



Wollongong City Council

CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE

*Working together to
reduce our emissions*



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Joined in 2017

What's been done so far?

In August 2017, Wollongong City Council joined the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) – an international coalition of cities and local governments. Since then we have completed an inventory of the city's emission sources and set emission reduction targets for the community and Council's own operations. Council has declared a climate emergency which requires urgent action from all levels of government. We have also joined the Cities Power Partnership (CPP).



Emissions Inventory for Wollongong LGA

What's next?

Under the GCoM initiative, we are demonstrating our commitment to achieving the emission reduction targets by adopting an interim Climate Change Mitigation Action Plan by August 2020. The interim plan will allow us to investigate and pilot actions to inform a longer-term plan.

The interim plan will focus on:

- Key projects to reduce Council's emissions
- Partnerships with government, business, industry and community groups
- Research and pilot projects within our community
- Regular re-inventories of Council and community emissions to track our progress



Climate Emergency Declaration

A review of our Environmental Sustainability Strategy, which relates to broader sustainability initiatives and actions, will run in parallel to the adoption of the interim Climate Change Mitigation Action Plan.

Public consultation on both these important documents is expected to occur in May 2020.



Online headquarters Forum for Public Submissions



Adopted net zero emissions by 2030 for Council operations



Adopted net zero emissions by 2050 for Community



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Council will also prepare a Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan that will identify and analyse our risks and vulnerability to climate change and prescribe actions to help us adjust and cope with the inevitable impacts. In addition, we will select five action pledges under the Cities Power Partnership program to tackle climate change in the areas of either energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable transport, working together or influencing. These pledges will form part of our action plans.



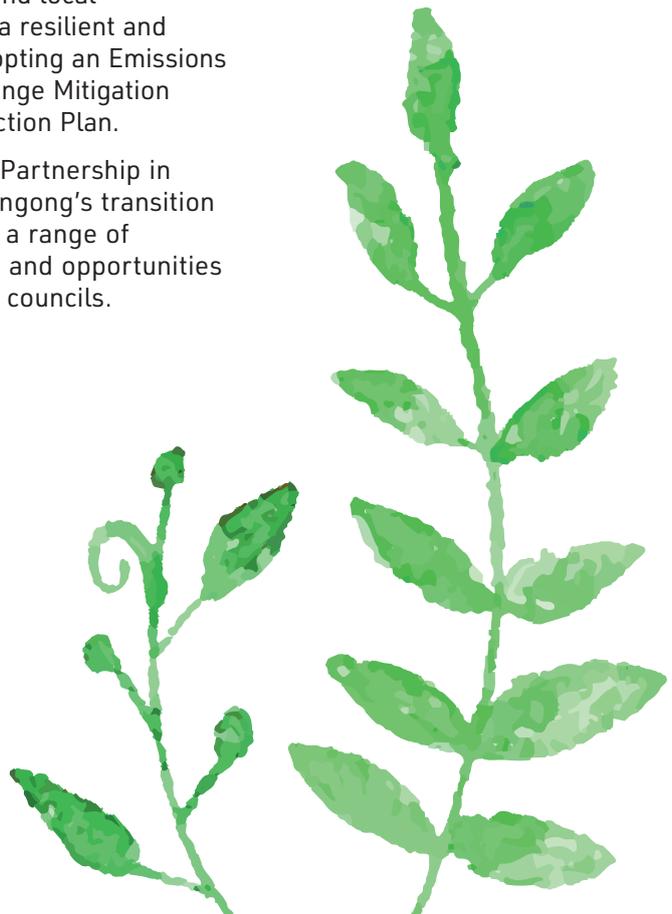
What does a climate emergency mean?

Council is now one of 94 councils across Australia to declare a climate emergency. This means that we recognise urgent action is required from all levels of government to address and combat climate change.

Global Covenant of Mayors and Cities Power Partnership

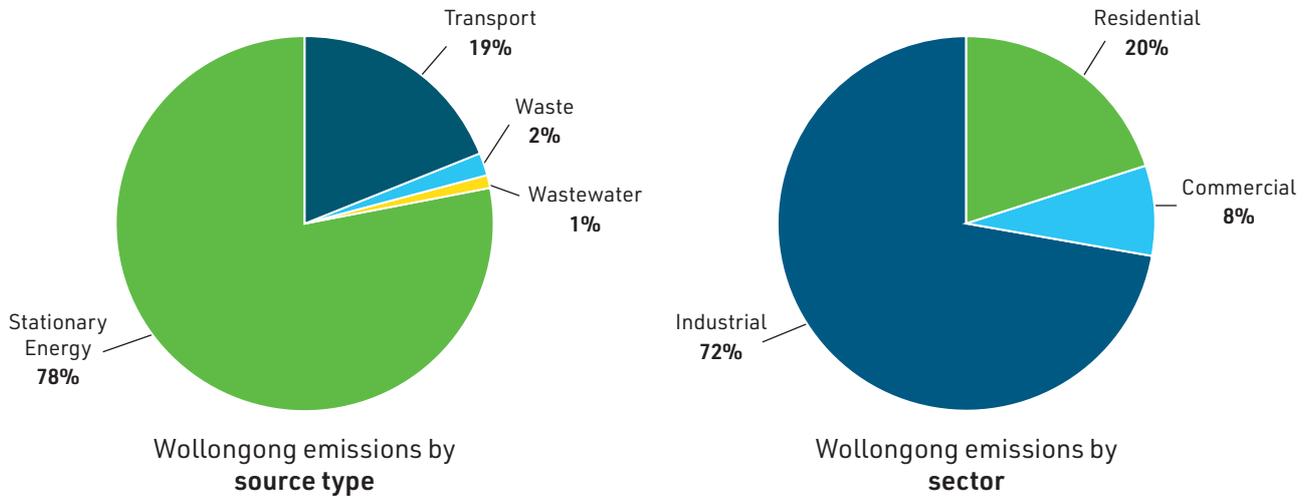
The Global Covenant of Mayors commits cities and local governments to a series of activities to achieve a resilient and low-emission society. These actions include adopting an Emissions Reduction Target, and developing a Climate Change Mitigation Action Plan and a Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan.

Council became a member of the Cities Power Partnership in January 2020. This program will support Wollongong's transition to a clean energy future by providing access to a range of resources to help evaluate and monitor actions and opportunities to collaborate and share knowledge with other councils.



What is our emissions inventory?

Our inventory details the sources of emissions and their percentage contribution to the total emissions from the city – see below.



Stationary energy emissions are those that are produced from the burning of fossil fuels for energy production, transformation and supply such as electricity generation and mining, residential and commercial buildings, and manufacturing and construction.

What can you do to help?

Council will be publicly exhibiting the draft interim Climate Change Mitigation Action Plan and draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy in the coming months. We welcome your feedback during the exhibition period to help us finalise and implement an effective plan. In the meantime, you can access information from a range of sources on our website on how you can be more sustainable and contribute to a low carbon city.

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