

Building Business Resilience Project:

Business sector climate risk assessment support

South East Councils Climate Change Alliance

Project summary

This project is about developing resources for the business sector to help businesses conduct climate risk assessment, mitigation and planning. Small to medium businesses, like all segments of the community are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Building on the Small Business Energy Saver Program, SECCCA will engage a small number of businesses across a number of sectors that are economically important to the SECCCA region to assist them to understand their level of vulnerability to climate change impacts, possible scenarios and high-level adaptation options. The project will produce a final report intended to be an easy-to-understand adaptation implementation guide for use by other businesses more broadly. It will also produce 4-5 'one-pager' case studies with climate change risk assessment and adaptation plans for each business involved.

What participation entails

Participation is voluntary, with no associated costs. You may withdraw from participating at any time. Businesses who have consented to participate in this project will undergo a vulnerability assessment, which will be conducted by the project consultant [Science into Action](#). This involves **two 45 - 60 minute workshops (online via Zoom)**. This workshop will be between just your business and Science into Action. The aims of these workshops are:

- To determine levels of understanding of climate vulnerability and adaptation
- To determine the specific climate risks and vulnerability of your business
- To collate a range of possible scenarios and climate impacts on your business
- To detail potential adaptation pathways
- To determine what your business could do now and in the medium-long term

These workshops will be held at a time that suits you, and Science into Action will liaise with you accordingly. Science into Action may also require an on-site visit.

At the completion of this project, you will receive a climate change risk assessment and adaptation plan with high level priorities and self-generated costings. All participating businesses will be automatically de-identified in any external reports and communication, unless otherwise stated in the consent form.

Benefits of this project

1/ Participant potential benefits:

- Gaining knowledge about climate vulnerability of your business
- Developing an adaptation pathway and offering solutions to create a more sustainable workplace and business
- Increased preparedness and resilience to climate change, including extreme weather events

2/ Benefits to small-medium business sector:

- It is hoped that what is learned from your case study increases the likelihood for replication and/or scaling-up this project to other businesses and locations. It may promote the modification of other businesses to become more sustainable, adaptable, and resilient to climate risks.

3/ Benefits to broader community:

- This project hopes to increase the preparedness of businesses, thereby minimising the flow-on effect to community from business related loss due to climate events, such as supply chain impacts, therefore creating more resilient communities to adapt to extreme weather events and other climate change risks.



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Business Name:

Trading name:
(if different from the above)

Business address:

Sector:

Contact details:

Name:	<input type="text"/>		
Mobile:	<input type="text"/>	Email:	<input type="text"/>

CONSENT

- I authorise **South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA)** to share my contact information with project consultant Science into Action for the purposes of undertaking a climate vulnerability assessment.
- I confirm that I am willing to participate in two 45 – 60 minute workshops (online), and liaise with Science into Action to confirm workshop date and time.
- I authorise Science into Action to undertake an on-site visit if necessary, at a time that is agreed upon by both parties.
- I authorise photos to be taken of my business for the purposes of delivering the vulnerability assessment.
- I confirm that I would like my business to be **identified** in external reports and communication. If this box is left unchecked, your business will be automatically de-identified.

Signature:

Date:

Name: _____

Position or title in the business: _____