

Climate Emergency Plan – Feedback summary

Have Your Say (HYS) Demographics

- 4 formal submissions
- 30 unique contributors
- 11 female, 15 male, 1 non-binary, 3 other
- 23 residents
- 5 business holders
- Heard from all suburbs except Albert Park, Ripponlea, Southbank and Windsor
- Most responses from residents of St Kilda (8), followed by Elwood (6)
- 3 from other parts of Victoria
- 2 respondents from non-English speaking backgrounds, 3 identified as LGBTI, and 1 person identified as having a disability

Age

18 to 24 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 49 years	50 to 59 years	60 to 69 years	70 to 74 years	75 to 79 years
1	4	9	5	5	4	1

Community feedback identified several additional actions. Many of the additional actions are already included in the draft Strategy as investigative pieces requiring further analysis and feasibility prior to greater commitment; an essential stage that cannot be skipped to ensure initiatives are implemented successfully. The request from community was to edit this to stimulate faster action. Following on from the investigation/trial/feasibility phase, any potential actions identified for further implementation would be considered through future Council Plan and Budget processes.

Five of the proposed actions were not included in the draft Act and Adapt and are to be discussed by Council prior to final document approval. Many of the HYS responses were aligned with these suggestions.

1. Develop a community reference group to guide the implementation of the Climate Emergency Action Plan.
2. Initiate a program to broker power purchase agreements and similar bulk purchasing projects (micro-grids, virtual power plants, solar farms etc.) for commercial and industrial users in Port Phillip to reduce emissions.
3. Initiate a program to broker power purchase agreements and similar bulk purchasing projects (solar panels, batteries) for the community.
4. Partner with aged, social and community care providers to upgrade the homes of at least 30 vulnerable community members in the first year of the Plan, an increasing thereafter – for those experiencing energy/financial hardship, with health conditions, frailty and additional needs – to reduce the stress of high energy costs and improve health outcomes. To include energy retrofits such as insulation, lighting, draft proofing, door and window seals, fans and blinds.

5. Update the Water Sensitive City Plan to reflect whole of Council integrated water management planning.

Detailed feedback

Comments	Officer Response	Draft 2.0
The title should be changed to Climate Emergency Action Plan 2023-2028 to make it very clear to all readers that the plan is about Council taking action in response to the climate emergency.	Agreed	Title updated to 'Climate Emergency Action Plan'
Suggested changes to Priority Area titles	These are priority titles that are designed to speak to a spectrum of stakeholders	No change
Requesting more specificity and detail to describe the actions within the plan	In order to keep the Plan concise further detail will not be added. A table with the steering source for each action has been included so further detail can be found if required	Table with details of steering source for action added
No measurable targets or clear timelines	Indicators and targets are included in the draft for each priority area. Each target has an associated timeframe.	No change
Lack of clarity around what has happened and what will happen	Noted – editorial changes to ensure clarity	Change of headings to 'highlights to date'. Steering source table includes details of strategies and dates
Focus on active transport	Feedback passed on to Strategic Transport team	No change
Focus on flood planning and rising sea level impacts	Noted – flooding is addressed within the Plan	Editorial changes to highlight flooding
Focus on increasing canopy cover and public green spaces	Feedback passed on to Greening and Public Space team	No change
FOGO bins for apartments	Feedback passed on to Waste Futures team	No change

Focus on electric vehicles	Support for electric vehicles is addressed in the Plan	No change
Support for Eco Centre funding increase, and increase in EcoCentre scope	This will be addressed through the EcoCentre funding agreement, not the Plan	No change
Some terms used throughout the document may be to technical or jargon	Agreed – Including a glossary and how to read guide will make the plan more accessible to readers	Include a glossary and how to read guide
Focus on mobilising community and providing programs that support the community	Many actions within the Plan focus on mobilising the community in addition to actions the community can take	No change
Remove the 'what you can do heading' Replace with 'what council will do to support you'	Acting on the climate emergency is the shared responsibility of Council, community and businesses, and the document speaks to everyone's role	No change
Increase the communications on Councils actions to raise awareness of the climate crisis. Ensure there are some communications are tailored to a young audience	This will be addressed in the implementation of the Plan	No change

<p>Feedback regarding ‘Call for stronger action and implementation; and less investigate, trial, support’ was noted for the following initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding the EcoCentre to deliver more • Community grants • Sustainability communications • Sustainable procurement and investment policies • Working with business and community to reduce greenhouse gases • Neighbourhood batteries • Active transport • EV uptake and charging infrastructure • Increased greening and public open spaces • Use of heatmapping • Increased stormwater harvesting projects • Increased WSUD projects • Increased use of planning controls 	<p>Trials and investigations are essential before the implementation of any action.</p>	<p>No change</p>
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Editorial changes	Editorial changes suggested throughout the document were generally accepted	Suggested changes made to document
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of the word 'we' to only refer to Council • Include all strategies that have informed the Climate Emergency Action Plan • Include a 'how to read the guide section' • Include the word 'mobilising' when speaking about community action • Updated all infographics to include references • Move completed actions to highlights • Change to wording around 'actions community can take' • Include intense rainfall events in 'Resilient and liveable public spaces' • Change wording around canopy cover commitments • Add Alma Park Stormwater harvesting to achievements • Grammar changes throughout 		