| **Councillor Briefing Paper** |  |
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| **Subject:** | **Climate Council Cities Power Partnership** |
| **Purpose:** | To advise proposed membership of the Cities Power Partnership Program |
| **From:** |  | **Date:** |  |

**Background**

1. The Cities Power Partnership (the program) is a free national program run by the Climate Council. It aims to provide local governments with the tools, knowledge and connections to take meaningful action on climate change and capitalise on the global shift to a clean economy.
2. It is the largest local government climate program in Australia with over 145 member councils representing over 60 per cent of Australia’s population.
3. The work of the Climate Council promotes independent research and policy proposals based on the best available climate science.

**Key issues**

1. The program connects councils throughout Australia to share knowledge and best practice on climate and clean energy solutions. It also helps councils to promote and celebrate their successes through media and events, including an annual national awards program.
2. Councils who join the program are required to make five action pledges across the areas of renewable energy, energy efficiency, sustainable transport, collaboration and advocacy. [Council] is already taking actions that could be counted towards these pledges [including].
3. Program membership presents an opportunity for [Council] to save time and costs in implementing [the actions set out under our Climate Change Mitigation Strategy] [best practice climate and clean energy policies and programs]. It will also support [Council] to demonstrate leadership in working with other local governments to address climate change.
4. Joining the program requires a letter from the Mayor making a commitment to commit five pledges within six months of joining, to report our progress in achieving emission reduction goals and to participate in sharing knowledge with other councils.
5. There is no cost for joining the program and reporting is undertaken through an annual online survey that takes approximately 2-3 hours to complete.

**Recommended action**

1. That Councillors note management’s intention to join the Cities Power Partnership and endorse the attached letter from the Mayor.

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