



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

MAYORAL REPORT

12th June 2007

MM3	CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENT
	FILE: 579 EAG {Folio No. *}

SUMMARY:

Report on becoming signatories to the NSW Mayor's Agreement on Climate Change

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DESCRIPTION:

We have received an invitation from the LGSA to become signatories to the NSW Mayor's Agreement on Climate Change. This proposal arises from motions passed at the 2006 Local Government Annual Conference to:-

"NSW Mayors support the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (Kyoto Protocol) targets and agree to;

- *Strive to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol targets in their own operations, activities and communities, through actions ranging from anti-sprawl, land use policies to urban forest restoration projects to information campaigns.*
- *Urge the State and Federal Government to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the greenhouse gas emission reduction target, suggested for Australia in the Kyoto Protocol, of 108% of its 1990 baseline; and*
- *Urge the Federal Government and the Federal Opposition to build on the Prime Minister's commitment to developing and investing funding in programs to meet the target Australia agreed to at Kyoto in 1997 by now formally ratifying the Kyoto Protocol and that target."*

This project is supported by several environmental groups listed in the letter.

The proposal is that Council may sign now or wait until the release of the Climate Change Action pack is released in August 2007.

As part of the proposal is the reduction in our (Council's) greenhouse gas emissions, the extent of which is possible in our shire at the present time.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- **Environmental:**

Nil

- **Social:**

Nil

- **Economic (Financial):**

Nil

- **Policy or Statutory:**

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council's decision.

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MAYOR