



Policy Title	Climate Change
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1. STRATEGIC PURPOSE

Snowy Valley's Council (Council) understands that there is a fine line between the offerings of the natural environment and ensuring it is protected and conserved. Council initiatives can draw attention to steps which will create an environmentally sustainable future for the region, ensuring the local wildlife and ecosystems are supported to survive.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

Council welcomes the social, economic and environmental benefits which come from mitigating and adapting climate change.

The opportunity to lead the response at the local level, encouraging and helping local residents, businesses and other organisations to reduce their energy usage, to adapt to the impacts of climate change and to improve the local environment

3. DEFINITIONS

Climate change - Long-term significant change in the "average weather" of a region or the earth as a whole. Average weather may include average temperature, precipitation and wind patterns

4. CONTENT

Council acknowledges that scientific evidence shows human activities have caused substantial global warming and continued growth in greenhouse emissions will lead to high risks of dangerous climate change. Climate change will far reaching effects on Australia's people, economy, society and the environment

Council commits to:

- Tackling the causes and effects of changing climate
- Establish a base line of Council's greenhouse gas emissions
- Strive to meet or beat emission targets set by the Federal Government, in our operations.
- Urge the State and Federal Governments to enact policies and programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to acceptable levels.
- Publicly declare to our community, with appropriate strategies, Councils commitment to achieve a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from our operations and to commit to set reduction targets.
- Encourage all sectors of our community to adapt to the impacts of climate change, to achieve a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and to make public their commitment to action.
- Monitor the progress of our strategies.
- Resource climate change initiatives

5. ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION

Nil

6. ASSOCIATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Tumut Shire Council Climate Change Action Plan – Corp Plan02 Approved 24th March 2009
Review 1st March 2013

7. HISTORY

Date	Action	Name	Policy Number	Resolution Date	Resolution Number
	Superseded	Climate Change Policy (Former Tumut Policy)	ENV.06		