

OFFICERS REPORT**CITIES POWER PARTNERSHIP – STATEMENT FROM AUSTRALIAN MAYORS**

Submitting Councillor: Cr Fergeus

MOTION

That Council supports and authorises the Mayor to sign the joint statement released by Cities Power Partnership in support of national action to make tackling climate change a top priority.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

City of Monash is a member of the national program, Cities Power Partnership (CPP). Council is asked to support the campaign facilitated by the Cities Power Partnership (CPP) and authorise the Mayor to sign the joint statement released by other Australian mayors in support of national action to make tackling climate change a top priority. There is no direct budget implication by supporting this motion. Current programs are included in the 2019/20 budget and any further programs or projects will be brought to Council for consideration.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

As we are already a member of CPP, there is no impact on internal resources.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

City of Monash is a member of the national program, Cities Power Partnership (CPP). The CPP 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).

Council supports further action on climate change and is reflected in the following plans.

Council Plan objective – A Liveable & Sustainable City - We value our natural environment and want to preserve and enhance the leafy and green character of our city. Monash's desirability as a place to live, learn, work and play needs to be protected.

Council Plan Action - Proactively managing risks from climate change and reducing Council's greenhouse emissions

Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2016-2026 (ESS)

Priority 3 Climate Change Action 3.1.1- Establish a whole of organisation approach for effective and efficient climate change action.

Priority 3 Climate Change Action 3.3.2 Encourage energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources.

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

Council has recently committed to ambitious renewable energy targets through the Local Government Power Purchasing Agreements (LGPPA) and South East Melbourne Renewable Energy Project (SEMREP) in addition to other emissions reduction actions stemming from the Environmental Sustainability Strategy such as;

- The Greenhouse Emissions Reduction target study currently underway
- The Climate Change Action Plan
- The Climate Adaption Action Plan
- Energy Performance Contracts Report
- Energy Upgrade Agreements
- Food waste recycling

By the Mayor signing this joint statement will further demonstrate the City of Monash's commitment to tackling climate change.