

## TAKE2 for Local Government

Signing your Council up to TAKE2 will help Victoria reach net zero emissions by 2050.

Below are TAKE2 actions your Council can take to combat climate change. This list will help you plan your greenhouse gas emissions reductions. Once you have decided what you will do, go to the TAKE2 website and select your actions. Then you will be part of the TAKE2 community and can share your climate change efforts with others.

Sector	Category	Action	✓
Local government	Energy efficiency 	Undertake an energy inventory and develop a reporting process	
		Develop a climate policy	
		Set a science based emissions reduction target	
		Set minimum energy efficiency standards for constructing, renovating and maintaining Council-owned buildings	
		Develop and implement a program to address energy efficiency in reactive maintenance	
		Develop and implement a council building energy efficiency capital works program	
		Ensure Council's building management systems (BMS) maximise energy performance	
		Upgrade heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) in Council-owned buildings	
		Change street lighting to LED (residential and council-managed roads first, then change main road LED street lighting)	
		Enter into an energy performance contract (EPC)	
	Renewable energy 	Establish a policy for Council's own new builds to have energy efficiency and renewable plans	
		Develop a renewable energy implementation plan	
		Set a renewable energy target for Council	
		Buy renewable energy	
		Investigate microgrid opportunities	
		Review renewable energy options for aquatic centres	
		Install solar photovoltaic on buildings that can support the technology	
		Trial or install battery storage	
		Find innovative market solutions for investment in renewable energy contracts	
	Emissions offsets 	Assess and monitor Council's carbon emissions	
		Have carbon emissions independently verified	
		Buy carbon offsets for air travel	
		Buy carbon offsets for business emissions	
	Strategic and statutory planning 	Get carbon neutral accreditation through National Carbon Offset Standard and promote through the Carbon Neutral Network	
		Work with developers to improve local development standards	
		Investigate opportunities for low carbon growth planning in new developments	
		Map climate change hazards for Council assets and the municipality	
		Develop guidelines for solar photovoltaic and solar hot water installations	
		Develop an ecologically sustainable development (ESD) policy planning amendment to the local planning scheme	
		Train planning staff to effectively apply ESD principles	
		Conduct on-site ESD inspections for developments once built	
	Transport and fleet 	Work with other councils to adopt a standard for ESD policies in planning schemes	
		Assess planning applications with the Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment's (CASBE) Built Environment Sustainable Development Scorecard	
		Assess fleet management to identify fuel efficiency opportunities	
		Train staff in fuel efficient driving techniques	
		Encourage staff to use public transport for work-related travel by offering MYKI cards	
		Provide staff facilities for active travel including cycling, running and walking	
		Provide bicycles to staff for work travel	
		Build more dedicated cycling paths	
	Waste 	Construct more on-road cycling lanes	
		Buy low emissions vehicles for Council's passenger fleet	
		Investigate fuel/vehicle options for Council's heavy and commercial vehicles	
		Investigate opportunities to install electric vehicle recharge infrastructure	
		Develop or update municipal waste management and resource recovery strategy	
		Identify and set internal waste reduction targets	
		Educate staff to better manage waste	
		Install separate bins for landfill, co-mingled, soft plastics, organics, e-waste and light globes in council-managed buildings	
	Natural and urban environment 	Reduce contamination in kerbside waste collection	
		Introduce a kerbside organic waste collection program	
		Introduce a recycling system for public places	
		Identify opportunities to turn waste to energy	
		Promote 'Detox your Home' mobile collections and permanent drop-off sites to your community	
		Map local biodiversity	
		Develop a biodiversity plan that considers climate change threats, impacts, opportunities, and actions	
		Develop an urban heat island plan	
	Purchasing and contracting 	Develop an urban forests strategy	
		Develop an integrated water cycle management plan that considers climate change threats, impacts, opportunities, and actions on biodiversity	
		In regional areas, investigate how climate change could impact agriculture and sustainable land use	
		Develop an incentive program to encourage land owners to protect and enhance biodiversity	
	Culture and leadership 	Develop a tree inventory and management system to assess health, future planting options and canopy cover	
		Engage the community on how climate change will affect future vegetation selection and planting in the municipality	
		Develop biolinks across the municipality	
		Develop a sustainable procurement policy including guidance on environmental evaluation criteria	
	Community 	Do a spend analysis and identify opportunities for a sustainable procurement plan	
		Set targets for sustainable green spends	
		Monitor and report on targets	
		Include environmental evaluation criteria in quotes and tenders	
		Encourage staff to TAKE2	
		Set up an environment team to identify ways to reduce emissions at work	
		Help councillors and staff reduce emissions by providing environmental professional development	
		Promote Council's environmental programs to the community	
	Community 	Encourage the community to TAKE2	
		Feature climate change in Council publications	
		Establish a community environmental advisory committee	
		Give residents guidance on environmental design and retrofits	
		Develop a rate rebate scheme for energy efficiency and solar features	
		Work with developers to support distributed renewable energy in new developments	
		Support renewable energy bulk-buys for the community	
		Establish an environmental upgrade agreement or rates payback mechanism for commercial buildings	
		Support community owned renewable energy generators and retailers	