

# Latrobe City Climate Change Consultative Committee

## *Minutes*

for the meeting held commencing  
6.30pm on Tuesday 30 March 2010 in the  
Macfarlane Burnet Room, Traralgon Service Centre, Kay Street, Traralgon

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### Item

**1. Presentation**

The new dual gas power station proposal in Latrobe City. Paul Welfare, Manager Climate Change, HRL.

**2. Present**

Cr Lisa Price (Chair), Kevin Roberts (Admin Officer), Denise McKenna, Jo McCubbin, Dan Jordan, Rohan Wilks, Maddhu Chetty, Barbara Johnson, John Lawson, Jadon Minterm

**3. Apologies**

Simon May, Simon Vanderzalm

**4. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were adopted unanimously

**5. Notice of Motion – Council Position on Climate Change**

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 22 March 2010 the following motion was carried:

**NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCIL POSITION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

1. That Council adopt a formal position on Climate Change and its impacts.
2. That a report outlining Council's formal position be presented to the Council meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

3. That the Mayor write to the Chair of the Gippsland Local Government Network, asking GLGN to form a sub-committee on Climate Change consisting of representatives of the six Gippsland Councils.

Cr Price indicated that she wished members of the Committee to provide input into the report and would discuss this with the Group Manager Built and Natural Environment Sustainability.

**6. Revised Terms of Reference**

Revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Committee were noted. The revised Terms of Reference were adopted by Council on 9 March 2010.

**7. A process for dealing with community submissions to the Committee**

Appropriate procedures for dealing with community submissions to the Committee were discussed. Members of the community also have the opportunity to make submissions direct to Council or to individual Councillors. The Committee considered how its current workload could be best accommodated in the time available. Matters coming before the Committee are often exceeding the amount of time available at meetings. It was resolved that submissions would be included in papers circulated to the Committee for consideration but submissions would not normally be listed as agenda items for discussion at the meetings of the Committee.

**8. New communications to the Committee received**

The submission from Mr P. Lane – “A Review of Wolfgang Knorr’s Paper Is the airborne fraction of anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions increasing?” – was noted.

**9. Reports and publications received and upcoming events**

Members had heard rumours of a relevant conference to be held at Monash University. This would be investigated.

An event was scheduled for 7.30, Tuesday 4 May 2010 at Lavalla. Details would be forwarded when received.

**10. Progressing the Action Plan for the Committee**

This matter was held over to a future meeting, to be arranged.

**11. Any other business**

Cr Price commented that it might be appropriate for the Committee to visit Geoscience Victoria (DPI) to inform themselves on issues of carbon capture and storage.

It was commented that the community needed better information on government budgets to address climate change and where these were being directed.

It was commented that a climate change impact statement might be more appropriately pursued by GLGN than by this Committee.

It was commented that pressures such as that to close Hazelwood Power Station were more appropriately directed at transitioning than closing.

**12. Next meeting**

Cr Price will explore a meeting for members to provide input on a formal Council position on Climate Change and it impacts prior to the Council meeting on 17 May.

The next ordinary meeting of the Committee will be arranged subsequently.

**13. Close of meeting**

The meeting closed at 9pm.