



The Western Australian Local Government Declaration on Climate Change

The City of Joondalup acknowledges that:

- Evidence shows that climate change is occurring.
- Climate change will continue to have significant effects on the Western Australian environment, society and economy, and the Local Government sector.
- Human behaviours, pollution and consumption patterns have both immediate and future impacts on the climate and environment.

The City of Joondalup supports the:

- Environmental, social and economic benefits of addressing climate change immediately.
- Opportunity for Local Government to demonstrate leadership in climate change management at a community level.
- Development of equitable and implementable State and Commonwealth strategies for climate change management.

The City of Joondalup commits from date of signing to:

- Set an appropriate emission reduction target and work toward its achievement.
- Work with State and Federal Government to ensure achievement of greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets as set out in key National and International agreements.
- Work with State and Federal Government to implement key actions and activities for climate change management at a local level.
- Assess the regionally specific risks associated with climate change and implications for Local Government services, and identify areas where appropriate mitigation and/or adaptation strategies should be applied.
- Develop a Climate Change Strategy for climate change actions across all Local Government functions, with a focus on the five year future.

- Ensure that, at appropriate review intervals, the strategic plan and policies for the City are reviewed and amended to reflect climate change management priorities and emissions reduction targets.
- Encourage and empower the local community and local businesses to adapt to the impacts of climate change and to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.
- Monitor the progress of climate change initiatives and ensure full communication of achievements for Council and Community.

Signed:

Mayor - City of Joondalup

Date:

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President - Western Australian Local Government Association

Date: