

## 6.8 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RENEWABLES ROAD TRIP

Submitting Councillor: Cr Fergeus

### **MOTION**

*That Cr Fergeus be given approval to attend the South Australian (SA) Renewables Road Trip from the 1-3 May 2019 run by Cities Power Partnership.*

### **INTRODUCTION**

I seek Council's approval to attend the South Australian (SA) Renewables Road Trip from the 1-3 May 2019 run by Cities Power Partnership.

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

City of Monash is a member of the national program, Cities Power Partnership (CCP). The CCP program provides a platform for Council to promote and share its commitments and achievements in the delivery of the actions under the Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2016-2026 (ESS).

The Cities Power Partnership is a free national program that exists to celebrate and accelerate the emission reduction/clean energy future. It's a coalition of mayors, councillors and communities who are committed to a sustainable, non-polluting energy future.

### **ABOUT THE SA RENEWABLES ROAD TRIP**

The Cities Power Partnership's SA Renewables Road Trip is a key opportunity to witness first-hand the renewable energy revolution taking place in South Australia. Australia is currently in the midst of a renewable energy boom.

Over the 3 days, there will be site visits to large-scale renewable projects in and around Port Augusta, South Australia, and presentations from world-class climate and energy experts who will share their extensive knowledge.

Knowledge gained from this trip will support our own Council's endeavors in the renewable sector.

### **KEY ACTIVITIES**

- Keynote address by Hon. Jay Weatherill, former South Australian premier
- Snowtown Wind Farm Site visit
- Port Augusta's solar thermal power plant under construction
- Tour of Lincoln Gap Wind Farm
- Presentations from Climate Council and Industry experts.

- Network with fellow councils, energy experts and climate enthusiasts

***FINANCIAL***

As City of Monash is a Climate Cities Partnership member, all road trip travel, meals entry and accommodation costs are covered. Return flights to Adelaide are the only cost to Council for attending the event, and are estimated to be \$325.