Frequently Asked Questions

Climate Change Adaptation and Australia's Community Sector Survey

How do you define the 'community sector'?
For this survey, the community sector includes any organisation that provides services, support, advocacy or community development activities to improve wellbeing and support people and communities experiencing disadvantage. This includes charities, not-for-profits, community service organisations, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, community health and health promotion organisations, community legal organisations, advocacy organisations, local government, and related organisations working in the public interest.

Who from my organisation should complete the survey?
The survey should be completed by the person with a strong understanding of your organisation's operations and services. This may be a CEO, Executive Officer, Director, General Manager, or another senior staff member. More than one person from an organisation may complete the survey if they have relevant perspectives to contribute.

If I'm responding on behalf of a local government, who should complete the survey?
We recommend the survey be completed by a staff member from the community services, community development, social policy, resilience, climate adaptation, or emergency management team, or by whoever is best placed to provide an organisation-wide perspective on climate impacts and community needs.

How long will the survey take to complete?
The survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Questions include a combination of multiple-choice selections and opportunities to provide optional open-text responses.

How will the survey information be used?
Findings will inform a snapshot report and policy brief to support advocacy and engagement with government on climate adaptation and the role of the community sector.

Does my organisation need to be a climate or environmental focussed organisation to participate?
No. We encourage participation from a wide range of community sector organisations, regardless of whether climate change is a primary focus of your work.

What if my organisation hasn't experienced climate impacts?

We still encourage you to participate. Understanding where impacts have not yet been experienced is also valuable information.

Can I share this survey with other organisations?
Yes. We would like as many community sector organisations as possible from across Australia to complete the survey.