

Draft Primary Production Adaptation Action Plan

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Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to advise that the Minister for Agriculture has announced that the draft Primary Production Adaptation Action Plan is open for public consultation.

The Victorian Government is preparing five-yearly climate change Adaptation Action Plans (AAPs) for seven different systems, including primary production.

We want to hear from you - to have your say, please visit [Engage Vic](#) to read the draft Primary Production AAP and provide your feedback by answering the survey questions and/or making a written submission. Feedback closes at 11.59pm Friday 6 August 2021.

Your input will inform the final Primary Production AAP and ensure Victoria's primary industries and communities are more climate resilient now and into the future.

Why is the Victorian Government preparing a Primary Production AAP?

- **Climate change impacts are a significant challenge for Victoria's primary industries.** Victoria is likely to become hotter and drier and may experience more frequent and/or extreme events such as heatwaves, bushfires and drought and the availability of fresh water is likely to become a more critical issue. Climate change will challenge the ways businesses and governments operate and make decisions, requiring innovative and targeted responses and new skills, tools, resources and information.
- **Adapting to climate change also creates opportunities.** These include bringing new products to market, utilising newly viable or available species, generating efficiencies, diversifying income, and supporting business continuity and growth.
- **This draft Primary Production AAP builds on the work that primary industries are already doing to adapt to climate change.** It will enable partnerships to stimulate new research and innovation, boost capacity across the system, and build capabilities within government to respond to the changing climate.

If you want to learn more about the draft Primary Production AAP and its connection with the Water Cycle AAP, you can attend a webinar on Wednesday 21 July at 12:00 pm. [Please register your interest.](#)



Key links to share with your networks and through upcoming events

- [Provide feedback via Engage Victoria](#)
- [Register to participate in a webinar on 21 July public](#)
- [Agriculture Victoria's climate change webpage](#)
- [Climate Change Strategy fact sheets and resources](#)

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