

Latrobe City Council Position on Climate Change and its Impacts

Latrobe City Council:

1. Acknowledges that Climate Change is real and impacts our community.
2. Recognises the international scientific consensus that Climate Change is a result of increases in greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, influenced principally by human activities.
3. Is committed to attaining a greenhouse gas reduction goal that is both achievable and positions the municipality to support the cause of energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction.
4. Recognises that any response to climate change has the potential to drive innovation in industry and the community.
5. Supports the introduction of effective and coordinated carbon emission reduction legislation and other efforts to address Climate Change at all levels of Government.
6. Is committed to helping our community to be more efficient, more sustainable and involved in responding to climate change.
7. Proposes to provide leadership and promote a shared vision that reflects the need for the community to respond to climate change according to their circumstance and capacity.
8. Recognises that our community is especially susceptible to legislative changes addressing Climate Change due to our economic reliance on fossil fuel based industry and that we require an appropriately funded transition mechanism be put in place to ensure the region's economic and community prosperity.
9. Is committed to exploring opportunities for new industries to establish in our area, to provide more jobs and to increase the sustainability of the region.
10. Is committed to promoting the principles of healthy and sustainable living to reducing our carbon footprint.

At the Latrobe City Council, Ordinary Council Meeting on 2 March 2020, Councillors passed a motion to review the adopted position on climate change that was established in 2010. This review will inform a discussion paper which will be presented at a council briefing session, ahead of the presentation of a report to a future Council Meeting.