detailsType here. |

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| Question P: Are the following climate hazards likely to have a potential impact (out to 2050) on the proposed infrastructure initiative or the people using it? |
| Bushfire | [ ]  No | [ ]  Yes – please go to Question R&S | [ ]  Don’t know – please go to Question Q |
| Riverine flooding | [ ]  No | [ ]  Yes – please go to Question R&S | [ ]  Don’t know – please go to Question Q |
| Coastal flooding | [ ]  No | [ ]  Yes – please go to Question R&S | [ ]  Don’t know – please go to Question Q |
| Extreme heat | [ ]  No | [ ]  Yes – please go to Question R&S | [ ]  Don’t know – please go to Question Q |

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| If you answered **no** to **all parts of Question P,** you have completed the Climate Action Assessment. Please attach this Template to your proposal. |
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| Question Q: If you answered “don’t know” in Question P, please provide a short explanation |
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| Question R: Please outline potential impacts the climate hazard(s) you identified in Question P could have on the proposed infrastructure initiative and the people using it. |
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| Question S: Please outline ways to reduce the potential impacts you identified in Question R on the proposed infrastructure initiative and people using it. |
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