



SOUTH AUSTRALIA



MANITOBA

*ANCILLARY MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING ON ADDRESSING  
CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS*

BETWEEN

THE STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
("SOUTH AUSTRALIA")

AND

THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA  
("MANITOBA")

**WHEREAS** South Australia and Manitoba enjoy a long-standing co-operative relationship that was formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding signed on April 9, 2006, on biotechnology and lifesciences, that included the advancement of climate change initiatives, and wish to pursue collaboration in innovative and emerging policy, technologies and research;

**WHEREAS** South Australia and Manitoba are participating in the Climate Leaders Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark to discuss the important and complementary roles sub-national governments, municipal governments and the private sector play in defining and implementing climate change mitigation and adaptation policy and services;

**WHEREAS** South Australia and Manitoba acknowledge the advantages to be gained by strengthening and broadening mutually beneficial relations and further enhancing our respective knowledge and skills;

**WHEREAS** South Australia and Manitoba share complementary expertise and have a strong interest in developing greater capacity in the sound management of water, flooding hazards and mitigation of future climate change impacts;

**RECOGNIZING** there is urgency in adapting water resource management and policy to meet future challenges and an increasing need to build capacity in local communities on climate change adaptation and making water resource decisions;

**THEREFORE** consistent with the laws and existing treaties between their respective nations, South Australia and Manitoba, hereinafter designated as the “Participants”, intend to enhance the collaborative relationship between their respective water stewardship and climate change mitigation and adaptation departments and entities to further their interests and skills in climate change mitigation and adaptation, water resources management and capacity development of local communities’ response to climate change impacts.

## **AREAS OF CO-OPERATION**

- The Participants have reached consensus that the initial focus of this Memorandum of Understanding will be on defining opportunities/projects that address aspects of climate change adaptation and water resources management including, but not limited to:
  1. flood hazard mitigation;
  2. drought planning and response strategies; and
  3. community capacity building in ecological goods and services program delivery as a means to ensure resiliency for future climate change impacts through active involvement in environmental stewardship activities.
- Activities within this Memorandum of Understanding jointly endorsed by the Participants include:
  1. Sharing of public information on policy and approach in our respective jurisdictions with an emphasis on complementary skills transfer and knowledge development;



2. Encouraging participation in climate change adaptation and water resources-focused symposia, workshops, reciprocal missions and staff exchanges where appropriate to support joint research and development efforts;
3. Creating awareness of Manitoba and South Australia as centres of excellence in water management, sustainable environmental development and climate change mitigation and adaptation; and
4. Reporting on activity/progress made on an annual basis.

## **IMPLEMENTATION/PROMOTING THE RELATIONSHIP**

South Australia and Manitoba recognize the benefits of ongoing, regular contacts between their respective governments to promote trade and economic development and identify areas in which there are opportunities for joint co-operation. Therefore South Australia and Manitoba intend to:

- Designate state and provincial government representatives to serve as principal points of contact and liaison to promote co-operation in areas of mutual interest;
- Advance common interests by encouraging and promoting opportunities for joint research and development activities in each jurisdiction;
- Identify and encourage priority activity in areas that facilitate meaningful opportunities for follow-up activity by our respective departments, research institutions and, where possible, the private sector;
- Promote and facilitate bilateral exchanges; and
- Monitor progress on the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

## **LIMITATIONS**

Neither Participant intends to be responsible for the actions of third parties or associates who may be involved in the activities in the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any contractual, financial or other legal obligations for the Participants.

## **ENTRY INTO EFFECT, DURATION AND TERMINATION**

The Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date it is signed by the Participants and will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years from that date. The Memorandum of Understanding can be renewed for an additional five (5) years through mutual written consent of the Participants.

The Memorandum of Understanding may be amended with the mutual written consent of the Participants. Any such amendments will come into effect on the date determined by the Participants.

Either Participant may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by providing the other Participant with at least three (3) months written notice of its intention to terminate.



Signed in duplicate this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2009 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

For the Government of the  
State of South Australia

For the Government of the  
Province of Manitoba

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The Honourable Mike Rann  
Premier

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The Honourable Greg Selinger  
Premier