

ITEM 19 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR MARTIN - DECLARATION OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Councillor Martin has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that –

- 1 Council recognises we are in a state of climate emergency that requires urgent action by all levels of government.
- 2 A report or briefing be provided that includes options to best articulate how Council’s actions to combat climate change can be explained and promoted to local residents, businesses, government agencies and other stakeholders.
- 3 That the report or briefing above include, but not be limited to -
 - a Exploring the production of a ‘state of the environment’ type report that details actions council is presently undertaking or has plans or budgets for, in climate change mitigation and environmental protection
 - b Updating Council’s progress in responding to obligations under the Global Covenant of Mayors
 - c Describing how residents businesses, government agencies and other agencies will be engaged within the Global Covenant of Mayors
 - d Investigating an annual public event to help promote a-c above.
 - e Identifying options to seek ideas, project opportunities and potential partnerships to reduce the impacts of climate change on our community.
 - f Investigating cost effective local power generation, water and energy saving initiatives, waste reduction strategies and projects (perhaps through the Joint Organisation of councils) as a response to obligations under the Global Covenant of Mayors.”

Background provided by Councillor Martin:

As community leaders in our city, we have to admit the potential severity of the impacts of climate change on the Earth, and seek to implement changes to protect the future of our communities, and our natural and built environments and eco systems.

Our City of Wollongong is uniquely placed to work with our university, TAFE and local schools, motivated communities, industries and organisations to encourage and investigate real programs that reduce our impact on our local environmental footprint.