

External Submissions Summary

The following submissions were received by Council in October 2020, in anticipation of the Notice of Motion to declare a climate emergency at the 21 October 2020 Ordinary Council meeting.

Climate Emergency Declaration		Issue
1.	Rhiannon Calvert	Implore Council to not delay any further a Declaration of a Climate Emergency
	Response/ Comment:	Noted
2.	Stephen Healy	Recognising that in the current emergency (pandemic) the greater climate emergency is largely being ignored and requesting consideration be given to the Climate Emergency Declaration to ensure sufficient resourcing and planning is given to deal with the impacts of climate change
	Response/ Comment:	Noted
3.	Emilie Lapointe	Concerned about the lack of action by Council and government on climate change. Requests Council to not delay any further a Declaration of a Climate Emergency
	Response/ Comment:	Noted
4.	Bryony Anderson	Urges Council to declare a Climate Emergency before the end of 2020. Concerned about the mental health of our young people and the lack of hope for their future.
	Response/ Comment:	Noted
5.	Ed Coleman	Urges Council to take action to reduce environmental degradation by declaring a Climate Emergency
	Response/ Comment:	Noted

6.	Ali Bigg	Urges Council to be at the forefront of climate action, recognising the science, the urgency, and the economic gains to be had from being proactive and a leader in adapting our activities and lifestyles to suit by supporting the community to adapt to climate change and declaring a Climate Emergency
	Response/ Comment:	Noted
7.	Jake Wadsworth	Encourages Council to be the strong leaders our community needs, by declaring a climate emergency in 2020. I ask you to make a Climate Emergency Declaration this year (2020). If this is not going to be possible, asks Council to make a statement that is informed by facts, explaining why this will not be done
	Response/ Comment:	Noted
8.	John and Sarah Manderson	Urges Council to be part of the leading group to recognise the urgency of action required to address the dire situation developing across our planet by declaring a Climate Emergency.
	Response/ Comment:	Noted
9.	Peter Michael	Requests Council to declare a Climate Emergency which would send a strong and decisive leadership message to the community that Council acknowledges the seriousness of the imminent threat that anthropogenic climate change places on our lives.
	Response/ Comment:	Noted
10.	Jacqui Murray	Asks that Council prepare a Climate Emergency Declaration before the end of 2020 as a way of making the right choice for our children.
	Response/ Comment:	Noted
11.	Janet Dawson	Suggests that Council not delay a Climate Emergency Declaration any longer - that Council possesses all the information it needs to take this action.

	Response/ Comment:	Noted
12.	Chay Khamsonne	Implores Council to move forward - as soon as possible - with a Climate Emergency Declaration, so that all areas of Council business are as prepared and robust as possible. Gives evidence of 96 other Councils who have taken this step.
	Response/ Comment:	Noted
13.	Jane Moye	Asks Council to declare a climate emergency. Suggests that taking action on climate change makes good economic sense as well as improving the resilience of the community to withstand climate impacts.
	Response/ Comment:	Noted
14.	Doctors for the Environment Australia (118 signatories)	Open letter indicating strong community support for emergency action to address climate change, and the considerable human resources which have been made available to our community through the commitment of the signatories to support and invest in local mitigation, adaptation, resilience and sustainability strategies.
	Response/ Comment:	Noted
15.	Kathryn Khansome	Urges Council to declare a Climate Emergency immediately, as the MidCoast Council has done, so that communities can be better protected from future catastrophic events. Recognising that young people want to be involved in future climate action
	Response/ Comment:	Noted
16.	Anna Jane Linke	Outlines that we need to put in place structures to ensure that the Port Macquarie region stays resilient and connected through the coming years and suggests that this starts with leadership from the council and

		therefore requests Council to not delay any further a Declaration of a Climate Emergency.
	Response/ Comment:	Noted
17.	Stuart Watson	Urges Council to not delay any further a Declaration of a Climate Emergency.
	Response/ Comment:	Noted
18.	Rhiannon Simmonds	Urges Council to not delay any further a Declaration of a Climate Emergency
	Response/ Comment:	Noted
19.	Val Mudford	Implores Council to not delay any further a Declaration of a Climate Emergency
	Response/ Comment:	Noted
20.	Sarah Mollard for Hastings Parents for the Environment	<p>Requests Council to immediately declare a Climate Emergency and undertake the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perform baseline climate related risk and opportunity assessments 2. Develop goals and targets for action 3. Urgently develop and implement a Climate Emergency Plan that systemically addresses the risks identified by the assessment process through a rational and strategic allocation of resources, in consultation with the community. 4. Evaluation of the implementation and outcomes of the Climate Emergency Plan against the set targets to ensure that Council expenditure is effective and accountable, and to identify systemic and other barriers to solutions so that these can be addressed transparently and proactively.

		An explanatory discussion paper also attached describing the implications of a Climate Emergency in particular its use as a way to educate and mobilise the wider community.
	Response/ Comment:	Noted. Points 1 to 4 described in the submission will be incorporated into the proposed Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan and Climate Change Policy
21.	Sybil Juzwiak	Implores Council to declare a Climate Emergency supported by action.
	Response/ Comment	Noted.
22.	Rachel Sheppard	Notes that climate change is an emergency situation that requires immediate, deep and wide-reaching action in order to avoid immediate, short and long term critical impacts to the health, safety and prosperity of our community and kids' futures which is consistent with the definition of an emergency - a situation requiring urgent action to avoid catastrophic consequences. Requests that Council note the significant representations to Council on a range of agenda items supporting acknowledgement of a climate emergency and required action. Requests that a climate emergency declaration be made before the end of 2020.
	Response/ Comment:	Noted