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Subject: Letter from the Lord Mayor

Comments: Dear Minister, Please find attached a letter from Sydney Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, regarding the City of Sydney's response to the climate emergency. The hard copy of this letter and its attachments have been sent to you by post. Best regards, [REDACTED], City of Sydney

Attachments: 2 file(s) attached.



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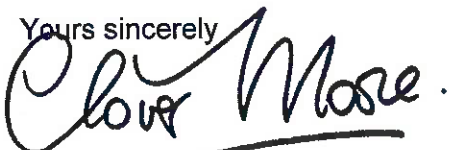
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Resolution of Council

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Item 3.3

Our Response to the Climate Emergency

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

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With 96 per cent of NSW still drought affected, our farmers and rural communities are being decimated by drought, suffering from water shortages and extended bush fire seasons, witnessing unprecedented fish kills and the death of once mighty river systems.

Our Pacific Ocean neighbours face displacement as sea levels rise, and soaring temperatures also impact on the increasing number of us that live in cities.

The lack of leadership by federal and some state governments to transition to a green economy has had devastating impacts beyond the environment, causing fear in our communities. Thousands face unemployment, denied potential jobs in a burgeoning renewable energy sector, and the sovereignty and self-determination of First Australians continues to be undermined to make way for massive new coal mines.

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We set a goal to reduce the City's emissions by 70 per cent by 2030, and – following the Paris Climate Agreement in 2015 – we set a more ambitious goal to reach net zero emissions by 2050. Between 2012 and 2016, we developed master plans for energy efficiency, renewable energy, waste and climate adaptation, and we regularly monitor progress.

We became Australia's first carbon neutral council in 2007, and as of June 2017, we'd reduced the emissions of our own operations by 25 per cent through actions such as the installation of solar panels, LED lights, tri-generation and a Tesla battery trial. In 2020, we will transition to 100 per cent renewable energy, allowing us to meet our 2030 target in 2024 - six years early.

We've also committed to reduce emissions beyond our own operations across our local government area to zero by 2050. We cannot mandate this so we established partnerships with companies and institutions in the city. In June 2017, these partnerships with business had contributed to a reduction of emissions across the City of Sydney of 20 per cent.

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The Federal Government must act urgently to address this emergency, by working with other levels of government and the business community to reach its Paris Agreement commitments and to deliver a just transition.

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Nations like Germany and Spain are investing heavily to support their people. Germany's 'coal exit commission' brought together industry, environmental NGOs, civil society and policymakers to agree on a pathway to phase out coal. They are committing billions of euros in support to affected areas. This is the kind of leadership Federal Government must provide

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I believe this Council should declare a climate emergency, step up our efforts to hold the Federal Government to account and explore new strategies for making the city more sustainable into the future, and fostering our green economy.

Recommendation

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Note – the motion above was not carried, the motion below as varied by consent was carried

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 - (iv) the latest report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 'Global Warming of 1.5 Degrees Celsius';
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Moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the minute by the Lord Mayor be endorsed and adopted.

Carried unanimously.

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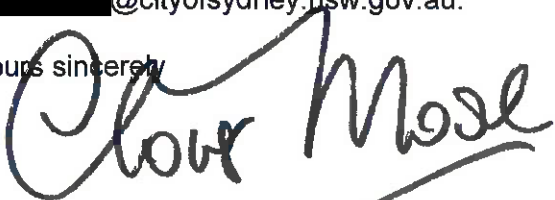
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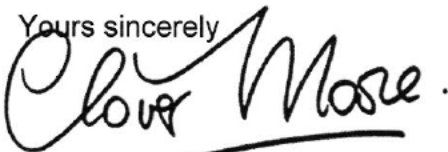
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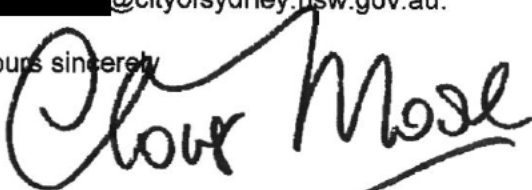
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24 June 2019

Item 3.3

Our Response to the Climate Emergency

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

Successive federal Governments have shamefully presided over a climate disaster, and now we are at a critical juncture – we face a climate emergency.

In October 2018, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) indicated that global emissions need to be cut in half by 2030, and at net zero by 2050 to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. 2018 was the forty-second consecutive year with global temperatures above the twentieth century average, with 224 locations around the world set all time heat records.

Extreme heat is now the deadliest natural disaster in the United States, killing more people on average than hurricanes, lightning, tornadoes, earthquakes, and floods combined. Globally, floods and extreme rainfall events now occur four times more often than four decades ago.

On January 24 2019, 91 of the hottest 100 places on earth were in Australia. Heat waves on our continent are now five times more likely. But it is not just their frequency that is alarming – they start earlier, become hotter, and last longer.

This emergency is not just about the numbers, it is about our communities, and its impacts are felt by us all, particularly the poorest amongst us – the vulnerable, the marginalised and those that live in remote communities.

With 96 per cent of NSW still drought affected, our farmers and rural communities are being decimated by drought, suffering from water shortages and extended bush fire seasons, witnessing unprecedented fish kills and the death of once mighty river systems.

city of villages

Our Pacific Ocean neighbours face displacement as sea levels rise, and soaring temperatures also impact on the increasing number of us that live in cities.

The lack of leadership by federal and some state governments to transition to a green economy has had devastating impacts beyond the environment, causing fear in our communities. Thousands face unemployment, denied potential jobs in a burgeoning renewable energy sector, and the sovereignty and self-determination of First Australians continues to be undermined to make way for massive new coal mines.

Inaction also comes with an economic cost. The University of Melbourne estimates the potential damage from climate change to Australia – excluding the costs from floods, fires, pollution and biodiversity loss – will equate to \$585 billion by 2030, and \$760 billion by 2050. These costs will be disproportionately shouldered by those that can least afford it.

The community understands that the situation is urgent. When the City of Sydney consulted for our long term strategic plan - Sustainable Sydney 2030 - 97 per cent of people said they wanted strong climate action, so we made it our top priority.

We set a goal to reduce the City's emissions by 70 per cent by 2030, and – following the Paris Climate Agreement in 2015 – we set a more ambitious goal to reach net zero emissions by 2050. Between 2012 and 2016, we developed master plans for energy efficiency, renewable energy, waste and climate adaptation, and we regularly monitor progress.

We became Australia's first carbon neutral council in 2007, and as of June 2017, we'd reduced the emissions of our own operations by 25 per cent through actions such as the installation of solar panels, LED lights, tri-generation and a Tesla battery trial. In 2020, we will transition to 100 per cent renewable energy, allowing us to meet our 2030 target in 2024 - six years early.

We've also committed to reduce emissions beyond our own operations across our local government area to zero by 2050. We cannot mandate this so we established partnerships with companies and institutions in the city. In June 2017, these partnerships with business had contributed to a reduction of emissions across the City of Sydney of 20 per cent.

Despite this work, and the combined action of other city governments, some state governments, the community and business, Australia's greenhouse gas emissions have increased for four consecutive years. In comparison, the previous carbon pricing scheme effectively reduced emissions. It is clear that the current Federal Government's policies are simply not working.

The Federal Government must act urgently to address this emergency, by working with other levels of government and the business community to reach its Paris Agreement commitments and to deliver a just transition.

All federal and state politicians must rise above fear-based politics to unite the community behind a vision of a low carbon economy that provides opportunities for all of us, including workers who currently rely on fossil fuel industries for employment. We know the transition to renewables and a low carbon economy can be achieved, because countries all across the world are doing it successfully. It just takes leadership.

Nations like Germany and Spain are investing heavily to support their people. Germany's 'coal exit commission' brought together industry, environmental NGOs, civil society and policymakers to agree on a pathway to phase out coal. They are committing billions of euros in support to affected areas. This is the kind of leadership Federal Government must provide

to achieve its Paris Agreement commitments and to support our communities in the transition away from fossil fuels.

In an emergency, it is incumbent on all of us to act. As the City of Sydney develops its strategic plan for 2050, we have an opportunity to speak with the community about new ways to accelerate our action on climate even further, working in partnership with our residents and business community.

In consultations to date, our community has told us they are proud of the action the City has taken on climate change, and that they want us do even more. Just last week, over 300 leaders from our business community, community organisations, government and cultural institutions gathered in Town Hall for our 2050 stakeholder consultation. Of those asked whether the City should declare a climate emergency, 85 per cent answered yes. They join over 50 climate action groups that support the Climate Emergency Declaration campaign, the 3,000 people who have signed a change.org petition, and activists from Extinction Rebellion and the International Climate Emergency Forum calling on the City of Sydney to join the declaration.

I believe this Council should declare a climate emergency, step up our efforts to hold the Federal Government to account and explore new strategies for making the city more sustainable into the future, and fostering our green economy.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council declare that climate change poses a serious risk to the people of Sydney, and it should be treated as a national emergency;
- (B) Council call on the Federal Government to respond to this emergency by:
 - (i) taking urgent action to meet the emissions reduction targets contained in the Paris Agreement by reintroducing a price on carbon; and
 - (ii) establishing a Just Transition Authority, with enough funding to ensure that Australians employed in the fossil fuel industries have viable and appropriate opportunities for alternate employment;
- (C) Council note that the City has an excellent record on reducing emissions, and preparing for the impacts of climate change;
- (D) Council note that the City will be holding the C40 Women for Climate conference in April 2020, bringing together leaders from across the world to exchange ideas and work together on climate change solutions;
- (E) Council note the importance of getting beyond the politics of fear, and the success of '2040', an inspiring and refreshing documentary that explores what could be achieved by implementing technologies and other climate change solutions that already exist;
- (F) Council note that Alex Greenwich MP, Greg Piper MP and Joe McGirr MP have written to the Premier of NSW, asking her to protect coal communities from serious economic disruption as a result of an expected decline in the coal export market;
- (G) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to note this emergency declaration and ensure the 2050 plan addresses the community's desire for climate action; and

- (H) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate a screening of the documentary '2040' at the Town Hall as part of the Sustainable Sydney 2050 consultation.

COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE

Lord Mayor

Note – the motion above was not carried, the motion below as varied by consent was carried

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- (C) Council note:
- (i) that the City has an excellent record on reducing emissions, and preparing for the impacts of climate change;
 - (ii) nearly 600 jurisdictions worldwide, including 22 Australian councils, recognise that we are in a state of climate emergency that requires immediate action by all levels of government;
 - (iii) human induced climate change represents a substantial threat to civilisation, human health and the environment, the worst of which can be avoided if we act collectively and take emergency action;
 - (iv) the latest report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 'Global Warming of 1.5 Degrees Celsius';
 - (v) although Australia has committed to the targets outlined in the Paris Agreement, our emissions are among the highest in the world per person – and they are rising; and
 - (vi) while Australian emissions are rising, emissions in the City of Sydney local government area are declining, further collaboration with business and the

community, and action by the state and federal governments, is needed if we are to meet zero emissions by 2050;

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- (I) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Minister for Energy and Environment, the Hon. Matthew Kean MP, the NSW Shadow Minister for the Environment and Heritage, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, the Minister for the Environment, the Hon. Susan Ley MP, and the Shadow Minister for the Environment and Water, Terri Butler MP, expressing this view.

Moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the minute by the Lord Mayor be endorsed and adopted.

Carried unanimously.

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**THE HON ANGUS TAYLOR MP
MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION**

MC19-010557

27 SEP 2019

Councillor Clover Moore
Lord Mayor
City of Sydney
GPO Box 1591
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Lord Mayor

Clover

Thank you for your letter to the Minister for the Environment in relation to action on climate change. I am responding as the matter falls under my responsibilities as the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction.

The Liberal National Government is committed to taking real and meaningful action to reduce emissions to 26 to 28 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. This target is achievable and responsible, and represents one of the most ambitious reductions in per capita emissions and emissions per unit of GDP among developed countries while ensuring our economy will continue to grow and prosper.

The Government has a comprehensive set of policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase energy efficiency and fast track the development and uptake of clean energy. Building on existing measures, in February this year the Government announced a Climate Solutions Package. The Package is a \$3.5 billion investment that has mapped out, to the last tonne, how we will achieve the final 328 million tonnes of abatement needed to meet our 2030 Paris target. The Package includes a \$2 billion Climate Solutions Fund to build on the success of the Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF) and continue our investment in low-cost abatement.

The Government is also working to improve energy efficiency by reducing the energy used in appliances, equipment and buildings. This will reduce energy costs for households and businesses. We are also supporting renewable generation technology and funding research into new technologies.

In 2018, Australia led the world in per capita investment in clean energy, with more than double the investment of countries like the United Kingdom, Germany and France. This is an achievement of which Australians can be proud.

You might be interested to know that there are many practical ways local councils can take real and meaningful action to reduce their carbon emissions. One such example is to limit unnecessary air travel.

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Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the Government's attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angus Tyl". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "l".

ANGUS TAYLOR

From: [REDACTED]
To: [DLOTaylor](#)
Subject: MC19-010557 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 19 September 2019 8:47:10 AM
Attachments: [MC19-010557.docx](#)

Pls bond



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From: [DLOTaylor](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [DLOTaylor](#)
Subject: Overdue min corro report - number of days in the MO [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 19 September 2019 4:14:12 PM
Attachments: [Overdue min corro report - number of days in the MO.xlsx](#)

Hi [REDACTED],

I'm very excited to present the attached overdue min corro report – now showing how many days each item has been in the office!

[REDACTED]

Let me know if you need anything else.

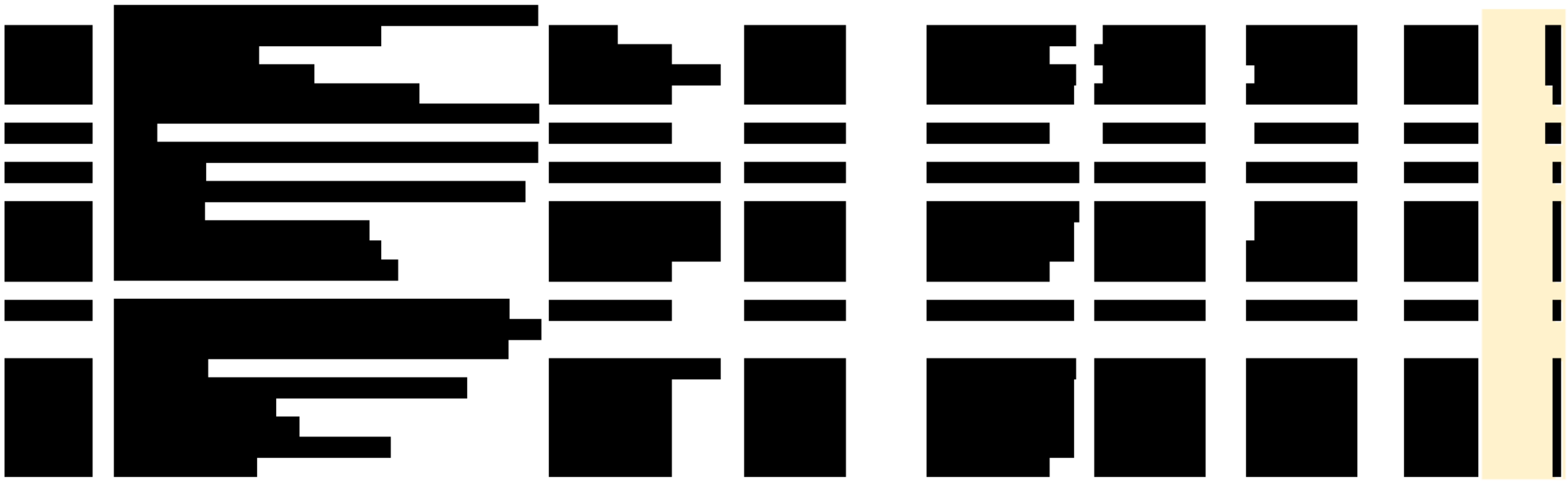
[REDACTED]

Departmental Liaison Officer | Office of the Hon Angus Taylor MP

Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction

a: Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600

t: [REDACTED] | **m:** [REDACTED] | **e:** [REDACTED] [@environment.gov.au](#)



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Corro Report [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 26 September 2019 12:34:06 PM
Attachments: [Corro in the MO - Number of days.xlsx](#)
[Overdue MC - Min Taylor 25092019.xlsx](#)

Hi [REDACTED]

See attached the latest corro reports.

Office

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

This follows the Minister signing 38 items earlier this week.

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Department

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OFFICE OF THE HON. ANGUS TAYLOR MP
Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction
Federal Member for Hume

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Active Corro in MO

PDR No	Subject	Status	Assigned To	Group Responsibl	Last Actioned Date	Date Last Sent To MO	Today's date	Days in MO	Status
MC19-010557	climate emergency	MO Editing	DLO - Taylor	Climate Change D	19/09/2019 11:06	3/09/2019 11:50	26/09/2019	23	With CoS



From: [DLOTaylor](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [DLOTaylor](#)
Subject: FW: (ATTACHMENT) Letter from the Lord Mayor of Sydney [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 23 October 2019 2:11:59 PM
Attachments: [R_OLM2019003333_Taylor.pdf](#)
[CoS Annual Report General Purpose Financial Statements.PDF](#)
[City of Sydney Annual Report Statutory Returns City reports.PDF](#)
[CoS annual report extract provided by Daily Telegraph.PDF](#)
[MC19-010557_Signed- Clover Moore.pdf](#)

Hi [REDACTED]
Please see attached response from Mayor Clover Moore.
I've also attached the original from Minister Taylor.
Would you like me to arrange for another Minister reply?

Departmental Liaison Officer | Office of the Hon Angus Taylor MP

Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction

a: Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600

t: [REDACTED] | **m:** [REDACTED] | **e:** [REDACTED]@environment.gov.au

From: yourenvminister

Sent: Wednesday, 23 October 2019 2:00 PM

To: DLOTaylor ; MinisterialCorrespondence

Subject: FW: (ATTACHMENT) Letter from the Lord Mayor of Sydney [SEC=OFFICIAL]

From: noreply@environment.gov.au

Sent: Tuesday, 22 October 2019 5:29 PM

To: yourenvminister <yourenvminister@environment.gov.au>

Subject: (ATTACHMENT) Letter from the Lord Mayor of Sydney

Contact your Minister request notification

Contact your Minister webform submitted on 22/10/2019, 5:28

Minister name: Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction

Title: [REDACTED]

First name: [REDACTED]

Last name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Organisation: [REDACTED]

Address: Level 1, 456 Kent Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia

Phone: 92659333

Subject: Letter from the Lord Mayor of Sydney

Comments: Dear Minister, Please find attached a response from the Lord Mayor regarding your correspondence about the City of Sydney declaring a climate emergency. The hard copy of this letter and enclosures have also been sent to you by post. Best regards, Alicia Neil City of Sydney

Attachments: 4 file(s) attached.



THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY
CLOVER MOORE

22 OCT 2019

The Hon. Minister Angus Taylor MP
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I refer to your letter in response to my correspondence regarding the City of Sydney declaring a Climate Emergency.

The outline you provided of your Government's policies and actions to reduce emissions gives me no comfort, as Australia's emissions have risen for four of the past five years, and are higher today than they were in 2013.

Your Climate Solutions Package has been resoundingly criticised by credible experts, the international community, former members of the Liberal party, farmers, the community and of course our students.

Your inaction on climate change will have massive economic costs for our country.

The University of Melbourne estimates the potential damage from climate change to Australia – excluding the costs from floods, fires, pollution and biodiversity loss – will equate to \$585 billion by 2030 and \$760 billion by 2050.

The Australian Business Roundtable, which includes representatives from IAG, Investa, Optus and Westpac, has reported that without mitigating action, the total cost of natural disasters in each state is expected to increase by more than 2.5 times between now and 2050.

By ignoring the issue, the Federal Government is missing the opportunity to implement a just transition.

Notwithstanding this, I write principally to correct a stark error in your letter regarding the costs of travel by the City of Sydney. Your letter states:

Given your most recent Annual Report shows your Council spent \$1.7 million on international travel, and \$14.2 million on domestic travel, there is a real opportunity for your Council to make a meaningful contribution to reducing Australia's emissions.

These travel costs are grossly inaccurate.

In 2017-18, the City of Sydney spent less than \$300,000 in travel and accommodation expenses, including \$41,000 for international travel and accommodation costs for staff. Travel and accommodation costs represent less than 0.1 per cent of the City's overall operating expenditure.

These figures are publicly available in the City's annual report.

The Daily Telegraph published the inaccurate figures, and its journalists allege that your office provided a document containing the false information. *The Daily Telegraph* provided my staff with this document, which appears to be the City's publicly available report with the relevant information amended to reflect the gross inaccuracies contained in your letter.

The accurate reports have been online on the City's website, unchanged, since November 2018. This raises serious questions about the source of this fraudulent document.

The City has submitted a complaint to the Press Council regarding *The Daily Telegraph's* publishing of the erroneous figures.

I want to provide you with the opportunity to respond: could you verify *The Daily Telegraph's* claims that the erroneous documents originated in your office, or is my office being misled by the newspaper's journalists?

I have attached the documents we received from *The Daily Telegraph*, and the City's actual reports, to this letter.

It is my deep belief that in dealing with important and pressing issues, it is our responsibility as elected officials to deal in facts. Providing false information to journalists and the public further erodes the community's confidence in elected representatives to lead and serve.

The City of Sydney became the first Government at any level in Australia to become certified carbon neutral in Australia in 2011 and we have been certified carbon neutral every year since. This means that the Australian Government has verified that we have been offsetting all emissions generated from domestic and international air travel since then.

This week the City signed an agreement to source 100% of our electricity from wind and solar. This is expected to reduce our energy costs by \$500,000 per year for the next ten years. Emissions from our operations are currently down 25 percent from our 2006 baseline, and we are on track to reduce our emissions by 70 percent by 2024, six years ahead of our target.

You can find all of this in the City's bi-annual environmental sustainability progress reports, which are testament to what can be achieved with clear, bold targets and over a decade of dedicated action.

As a global city, it is critical that we meet with our counterparts and partner organisations across Australia and overseas.

This is especially true of our efforts to tackle the global challenge of climate change.

You have the power to transition Australia away from reliance on fossil fuels and to deliver electricity that is clean, reliable and affordable. This should be your focus, not using erroneous facts to question our commitment to reducing emissions.

If you would like to speak further about this issue, you can contact my Chief of Staff, [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED]@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Clover Moore
Lord Mayor of Sydney

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City of Sydney

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2018

Note 4. Expenses from continuing operations

\$ '000	2018	2017
(a) Employee benefits and on-costs		
Salaries and wages	180,474	179,187
Travel expenses	229	269
Employee leave entitlements (ELE)	20,359	19,689
Superannuation – defined contribution plans	13,416	11,851
Superannuation – defined benefit plans	5,944	6,472
Workers' compensation insurance	3,708	3,980
Fringe benefit tax (FBT)	903	1,025
Training costs (other than salaries and wages)	1,756	1,704
Other	1,548	1,717
Total employee costs	228,337	225,893
Less: capitalised costs	(6,439)	(6,580)
TOTAL EMPLOYEE COSTS EXPENSED	221,899	219,314
Number of 'full-time equivalent' employees (FTE) at year end	1,794	1,763

Accounting policy for employee benefits and on-costs

Employee benefit expenses are recorded when the service has been provided by the employee.

Retirement benefit obligations

All employees of the Council are entitled to benefits on retirement, disability or death. Council contributes to various defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans on behalf of its employees.

Superannuation plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense as they become payable. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

Council participates in a Defined Benefit Plan under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme, however, when sufficient information to account for the plan as a defined benefit is not available and therefore Council accounts for its obligations to defined benefit plans on the same basis as its obligations to defined contribution plans, i.e. as an expense when it becomes payable – refer to Note 19 for more information.

(b) Borrowing costs**(i) Interest bearing liability costs**

Nil

(ii) Other borrowing costs

Nil

Legislative requirements

Overseas Travel Undertaken by Councillors representing Council in 2017/18

In May 2018, Councillors Jess Miller and Robert Kok travelled to Hong Kong, Chengdu, China for the Chengdu Global Innovation & Entrepreneurship Fair. The three-day event hosted participants from around 30 countries, with delegates including government leaders, world-renowned scientists, academics, diplomats, entrepreneurs and investors. The 2018 fair was a showcase of Chengdu's environment, capability and potential for new economic development.

During the same trip, Councillors Jess Miller and Robert Kok also visited Tokyo, Japan for the Tokyo Forum for Clean City & Clear Sky, an international conference on the environment. This forum focused on several issues that major cities around the world face such as waste management, sustainable resource management and air pollution. These issues were chosen in light of the global commitment toward achieving the United Nations sustainable development goals. Representatives from major cities all over the world met to share knowledge and information about effective policies and discuss solutions to create a sustainable urban environment.

Clause 217 (1) (a1) Payment of expenses and provision of facilities during the year

The City of Sydney has a Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy that governs the expenses paid and facilities provided to the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillors in the discharge of their civic duties.

In 2017/2018, the cost of expenses incurred by and facilities provided to City Councillors was \$3.2m. This includes domestic travel expenses such as accommodation and registration fees for seminars and conferences, as well as office administration such as postage, meals and refreshments. It also includes staff salaries and salary on-costs totalling \$3.25m.

Annual fees were paid to the Lord Mayor and Councillors as required by the Local Government Act 1993 and in line with the determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal. A fee was also paid to the Deputy Lord Mayor. The Lord Mayor's annual fee, excluding the amount paid to the Deputy Lord Mayor, was \$192,536.28.

In 2017/2018, the total amount paid for Councillors' fees and the Deputy Lord Mayor's fee (excluding the Lord Mayor's fee) was \$405,053.52.

Details of particular categories of expenditure are as follows:

- (i) The cost of the provision of dedicated office equipment allocated to Councillors on a personal basis was \$560,64.
- (ii) Telephone calls made by Councillors, including mobile telephones provided by the City and from the landline telephones and facsimile services installed in Councillors' homes totalled \$17,329.07.
- (iii) The cost of the attendance of Councillors at conferences and seminars was \$5,203.62.
- (iv) Expenditure on the training of Councillors and the provision of skill development for Councillors was \$11,461.73.

- (v) The cost of interstate visits undertaken by Councillors while representing the City, including the cost of transport, the cost of accommodation and other out-of-pocket travelling expenses was \$14.2.
- (vi) The cost of overseas visits undertaken by Councillors while representing Council, including the cost of transport, the cost of accommodation and other out-of-pocket travelling expenses was \$1.7.
- (vii) The expenses of any spouse, partner or other person who accompanied a Councillor in the performance of his or her civic functions, being expenses payable under guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for mayors and councillors for local councils in NSW prepared by the Director-General from time to time totalled \$1,516.36.
- (viii) The expenses involved in the provision of care for a child, or an immediate family member of a Councillor, to allow the Councillor to undertake his or her civic functions totalled \$3,647.73.

Note: for reporting purposes, certain expenditure items will appear in more than one category of expense.

Clause 217 (1) (a2) Major contracts

The following are all the contracts awarded by the City during the year 2017/18 (whether as a result of tender or otherwise), other than:

- Employment contracts (that is, contracts of service but not contracts for services)
- Contracts for less than \$150,000 (including the name of the contractor and the nature of the goods or services supplied by the contractor and the total amount payable to the contractor under the contract).

Legislative requirements

Clause 217 (1) (a) Overseas visits

Details of overseas visits undertaken during the year by Councillors, council staff and other persons representing the City (including visits sponsored by other organisations) are below.

Overseas travel undertaken by Councillors and officers representing the City in 2017/18

Purpose of travel	Destination	Officer	Date	Costs met by the City
Unleash Lab 2017	Copenhagen	Ebony Heslop Project Manager	August 2017	Incidentals
C40 Empowering Cities with Data Workshop	San Francisco, USA	Asim Nizam Environmental Projects Officer	August 2017	Incidentals
C40 Private Buildings Efficiency Network Workshop	Singapore	Tom Belsham Manager Sustainability Programs	September 2017	Airfares, accommodation and incidentals
C40 Inclusive Climate Action Workshop	New York, USA	Andrea Beattie Executive Manager Strategic Outcomes	October 2017	Accommodation
World Cities Cultural Forum	Seoul, South Korea	Bridget Smyth Design Director (City Architect)	November 2017	Airfares
World Cities Cultural Forum	Seoul, South Korea	Lisa Colley Manager Cultural Strategy	November 2017	Airfares
100 Resilient Cities Network Exchange on Metropolitan Governance	Santiago, Chile	Kristin Gabriel Senior Project Manager Resilient Sydney	December 2017	Incidentals
Transport Office of Auckland	Auckland, New Zealand	Terry Lee Williams Chief Transport Advisor	December 2017	Incidentals
Webstock conference	Wellington, New Zealand	Brendan Bolger Web Editor	February 2017	Airfares, accommodation and incidentals
Guangzhou Eastern Riverside Development Expert Symposium	Guangzhou, China	Andrew Thomas Executive Manager	March 2018	Incidentals
C40 Academy on Clean Energy Finance	Vancouver, Canada	Chris Collins Manager Green Infrastructure Implement	March 2018	Incidentals
Seminar – Wuhan's International Friendship Cities	Wuhan, China	Anusha Muller Communication Support Officer	April 2018	Incidentals
Chengdu Global Innovation & Entrepreneurship Fair Tokyo Forum for Clean City & Clear Sky	Hong Kong, Chengdu, China Tokyo, Japan	Julia Lenton Communications Manager	May 2018	Incidentals

Overseas travel undertaken by Councillors and officers representing the City in 2017/18 (continued)

Chengdu Global Innovation & Entrepreneurship Fair Tokyo Forum for Clean City	Hong Kong, Chengdu, Hina	Rebecca Yang International Relations Officer	May 2018	Incidentals
Chengdu Global Innovation & Entrepreneurship Fair Tokyo Forum for Clean City & Clear Sky	Hong Kong, Chengdu, Hina Tokyo, Japan	Councillor Jess Miller	May 2018	Incidentals
Chengdu Global Innovation & Entrepreneurship Fair Tokyo Forum for Clean City & Clear Sky	Hong Kong, Chengdu, Hina Tokyo, Japan	Councillor Robert Kok	May 2018	Incidentals
Venice Architecture Biennale Conference	Venice, Italy	Bridget Smyth Design Director (City Architect)	May 2018	Accommodation and Incidentals
Tokyo Forum for Clean City & Clear Sky	Tokyo, Japan	Chris Derksema Sustainability Director	May 2018	Airfares, Accommodation and Incidentals
C40 Low Carbon Districts Forum Workshop	Tokyo, Japan	Anna Mitchell Senior Sustainability Strategist	June 2018	Incidentals
Innovations in Creative Space and Placemaking study	Toronto, Canada	Benjamin Pechey Manager Planning Policy	June 2018	Accommodation and Incidentals

Legislative requirements

Overseas Travel Undertaken by Councillors representing Council in 2017/18

In May 2018, Councillors Jess Miller and Robert Kok travelled to Hong Kong, Chengdu, China for the Chengdu Global Innovation & Entrepreneurship Fair. The three-day event hosted participants from around 30 countries, with delegates including government leaders, world-renowned scientists, academics, diplomats, entrepreneurs and investors. The 2018 fair was a showcase of Chengdu's environment, capability and potential for new economic development.

During the same trip, Councillors Jess Miller and Robert Kok also visited Tokyo, Japan for the Tokyo Forum for Clean City & Clear Sky, an international conference on the environment. This forum focused on several issues that major cities around the world face such as waste management, sustainable resource management and air pollution. These issues were chosen in light of the global commitment toward achieving the United Nations sustainable development goals. Representatives from major cities all over the world met to share knowledge and information about effective policies and discuss solutions to create a sustainable urban environment.

Clause 217 (1) (a1) Payment of expenses and provision of facilities during the year

The City of Sydney has a Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy that governs the expenses paid and facilities provided to the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillors in the discharge of their civic duties.

In 2017/2018, the cost of expenses incurred by and facilities provided to City Councillors was \$3,286,832.58. This includes domestic travel expenses such as accommodation and registration fees for seminars and conferences, as well as office administration such as postage, meals and refreshments. It also includes staff salaries and salary on-costs totalling \$3,250,617.

Annual fees were paid to the Lord Mayor and Councillors as required by the Local Government Act 1993 and in line with the determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal. A fee was also paid to the Deputy Lord Mayor. The Lord Mayor's annual fee, excluding the amount paid to the Deputy Lord Mayor, was \$192,536.28.

In 2017/2018, the total amount paid for Councillors' fees and the Deputy Lord Mayor's fee (excluding the Lord Mayor's fee) was \$405,053.52.

Details of particular categories of expenditure are as follows:

- (i) The cost of the provision of dedicated office equipment allocated to Councillors on a personal basis was \$560,64.
- (ii) Telephone calls made by Councillors, including mobile telephones provided by the City and from the landline telephones and facsimile services installed in Councillors' homes totalled \$17,329.07.
- (iii) The cost of the attendance of Councillors at conferences and seminars was \$5,203,62.
- (iv) Expenditure on the training of Councillors and the provision of skill development for Councillors was \$11,461.73.

- (v) The cost of interstate visits undertaken by Councillors while representing the City, including the cost of transport, the cost of accommodation and other out-of-pocket travelling expenses was \$4,206.32.
- (vi) The cost of overseas visits undertaken by Councillors while representing Council, including the cost of transport, the cost of accommodation and other out-of-pocket travelling expenses was \$1,727.77.
- (vii) The expenses of any spouse, partner or other person who accompanied a Councillor in the performance of his or her civic functions, being expenses payable under guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for mayors and councillors for local councils in NSW prepared by the Director-General from time to time totalled \$1,516.36.
- (viii) The expenses involved in the provision of care for a child, or an immediate family member of a Councillor, to allow the Councillor to undertake his or her civic functions totalled \$3,647.73.

Note: for reporting purposes, certain expenditure items will appear in more than one category of expense.

Clause 217 (1) (a2) Major contracts

The following are all the contracts awarded by the City during the year 2017/18 (whether as a result of tender or otherwise), other than:

- Employment contracts (that is, contracts of service but not contracts for services)
- Contracts for less than \$150,000 (including the name of the contractor and the nature of the goods or services supplied by the contractor and the total amount payable to the contractor under the contract).



**THE HON ANGUS TAYLOR MP
MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION**

MC19-010557

27 SEP 2019

Councillor Clover Moore
Lord Mayor
City of Sydney
GPO Box 1591
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Lord Mayor

Clover

Thank you for your letter to the Minister for the Environment in relation to action on climate change. I am responding as the matter falls under my responsibilities as the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction.

The Liberal National Government is committed to taking real and meaningful action to reduce emissions to 26 to 28 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. This target is achievable and responsible, and represents one of the most ambitious reductions in per capita emissions and emissions per unit of GDP among developed countries while ensuring our economy will continue to grow and prosper.

The Government has a comprehensive set of policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase energy efficiency and fast track the development and uptake of clean energy. Building on existing measures, in February this year the Government announced a Climate Solutions Package. The Package is a \$3.5 billion investment that has mapped out, to the last tonne, how we will achieve the final 328 million tonnes of abatement needed to meet our 2030 Paris target. The Package includes a \$2 billion Climate Solutions Fund to build on the success of the Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF) and continue our investment in low-cost abatement.

The Government is also working to improve energy efficiency by reducing the energy used in appliances, equipment and buildings. This will reduce energy costs for households and businesses. We are also supporting renewable generation technology and funding research into new technologies.

In 2018, Australia led the world in per capita investment in clean energy, with more than double the investment of countries like the United Kingdom, Germany and France. This is an achievement of which Australians can be proud.

You might be interested to know that there are many practical ways local councils can take real and meaningful action to reduce their carbon emissions. One such example is to limit unnecessary air travel.

Given your most recent Annual Report shows your Council spent \$1.7 million on international travel, and \$14.2 million on domestic travel, there is a real opportunity for your Council to make a meaningful contribution to reducing Australia's emissions.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the Government's attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angus Tyl". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "l".

ANGUS TAYLOR

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: (ATTACHMENT) Letter from the Lord Mayor of Sydney [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 23 October 2019 3:24:02 PM
Attachments: [R OLM2019003333 Taylor.pdf](#)
[CoS Annual Report General Purpose Financial Statements.PDF](#)
[City of Sydney Annual Report Statutory Returns City reports.PDF](#)
[CoS annual report extract provided by Daily Telegraph.PDF](#)
[MC19-010557 Signed- Clover Moore.pdf](#)

From: DLOTaylor
Sent: Wednesday, 23 October 2019 2:12 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: DLOTaylor
Subject: FW: (ATTACHMENT) Letter from the Lord Mayor of Sydney [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi [REDACTED]
Please see attached response from Mayor Clover Moore.
I've also attached the original from Minister Taylor.
Would you like me to arrange for another Minister reply?

[REDACTED]
Departmental Liaison Officer | Office of the Hon Angus Taylor MP
Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction

a: Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600
t: [REDACTED] | **m:** [REDACTED] | **e:** [REDACTED]@environment.gov.au

From: yourenvminister
Sent: Wednesday, 23 October 2019 2:00 PM
To: DLOTaylor [REDACTED]@environment.gov.au>; MinisterialCorrespondence [REDACTED]@environment.gov.au>
Subject: FW: (ATTACHMENT) Letter from the Lord Mayor of Sydney [SEC=OFFICIAL]

From: noreply@environment.gov.au
Sent: Tuesday, 22 October 2019 5:29 PM
To: yourenvminister <yourenvminister@environment.gov.au>
Subject: (ATTACHMENT) Letter from the Lord Mayor of Sydney

Contact your Minister request notification

Contact your Minister webform submitted on 22/10/2019, 5:28

Minister name: Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction

Title: [REDACTED]

First name: [REDACTED]

Last name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Organisation: City of Sydney

Address: Level 1, 456 Kent Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia

Phone: [REDACTED]

Subject: Letter from the Lord Mayor of Sydney

Comments: Dear Minister, Please find attached a response from the Lord Mayor regarding your correspondence about the City of Sydney declaring a climate emergency. The hard copy of this letter and enclosures have also been sent to you by post. Best regards, [REDACTED] City of Sydney

Attachments: 4 file(s) attached.