



Senator the Hon Penny Wong

Minister for Climate Change and Water

**Federal Labor Member For Kingston
Amanda Rishworth**

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GRANTS HELP LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLAN FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP, today announced \$50,000 to the City of Onkaparinga and \$50,000 to the City of Marion Councils in funding to help these local Councils plan for the impacts of climate change.

The funding is provided through the Government's Local Adaptation Pathways Program.

"This funding will help our Southern Adelaide Councils' measure and address the impacts of climate change in their local area," Amanda Rishworth said.

"Local governments play a major role in planning and development, natural resources management, infrastructure, and health and recreational facilities – and so are crucial to managing the effects of climate change on their communities.

"These grants will help build their capacity to manage these impacts, encouraging them to take climate change into account when they are making decisions."

Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Penny Wong, said the program was just one way the Rudd Government was delivering on its plan to deal with climate change.

"The Rudd Government's climate change policy is built on three pillars: reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions; adapting to climate change that we can't avoid; and helping shape a global solution," Senator Wong said.

"These grants will help local governments manage adapting to climate change."