



NSW Mayors' Agreement on Climate Change

We acknowledge that

- Evidence shows that climate change is occurring.
- Climate change will continue to have far reaching effects on Australia's people, economy, society and environment.

We welcome the

- Social, economic and environmental benefits which come from mitigating and adapting to climate change.
- Opportunity for local government in NSW to lead the response at a local level, encouraging and helping local residents, local businesses and other organisations to reduce their energy usage and costs, to adapt to the impacts of climate change and to improve the local environment.

We commit our Council from this date 7 March 2008 to

- Establish a 2006/07 baseline of Council's greenhouse gas emissions.
- Urge the State and Federal Government to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the greenhouse gas emissions reduction target, suggested for Australia in the Kyoto Protocol, of 108% of its 1990 baseline.
- Publicly declare to our Local Government Area, with appropriate plans, strategies and policies, Council's commitment to achieve a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from our operations and to commit to set reduction targets for the next 5, 10, 20 years and beyond.
- Encourage all sectors in our local community to adapt to the impacts of climate change, to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and to make public their commitment to action.
- Monitor the progress of our plans.
- Resource climate change initiatives.
- Adopt relevant actions from the LGSA's Climate Change Action Pack which will provide Council with guidance material to assist in developing climate change policies which are informed, relevant and achievable.

Clarence Valley Council commits to setting a reduction target through participation in the ICLEI Cities for Climate Protection Program within 2 years of the date of this Agreement.

Clarence Valley Council acknowledges the increasing impact climate change will have on our community in the mid to long term future and commits to tackling the causes and effects of changing climate in our Local Government Area.

Signed – Ian Tiley
Mayor

Signed - Cr Genia McCaffery
President LGA

Signed - Cr Bruce Miller
President Shires