

**ITEM B LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - NATIONAL RESPONSE TO REACH NET ZERO EMISSIONS**

Wollongong City Council has acknowledged that climate changes pose a serious risk to life as we know it and that current actions being implemented are not enough to limit human-caused climatic changes.

Council plays an important leadership role in helping our community move towards the 'new normal' of a zero-carbon future. We are reducing our greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2030 and supporting the community to do the same by 2050. We are preparing for increased temperatures, more frequent and intense storms and natural disasters such as bush fires that are likely to affect our community more often in the future.

The annual UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) brings together world leaders to accelerate action to reach the goals set out by the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. COP26 will take place in Scotland from 1-12 November 2021.

#### RECOMMENDATION

In the lead up to 26<sup>th</sup> UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties in Scotland in November, Wollongong City Council -

- 1 Note and reinforce our commitment to achieve net zero emissions for Council operations by 2030 and net zero emissions for Wollongong by 2050.
- 2 Write to the Prime Minister calling for a national response that will deliver action to achieve net zero emissions in Australia well before 2050.

#### ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.