

2023 LGAQ Annual Conference – Motions template

<p>Title of motion (required)</p>	<p>Climate Change Funding</p>
<p>Motion (required)</p>	<p>The LGAQ calls on the State Government to provide local government funding to supplement operational and capital expenses associated with climate adaptation and carbon offset mitigation strategies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move towards net zero emissions • Minimise the impacts of climate change in our communities • Minimise and offset emissions across Council operations.
<p>What is the desired outcome sought? 200 word limit</p>	<p>Local governments have access to funding that supports them as community leaders in climate adaptation, mitigation and carbon offset and minimisation.</p>
<p>Background (required) 350 word limit Placeholder text – further explain the motion and illustrate the issue/s which need to be addressed state wide,</p>	<p>Australia is experiencing the impacts of climate change with warming temperatures, increases in the intensity of rainfall, extreme fire events and fire weather, rising sea levels, and increases in coastal erosion and inundation, with further changes projected. <i>(source: <u>CSIRO's State of the Climate Report</u>)</i></p> <p>The Queensland Government's introduction of climate change targets commit's the State to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% renewable energy by 2030 • 30% emissions reduction below 2005 levels by 2030 • 70% renewable energy by 2032 • 80% renewable energy by 2035 • Zero net emissions by 2050 <p>Local governments have a responsibility and play an important role in the State and Nation's response to climate change. Local Governments are best placed to lead the way for local responses in reducing and offsetting emissions, leading to global impacts.</p> <p>A dedicated source of finance is required to fund initiatives that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan and deliver projects and actions that lower Council's own carbon footprint and that of their communities'

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports Council's to embed climate risk management across the business • Lower carbon footprint and emissions, including reporting and monitoring.
<p>Case study/ Example (optional) 350 word limit Please include any relevant local case studies or examples to support this motion that effectively demonstrate and communicate the importance of the matter.</p>	<p>Examples of projects that support Council's to reduce their emissions may include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transitioning fleet, plant and equipment to renewable energy sources e.g., electric vehicles and hydrogen powered plant • Converting streetlighting to solar or LED • Utilising solar or other renewable energies to power Council assets • Power purchase agreement and renewable energy supply agreements • Upgrades to infrastructure for optimised asset performance, reducing emissions and impacts to the environment • Funding for local government roles to lead and manage actions and projects for Councils e.g. Sustainability or Net Zero Officers. <p>The impacts of climate change, if not addressed, will have major detrimental effects to local governments' day to day operations and service delivery. For example, the increase in frequency and severity of weather events can be expected to increase insurance costs for councils until assets are not insurable at all. Recovery and replacement costs will come at a cost to State and/or Federal Governments via Disaster Recovery efforts and to rate payers. Alternatively, recovery or replacements may not be undertaken.</p> <p>Funding to support council's expenses in implementing climate adaptation and carbon mitigation initiatives directly aligns with the federal and state government emission targets.</p> <p>Emissions reducing projects, transitions and upgrades offer councils an opportunity to reinvest saved funds into their climate adaptation journey, for the longer term. State Government funding would enable these initial efficiencies to be realised.</p>