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	CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION & MITIGATION POLICY	C 012
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PURPOSE OF POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to support Council with the preparation and delivery of climate change adaptation and mitigation actions and programs. The Policy also aims to ensure that Council takes all reasonable and practical measures to increase climate change resilience.

POLICY OBJECTIVES

Council Operations

Council recognises that climate change is a complex issue that impacts Council's functions, processes and roles. Council will ensure that climate impacts are considered by undertaking the following:-

1. Take all reasonable and practical measures to increase climate change resilience and reduce greenhouse gas emissions across all Council assets, functions, services and programs by prioritising actions with co-benefits of mitigation and adaptation.
2. Achieve a better understanding of future climate impacts across the Council's municipal area, community and the region and share this information as appropriate.
3. Seek opportunities and continue to collaborate with and key stakeholders other tiers of Government on climate change action (adaptation and mitigation).
4. Be flexible and timely in its response to climate impacts, risks and hazards.
5. Develop clear criteria for decision making relating to climate change and natural hazards ensuring that all relevant law is identified and the relevant information and facts are known and understood to minimise exposure of Council to potential liability for decisions made, or not made, now or in the future;
6. Ensure that climate impacts and hazards are considered through its decision-making and strategic planning processes;
7. Recognise the legitimacy and validity of the intergovernmental panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) review and assessment of scientific, technical and social climate change information to ensure that the most up to date climate change science is considered in Council's planning, administrative, technical, operational and decision making processes

Community Leadership

Council is committed to addressing climate change issues and broader sustainability objectives. Council recognises the importance of allocating appropriate resources to implementing effective climate change actions and strategies that assist communities to

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reduce carbon footprints, adapt to climate change impacts and increase their awareness and understanding of climate change by undertaking the following:-

1. Provide effective and strong leadership to the communities, the region and inter-regionally on climate change to increase sustainability and resilience;
2. Continue to develop and implement actions and strategies that assist communities to reduce carbon footprints, adapt to climate change impacts and increase their awareness and understanding of climate change;
3. Ensures that Council plans for and manages adaptation to the impacts of climate change, particularly where these impacts represent a threat to people and property;
4. Make available information to the community on climate change risks and hazards to enable residents, businesses and community groups to manage the impacts on private property, business and community assets and services.
5. Increase the resilience of Council's local communities, enabling better preparedness, response and recovery from inevitable climate change impacts and increased frequency and intensity of natural hazards, through targeted programs, services and appropriate management of Council assets and other relevant resources.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

All Councillors, the General Manager, all staff and any committee/organisation under Council's control or instruction.

REFERENCES

Climate Change (State Action Act) 2008

Local Government Act 1993

Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993

Local Government Order (Content of Plans and Strategies) 2014


Tasman Council's Interim Planning Scheme 2015

Climate Action 21: Tasmania's Climate Change Action Plan 2017 - 2021

Southern Tasmanian Regional Climate Change Strategy 2013 - 2019

Tasman Council's Strategic Plan 2015-2025

Tasman Council's Climate Change Strategy 2020

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Signed



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General Manager

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Disclaimer

That this policy be read in conjunction with any or all other Council and/or Management Policies.

