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Thank You for Your Support

From the Climate Council's very first day, when we relaunched with Australia's largest ever crowdfunder, we have been powered by our amazing community of supporters - people like you who have been, and continue to be, the lifeblood of our organisation.

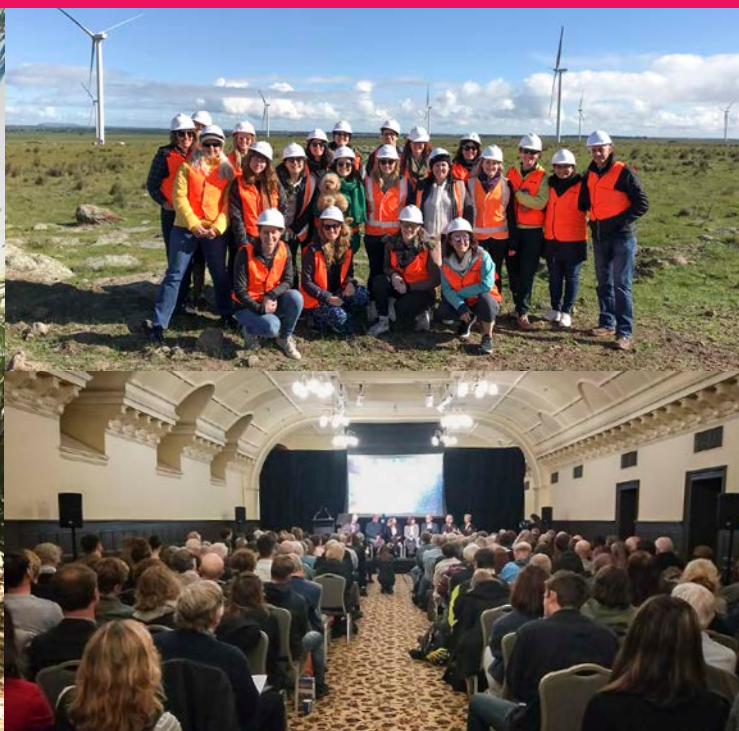
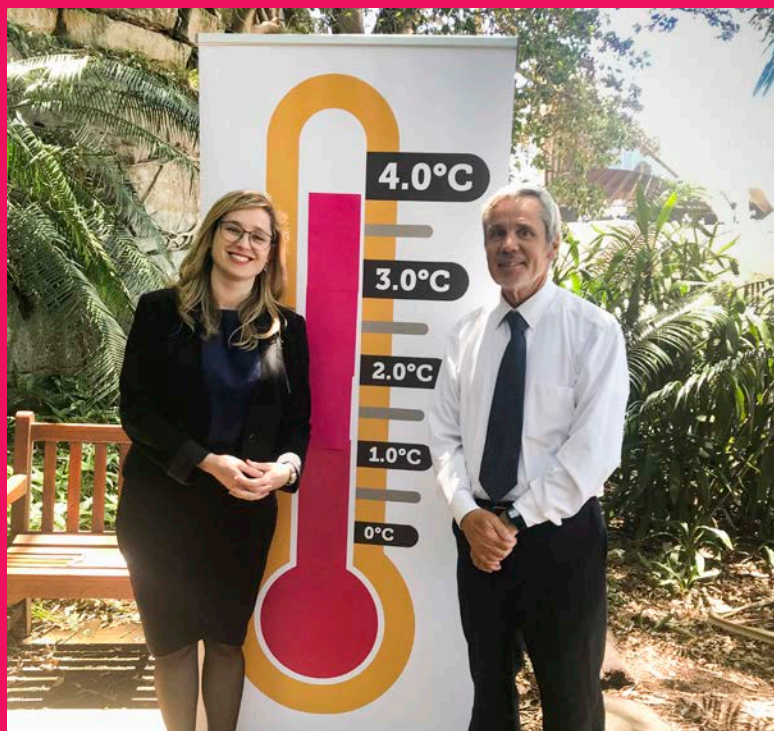
So much of our impact comes from the fact we have a whole network of people creating a groundswell of support for climate action in Australia. Our community is made up of people from all walks of life: from scientists to surgeons; educators to emergency service workers; barristers to baristas; Mums and Dads. We live right across Australia: from Gladstone to Geelong; Bondi to Bunbury;

Dubbo to Darwin. We're young and older and somewhere in between. But our diversity is our strength and helps us reach people across the spectrum.

Thank you for transforming a simple idea - to continue to provide Australians access to independent climate science and solutions information - into a reality with considerable power and influence. Your support has supercharged climate communications in Australia, transforming hearts and minds across the nation.

With the new year comes new challenges and opportunities, as we continue to promote strong action on climate so that Australia can transition to a clean, sustainable future.

Images (clockwise from left): Amanda McKenzie and Prof Will Steffen at the Critical Decade Report launch, Climate Council staff visit Mount Gellibrand Wind Farm, the Climate Council conducts a community event in Melbourne.





Gerry Hueston
Climate Council Chair

A Message from

Climate Council Chair Gerry Hueston

I am delighted to share with you the Climate Council's 2018 Annual Report.

The Climate Council has a clear mandate to provide authoritative, expert advice to the public on climate change, the solutions and international action, based on the most up-to-date science available. This framework has shaped the direction and goals of our work over the past year.

We have worked hard to achieve our vision to ensure that Australians are equipped with the facts on climate science and solutions, so we can keep pushing to create a clean and prosperous future for all. A future that is based, not on fear mongering, misinformation, and policies created on the fly to support political ends, but instead is grounded in facts, and Australia's best interests. This vision has continued to drive our staff and supporters to pursue and call for deep and meaningful action on climate change.

We're already seeing the fruit of this vision. Public support for climate change action is at an all-time high, state and territory governments across Australia are pushing for change, and we've seen the importance of local and community action. This only becomes more important as the Federal Government policy vacuum continues and the prospect of bipartisanship at a Federal level is seemingly more remote than ever. The Climate Council has continued to ensure that political leaders, key influencers, and community members alike have access to independent information on climate change and solutions.

However, as I reflect on the past year with gratitude, pride and disbelief, one thing is clear: there is so much still to be done. Solutions to accelerate, research to lead, reports to write, towns, cities and councils to partner with, media coverage to earn, a Reef to rescue, a public to engage and misinformation to expose. Most importantly, a planet and people to protect and a bright future to secure.

I would like to thank my fellow Directors, the Climate Councillors, staff, volunteers and our incredible supporter base for their dedication and commitment. I would also like to extend particular thanks to Katrina Porteus and Martin Rice, who have extremely competently taken on the role of Acting CEOs while Amanda McKenzie has been on parental leave for the first half of 2018. We look forward to Amanda's return in the coming months. It is only together that we will be able to bring about the deep reaching changes that are required to power long-term, sustainable climate action in Australia.

A Message from the CEO and Chief Councillor

As we close in on five years of the Climate Council, it's incredible to think about how what started out as crowdfunding dream, has now turned into Australia's premier climate communications organisation.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without our community who have powered us from the very start. It is this backing and support that provides us the added confidence to be audacious in our tactics, bold in our vision and courageous in demanding tangible, deep-reaching climate action.

As Australia's greenhouse gas pollution levels continue to rise, alongside the continuing lack of credible national climate policy, the Climate Council's role as a strong, independent voice on climate change remains more important than ever. In the absence of Federal Government action on climate change, state, territory and local governments, as well as Australian households and businesses, are increasingly leading the transition to a renewable powered future. And we've been celebrating and highlighting this leadership every step of the way.

Over the past financial year, the Climate Council has focused on three strategic priorities:

1. Consistently communicate the localised impacts of extreme weather events and educate Australians on how they are influenced by climate change.

Our community provides us the confidence to be audacious in our tactics, bold in our vision and courageous in demanding climate action.

2. Build a strong narrative on solutions to climate change, capturing the public's imagination on the possibilities of renewable energy and the need to rapidly transition away from fossil fuels.
3. In the absence of federal action on climate change, provide local councils and communities with the tools and skills to enact change from the bottom up.

To achieve these outcomes, we've written 94 publications, reached hundreds of millions of people through the media and worked alongside scientists, firefighters, health professionals, teachers, local governments and planners to make sure that climate change is front and centre.

The year has not been without its challenges: debate about energy policy and power prices dominated much of the year, the 2018 budget failed yet again to address climate change, the CSIRO chief ignored the scientific evidence of climate change as the biggest threat to the reef, and the Federal Government introduced a trio of new bills that threatened to undermine the ability of the Climate Council to speak out on issues internationally and hamstring our funding. Time and time again, we have mobilised rapidly and got our spokespeople out in full-force to quash misinformation and respond to myths wherever they arise.

We haven't let the naysayers dictate the narrative - we've been proactive in demonstrating that the renewables revolution is underway, continually highlighting success stories of communities, individuals, states, territories and businesses taking charge. Not only that, the Cities Power Partnership has grown to become the largest local government climate initiative in Australia, incentivising towns and cities across Australia to increase renewable energy and energy efficiency, improve transport and work collaboratively to tackle climate change.

This report provides an update on the Climate Council's important work, and the impacts that we've had over the past twelve months. We look forward to continuing to work with you to maximise our impact and ensure we keep shifting the public narrative to enable effective action on climate change in Australia and throughout the world.

Thanks for being part of the Climate Council.



Prof Tim Flannery
Chief Councillor



Amanda McKenzie
CEO

Impact Summary

While the Climate Council has been a go-to organisation on climate change and extreme weather issues for a number of years, we have now also solidified our reputation as a trusted and reliable organisation communicating on energy issues. This reputation has secured us more than 38,000 items on climate change, renewable solutions and energy, in the media, worth over \$97 million in ad coverage.

The Climate Council has consolidated its position as the number one organisation communicating on climate nationally, with more media mentions than the next four organisations combined, and boasting four of the top five climate change spokespeople (Prof Will Steffen, Amanda McKenzie, Prof Lesley Hughes & Prof Tim Flannery). When combined with our prolific social media output, this means that many, many people have heard from us many, many times, which is exactly how public opinion is shaped.

The backbone of the Climate Council's communications has continued to be the release of timely, science based publications. With 94 publications now under our belt, these have been the primary vehicle through which we have been able to educate Australians across the nation, from politicians to farmers to educators, on the science, impacts, and solutions to climate change. The reports have also formed the basis through which we have continued to brief key stakeholders.

We have seen the outcome of this consistent drumbeat of media attention, science based publications, briefings, social media output and community engagement. Over the past 12 months, public support for renewable energy and climate action has continued to climb upwards.

The Climate Council's use of a wide-range of trusted voices to communicate a resonant message consistently, repeatedly and loudly, has been a cornerstone in helping to shift public opinion across Australia. Despite the Federal Government continuing to push for coal, Australians now overwhelmingly believe that the Government should pursue renewable energy over coal, even if at a greater cost (Lowy Institute 2018). Changing Australian attitudes on climate change are reflected in polling which shows the proportion of Australians who regard climate change as a serious and pressing problem has grown significantly over the past five years (Lowy Institute 2018). The Climate Council (and previously the Climate Commission) have played a key part in these shifting attitudes, through educating the Australian public about climate change.

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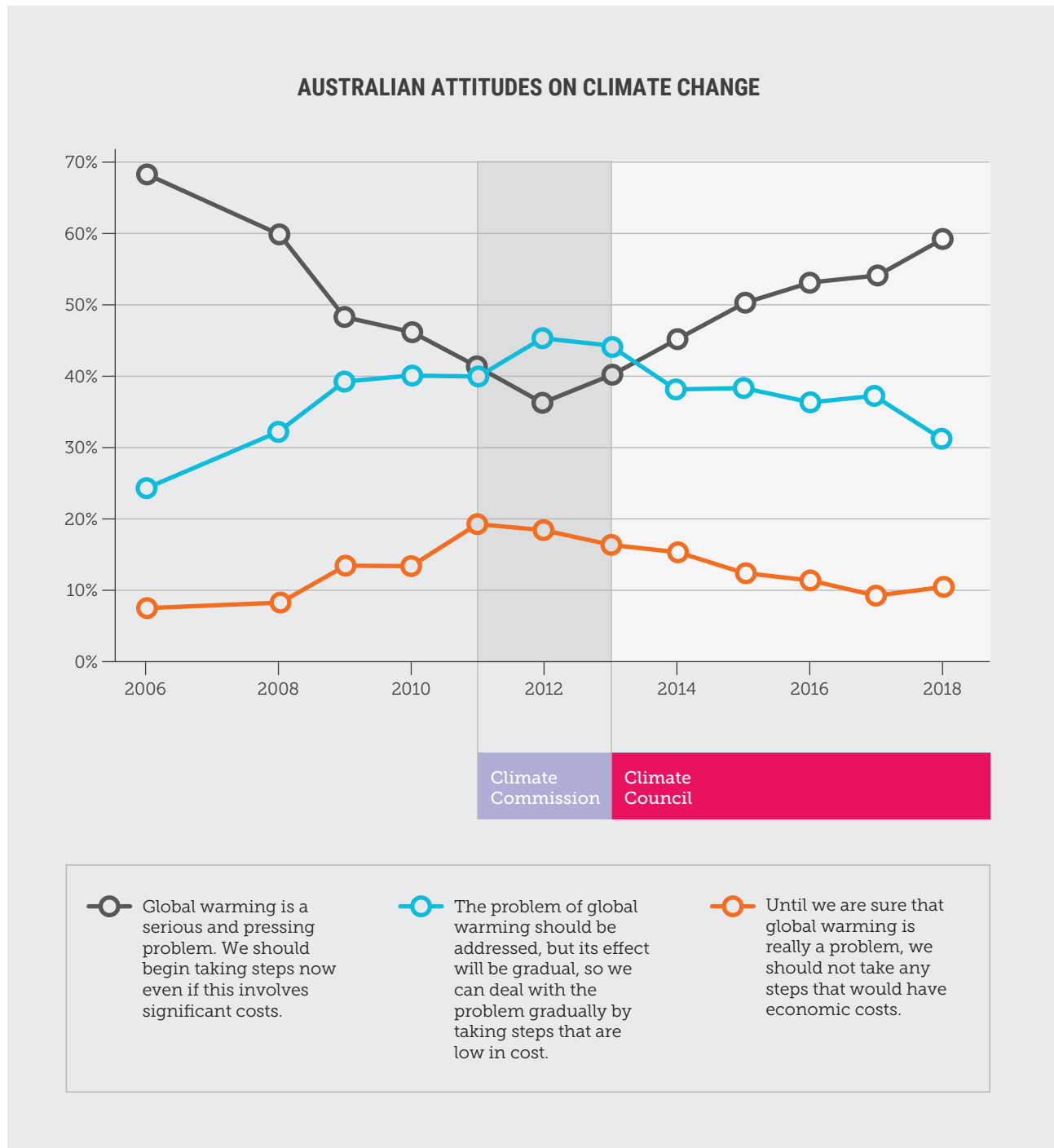
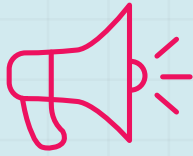


Figure 1: Public concern about climate change has grown significantly over the past five years.

Source: Lowy Institute 2018.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT



OVER
\$97M

IN MEDIA COVERAGE



OVER
38,000

MEDIA ITEMS



CONSISTENTLY THE

#1

ORGANISATION

COMMUNICATING ON
CLIMATE CHANGE
NATIONALLY



REACHED
MORE THAN

427M

READERS, VIEWERS

& LISTENERS



RELEASED

94

PUBLICATIONS



CONSISTENTLY HAVING
4 OF THE TOP 5

SPOKESPEOPLE

COMMUNICATING ON
CLIMATE CHANGE

Research Publications

In just under five years the Climate Council has released 94 publications. In the past year alone, we have released 23 reports, factsheets and briefing papers. Through this constant provision of timely, science-based publications, the Climate Council continues to influence the national agenda on climate and energy.

Over the past year, the Climate Council has released reports on a range of diverse issues, including climate change and drought, the role of businesses in cutting prices and pollution, the influence of climate change on bushfires and the role of states and local councils in pursuing renewable leadership. Our major report content can thus be categorised into the following categories: climate science and impacts, renewable solutions, energy and emissions, and international action. The figure below reflects the distribution of reports between each of these categories.

With debate about climate change often moving at a frenetic pace, the Climate Council is sought out time and again to provide factual, timely information to the Australian public. Much of the success of our publications is attributed to their easy to understand nature and ability to breakdown complex climate change information for the everyday Australian. By making this information accessible for all, this empowers the general public to take action on climate change and engage in discussions on these matters with those around them.

The Climate Council's reports underpin our media success. The key messages and report content are repurposed and provide the basis of much of our traditional and social media content. Additionally, our reports are consistently used to brief and inform key influencers. From emergency services and health professionals, schools and universities, politicians and policymakers, energy experts, business leaders and the broader environmental movement, our reports are considered as authoritative documents to continually refer to. Our reports are therefore critical in shifting the debate and **enabling action on climate change in Australia.**

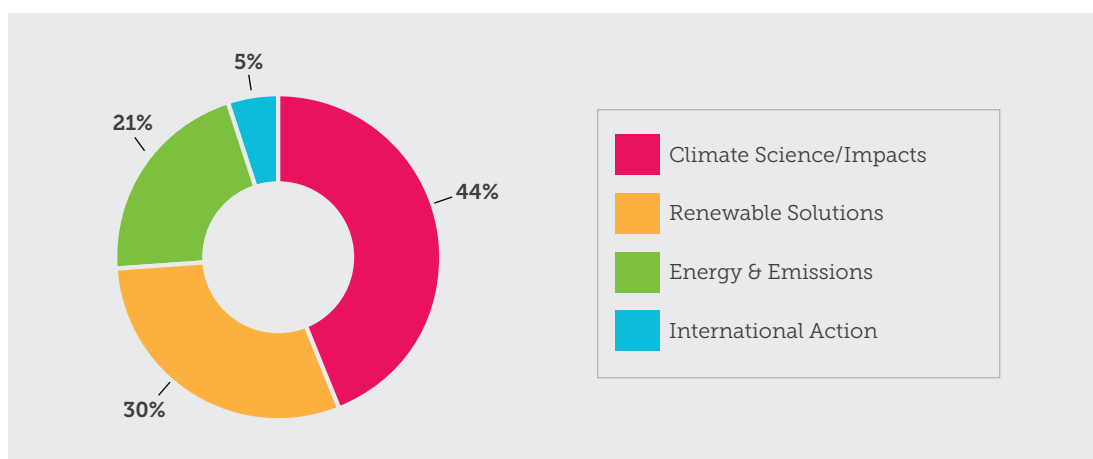


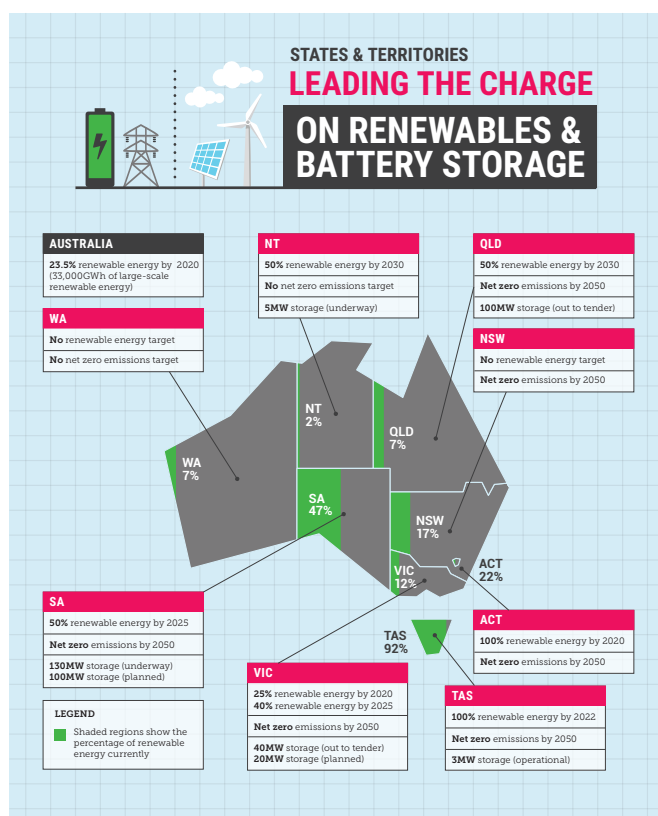
Figure 2: Climate Council 2018 reports per category.



The Climate Council's reports focus on the four theme areas – climate change, extreme weather, renewable energy and international action.

Featured Report

Critical Decade 2017: Accelerating Climate Action



In November 2017, the Climate Council released a new report, "Critical Decade 2017: Accelerating Climate Action."

This report is the Climate Council's biannual report that provides an update on how Australia is tracking in meeting its emissions targets, a review of Australia's exposure to a changing climate, and an update on our renewables uptake. While Australia's critical window of opportunity to tackle climate change is closing, this report reveals how our nation is falling behind the rest of the world, failing to tackle climate change as carbon pollution levels continue to rise.

The report included five recommendations for policymakers to ensure we do our fair share to protect Australians, our economy, infrastructure and natural ecosystems from the unacceptably high risks of climate change.

It also describes how the solutions to the climate challenge are well known, cost effective and available today. There has been a dramatic upswing in climate change action with a global renewable energy revolution underway.

The window of opportunity to limit worsening climate impacts is closing.

Media Coverage

Changing public narrative occurs by repeating the same message, as many times as possible, in as many ways as possible. The Climate Council has been able to get stories on climate change into the media more than 38,000 times. These stories are worth more than \$97 million in ad coverage, representing a substantial return on investment.

Over the past year, the Climate Council held its position as the leading organisation communicating on climate change nationally with more media mentions than the next four organisations combined. This is testament to the fact that Climate Council spokespeople are considered to be authoritative sources on climate change, its impacts and solutions and are regularly sought out for comment. Given the diversity of talent that we can draw on, often at very short notice, journalists keep returning to us for comment as they know we will deliver.

The Climate Council has dramatically increased the volume of trusted voices on climate change in the media over the past almost five years empowering firefighters, farmers, doctors, solar installers and many other voices to speak out in the media and reach national and international audiences. So far our messages have reached a cumulative audience of over 427 million people. That means that we're continuing to reach new audiences, on a regular basis, with consistent, hard-hitting climate messages.

CASE STUDY 1: MEDIA REEF INTERVENTION



Image: Taking journalists snorkelling to visit bleached sections of the reef.

Over the past year, the Council has experimented with different models to attract media. One of the strategies we have used to increase media content production is to host two media trips to the reef. The purpose of these trips was (1) for journalists to see the bleaching first hand; (2) provide detailed expert commentary on the bleaching; (3) provide extensive underwater and aerial video footage for a diverse range of media outlets. This reduced many of the barriers which media outlets have for producing in-depth pieces on climate. Across the two trips, we have had a broad range

of journalistic outlets represented including The Sydney Morning Herald, The Project, ABC, The Guardian, The Courier Mail, Totally Wild, National Geographic, and Cosmopolitan/Woman's Day/Women's Weekly, which generated a number of high profile stories. Notably, this included long-form features in most outlets. Based on the success of these trips, this is a strategy we will continue to use in the future.

CASE STUDY 2: TOURISM REPORT



Image: Climate Councillor Prof Lesley Hughes and Acting CEO and Head of Research Dr Martin Rice launch “Icons at Risk: Climate Change Threatening Australian Tourism.” TV coverage was achieved across SkyNews, SBS World, 7 News, WIN News and the Nine Network.

In February 2018, the Climate Council released a major report, “Icons at Risk: Climate Change Threatening Australian Tourism.” This report highlighted that intensifying climate change poses a significant threat to the nation’s iconic natural wonders.

Launching the report on Sydney’s iconic Manly Beach, generated more than half a million in associated Australian media coverage, with an audience reach of more than 2.6 million in just one day. By highlighting the impact that climate

change will have on natural tourist destinations that Australians love (the Great Barrier Reef, the Red Centre, the Top End, beaches and ski tourism), a diverse range of media featured the report, exposing us to new audiences. Given Australia’s strong international tourism industry, this also attracted global media from locations such as China, France and Pakistan.



Image: Climate Councillor Greg Bourne on Channel Seven News speaking about how businesses are jumping on board the renewables boom.



Image: Prof Lesley Hughes discusses the progress of recovery on the Great Barrier Reef.



Image: Climate Councillor Prof Andrew Stock discussing the Climate Council's alternative to the National Energy Guarantee (NEG) on Sky News.

Digital Content

The Climate Council's digital content visually portrays and communicates the impacts and solutions to climate change in a powerful medium, reaching new audiences who would not typically be exposed to climate messaging. With a strong emphasis on featuring the positive renewable success stories in Australia and across the globe, the Climate Council's digital presence is an important cornerstone in progressing the narrative that renewable energy solutions are inevitable and already underway.

Over the past year, we have kept up our focus on the production of original video content, with the creation of 23 new videos. These have covered topics such as celebrating renewable transformation stories such as Parkes and Kidston, following an electric vehicle's journey from Sydney to Melbourne, breaking down energy debates and debunking the clean coal myth. This has included a combination of reactive and planned video content which has helped us reach audiences across the globe. Video content continues to be a successful medium to communicate complex information in easy to understand ways that can then be shared with friends and family, particularly with those who are not as typically engaged in the media debate. These videos are influential in helping people imagine a positive, hopeful future powered by renewable energy, as well as illustrating the imperative of tackling climate change.

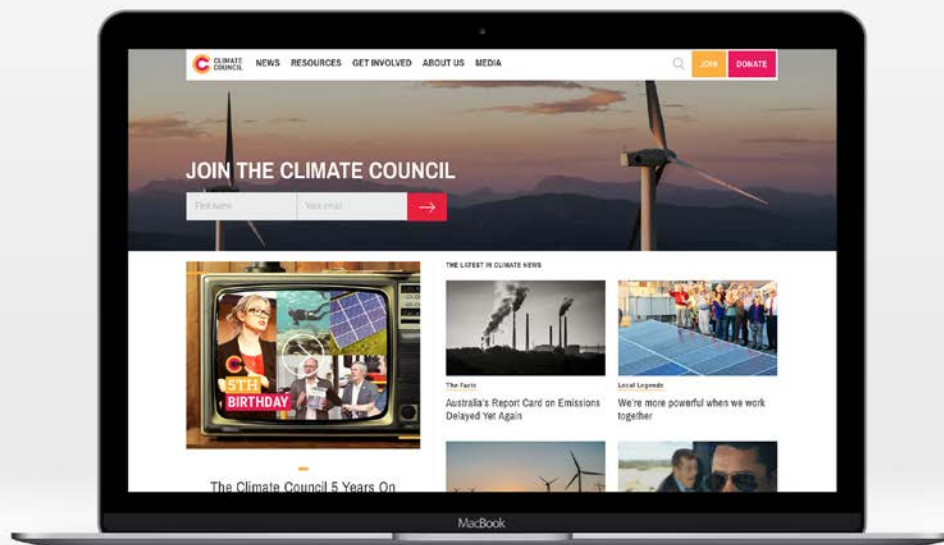
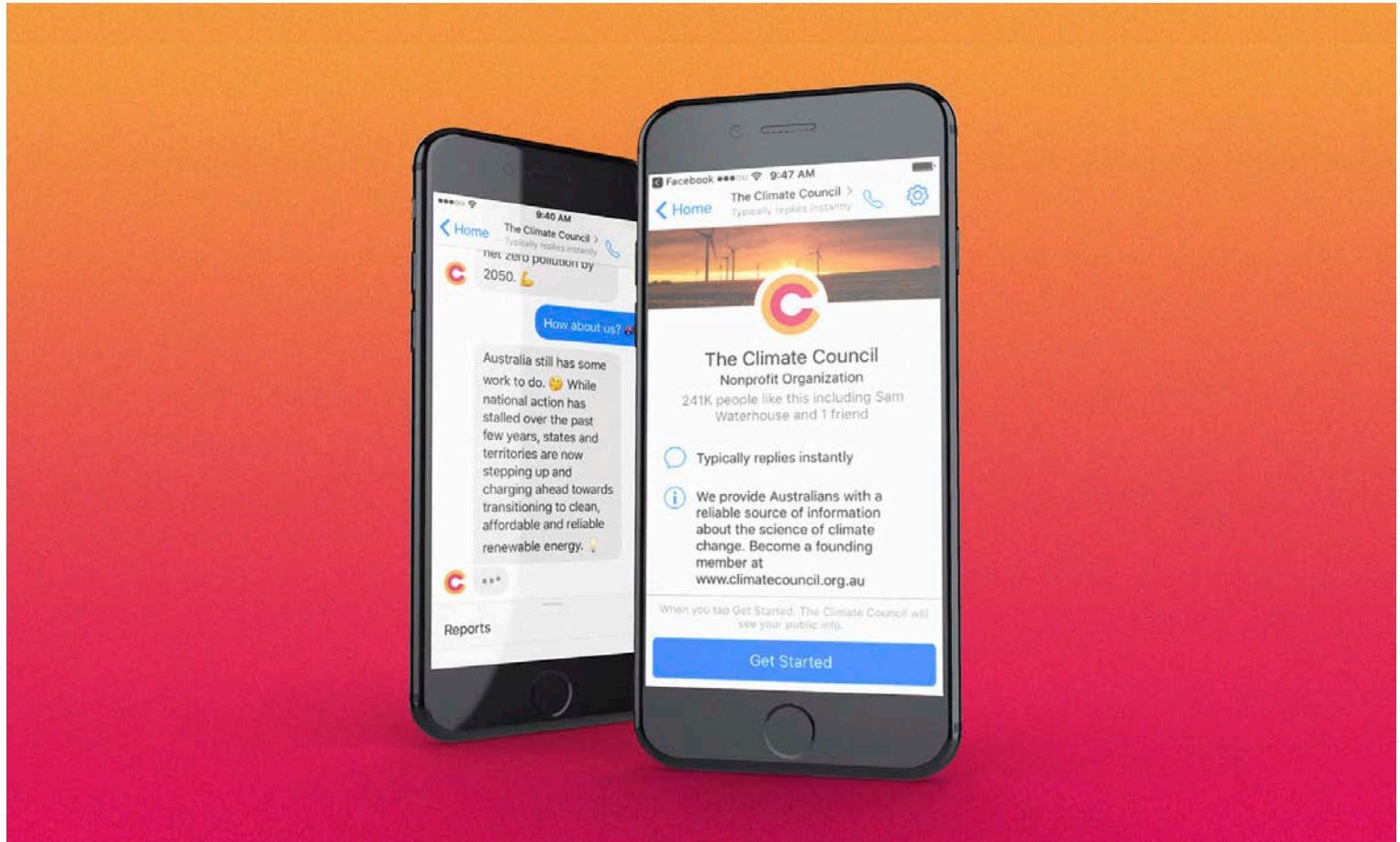


Image above: The Climate Council has experimented with new technologies in the digital space such as launching our own chatbot to reach new audiences and provide new methods of engagement.

Image below: The new Climate Council website in action.

At the end of May, the Climate Council launched a new website with a range of new functionalities. This project was the result of many months of work and will enable us to reach new audiences and engage with our current site visitors in new ways. For example, we are now able to host in-house petitions about issues our community is passionate about. We look forward to using these new functionalities.

The digital space changes at breakneck speed - with rapid developments in best practice engagement, ever changing algorithms impacting content display and new technologies and platforms emerging constantly. Over the past year, we've experimented with new techniques and

strategies in the digital sphere to keep us on the cutting edge when it comes to digital engagement. In December we launched a chatbot (an automated messaging system) which has been integrated into our Facebook page as a way to communicate climate science with a younger demographic in a way that was direct and familiar to them. Our online community has embraced the chatbot as a new and exciting communications platform and has enabled supporters to engage with us in more meaningful ways. Other innovative ways we have used our digital platforms over the past year have included launching a Vox Pop video, conducting live video streams at report launches, conducting live Twitter Q&As and launching our very own podcast.

 **243.1K**

Facebook Community

 **42.6K**

Twitter Followers

 **3.4M**

People reached per month
on social media

Figure: Figures correct as of June 2018.

Case Study: Renewable Reimagination Project

Australians are supportive of renewable energy initiatives but are not always aware of how this translates in practice.

Original video content is a powerful medium to demonstrate the scope and scale of the renewable transformation that is underway across Australia. Video content can show people what a renewable energy future can look like in a practical sense. This footage provides a vision of the benefits that renewables can bring including economic prosperity, job opportunities, exciting technology, control of household energy prices, revitalised communities and a sustainable environment. The Climate Council, for example, travelled to Parkes and Kidston this financial year to tell these positive stories.

Image: The Climate Council travelled to Kidston, Queensland, to share some of the good news renewables stories occurring across the country.



Kidston Gold Mine

The Climate Council travelled to Kidston, in North West Queensland, to showcase the transformation of an old mining ghost town into a renewable energy powerhouse. Across two videos, we demonstrated how an old gold mine was turned into the first integrated solar and pumped hydro project in Australia. This technology cuts the same amount of pollution as taking 33,000 cars off the road. Including stunning visual footage of the solar farm containing over 540,000 solar panels, the video successfully garnered community support for further renewable projects in their neighbourhoods.



Image: Kidston Gold Mine demonstrates that solar energy and hydro storage can pump life back into small towns.

Parkes

Parkes is famous for a few things: The Dish, Australia's largest Elvis Festival, and now a great big solar farm. Parkes was one of the biggest and earliest adopters of rooftop solar, and a founding member of the Climate Council's Cities Power Partnership. We travelled to Parkes to celebrate their pursuit of becoming The King of Renewables, with the region's latest solar farm which is big enough to power over 20,000 homes, or around double the Parkes population. This video successfully showcased the benefits that renewables can bring to regional towns in a fun and entertaining way, prompting supporters to consider - if Parkes can do it, why can't we?



Image: Parkes is leading the way when it comes to embracing solar and renewables.



A selection of the tiles posted across our social platforms.

Climate Council Project Review

California Media Imagination Project

The Climate Council has continued its work educating Australians on large-scale renewables and the important role they have to play in Australia's energy mix. Many Australians, when they think of renewables, focus on smaller scale projects such as rooftop solar, and are skeptical of them powering our economy.

To expand the vision and imagination for Australians about what large-scale renewables in Australia could look like, we arranged a media trip for Australian journalists to California for an imagination tour in July 2017 to visit key large scale renewable projects. In contrast to Australia, California provides an ideal case study for both the opportunities and economic benefits of renewable energy and storage solutions. Half of California's energy will come from renewables by 2030, while more people work in the solar energy industry than in all the state's investor-owned utilities combined. It also has a similar climate, economy and vulnerability to climate impacts to Australia. This provides an ideal frame of reference for Australian journalists.

We took journalists from The Project, the Australian Financial Review, Junkee and SkyNews to showcase the renewables revolution underway in California. By expanding the scale and imagination of the journalists on the trip, we aimed to improve the standard and vision of reporting in Australia on renewables. And this proved to be a resounding success. The trip generated extensive media coverage, such as the Australian Financial Review publishing five stories within seven days, including a front-page story, and Channel 10's The Project airing three feature stories that were four minutes long (or three times the length of a standard TV news story). They were each broadcast to an audience of close to 700,000 and alone collectively valued at over five times the cost of the trip itself.

The trip received very positive feedback, and has been a cornerstone tactic in helping capture the public imagination on large-scale renewables and provide journalists with footage to profile industrial scale renewable energy projects in Australia. Not only that, it has forged strong relationships between the Climate Council and key media outlets, and enabled us to leverage key contacts in California to speak into the Australian energy debates. Based on the success of this project, it is a tactic we are seeking to replicate in the coming year.



Cities Power Partnership

The Cities Power Partnership (CPP) is a unique, evidence based national program for local government that seeks to accelerate Australia's transition to a renewable energy future. In only a year, the Cities Power Partnership has become Australia's largest climate program for local government with 70 member councils representing over 250 towns and cities and over 8 million Australians.

The CPP is on track to hit 100 member councils by October 2018.

The Cities Power Partnership consists of four core program components that support local councils to increase renewable energy, energy efficiency and sustainable transport in their local government areas, as well as increasing collaboration between local governments around the country. The four components of the Cities Power Partnership include action, knowledge, profiling and connection.



Action

Each member council of the Cities Power Partnership must commit to implement five pledge items across renewable energy, energy efficiency, sustainable transport and working together. Councils must report on progress toward these pledges every six months so the Cities Power Partnership team can track their success.

Knowledge

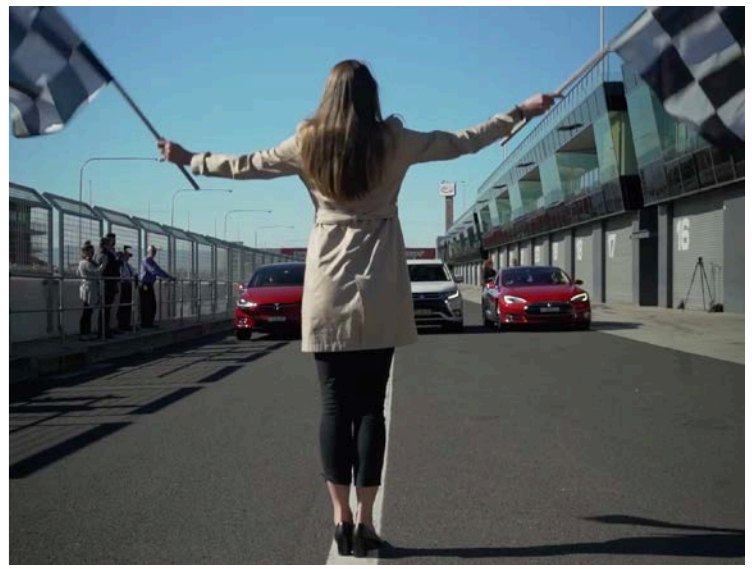
To support councils implement their pledges, the Cities Power Partnership provides a range of knowledge resources and encourages knowledge sharing between members. These include an online knowledge hub of over 200 easily searchable resources, expert webinars, in person briefings, community events, and a unique analytics tool to track emissions, energy and cost savings of council projects.

Profiling

To help increase community and councillor support, local government successes are showcased by the Cities Power Partnership team in national, state, local and social media to millions and their successes are shared with our community of over 400,000 members and supporters. Often larger metro councils receive media coverage while rural and regional councils struggle to profile their achievements and successes. The Cities Power Partnership has deliberately focused on profiling rural and regional councils from Strathbogie Shire in Victoria, Bundaberg in Queensland, to Parkes Shire NSW.

Image: Cr Ken Keith, Mayor of Parkes Shire is interviewed about being a member of the CPP.





Images: Mayors at the CPP Queensland Round Two launch, the start of the CPP Electric Vehicle race at Mount Panorama.

Connection

An important component of the Cities Power Partnership is to promote connection and collaboration between councils. Each member council is buddied with two other council members across Australia to knowledge share beyond state boundaries and work collaboratively where possible. The Cities Power Partnership website also allows members to find out what projects councils are committing to across Australia, including their learnings and challenges along the way. In October 2018, all member councils will be brought together for the first time at the National Power Summit in Kiama to celebrate local action, share insights and knowledge, and learn from industry leaders and representatives.

As the Cities Power Partnership enters its second year, we look forward to scaling up the program to its potential, encouraging more councils to be leaders on the frontline of local climate action.

Impact Snapshot

- › **Biggest climate program for local government in Australia.** We have member councils from every state and territory, ranging from capital centres like Brisbane, Darwin and Sydney, to large regional towns like Alice Springs, and small regional shires like Huon Valley and Kalgoorlie-Boulder.
- › **250+ pledge items submitted.** Over fifty councils have submitted their five pledge items. Importantly, there has been a strong focus on renewable energy projects.
- › **1,500 media stories.** We've profiled local action via digital, print and broadcast media helping member councils spread the word about their amazing achievements.
- › **Reached hundreds of Australians** across the country at local events. We've helped celebrate floating solar farms and packed out town halls, held an Electric Vehicle roundtable and road race in Bathurst, and upskilled hundreds of Councils via monthly webinars.
- › Over **5,000 community supporters have nominated their Council** and asked them to join the program.

Intervening in the Energy Debate

The past year in Australia has seen an unprecedented public focus on energy, ratcheting up the debate from the previous year. We would particularly like to thank the Australian Communities Foundation for their support of the Climate Council's work in this area.

Discussion centred on various aspects of the energy system - national energy and climate policy proposals (first the Clean Energy Target then the National Energy Guarantee); power and gas prices; extreme heat testing the limits of power supply; the future of ageing coal fired power stations like Liddell; the role for pumped hydro; and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's review of competition in the electricity and gas markets. Not only that, we've seen new renewable energy and storage projects rolled out across the country backed by state and territory governments.

Energy policy proposals from the Federal Government continue to change at breakneck speed. This makes the Climate Council's role more important than ever in keeping the community abreast of the debate and ensuring that the Australian public is well informed and educated on the facts.

Australia's electricity sector is the nation's biggest polluter, accounting for a third of our greenhouse gas pollution. The electricity sector also has the greatest opportunity to reduce emissions while reducing electricity prices and maintaining reliability making it a strategic area to focus on. States, territories, local governments, businesses and households have been leading the way on renewable energy, despite the lack of credible national climate and energy policy.

As vested interests have continued to spruik the future of fossil fuels in Australia, the Climate Council has time and again intervened to correct misinformation and ensure that the Australian public is equipped to discuss energy with all the science based facts. The Climate Council has intervened into the following key narrative discussions over the past year:

NATIONAL ENERGY GUARANTEE

In October 2017, the Federal Government announced they would not adopt the Clean Energy Target (CET) recommended by the Finkel Review into the future of the National Electricity Market. Federal, state and territory energy ministers agreed to the other 49 of the 50 Finkel Review recommendations.

In October 2017, the Federal Government proposed the National Energy Guarantee (NEG), based on an eight-page letter from the newly established Energy Security Board. The proposed National Energy Guarantee would have resulted in less renewable energy and weaker emissions reductions than if the Federal Government did nothing. The Climate Council's early analysis of the proposed NEG found it to be woefully inadequate in terms of tackling climate change and that the NEG risked derailing Australia's booming renewable energy and storage sector.

The Climate Council opened up discussion about the NEG's deficiencies, proposed an alternative set of policy principles for credible climate and energy policy, briefed key stakeholders, and continued to highlight positive state and territory progress on renewable energy and storage in the absence of credible policy from the Federal Government.

Confusing jargon, abstract policy details, and a lack of information, initially led to misconceptions about the benefits of the NEG. To cut through the swathes of misinformation and ensure that the Australian public was properly informed about the implications of this inadequate policy, responding to the NEG has been the centrepiece of much of the Climate Council's work on energy over the past months. The Climate Council conducted a multi-tiered strategy to this effect:

i) Reports

Renewable Energy Jobs: Future Growth in Australia 2017 Supplement

The Climate Council collaborated with Ernst & Young to update modelling from our 2016 renewable energy jobs report to reflect the impact of the NEG on renewable energy jobs. Significantly, the modelling found that adopting the NEG would be worse than doing nothing when it came to encouraging new jobs in the electricity sector, with the NEG resulting in 6,600 fewer energy jobs in 2030 than business as usual.

Clean and Reliable Power: Roadmap to a Renewable Future

This landmark report provided detailed analysis and clear critique of the NEG, addressing a widespread lack of understanding about its key components, focusing on what the NEG would mean for emissions, renewable energy, reliability and cost and competition.

This report broke new ground by creating an alternative to the Federal Government's proposed woefully inadequate National Energy Guarantee. Significantly, this report did not just critique government policy, but actively provided real solutions by developing our own roadmap outlining how Australia can cut its rising greenhouse gas pollution levels, while continuing the transition to clean, affordable and reliable renewable energy and storage technology. This included providing 12 key positive policy principles for credible climate and energy policy for Australia.

These findings were picked up and consistently used in messaging across the sector and by key stakeholders who used our report as evidence to oppose the NEG. Once again, this demonstrates our trusted role in equipping crucial spokespeople with the science based facts that they need as they advocate for an energy policy that incorporates strong climate targets.






HOW DOES THE

NATIONAL ENERGY GUARANTEE

MEASURE UP?





EMISSIONS

Policy Principle	How does the NEG measure up?	
Cut greenhouse gas pollution in the electricity sector by at least 60% (below 2005 levels) by 2030	Inadequate emissions target for the electricity sector of 26% (below 2005 levels) by 2030	
Reach zero emissions in the electricity sector well before 2050	-	
No international offsets	Offsets may be allowed	



RENEWABLE ENERGY

Policy Principle	How does the NEG measure up?	
Achieve at least 50 to 70% renewable energy by 2030	28 to 36% renewable energy by 2030	
Meet or exceed the total of state and territory renewable energy targets	State and territory policies can contribute to but not exceed the set level under the NEG	



RELIABILITY



Policy Principle	How does the NEG measure up?	
Address unreliability of ageing, inefficient coal and gas generators, especially during heatwaves	Ageing coal and gas generators may qualify	
Encourage new investment in zero pollution renewable energy and storage technologies when and where needed well in advance of coal closures	No zero pollution requirement for dispatchable power	

Image: Our "Clean and Reliable Power: Roadmap to a Renewable Future" report analysed the merits of the NEG based on an emissions, renewable energy and reliability framework.

What are Stakeholders Saying About the National Energy Guarantee

In February, stakeholders were invited to comment on the proposed NEG Draft Design. Over 140 organisations and individuals submitted a response. Submissions came from a broad range of business and community stakeholders. This briefing paper summarised key concerns from the Climate Council and raised by other stakeholders about the Federal Government's proposed NEG.

Australia's Rising Greenhouse Gas Emissions

This report provided analysis of the implications of the NEG's woefully inadequate target for the electricity sector and what it would mean to apply a pro-rata emissions target for other sectors such as transport, agriculture and industry.

ii) Stakeholder Engagement

In mid-June 2018, the Climate Council held the Australian Energy Forum bringing together twelve of Australia's leading energy experts with 20 energy policy advisors representing every state and territory across Australia. The forum discussed the importance of strong emissions reductions targets in the context of the debate around the NEG. Feedback from the advisors in attendance was that they found the event useful particularly in the context of insufficient information regarding the NEG and inadequate timeframes for policy development and decision-making. This forum was the culmination of over 30 key stakeholder briefings (including politicians, business leaders, policymakers and leading energy organisations) which the Climate Council had conducted on the NEG over April and May.

These interventions are ultimately enabling the Climate Council to influence the national energy debate by connecting decision makers and key stakeholders with research that emissions targets proposed under the NEG are weak and that Australia needs credible climate and energy policy.

iii) Digital Content

The Climate Council released a series of videos that mythbusted the misconceptions in the Australian energy debate and highlight large-scale renewable solutions. One such example is our short video NEG: Not a Done Deal, which helped communicate this complex issue to the Australian public, ensuring that discussions about energy were not confined to politicians and policymakers officers but were being held in living rooms across the nation.

iv) Media Interventions

A key show of strength in our ability to influence the media narrative was demonstrated following the Federal Government's NEG announcement, for which it was revealed that modelling on the impact of jobs was yet to be conducted. As a result, the Climate Council commissioned independent modelling from global accounting firm Ernst & Young to demonstrate the job losses and opportunities modelled against business as usual and the NEG. The modelling confirmed that the Government's energy scheme would lead to a drop in renewable energy jobs and investment. Professor Andrew Stock was invited to do a SKY News live cross interview with David Speers. This modelling and media attention reached Canberra, forcing the Federal Government to respond to the findings on the same network that afternoon. This ability to secure a response from the Government demonstrates that we are considered a credible authority on energy whose concerns must be addressed when raised.



Image: Our short video, "NEG: Not a Done Deal," is a classic example of the Climate Council's mythbusting strength.

LIDDELL CLOSURE

Vested interests continue to push for coal to remain a key feature of Australia's energy mix. This has seen the Federal Government push to try and keep one of Australia's oldest, highly polluting and inefficient coal-fired power stations - Liddell - open. This is despite AGL's announcement to close the station in 2022, and the \$900 million price tag that would accompany patching up this old, clapped out power station. Instead, the Government has inaccurately stated that extending the life of coal powered electricity is the only way forward for a stable electricity grid.

While the fossil fuel lobby has warned that closing coal-fired power plants will result in job losses, the Climate Council, through our spokespeople, has emphasised how many jobs renewable energy has created to date and how large-scale renewable projects can

stimulate and revitalise local economies. Furthermore, renewable energy is often misleadingly blamed for high energy costs. Again, the Climate Council has fact-checked these claims with independent research whilst also highlighting the extraordinary costs associated with retrofitting ageing and inefficient coal-power stations, especially in comparison to the cost of installing renewable energy.

In September 2017, the Climate Council commissioned new polling of Australians on energy, forming an important benchmark. Polling results found that 7 out of 10 people disagreed with the Government's stance to keep the Liddell coal-fired power station open. The Climate Council also produced a video "Liddell: It's a no-brainer" which was widely circulated, demonstrating how propping up Liddell does not make sense when compared to investing in renewables.



Image: Our video, "Liddell: It's a no-brainer," demonstrated that keeping Liddell open didn't make economic or environmental sense.

Great Barrier Reef and Climate Change

In 2016 and 2017, the Great Barrier Reef faced unprecedented back-to-back years of coral bleaching. This bleaching wouldn't have occurred without the influence of climate change. Greenhouse gas pollution, through the burning of coal and other fossil fuels, is driving marine heatwaves and ocean acidity. It was found that climate change made the 2016 bleaching event 175 times more likely. Climate change is the greatest threat facing coral reefs.

In April this year, the Federal Government announced \$443 million in funding for the reef, including improving water quality, culling crown-of-thorns starfish and research and monitoring. However, despite this influx of funds, the Federal Government has been turning a blind eye to the biggest threat to the reef – climate change. The Climate Council mobilised once again to call out the

Government, urging them to protect the Reef by implementing a credible climate policy.

To put the Reef back at the top of the headlines, we hired a boat and took media back to the same sites that were badly bleached in 2016 and 2017, to highlight the lack of recovery of the coral (read more on page 13). We also created a new video using footage gathered from the trip to get the message out there across a variety of mediums. Additionally, we briefed influential stakeholders, including key tourism operators, so they're equipped with the facts when talking about the biggest threat to their industry: climate change.

This work was backed by our community and Ethical Jobs who matched dollar to dollar, every donation made to the Climate Council's reef campaign up to a total of \$20,000. We would like to thank Ethical Jobs for this opportunity.

Image: The Climate Council invited multiple media outlets to see the devastating impact of climate change on the reef.



Climate Council Community

From the very beginning, the Climate Council has been supported by our Founding Friends and loyal community, who continue to power and inform all that we do.

Together, we're fiercely dedicated to promoting independent, evidence-based science on climate change. Regardless of our age, where we live, or what we do for a living, we're committed to combating misinformation and creating change from the bottom up.

From sharing a report, to emailing your MP, to generously giving up your time to help out in our office, participating in fun runs to raise funds and awareness, or donating to our work, our supporters power the Climate Council - both financially, but also with your passion.

These actions enable the influence of the Council to reach much further than we could ever achieve otherwise. Together we can reach into people's lounge rooms, on to the sporting fields and into offices. Thank you for helping us change the conversation.

At the start of 2018, we conducted our biggest Community Survey since inception of all our supporters, asking for feedback on our strategy, input into our future direction, and discovering how they would like to get involved. Collectively our community committed to taking 15,761 actions to power change and transform the narrative on climate and renewables in Australia.

The survey also revealed the issues that collectively we're most passionate about and want to do more to achieve.

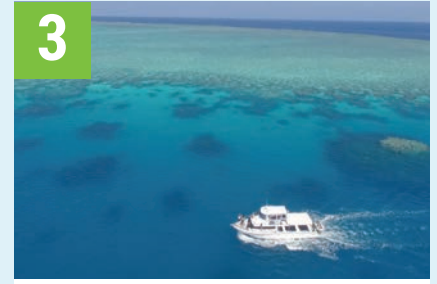
ISSUES WE CARE ABOUT:



Championing renewable energy solutions



Educating Australians on climate change and extreme weather



Protecting the Great Barrier Reef



Celebrating good news stories on local leadership



Fighting for coal closure

Why do you support the Climate Council?

- > "It's a voice of **reason** I can trust."
- > "It's an **independent** and professional voice supported by thousands of **concerned citizens**."
- > "The rational, **scientifically based** and **passionate** conversation is brilliant, and will have no small part in **changing attitudes, policies and funding** nationally."
- > "A passionate community using **people power** and science to tell stories that matter."
- > "Articulate **communication** with **credible** scientific data used to shape debates."

Heron Island Insight Project

In September 2017, 21 dedicated Climate Council supporters participated in the inaugural Heron Island Insight Trip to learn more about the impacts and solutions to climate change and its impact on the Great Barrier Reef. The participants were able to see the wonders of the reef first hand whilst snorkelling, hear from experts such as Prof

Tim Flannery and Assoc Prof Sophie Dove about the climate science behind coral bleaching, discover what change is required to safeguard our planet's future and how they can get involved. This trip was a catalyst moment for many individuals, inspiring them to take further action, using their voices and spheres of influence to enact change.

Image: Climate Council supporters learn more about how they can help safeguard the future of the Great Barrier Reef.



Community Giving and Philanthropy

The Climate Council continues to rely on the community to fund our operations with over 65% coming from our community based founding friends and other supporters. The remainder of our funding comes from philanthropy and grants from foundations. We continue to not receive direct federal and state government funding.

We are very grateful to all our donors and in particular to our regular donors who commit to funding our organisation via mainly weekly and monthly donations. We have over 4,700 regular donors who donated in the last financial year.

The Climate Council has deductible gift recipient status and donations made to our gift fund over \$2 are tax deductible.

With the ongoing support of our community and philanthropic donors together we continue to provide relevant and up to date authoritative information on climate change.

Our financial management continues to be best practice with continued investment in robust financial and donor management systems overseen by the Finance Committee of the Board and our staff team. Our financial management is supported by a strategic plan and we maintain strong financial and compliance controls as well as prudent budgetary and cash management review processes on monthly basis.

The financial information in this annual report has been extracted from the Annual Financial Report which has been audited by Thomas Davis & Co, Chartered Accountants. The auditor provided an unqualified audit report. Our accounts are general purpose financial statements that are prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - reduced Disclosure Requirements of the AASB and the ACNC Act 2012.

We comply with the ACNC requirements in relation to disclosure of our company and financial information on an annual basis. The audited accounts and company information are available to the public on the ACNC website.

We also comply with reporting requirements of the Register of Environmental Organisations and state based fundraising licence regulators.

Finances

Income

In the 2018 financial year we received income totalling \$3,390,692.

The 2018 financial year saw the Climate Council's number of core regular (weekly and monthly) donors grow to over 4,700 people and the average regular donation is \$29.

Supporter Fundraising

The efforts from dedicated supporters have continued to be the backbone of the Climate Council. We would like to extend a special thanks to our supporters who have raised funds on our behalf this year. This past year the Climate Council had teams who participated in the City2Surf and City2Sea fun runs, had supporters who've had guests donate to the Climate Council in lieu of wedding gifts, and supporters who've donated proceeds of their art exhibition sales. One example of a supporter we would particularly like to thank is Josh Worley, who has raised over \$8,000 for the Climate Council, as he's climbed 34 peaks across 3 continents in 2018. His commitment, passion and dedication to promote awareness on climate change are a testament to him.

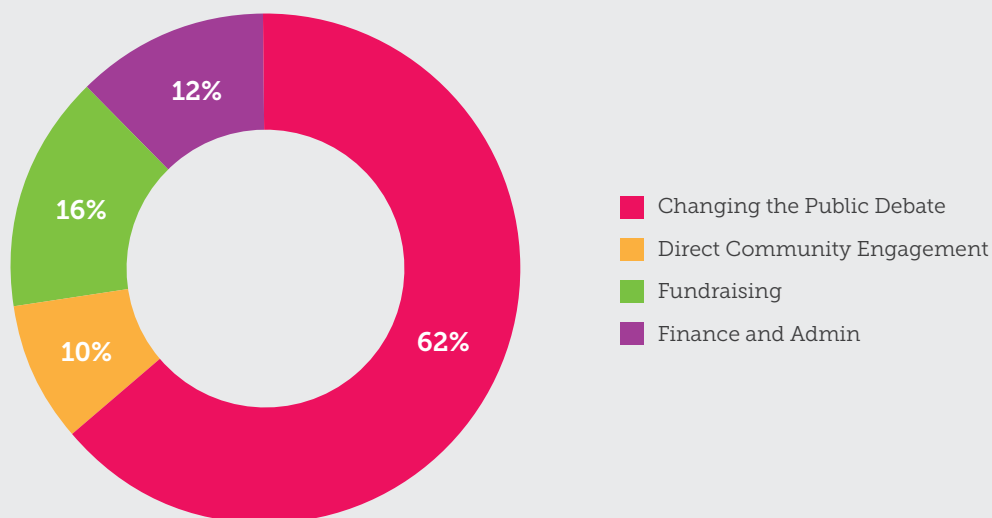
Images: Climate Council supporters raised funds by competing in the City to Surf (L); Josh Worley contemplates his next mountain to climb as part of the Vertical Year (R).



Expenditure

Climate Council expenditure in 2018 financial year was \$3,226,522.

- › Changing the public debate (62%) – includes expenses associated with:
 - › Our communications work including research, writing and delivery of world leading expert reports as well as media distribution and programs that educate the community or specialised target groups.
 - › Distribution of our information via online, digital and social media platforms.
 - › Direct Community Engagement (10%) - expenses associated with communicating with a broad range of engaged audiences including the delivery of speeches to over 9,000 people by our CEO, research team and the Councillors.
- › Fundraising (16%) - expenses associated with fundraising campaigns and donor management systems.
- › Finance and Admin (12%) - most of these costs relate to running the Climate Council legally, compliantly and efficiently. This includes operational management, accounting, audit, compliance, insurance, premises and legal costs.



Note: Salary and wage costs are allocated to the appropriate area of expense.

Pro Bono Goods + Services

We aim to reduce our costs (in particular our salary and general council activity costs) as much as possible by accepting pro bono and discounted goods and services.

This year we have received pro bono (or discounted cost) good and services for legal, graphic design, conference attendance, venue facilities, consulting fees, administration resources, creative resources as well as not for profit charity discounts for IT services, hardware and travel costs.

Volunteers

In the 2018 financial year we estimate that volunteers contributed over \$503,500 worth of their time! We're extremely grateful for their generous contributions.



Image: We rely on a team of volunteers to help further our impact.

Our Team

Councillors & Board Members



Professor Tim Flannery
Chief Councillor

Tim is one of the world's most prominent environmentalists and a leading writer on climate change. In 2007 he was named 'Australian of the Year'. Tim has held various academic positions including Professor at the University of Adelaide, director of the South Australian Museum in Adelaide, Principal Research Scientist at the Australian Museum and Visiting Chair in Australian Studies at Harvard University in the Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology. His latest book is 'Sunlight and Seaweed: An Argument for How to Feed, Power and Clean Up the World.'



Professor Lesley Hughes
Councillor

Lesley is an ecologist in the Department of Biological Sciences at Macquarie University and an expert on the impacts of climate change on species and ecosystems. Her research has mainly focused on the impacts of climate change on species and ecosystems. She is a former federal Climate Commissioner and former Lead Author in the IPCC's 4th and 5th Assessment Report. She is also a Director for WWF Australia, a member of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, the Director of the Biodiversity Node for the NSW Adaptation Hub and a member of the expert advisory committee for Future Earth Australia.



Gerry Hueston
Councillor and Chair of Board

Gerry is a prominent businessman who retired in 2011 as President of BP Australasia, after a career with BP spanning 34 years in a variety of management and senior executive roles in New Zealand, Australia, Europe and the United Kingdom. He is a former board member of the Business Council of Australia, former Chair of the Australian Institute of Petroleum, and a former Commissioner with the Australian Climate Commission. Gerry is currently the Chair of Plan International Australia and a Director of the International Board of Plan International.



Professor Will Steffen
Councillor

Will is a world-renowned climate science expert and researcher at the Australian National University. He was on the panel of experts supporting the Multi-Party Climate Change Committee, has served as the Science Adviser to the Australian Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, and was chair of the Antarctic Science Advisory Committee. From 1998 to 2004, Professor Steffen served as Executive Director of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme, an international network of scientists studying global environmental change in Stockholm. His research interests span a broad range within the fields of climate change and Earth System science, with an emphasis on sustainability, climate change and the Earth System.



Professor Andrew Stock
Councillor

Andrew brings over 40 years experience in senior management and executive roles in energy businesses, spanning traditional energy suppliers, emerging energy technologies and renewables. He is a present and past Director of numerous energy companies, a Board Member of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation, and Chair of resources and energy Institute Advisory Boards at the University of Adelaide and University of Melbourne. He was the founding National President of the Australian Business Council for Sustainable Energy (now Clean Energy Council) and has served on CSIRO's Energy & Transport Sector Advisory Committee as well as other research and energy advisory committees to the South Australian Government.



Greg Bourne
Councillor

Greg has worked at the nexus of climate change, energy business and policy for over 30 years. With BP he lived and worked in the UK, Middle East, USA, Canada, Ireland, Brazil, China, Venezuela and Australia. For two years he was Special Adviser on Energy and Transport to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. He returned to Australia in 1999 as Regional President, BP Australasia and worked with business and governments on the Climate Change agenda. Greg was CEO WWF Australia for six years and later a non-executive director of Carnegie Wave Energy. He is the former Chair of the Australian Renewable Energy Agency.



Professor Karen Hussey
Councillor

Karen is a leading Australian researcher in the field of public policy and governance, particularly in the areas of sustainable development, environmental policy and international trade. Trained as a political scientist and economist, Karen has conceived, designed, conducted and delivered cutting edge social science research focused on a range of sectors - including climate change mitigation and adaptation, water, energy, waste, urban management, critical infrastructure, international trade, and biotechnology in the health system. She has led the development of innovative intellectual and policy approaches to sustainability and risk, combining traditional disciplinary expertise with a close understanding of the particular attributes of policy problems.



Professor Hilary Bambrick
Councillor

Hilary is Head of the School of Public Health and Social Work at Queensland University of Technology (QUT). She is an environmental epidemiologist and bioanthropologist researching health impacts and adaptation, especially in more vulnerable communities across Australia, the Pacific, Asia and Africa. Hilary is regularly invited to consult for government (Federal, State and international) and non-government organisations on climate change impacts and adaptation. In 2011 she received a NSW Young Tall Poppy Award for outstanding achievements in scientific research and communication.



Martijn Wilder

Martijn is head of Baker & McKenzie's Global Climate Change legal practice. Martijn holds the following roles: Chair of the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA), President WWF (Australia); Chair, NSW Climate Change Council; Governing Board Member, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership; Member of the Wentworth Group; Honorary Professor Australian National University.



Samantha Mostyn

Samantha is Chair of Citibank Australia, Carriageworks and Deputy Chair of the Diversity Council of Australia. She is also a Non-executive Director of Mirvac, Virgin Australia Holdings Ltd, Transurban Group, Australian Council of the Arts and ClimateWorks Australia. Samantha is also a member of Business and Sustainable Development Commission and the advisory board of the Crawford School of Government and Economics, ANU.

Samantha has previously held executive roles at IAG, Optis and Cable & Wireless plc. Samantha was also formerly an AFL Commissioner, a member of the National Mental Health Commission and served on the Human Rights Commission Review of the Treatment of Women in the ADF.



Robert Purves

Robert is a businessman and an environmentalist. He is currently a member of The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, a Patron of the Lizard Island Research Station, a Governor of WWF-Australia, and a Governor of Australian Youth Climate Coalition. Robert has also been Chairman/Director of a number of public companies in both health and industrial sectors. He is the immediate past President of WWF-Australia and a former board member of WWF International.

In 2004 Robert established the Purves Environmental Fund, which funds numerous environmental initiatives. In 2008 Robert was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to conservation and the environment, and awarded an Honorary Fellow from the University of Sydney. Robert was also awarded the Australian Geographic Society's Lifetime of Conservation Award. He owns commercial farms in the southern tablelands of NSW.



Matthew Honey

Matt is Partner at Ernst & Young. He provides a range of assurance services to a variety of clients in the resources, utilities and technology sectors. He is an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and New Zealand, a Registered Company Auditor and Registered Greenhouse and Energy Auditor. Matt has over 20 years of experience providing financial reporting, governance, risk management, transactional and climate change related advice to his diverse client base both in Australian and internationally. Matt is also member of the National Executive of the Group of 100, Australia's peak body for Chief Financial Officers.

Staff



Amanda McKenzie
CEO

As well as being the CEO of the Climate Council, Amanda is on the Board of the Centre for Australian Progress and Plan International Australia. In 2014, Amanda was recognised as one of Westpac's 100 Women of Influence. Previously, Amanda founded the Australian Youth Climate Coalition. Amanda currently provides advice on the Northern Territory Government Renewable Energy Expert Panel and has previously been a panelist on the Queensland Government Renewable Energy Expert Panel.



Katrina Porteus
Acting CEO

Katrina is the joint Acting CEO since January 2018 and has been the Chief Operating Officer and Company Secretary for over 4 years for the Climate Council. Katrina has held previous senior general management, operations and project management roles including running the operations of a global business coaching firm for over 10 years as well as senior roles in organisations in Australia and the UK including AT Kearney, Macquarie Bank and Rothschild. Katrina has a Bachelor of Economics degree from the University of Sydney and postgraduate qualifications in Applied Finance. Katrina is also a founding facilitator of the Professional Environmental Women's Association (PEWA) NSW chapter.



Dr Martin Rice
Acting CEO

Martin is Acting CEO and for the past four years has been Head of Research for the Climate Council. Previously he was the Coordinator of the Earth System Science Partnership in Paris, a global interdisciplinary program with projects on the carbon cycle, global water system, human health and food systems. Prior to this, he was a Program Manager for the Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research in Kobe, Japan, an intergovernmental network promoting policy-oriented research and capacity-building activities. Martin's PhD research was on integrated Earth System Science: research practice and science communication

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The incredible work that the Climate Council has undertaken would not have been possible without the support that we have received from our incredible community of Founding Friends. We are deeply grateful for their ongoing support and dedication to the Climate Council.

The Council's work only gets such wide distribution because our Facebook friends, our supporters and other organisations share that information. Those daily shares are changing the conversation.

Without your support, the Climate Council simply wouldn't exist. Together we have made a significant and important impact in Australia. Thank you sincerely for chipping in what you can.

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Our special thanks goes to our incredible community of Founding Friends and Community Givers. Together we have built the Climate Council from scratch into a highly impactful organisation. Thank you for making all of this possible!

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