

CLIMATE LEADERSHIP PLANNING PRINCIPLES

- 1 Lead and inspire** – The City will be a regional and national leader on climate mitigation and adaptation. It will take urgent action to drive innovative GHG reductions, creatively and collaboratively with other leaders and key stakeholders.
- 2 Harmonize climate action to secure co-benefits** – GHG reduction actions should be integrated with all other priority areas for City planning, including health, safety, and environmental protection, affordability, and quality of life.
- 3 Universal accountability** – All Victorians (residents, businesses, employees, and visitors) have a role to play in improving GHG performance, and should be encouraged to take meaningful action.
- 4 Make energy visible** – Our community's energy use, GHG performance, and climate impacts must be clearly known to drive effective change.
- 5 Evidence-based decisions** – Energy and GHG decisions should be socially-minded, cost-effective and supported by science, including a full, life-cycle understanding of relevant issues and technologies.
- 6 Renewable energy for all** – Our entire community, regardless of circumstances, must have access to efficient, affordable and renewable energy options.
- 7 Dismantle barriers** – The City will remove barriers preventing rapid decarbonisation of our energy mix by supporting policies that support smart energy choices and GHG-reduction behaviours.
- 8 Climate resilience is developed early** – Victoria must act with a sense of urgency and take early and meaningful action to avoid the most disruptive economic, social, and environmental impacts imposed by climate change.
- 9 Think globally, change locally, partner regionally** – Partnering and advocating across jurisdictional boundaries is key to achieving consensus and maximizing global GHG reductions.
- 10 Track and Adjust** – The City will measure, track and report on its targets and actions annually, making adjustments where required.