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WORKING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT DECLARATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

This Declaration was made by the City of Busselton.
It recognises the significance of Climate Change and the City's commitment to address it and its impacts.

THE CITY OF BUSSELTON 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 BUSSELTON 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 BUSSELTON COMMITS FROM DATE OF SIGNING TO:

- Set an appropriate, individual Local Government emissions 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 an internal Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) for climate change actions across all Local Government functions, with a focus on the two, five and ten year future.
- Ensure that, at appropriate review intervals, the strategic plan and policies for the Local Government 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: 
City of Busselton Mayor Grant Henley

DATE: 30/7/2020

SIGNED: 

Western Australia Local Government Association President, Mayor Tracey Roberts JP

DATE: 15/7/2020