



South West Hospital and Health Service Climate Strategy 2024–2030

Our commitment:

To build a culture of environmental sustainability across the South West HHS, taking advantage of opportunities to transition to a zero-carbon future and adapting our services to a changing climate.

Our principles:

Learning it – We continually build expertise and improve our understanding of the implications of a changing climate on the delivery of safe and high quality health care

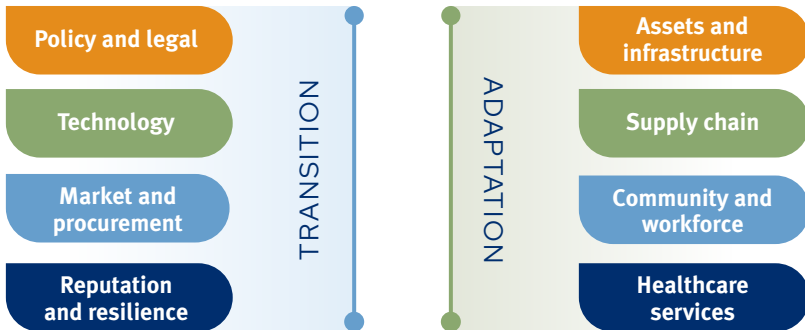
Leading it – We understand our role as a community leader and commit to collaborating and engaging with the South West HHS partners and community to promote and maintain a cohesive view of environmental sustainability

Living it – We invest in and act on opportunities to transition to a zero carbon future, adapt to a changing climate in a fiscally sustainable matter and embedding climate considerations into all that we do.

Our approach

South West HHS accepts that the journey to achieving our strategy involves risk which is continually assessed and managed through our governance and risk frameworks and processes, and sustainable financial and resource investment, ensuring that the delivery of safe and high quality healthcare is always at the forefront of what we do.

Risks and opportunities



(including public health)

Message from the Board Chair and Health Service Chief Executive

Informed by staff, partner and community input, and within the context of a changing climate across our rural and remote setting, the South West HHS Climate Sustainability Strategy demonstrates our commitment to transitioning towards a zero carbon future in alignment with broader government ambitions.

We are proud to have been the first Hospital and Health Service in Queensland to undertake a detailed risk assessment into climate risks for our region and Health Service. A changing climate is particularly challenging for South West Queensland given our geographical location, population demographic as well as our remoteness and relatively small renewable energy market.

Despite this, the overall footprint of the Health System and the role of the Health Service in the community requires the HHS to take a leadership role in this activity – a role that we take seriously and will proactively action through this strategy and associated plans.

We encourage our staff, our partners and the communities we serve to become involved in sustainability action, to drive tangible improvements in the sustainability of our systems and services, and to embed climate considerations everything we do.

QLD GOVERNMENT TARGETS

The South West Hospital and Health Service actions progressively align with the Queensland Government targets of:



50% renewable energy by 2030



An interim emissions reduction target of at least 30% below 2005 levels by 2030



Zero net emissions by 2050

