

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
COUNCIL MEETINGS  
(Elected Members)**

<b>Name:</b>	Cr Fitzgerald
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	15 June 2021
<b>Meeting of the:</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Council
<b>Item No.</b>	C21/5843
<b>Title of Item</b>	Late Item – Response to Melville City Climate Action Network Petition – Request for Climate Change

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

**That the officer recommendation be amended as follows:**

- **Insert a new clause 1. as follows:**
  1. **Commits to:**
    - **declaration of a climate emergency**
    - **the reduction of the carbon emissions caused by the operations of the City of Melville to net zero by December 2030; and**
    - **working with the State and Federal Governments, the community and local businesses to ensure that the carbon emissions within the geographical area of the City of Melville reach net zero by 2050**

- **The existing clause 1 be renumbered 2 and amended to read as follows:**

**Notes the actions taken to date and that the City will commence preparation of a Draft Climate Action Plan that will guide the city on addressing Council's commitments. That plan will:**

- **Develop a public engagement and education program on Climate Action.**
- **Undertake research and assessments to plan the actions towards Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation**
- **Identify additional resources to implement actions identified in the Climate Action Plan;**
- **Identify opportunities to advocate for at State and Federal Government level for policies consistent with a climate emergency response.**
- **Identify the additional costs associated with transitioning to carbon positive rather than carbon neutral operations by 2030**

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- **A new clause 3. be included as follows:**  
**Directs the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a Draft Climate Action Plan to be presented to the Council within two years;**
- **A new clause 4. be included as follows:**  
**Directs the Chief Executive Officer to continue the City's current plans for climate change action and mitigation, while the Climate Action Plan is developed and implemented into action.**
- **Clause 3 be renumbered clause 5.**

#### **Reasons for the Amendment as provided by Cr Fitzgerald**

##### **1. Melville City Climate Action Network (MCCAN) petition and deputation at the ABF 8 June 2021**

The Officer report C21/5843 responded to the above petition. I had a proposed motion in relation to the petition and have worked with City Officers over the past few months in understanding the City's actions on climate change through the CESP. This amendment brings together the key elements from the officer recommendation and proposed motion.

In particular, the officer recommendation was made on the basis that it would respond to a particular target which would be set by Council. Rather than have two separate motions – one setting a target, and one setting a mechanism for implementing it – those have now been combined.

At the ABF 8 June 2021 Dr Horton raised concerns with the proposed timeframe for the development of the Climate Action Plan (CAP). This and the work the City is already doing is addressed in point 2 and 3 below

##### **2. CESP : Corporate Environmental Strategic Plan 2016-2025**

The City is undertaking significant work in reducing its emission and is currently leading the way in its activities toward Climate Action in WA. The City has adopted an Emission Reduction target of 48% by 2025, on its 2005 levels, in its Corporate Environmental Strategic Plan (CESP) 2016-2025 which is also in line with the National commitment under the Paris Agreement.

Under the CESP the City has implemented targeted projects for emission reductions that have reduced its emissions by 35%. The City has also laid strong foundations for further reduction in emissions through improved understanding and performance in its energy profile and is consistently adding projects to its renewable portfolio. This work is further strengthened by our partnership with Murdoch University which is focused on identifying Clean Energy Interventions in the City and is exploring new regional opportunities for collective participation in this space.

This work will continue and it is therefore recommended that the City continues with its current plans, through the CESP, towards climate change mitigation, while the CAP is developed and embedded into the City business.

### 3. Timeframe for Climate Action Plan development

The motion proposes the development of a Climate Action Plan (CAP) within two years. This is considered reasonable given the complexity of the issue, the need to embed this in business and the access to the skills and capability required to develop the plan. The City's approach to the development of the plan will be robust and considered, with the aim to complete the project in the set timeframes. The cost implications relating to the CAP will be considered in the review of the City's 10 Year Long Term Financial Plan which is currently underway.

The development of a CAP involves a number of key steps including the need for comprehensive research and risk assessments to ensure that the actions are effective, and promote the best value planning, to respond to climate change. The CAP needs to ensure that the interventions identified are well embedded, support changes in the business systems and are co-designed with strong community engagement and advocacy with other stakeholders.

A desktop review on action planning by various Local Governments was conducted and is detailed below. From this research, the development of a plan within the two years is reasonable

#### Western Australia

City	Declaration of Climate Emergency	Further Action	Reference
City of Fremantle	May 2019	In March 2021, the City adopted the Climate Emergency Position Statement	<a href="https://www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/action-climate-change">https://www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/action-climate-change</a>
Town of Victoria Park	August 2018	In Feb 2021, the City released a draft Climate Emergency Plan for community consultation	<a href="https://yourthoughts.victoriapark.wa.gov.au/climateep">https://yourthoughts.victoriapark.wa.gov.au/climateep</a>
City of Swan	June 2019	No specific Plan	
City of Geraldton	Dec 2020	Starting to Work on a Plan	<a href="https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/news/council-declares-climate-emergency/13983">https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/news/council-declares-climate-emergency/13983</a>

**Best Examples from Victoria**

<b>City</b>	<b>Declaration of Climate Emergency</b>	<b>Further Action</b>
Yarra City Council	Feb 2017	Yarra Climate Emergency Action Plan 2020 : draft in Nov 2019
Moreland City Council	September 2018	Moreland Climate Emergency Action Plan 2020/21 – 2024/25

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