

6.5 CITIES POWER PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT 2018

Submitting Councillor: Cr Fergeus

MOTION

That Cr Fergeus be given approval to attend the Cities Power Partnership Summit, in Kiama, New South Wales, from 18 to 19 October 2018, both dates inclusive.

INTRODUCTION

I seek Council's approval to attend the Cities Power Partnership Summit, to be held in Kiama, New South Wales, 18-19 October 2018, both dates inclusive.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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

Local councils who join the partnership pledge to take 5 key actions across renewable energy, efficiency, transport and working together.

At the heart of the Cities Power Partnership is connection and sharing between participants.

ABOUT THE SUMMIT

The Cities Power Partnership Summit, will inspire, connect, engage & deliver practical information to assist councils implement carbon emissions reduction projects that contribute to the action pledges across the four areas of Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Sustainable Transport & Working Together for Influence.

The summit theme for 2018 '**Accelerating local action**' underlines the crucial role of local leadership and the fact that visible, concrete action on climate change is supported by ratepayers and residents around the country. We know that transforming the way cities use and generate energy alone has the potential to deliver 70% of the total emissions reductions needed to stay on track for the 2 degrees limit set under the Paris agreement.

Curated by the Climate Council's Cities Power Partnership team with input from an advisory panel of leading experts from around Australia, the program will feature Australian and international keynote speakers, panel discussions and case studies.

KEY TOPICS

- Setting and delivering on carbon reduction targets – best practice case studies from CPP member councils
- The power of council and community partnerships to deliver renewable energy projects
- Councils becoming medium scale renewable energy project developers
- Low carbon project financing options & cost / benefit analyses
- Electric vehicle fleet & fast charging infrastructure rollouts
- What are the climate risks and potential liabilities that councils face?
- International case studies and learnings for Australian councils

FINANCIAL

Costs for attending the event, including registration, travel and accommodation, are estimated to be \$1,700.