

**Climate Change Candidate Survey and Statement
Local Government Elections 2008**

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My responses in **bold**

I believe that climate change is a real and serious threat to our environment, our economy and our society. I believe that all levels of government, business and the community must take urgent action to immediately reduce emissions and help stop dangerous climate change.

Agree Disagree

If elected, I commit to playing my role in ensuring my Local Government:

1. Understands and promote to residents and businesses the likely local impacts of climate change for our community

Agree Disagree

2. Develop a Climate Change Impacts Response Program to ensure adequate and timely responses to local climate change impacts (i.e. heat wave and flooding events)

Agree Disagree **Needs further thought**

3. Support local climate action groups and active citizens to engage local residents and businesses to take action against climate change.

Agree Disagree

4. Host or support community purchasing programs for bulk buying of energy efficiency or renewable energy products eg. Solar panels and solar water heaters

Agree Disagree

5. Supports lobbying of State and Federal Governments to:

a. Increase and improve their policy responses to climate change in order to urgently reduce greenhouse gas emissions

b. Extend their funding of education on the causes of climate change and the local, national and global impacts of climate change for local communities

Agree Disagree

6. Develop and/or update a Sustainable Transport Plan to help the local community reduce their emissions from transport and cope with climate change

Agree Disagree

7. Improve local community access to sustainable transport options with funding from all levels of Government.

Agree Disagree

8. Promote and support local community renewable energy schemes (eg wind, solar).

Agree Disagree

9. Achieve zero net emissions from Local Government buildings by 2020

Agree Disagree

10. Require Local Government operations (eg parks and gardens, cleaning, and whether internal or by tender) to identify climate change mitigation measures and targets by 2012.

Agree Disagree **Needs further thought**

11. Develop and implement a carbon neutral plan for my local council and our operations to achieve carbon neutrality by 2020.

Agree Disagree

12. Develop and implement a carbon neutral plan for our local community to achieve carbon neutrality by 2020.

Agree Disagree

Nb I think my record of action to date probably carries more weight than promises of future action. Specific related policies for next 4 years are on campaign website:

www.centralvic.net/mtalexgreens

Actions on Council over the last 3 years:

- my Notice of Motion Nov 2006 which initiated Council's commitment to 30% reduction in Greenhouse Gas emissions – for Council operations and community – by 2010. Subsequent Greenhouse Action Plan update has identified strategies for achieving this.
- 3 years on board of Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance, helping bring Castlemaine 500 program to this Shire, Solar Cities to the region, Reach for Renewables projec and other regional initiatives
- Steering Committee of Castlemaine 500
- Initiated doubling of recycling bin collections [reduces emissons from waste & manufacturing from raw materials]

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