Extreme weather is hurting Australia, and our communities are paying the price.

STATEMENT FROM AUSTRALIAN MAYORS AND COUNCILLORS

We call on the federal government to:

a. Lead the country in delivering on an ambitious emissions reduction target this decade, in partnership with state and local governments, to respond to accelerating climate change at the scale and pace required.

b. Increase funding sources to councils for responding to climate impacts, and cutting greenhouse gas emissions, including providing a minimum of $200 million a year in the form of a disaster mitigation fund and an additional $200 million over four years for a local government climate response partnership.¹

c. Invest in preparing before climate disasters strike and take responsibility for coordination of climate impact responses to ensure consistency and clearly delineated responsibilities between different levels of government.

d. Ensure all disaster response funding extends to all damaged assets and incorporates the principle of “betterment” to allow cities and communities to be rebuilt in a way that takes into account the inevitable future changes in climate and makes them more resilient.

e. Establish a national body, or expand the remit of an existing one, to support research on adaptation and act as a centralised hub for up-to-date climate change information.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Cr Darries Turley AM, President
Local Government NSW

Dominic King, Mayor
Bawley Point Shire Council

Michael Lyon, Mayor
Byron Shire Council

Mark Greenhill OAM, Mayor
Blue Mountains City Council

Alison Worthington, Councillor
Eurobodalla Shire Council

Amanda Kehils, Councillor
Hawkesbury City Council

Neil Reilly, Mayor
Hawkesbury City Council

Elly Bird, Councillor
Lismore City Council

Claire Pentie, Mayor
Midlothian Council

Nustal Reine, Lord Mayor
City of Newcastle

Chris Homer, Mayor
Shellharbour City Council

Amanda Findley, Mayor
Shoalhaven City Council

Clare Meyer, Lord Mayor
City of Sydney

Jerome Leaole, Councillor
City of Ryde

Penelope Pederson, Councillor
City of Ryde

Cathy Cherry, Mayor
Tweed Shire Council

Gordon Bradberry AM, Lord Mayor
Wollongong City Council

Queensland

Adrian Schrinner, Lord Mayor
Brisbane City Council

Darren Power, Mayor
Logan City Council

Brian Stockwell, Councillor
Noosa Shire Council

Tasmania

Anne Reynolds, Lord Mayor
City of Hobart

Victoria

Sally Capp, Lord Mayor
City of Melbourne

Mark Riley, Mayor
Monash City Council

Peter Maynard, Mayor
Wyndham City Council

Lisa Mesina, Mayor
City of Darebin

Sophie Wode, Mayor
Yarra City Council

Amanda Stone, Councillor
Yarra City Council

South Australia

Sandy Verschoor, Lord Mayor
City of Adelaide

Karen Redman, Mayor
Town of Gawler

Ann Ferguson, Mayor
Mount Barker District Council

Michael Cason, Mayor
City of Whyalla

Michael Hewitson AM, Mayor
City of Salisbury

Local Government Networks

Better Futures Australia
Cities Power Partnership
Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy
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