Climate Action Screening and Assessment Template

**For the 2025-26 Victorian Budget**

# Purpose

The Climate Action Screening and Assessment Template is intended to align the Victorian Government decision-making process with our climate action goals of a climate resilient, net zero emissions state. This is also aligned with legislative requirements under the *Climate Change Act 2017*.

This assessment helps inform Victorian Government funding decision-making, as well as raise awareness of the climate action implications of the Victorian Government budget. Over time, it aims to build capability 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

**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 and has three sub-sections – the template will guide you on which element(s) to complete:

**2.1** Proposals that support Victoria’s climate action

**2.1.1** Emissions reduction

**2.1.2** Climate resilience

**2.2** Proposals with potential adverse climate action impacts

**2.3** Infrastructure proposals seeking more than $50 million TEI

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.

**Some amendments to the Template have been made since the previous version.**

Updated 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, please contact [climate.change@deeca.vic.gov.au](mailto:climate.change@deeca.vic.gov.au?subject=Further%20information%20on%20Climate%20Action%20Assessment%20process)

# Climate Action Screening

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## Proposals that support Victoria’s climate action

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| Question A: Does the proposal contribute to the following: | | |
| Supporting emissions reductions in Victoria? | No | Yes – you will need to complete *Section 2.1.1 Emissions Reduction*, starting with Question D. For now, please continue to Question B. |
| Supporting Victoria’s resilience to climate change? This includes implementing Adaptation Action Plan(s). | No – please continue to Question B | Yes – you will need to complete *Section 2.1.2 Climate Resilience*, starting with Question H. For now, please continue to Question B. |

## Proposals with potential adverse climate action impacts

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| Question B: (please complete all parts) Is the proposal likely to: | | | |
| Involve new fossil gas connections? Note: fossil gas is also known as ‘natural gas’ | No | Yes – you will need to complete Section 2.2 *Proposals with potential adverse climate action impacts*, starting with Question L | Don’t know |
| Require substantial off-grid energy generation from fossil fuels (e.g. diesel) over the life of the initiative? | No | Yes – you will need to complete Section 2.2 *Proposals with potential adverse climate action impacts*, starting with Question L | Don’t know |
| Directly encourage the purchase or procurement of new internal combustion engine (ICE) light vehicles? Note: ICE vehicles are conventional, petrol-driven or diesel-driven (i.e. non-electric) vehicles. | No | Yes – you will need to complete Section 2.2 *Proposals with potential adverse climate action impacts*, starting with Question L | Don’t know |
| Involve or encourage land clearing greater than 100 hectares? | No | Yes – you will need to complete Section 2.2 *Proposals with potential adverse climate action impacts*, starting with Question L | Don’t know |
| Seek more than $50 million TEI of infrastructure funding? | No | Yes – you will need to complete Section 2.3 *Infrastructure Proposals Over $50 million,* starting with Question P |  |

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| **If you answered No to both parts of Question A and No to all the above parts of Question B,** 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 any component of Question B, please provide a short explanation: |
| Type a short explanation here, including when it might be possible to provide a definitive answer. |

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| **If you answered No to both parts of Question A and No or ‘Don’t know’ to all the parts of Question B, and you have completed Question C**, a Climate Action Assessment is not required. Please attach this Template to your proposal. | |
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# Climate Action Assessment

## Proposals that support Victoria’s climate action

## Emissions reduction

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| Question D: Will the budget proposal: | |
| Support emissions reductions in Victoria? | Yes – please select which sector(s) below  Agriculture  Energy  Industrial processes and product usage  Land use, land use change and forestry  Transport  Waste  Government operations  Not sure |
| Support emissions reduction before the year 2030? | Yes |

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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 (including by Bid component if possible). Estimates can be provided as a range. | | | |
| **Bid component, 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)** | **Confidence level**  **(low, medium, high)** |
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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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| If no other sections are applicable to your proposal, you have completed the Climate Action Assessment. Please attach this Template to your proposal. | |
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## Climate Resilience

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| Question H – part 1: Does the proposal contribute to climate resilience by supporting the implementation of one or more of Victoria’s seven Adaptation Action Plans (AAPs)? | |
| No – please go to Question I | Yes – please go to Question H – part 2 |

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| Question H – part 2: Please list which AAP(s), and which specific AAP action(s) the proposal will contribute to | |
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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 ($)  Type here |

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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 cost-benefit 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 cost-benefit ratio etc.):  Type here |

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## Proposals with potential adverse climate action impacts

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

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| Question M: Please provide your emissions estimates (including by Bid component if possible). Estimates can be provided as a range. | | | |
| **Bid component, 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)** | **Confidence level**  **(low, medium, high)** |
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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? (Note: Mitigation options are not expected to be costed within the proposal). *Refer to the Guidelines for a list of mitigation options.* | |
| No – please provide details  Type here | Yes – please provide details  Type here |

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## Infrastructure proposals seeking more than $50 million

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| Question P: Have you assessed whether the following climate hazards are likely to have a potential impact (out to 2050) on the proposed infrastructure initiative or the people using it?  * + - * Bushfire       * Riverine flooding       * Coastal flooding       * Extreme heat | |
| No | Yes – please list the potential relevant hazard(s) and move to Question Q  Type here |

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| Question Q: 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 R: Have you identified options to reduce the potential impacts you identified in Question Q? | |
| No | Yes – please outline below  Type here |

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