The Climate Change Adaptation Navigator is a flexible, web-based guidance framework to assist decision-makers with the process of adapting to the impacts of climate change.
What is the Adaptation Navigator?
A web-based application to assist local and state governments, as well as regional organisations, in the process of adapting to the impacts of climate change.

How has it been developed?
By conducting research into the ways local governments in Victoria, Australia, frame climate change adaptation.

Who has developed it?
Researchers from the Climate Change Adaptation Program at RMIT University (Melbourne, Australia), with funding provided by the Victorian State Government through the Victorian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation Research (VCCCAR). Collaborators on the project included researchers from the University of Melbourne, Monash University, the Victorian Department of Sustainability and Environment and three local governments:
• City of Greater Bendigo
• City of Melbourne
• City of Greater Geelong

Who is it intended for?
Decision-makers in government, with primarily a local government target audience in mind. However, elements of the Adaptation Navigator will also be useful for officials working at other levels of government, private business owners and other individuals needing to make decisions about adaptation.

What can it help me with?
The Adaptation Navigator can assist decision makers with:
• Gaining a better understanding of what climate change adaptation encompasses,
• Accessing information on a variety of aspects of adaptation, including current and future climate change impacts for Victoria,
• Mapping out an organisational process of adapting to climate change,
• Learning from other local governments about how they have tackled adaptation.

How does it work?
The core of the Adaptation Navigator is an easy-to-use explorer map that illustrates ten areas that an organisation or a community needs to consider for adapting to climate change effectively and efficiently. These ten areas are presented as ‘regions’ on the map.

If you want to find out more about one of the topics, a mouseclick will take you into the selected region, where you will find a range of different areas with further information on the topic.

At layer 2 of the map, you will find general information on each of the subtopics. This allows you to select a place on the map for further information (layer 3).
How can I use the Adaptation Navigator for planning adaptation within my organisation?

As you navigate your way through the various layers of the Adaptation Navigator, you can take note of regions, areas and places on the map that you consider worthwhile for your organisation to explore further and invest time and effort in.

How can I learn from what other organisations are doing on adaptation?

The ‘Case Study’ dropdown box of the Adaptation Navigator allows you to view the adaptation pathways of local governments that participated in the research project.

From here, you can access detailed information on the steps these organisations have taken and why they have taken them. You can also find contact details, if you would like to liaise with an organisation directly.

Additional case studies will be added in the future. Please contact the Adaptation Navigator team (contact details on back) if you would like to discuss having your case study pathway added.