
16 NOTICE OF MOTION NO. – 1048 CR SCHILLING

That Council resolves to:

- Note that the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council (May 2019) and the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly (June 2019) have both declared a climate emergency;
- Declare a climate emergency, in response to the overwhelming climate science which indicates rising global temperatures are putting our local economy, people, species, and ecosystems at risk.
- Give priority to policy and actions that will provide for both mitigation and adaptation in response to accelerating global warming and climate change.
- Ensure climate change adaptation and mitigation are emphasised as a key priority in the 2021-2025 council plan.
- Investigate the financial viability of divestment within council financing, with the aim to move away from financial institutions, which fund the fossil fuel industry.
- Fund a climate change action plan in the 2020-2021 budget cycle, with a focus on climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- Investigate the cost effectiveness in purchasing “green energy”.
- Acknowledge the work Cardinia Shire Council has already done in the move to a zero carbon operational target, with a planned 36% reduction in community emissions.