

Mid North Sustainability Hub Concept Plan

This project is funded by the Legatus Group and undertaken under the umbrella of the Yorke and Mid North Climate Change Sector Agreement a partnership with SA Government, Northern and Yorke Landscape Board and Regional Development Australia Yorke Mid North and with support from the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council.

The Legatus Group have been actively supporting the awareness of climate change issues for several years and in 2017 developed a Climate Change Guide for use by councils. The Legatus Group Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2018-2021 includes an action that was previously identified in the Integrated Vulnerability Assessment Plan 2011, to establish a knowledge center for regional climate change information and a pilot site for an eco-building/township.

A previous collaborative effort in 2015 created the Goyder Line Sustainability Hub as a virtual office for regional climate change information. In 2019 the Legatus Group commissioned two research projects through the University of Adelaide:

- Clare and the Mid North Sustainability Hub Feasibility Study – May 2019
- Building Resilient Regional Communities through collective Action Sustainability Hub Project: Phase 2 - November 2019

These can be found at: <https://legatus.sa.gov.au/naturalenvironment/>

The consulting firms URPS and WAX have been contracted to help in developing the roadmap for how the site at 155 Main North Road Clare and its environs can be a place that:

- Demonstrates sustainability outcomes reflecting local climate and ‘country’ context
- Showcases how to foster collaboration, connection and learning through design
- Engages the community in a physical space and via ideas and ways of thinking and doing to help generate sustainable action
- Is connected to the local, regional, national and international community.

The Concept Plan will provide agreed guiding principles and a framework for how the site at can develop and evolve to achieve the above vision through a series of ‘steppingstones’ and staged activities that:

- Result in physical change to the site and its buildings that creates a workplace that accommodates a range of activities, visitors, workers and their organisations
- Create a sense of permeability and flow, where people ‘come and go’, to learn, share knowledge, get inspired, partner and collaborate
- Show off the skills, expertise, knowledge and value add of local trades, services, industry sectors and knowledge
- Promote the virtual connection and projection of the Hub to Clare, the region and beyond
- Help create a culture of sustainability.

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