

Climate Emergency Plan



Background

Loci Environment & Place Inc. has been committed to addressing climate change since its foundation in 2015. This is enshrined in its constitution.

Loci integrates its climate change responses as a part of its interdisciplinary responses.

There is an opportunity for Loci to be more proactive in responding to our climate emergency.

Climate Emergency Declaration

An initiative that has emerged from Melbourne's own Local Government sector and is now spreading worldwide is the 'climate emergency declaration'. Over 1700 jurisdictions in over 30 countries have now made climate emergency declarations. At the time of writing, 96 Local Governments in Australia have declared a climate emergency.

www.climateemergencydeclaration.org

The Climate Emergency Declaration is based on the principles of mobilising and taking action at a scale and speed that will restore a safe climate. A 1.5°C rise is not considered safe and will not avoid dangerous climate change.

To restore a safe climate, we need a rapid transition to zero emissions across all sectors, as well as the drawdown of greenhouse gases in the air.

We are currently tracking at 1.2°C and forecast to reach 1.5°C by 2030 without an emergency response.

At its meeting of 25 June 2020, Loci Environment & Place committed to the Climate Emergency Declaration and adopted the following:

- *Recognition that we are in a state of climate emergency that requires urgent action by all levels of government, and supported by non-profit organisations and practitioners*
- *Commitment to embedding climate emergency principles and actions in Loci's work with practitioners including the Better Best Practice Program, training events and project work.*
- *Commitment to sharing knowledge and partnering with others to help tackle climate change.*

Climate Emergency Guiding Principles

Loci will apply three guiding principles as the core of their climate emergency response:

- Every Loci event will include climate emergency messaging to inspire all practitioners to do more
- Every Loci project will include climate change advice designed to help mobilise action
- Every practitioner will be helped to do more within their own roles to fight climate change. There is a lot we can do that we're not yet maximising.

Our climate change work will invite and value the wisdom and contribution of Traditional Owners and Aboriginal communities.

Climate Emergency Actions

Loci will deliver the following actions to start our work in addressing the climate emergency:

1. Deliver new Better Best Practice Notes to directly help practitioners respond to climate emergency
2. Add more direct climate deliverables into the ongoing revisions of all Better Best Practice Notes
3. Use our projects and program to advocate for better climate change data to help practitioners in all their climate change planning, hazard mapping and risk reduction strategies.
4. Work with Local Government practitioners apply climate emergency measures that go beyond business-as-usual climate strategies. This includes actions for new economy, new asset management systems, new decision-making processes and an evolution in strategic planning.
5. Promote climate emergency messaging on Loci's website and social media to support strong individual and collective actions.
6. Be more transparent and accountable for Loci's current and future application of Zero-Carbon Loci Emissions commitment.