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City signs declaration on climate change

The City of Nedlands has taken up the opportunity to sign up to a Local Government Climate Change Declaration. This declaration demonstrates a political commitment to locally appropriate climate change management and to participate in a sector wide leadership approach.

By signing the declaration, the City commits to set an appropriate greenhouse gas emissions reduction target and work towards achieving this. To reach this target local council will work directly with state and federal government. It seeks to implement key actions and activities for climate change management at a local level.

The City will endeavour to assess any specific risks associated with climate change and identify appropriate mitigation strategies. An internal Climate Change Action Plan is to be developed across all local government functions and progress will be monitored. It will also encourage local businesses to adapt to the impacts of climate change as well as communities.

The City of Nedlands acknowledges that climate change is occurring and will continue to have a significant effect on the nation, economy and also the Local Government sector.

By signing the declaration the City supports the environmental, social and economic benefits of addressing climate change. There is an opportunity for Local Government to demonstrate a strong leadership in climate change management at a community level.

Mayor Hipkins said, “the City of Nedlands recognises that climate change is real, as demonstrated by the increased frequency of severe storm events, which has forced the city to re-evaluate the adequacy of its drainage after localised flooding.”

The City of Nedlands commits from date of signing to continue into the future by working with all levels of government. It will progress with climate change initiatives and ensure full communication of achievements for council and community.

Climate change is considered one of the greatest global challenges as it affects communities differently. This is a collaborative advocacy approach to meet the challenges of climate change.

The declaration outlines acceptance that climate change exists and that local government has a responsibility in addressing the causes and impacts of climate change.

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