

Adaptive and Resilient City

Council can play a crucial role in leading decarbonisation, funding resilience activities and ensuring that all members of our diverse community can enjoy a safe and liveable future.

The climate emergency impacts everyone, not just homeowners; all Council initiatives must consider equity so no one is left behind.

- Integrate **coastal hazard and flood risk assessment** into the planning scheme and infrastructure investment
- Integrate **active transport, local community facilities and tree canopy** into urban renewal projects
- Reduce car dependence by **improving public transport, walking and bike riding routes**
- Invest Council money ethically, divesting from **fossil fuels, gambling, and tobacco**
- Consider **climate impact** in all procurement and purchasing

**VOTE
CLIMATE
ACTION**

The October Council elections are a critical moment for Port Phillip.

Since 2020, out of touch councillors have held back climate action, ignoring present and future climate impacts.

When you vote, remember that the Liberal and Residents of Port Phillip councillors have voted against or abstained from every substantial climate motion in the last four years.

This October, look for candidates who display the PECAN Climate Pledge.



About PECAN

PECAN's network of environment groups connect with community and Council to drive action on the climate emergency.

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**Change our
Council
Change our
Future**

As climate change impacts accelerate, some councillors are putting the brakes on action to tackle the climate emergency!



We call on all candidates to pledge their support for strong climate action.

Mobilise Our Community

Our whole community must act on climate change, including businesses, industry, and residents, not just Council.

We call on Port Phillip council to inform, enable and involve our enthusiastic and capable local community:

- Establish a representative **Community Reference Group** to inform and advise Council on climate and social issues
- Establish a **Community Energy Grants Program**, targeting solar panel installation and household electrification
- Produce **quarterly reports** on Council's climate initiatives
- **Fund the EcoCentre to support community education** and collaborate on Council initiatives

These commitments foster community ownership in tackling the climate emergency and ensure regular updates on climate actions.

Green, Cool and Liveable

Port Phillip's tree canopy is a vital tool in mitigation and adaptation, and delivers massive benefits across health, climate and amenity:

- **Accelerate tree planting** to reduce the urban heat effect
- Use a data-driven approach to **prioritise areas of greatest need**
- Facilitate **community planting** on private and public land
- Require **deep soil zones and tree planting** on new developments
- Implement a tree register to **protect significant trees**
- Increase public parks to ensure **equitable access to open space**

Water-Sensitive City

As climate impacts and rainfall extremes amplify, Port Phillip must better manage water to adapt to drought, sea level rise and flooding:

- Reduce mains water use through **stormwater harvesting** projects
- Implement **catchment-based water management** strategies
- Expand **permeable surfaces** to reduce water run-off

Eliminate Emissions

Decarbonisation requires action from each sector of Port Phillip:

- Broker **power purchase agreements** for residential, commercial and industry sectors
- Accelerate the transition to electric vehicles by facilitating **public and private EV charging**
- Reduce committed emissions through zero carbon **standards for new building developments**
- **Electrify Council fleet** with all new Council vehicles 100% electric
- **Install solar panels on Council buildings** to achieve 100% local electricity generation
- Develop a **community battery program** to harness off-grid solar
- **Decommission gas connections** in Council buildings

Reduce Waste

To achieve waste reduction targets, we call on Council to:

- Support businesses to **adopt circular economy practices**
- **Reduce waste to landfill by 75%** via FOGO diversion, container deposit location expansion and education