8.1 Climate Emergency - Cr Mike Clarke

ALTERNATE MOTION - Cr Mike Clarke

Further to Council's endorsed motion of 25 June, 2019; being:

"That Council

- a. Note recent reports from the Bureau of Meteorology, CSIRO and IPCC highlighting the risks that climate change poses to the health and prosperity of our communities.
- b. Seek a report from the Director Environment & Engineering to councillors that includes a comprehensive evaluation of the current Adapting to a Changing Climate and Energy Future plan; and outlines a range of actions Council could take, as an organisation and in partnership with the community, that would be consistent with global efforts to limit warming to below 1.5 degrees and adapt to the likely impacts of climate change."

Council acknowledges that this report will proceed as planned and be incorporated into a Climate Emergency Framework that:

- 1. delivers an approach for all council staff to have consideration, in all their actions and decisions, for significantly reducing carbon emissions and adapting to a changing climate;
- 2. delivers an approach for council staff to engage with the community to encourage them to consider significantly reducing carbon emissions and adapting to a changing climate; in all their actions and decisions;

such that this promotes an awareness of the urgency needed to reach the goals set in the report, when endorsed by council, with a plan that treats the approach as a pending emergency, thereby establishing the Climate Emergency Framework.

Council recognises that we are in a state of global climate emergency that requires urgent action by all levels of government, including by local councils.