



Australia Pacific

Climate Emergency Declaration Letter/Email to Council

[Council Address]

[Date]

Dear Councillor/Mayor [Name]

I am writing to call upon [name of Council] to declare a climate emergency, and introduce an urgent program to commit to powering the council's operations with renewable energy and developing a longer-term zero-carbon plan.

We are facing a climate and ecological catastrophe. Leading scientists have warned that we have less than 12 years to take emergency action on climate change, or we face the gravest threats to our local and global environment. The climate crisis is already all around us and is impacting our country in so many ways - more frequent and intense extreme weather events like droughts, bushfires & floods, species extinction, deadly air pollution, and a reef on life support.

This is an emergency and the time to act is now.

Restoring our climate is still possible with ambitious action from local authorities, national and regional governments, civil society, the private sector and local communities. Globally, several hundred cities/councils have already declared climate emergencies, and they are making an important and vital contribution to addressing the climate crisis. Bold local government climate action can deliver new green jobs and economic benefits, preserve wildlife and habitats, and improve life for people in our community.

Not only that, by declaring a climate emergency, [Council] will show leadership to state and federal governments while sending a message to your constituents about the seriousness of the climate crisis.

Please see attached a template climate emergency motion for [Council] and a list of suggested policies to assist you in developing your climate emergency plan.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

[Name]

[Address]