

## 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	
	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	
	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		
Community		Develop a sustainable procurement policy including guidance on environmental evaluation criteria		
		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		
		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				