



***Your Council
Your say***

Draft Environmental Management Plan 2025 - 2030

The City of Victor Harbor has developed an Environmental Management Plan to guide Council's efforts in protecting and enhancing the local environment until 2030.

The Plan replaces Council's 2019 Environmental Management Plan. It has been updated to align with the Community Plan 2030 and Urban Growth Management Strategy, and to reflect emerging challenges and opportunities in climate change, biodiversity, sustainability and community expectations. It builds on the strong foundation of environmental achievements delivered between 2019 and 2025.

Victor Harbor is a coastal city with a strong environmental identity. The Plan aims to guide the City of Victor Harbor's efforts in protecting and enhancing the local environment in the way we manage our operations, services, and public land.

While the focus of this Plan is on Council's own responsibilities, we recognise that creating a sustainable future is a shared responsibility. Council plays many roles: as land managers, service providers, advocates, partners, educators and regulators.

Get Involved and Have Your Say

Your input is important to help Council understand your support for the Plan and what environmental objectives need to be prioritised over the next five years.

Read through this summary or the full copy of the draft Environmental Management Plan, and have your say before **5pm on Friday, 17 October 2025**.

There are a number of ways you can have your say:

- **Online:**
Visit www.yoursay.victor.sa.gov.au
- **Make a written submission via:**
 - post to PO Box 11, Victor Harbor SA 5211
 - email to localgov@victor.sa.gov.au
 - in person delivery to 1 Bay Road, Victor Harbor
- **Chat with us at the Civic Centre:**
 - Thursday, 9 October 2025 from 10am – 12pm
 - Wednesday, 15 October 2025 from 4pm – 6pm



Scan the QR code to download a copy of the draft Environmental Management Plan and have your say!

At a Glance

Vision

“ We protect and restore our environment to make Victor Harbor a sustainable place of choice to live, visit and enjoy. ”

Objectives



Adapt to the changing climate



Sustainably manage waste and resources



Enhance the health and biodiversity of our nature



Protect our coastlines and waterways



Create a sustainable, energy efficient city



Educate our community

Goals

70% waste diverted from kerbside landfill by 2030 (66% in 2024)

Increase tree canopy cover within township area (need to establish baseline)

Maintain or **increase recycled water** used by Council. Progress will be tracked through the number and scale of new water sensitive urban design systems installed, and their total capture capacity.

Maintain or **increase the number of biodiversity reserves and roadside vegetation sites** rated High or Very High (compared to 2022 BNAMP audit¹)

Increase community satisfaction with **coastal protection and environmental initiatives** (48% in 2023)

¹ BNAMP is Victor Harbor Biodiversity and Natural Assets Management Plan 2023-2028. Baseline was 40 reserves and 30 roadside sites were rated as high or very quality in 2022 audit.



Summary of Key Priority Actions

Objective and priority actions	Action Year [#]				
	1	2	3	4	5
1. Adapt to the changing climate					
Staff training and capacity building in climate change adaptation					
Progress 1-2 prioritised actions from regional climate action plan					
Review Sustainability Policy to update to a Climate Change Policy*					
Complete climate risk assessment of council assets, land and services					
Support State policy reforms that encourage climate change adaptation*					
2. Sustainably manage waste					
Adopt circular procurement policies and practices					
Create waste education material tailored for holiday and short-term rentals					
Review public litter bin locations and service levels					
Shift to zero waste for council run events and share guidelines with others					
3. Enhance the health and biodiversity of our nature					
Deliver Biodiversity and Natural Assets Management Plan (BNAMP) actions					
Update plant species guides prioritising fire, climate and biodiversity					
Establish wildlife corridors (eg. east-west, linking Hindmarsh & Inman Rivers)*					
Monitor biodiversity condition to inform update of BNAMP					
Review and update BNAMP with focus on nature positive principles					
4. Protect our coastline and waterways					
Deliver VH Coastal Adaptation Study and Strategy (CASS)					
Deliver VH relevant actions within Southern Fleurieu Coastal Action Plan					
Apply WSUD and stormwater improvements in renewal of Council assets [^]					
Develop Inman and Hindmarsh Rivers master plans*					
Support PhD project on coastal research and monitoring					
Advocate to State Government for improved water outcomes*					
Work with SA Water to increase the recycled water supply and storage					
5. Create a sustainable, energy efficient city					
Develop corporate emissions plan & review of corporate data tracking system					
Deliver Civic Centre solar system replacement & expansion project					
Capture baseline tree canopy data and set targets to prioritise tree planting*					
Update Tree Management Strategy and expand tree planting program					
Support State policy reforms that support active and public transport*					
6. Educate our community					
Seek opportunities to listen and partner with First Nations					
Expand volunteer support and deliver more community education projects					
Increase communications on the benefits of nature and sustainable living					
Explore opportunities for community renewables, batteries & electric transport					
Share revised plant species guides to encourage biodiverse private gardens					
Colour legend depicts priority of delivering action	Low	Medium	High		

[#] Action year 1 = 2025/2026, year 2 = 2026/2027, year 3 = 2027/2028, year 4 = 2028/2029, year 5 = 2029/2030

* Direct alignment to Victor Harbor Urban Growth Management Strategy

[^] Direct alignment to Victor Harbor Urban Stormwater Management Plan (USMP)

Draft Environmental Management Plan Feedback Form

We want your feedback!

All feedback must be received by 5pm on Friday, 17 October 2025.

We encourage you to view the full copy of the draft Environmental Management Plan 2025 - 2030 (available online at www.yoursay.victor.sa.gov.au or in hard copy at the Council Office at 1 Bay Road, Victor Harbor).

Complete a survey online at www.yoursay.victor.sa.gov.au.

Or if you prefer, complete this hard copy form and return it to us in one of the following ways:

- **Email:** Scan and send it to localgov@victor.sa.gov.au
- **In person:** Hand deliver your completed form to the Civic Centre at 1 Bay Road, Victor Harbor
- **By post:** City of Victor Harbor, PO Box 11, Victor Harbor SA 5211

Please note your feedback may be included in public documents but all personal details will remain private.

About You

1. Your Details

First Name:		Surname:	
Organisation (if applicable):			
Residential Address:			
Residential Suburb:			
Email Address:			
Add my email address to the Victor Viewpoint mailing list, Council's monthly e-newsletter:			☐ Yes

2. What best describes you?

- ☐ City of Victor Harbor ratepayer ☐ City of Victor Harbor resident ☐ Business ☐ Visitor
- ☐ Other (please specify:)

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3. Have you read the draft Environmental Management Plan 2025 - 2030?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

4. Do you support the draft Environmental Management Plan 2025 - 2030?

- ☐ Yes ☐ Yes, but with some changes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

5. Do you support the draft Environmental Management Plan's vision?

'We protect and restore our environment to make Victor Harbor a sustainable place of choice to live, visit and enjoy.'

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

6. Do you support the draft Environmental Management Plan's objectives?

- Adapt to the changing climate
- Sustainably manage waste
- Enhance the health and biodiversity of our nature
- Protect our coastline and waterways
- Create a sustainable, energy efficient city
- Educate our community

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Why or why not?

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(from 1 being the highest priority, to 6 being the lowest priority)

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(see page 3 of this summary document or pages 14-19 of the draft plan)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Why or why not?

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Please feel free to attach further pages if you require more space to provide your feedback.