

Greening the Health Sector Policy Think Tank

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How green are our hospitals? How prepared is our health system for dealing with climate change?

It is timely to think about how well prepared we are to deal with the impacts of climate change over coming years and decades as well as about the health sector's carbon footprint. This is why the AHHA has recently joined the [Global Green and Healthy Hospitals Network](#), a global network dedicated to reducing the health sector's ecological footprint and promoting public environmental health. While the health benefits of acting on climate change are clear-cut, opinions differ as to how prepared the health system itself is for the broader challenges that the changing climate and warmer temperatures will present. This forum will kickstart an important conversation about how hospitals and healthcare providers can reduce their own carbon footprints, and in doing so how the Australian health system can be strengthened through the promotion of greater sustainability and environmental health.

9.00 – 9.30	Registration
9.30 – 9.40	<i>Welcome from Facilitator</i> Dr Paul Dugdale Fiona Armstrong – Convenor, <i>Climate and Health Alliance</i> Prue Power - CEO, <i>Australian Healthcare & Hospitals Association</i>
9.40 – 10.30	<i>The Global Green and Healthy Hospitals Agenda – opportunities for healthcare settings in Australia</i> Dr Peter Orris - Senior Adviser to Health Care Without Harm, USA
10.30 – 11.00	Morning tea
11.00-11.20	<i>Sustainable development in health - the UK experience</i> Dr Kate Charlesworth – Public Health Registrar, <i>NSW Ministry of Health</i> (previously <i>NHS Sustainable Development Unit</i>)
11.20 – 11.40	<i>Signing up to Global Green and Healthy Hospitals – what does this mean for your hospital?</i> Mr Glen Hadfield - Manager, Asset Systems & Sustainability, <i>Western Sydney Local Health District</i>
11.40 – 12.00	<i>At the coalface: failures and triumphs in a hospital</i> Dr Forbes McGain - Anaesthetist and Intensive Care Physician, <i>Western Health Footscray, Vic</i>
12.00 – 12.20	<i>Greening the health Sector – how will we measure our achievements?</i> Professor Tony Capon – Head of Public Health, Faculty of Health, <i>University of Canberra</i>
12.20 – 1.00	Speaker Panel and development of key issues
1.00 – 1.45	Lunch
1.45 – 1.55	<i>Policies for sustainable outcome – a global environmental services supplier perspective</i> Mr Daniel Hilson - Senior Business Development Manager <i>Dalkia Energy Solutions</i>
1.55 - 2.00	<i>Summary and notification of key issues for the break-out groups</i>
2.00 – 3.00	<i>Concurrent groups</i> Priorities for recommendations A position and advocacy plan for each recommendation
3.00 - 3.45	<i>Plenary session</i> Group chairs will report back on major discussion points and outcomes from the workshops
3.45 – 4.00	<i>Statement of PTT Outcomes</i>