

# Climate Emergency Australia

## **Prospectus 2024-2025**

Join a network of Australian councils that are responding to the climate emergency

# What is Climate Emergency Australia?

Climate Emergency Australia is a network of Australian councils that have declared, recognised or acknowledged the climate emergency.

Over sixty councils came together in February 2020 and resolved to form this nationwide network.

We are overseen by an Executive made up of senior representatives from five member councils.

More than one hundred councils around Australia have now declared or recognised the climate emergency.

Together, these councils represent more than 11.4 million Australians calling for a rapid shift to a more resilient, zero-carbon society.

Climate Emergency Australia advocates on behalf of our members to other levels of government to respond to the Climate Emergency.

We are building the capacity of Australian councils to respond to the climate emergency.

Find out more about **Climate Emergency Australia**.

## What are the benefits of becoming a member of Climate Emergency Australia (CEA)?

### Collaborate with councils around Australia

- Join CEA's Basecamp, an interactive online forum where over 400 council officers from around Australia share their ideas, experiences and skills with each other. It's a supportive and collaborative space and connects councils all around the country.
- Attend our webinars with relevant and insightful expert speakers, and our live discussion forums, a real-time opportunity to connect with other councils and talk peer-to-peer about the burning topics of creating a real climate emergency response.
- Join a working group on a particular topic of interest.

### Build your council's capacity to respond to the Climate Emergency

Our webinars, training sessions and discussion forums are focussed specifically on the challenges and opportunities facing councils that are responding to the climate emergency. No council needs to start from scratch. Tap into the wealth of knowledge and resources of councils around Australia who are learning together.

- Access a range of resources and templates collected by CEA and our member councils to enable all Australian councils to better respond to the climate emergency.
- Attend or access recordings of webinars targeted to the needs of councils around the country who are responding to the climate emergency. [Popular webinars so far](#) have included topics like climate and community wellbeing, community mobilisation, getting off gas, best practice in climate emergency planning and preparing for and dealing with climate impacts.
- Join our training programs or adapt our training materials for your organisation and learn from other councils' training initiatives.

## Join the voice of local government in the Climate Emergency

- Your council will be represented in advocacy initiatives, particularly to the federal government. CEA brings a particular Climate Emergency focus to advocacy.
- CEA also works with broader alliances. We were, for example, part of the alliance that successfully advocated for changes to the National Construction Code to include stronger energy performance standards for new homes in 2022.
- Your council can nominate to be represented on the CEA Executive to influence the direction of Climate Emergency Australia.

## Support CEA

- Your council can proudly call themselves a member of Climate Emergency Australia.
- The more members we have, the stronger we are. By adding your voice to Climate Emergency Australia you increase our collective voice.
- Climate Emergency Australia is an independent body that does not currently receive funding from states or the federal government. We are entirely reliant on contributions from our members to keep operating.
- The more member contributions we receive, the more advocacy and capacity-building we can do.

## Who can join CEA?

- Any council in Australia that has declared and paid a membership fee is automatically a member.
- Any council in Australia that is responding to the climate emergency but hasn't yet formally declared is welcome to apply for membership (to be granted at the discretion of the Executive).
- If your council isn't ready to join as a member, as a council employee or councillor, you can join as an individual member for your own professional development and networking – contact us to find out more.

## What does it cost to become a member of CEA?

Membership tier	Population/ considerations	2024-2025 membership fee
Small councils	<100,000 people	Minimum \$1,224 (+ GST)
Large councils	>100,000 people	Minimum \$3,570 (+ GST)
Other councils	Councils with very small rates bases*	<\$1,224 on application
	Councils with large rates bases**	>\$3,570

\* Very small councils can request a reduction in fees, to be considered by the CEA Executive Committee.

\*\* Some councils opt to contribute more than the minimum fees to support CEA's establishment and ongoing operation. We encourage councils with large rates bases to consider this as a way to support CEA, and to increase the services we can provide to all councils, big and small.

## Hosting of Climate Emergency Australia

Climate Emergency Australia is hosted by Hume City Council in the northern suburbs of Melbourne, Victoria.

To provide funding continuity for staff employment (currently one part-time staff member), and for implementation of the CEA work plan, we ask Councils to commit to funding by Friday 26 April 2023 if possible.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets out the roles and expectations of the host council and member councils. The term of the current MOU is from July 2023 to June 2026. Signing of the MOU is not required of member councils and does not commit members to ongoing fees. Fees are invoiced annually upon provision of a purchase order.

## Contact and more information

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