

**Council Member**  
Councillor Simms

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**Receiving Officer:**  
Mark Goldstone, Chief Executive  
Officer

## MOTION ON NOTICE:

**Councillor Simms will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:**

'That Council:

- (1) Recognises that:
  - the City of Adelaide has been taking action to respond to climate change for over 20 years, through reducing our own emissions and supporting our community to reduce their emissions and become 'climate ready';
  - Adelaide is experiencing extreme temperatures and recently endured its hottest day on record, the hottest decade on record and more days exceeding extreme temperatures than any other major city in Australia;
  - in January 2019, the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Executive Geoff Summerhayes warned that addressing climate change had become a financial necessity and earlier this month the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia, Guy Debelle, warned of the potential for climate change to cause a shock to the Australian economy;
  - we are facing a climate emergency that represents a serious threat to our wellbeing, economy, built infrastructure, services, water supplies, environment, and reputation as a liveable city.
- (2) Supports Administration's continued delivery of programs (as part of the 2019-2020 budget) that support our community in taking urgent action to further reduce Adelaide's emissions.
- (3) Investigates new opportunities beyond the current budget cycle, to ensure Adelaide is climate ready and heat prepared, including improving water resilience and ensuring an equitable distribution of greening in city streets.
- (4) Requests that at the next meeting of the Capital City Committee, the Lord Mayor raise the opportunity with the State Government to work together to electrify our passenger vehicle fleets and decarbonise the Free City Connector bus service to improve the health and amenity of the community and reduce carbon emissions.'

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## ADMINISTRATION COMMENT:

1. The City of Adelaide (CoA) is committed to responding to climate change and positioning the city and community to be 'climate ready'.
2. The CoA has long been a leader on taking positive action in relation to climate change and we are committed to becoming a carbon neutral organisation by 2020. Our progress towards 'carbon neutral' certification has been a 20-year journey.

3. Our own carbon emissions have been reduced through the integration of energy efficiency and the installation of renewable energy. This has been funded by CoA's Climate Change Action Initiatives Fund (CCAIF) for over 10 years.
4. The CCAIF is part of the Integrated Business Plan and annually funds programs that reduce city and corporate carbon emissions and support our community to become climate ready.
5. We are working collaboratively through Resilient East (a partnership of eight eastern councils) on a regional approach to urban heat mapping, greening and water sensitive urban design, and are implementing projects across the city (eg City West Quiet Way project).
6. City carbon emissions associated with transport have been increasing. We have been identifying opportunities to reduce emissions associated with our vehicle fleet through the Zero and Low Emissions Vehicle Procurement Plan and the installation of charging infrastructure in the City.
7. We continue to work with Fleet SA to support integration of electric vehicles into the government fleet, including through use of off-street electric vehicle charging in our UParks.

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