



ECONOMIC RECOVERY SOLUTIONS MUST CREATE LOCAL JOBS WHILE TACKLING LONG TERM CHALLENGES LIKE CLIMATE CHANGE.

STATEMENT FROM 41 AUSTRALIAN MAYORS AND COUNCILLORS

We commit to a sustainable economic recovery.

A recovery that creates local jobs now and supports industries and sectors that invest in a zero carbon future and a strong economy.

The actions we take now must improve liveability for everyone, including the most vulnerable members of society, and make communities more resilient and sustainable.

We aim to embed, and advocate for, the following actions to recover in a way that addresses long term challenges, empowers communities and creates a prosperous future:

1. Drive renewable energy and storage within councils and communities to lower power bills and increase energy independence and resilience.
2. Accelerate, and advocate for, sustainable transport to future proof cities and connect communities and regions.
3. Roll out energy efficiency measures within council and the community to create jobs, reduce energy costs and create more comfortable homes and workplaces.
4. Increase revegetation and urban greening, as well as undertake ecosystem restoration to maintain unique biodiversity, clean air and water and healthy communities.
5. Integrate circular economy principles across council to close the loop on resource use, such as enhancing organic waste collection and processing, to create jobs and cut carbon emissions.
6. Support local businesses to be more sustainable through opportunities like increasing the uptake of renewable energy, aiding energy efficiency upgrades and waste management support.
7. Actively engage communities to provide a clear understanding of the importance and benefits of a sustainable and resilient economic recovery.
8. Prioritise local businesses, skills and suppliers for new or ongoing projects and ensure sustainability is at the core of council purchasing.

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