



Positioning Latrobe City for a low carbon emission future

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- Latrobe City today:
 - 72,900 people
 - Major towns: Moe-Newborough, Morwell, Traralgon and Churchill

- Major projects announced or currently underway:
 - International Power Coal Drying Retrofit \$80 million;
 - ACE Latrobe Urea Project \$2 billion;
 - HRL Clean Coal Power Station \$750 million; and
 - Latrobe Community Health Redevelopment \$21 million

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- Latrobe City currently supplies over 90% of Victoria's electricity generation requirements
- Low cost electricity generated in the Latrobe Valley from brown coal resources has contributed to Victoria's economic prosperity over the last 90 years
- High moisture content of brown coal means that the greenhouse gas emissions produced per unit of electricity produced are high relative to other forms of electricity generation

Policy context



- International and Australian policies are being developed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in response to growing concern about climate change
- Latrobe City Council supports efforts to address climate change
- Latrobe City seeks to ensure that its economy and community continue to prosper
- Latrobe City Council supports the sustainable use of brown coal and seeks to work with industry to support the development of low emissions technologies

Policy context



- Introduction of greenhouse gas mitigation schemes
- new opportunities for Latrobe City
- Considerable research underway examining alternative uses for brown coal as well as technologies to improve the efficiency of brown coal fired electricity generation and reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases
- Schemes such as the CPRS will introduce a carbon price

Policy position themes



- Latrobe City Council has identified three themes that underpin its planned policy approach:
 - Pursuing and realising opportunities
 - Contingency planning
 - Working together

- Actions have also been developed in line with these themes

Pursuing and realising opportunities



Actions include:

Regional level:

- Support the development of commercially viable low emissions coal technologies;
- Support the development of alternative uses and markets for coal;
- Work with State and Federal Governments to raise community awareness of the details, likely impacts and available support mechanisms related to emissions reduction policies; and

Local level:

- Promote the development of its economy based on sustainable use of natural resources (for example, water, agricultural land, forests, wind, solar, geothermal energy);
- Build on the existing programs to attract new residents to Latrobe City;
- Work with State Government and other stakeholders to improve the breadth and quality of education, transport, health and recreational services and infrastructure; and

Contingency planning



Actions include:

- Advocate for and actively participate in the development of holistic contingency plans for the Gippsland region and Latrobe City municipality as part of the implementation of Australian Government policies;
- Lobby for independent social impact analysis of regional impacts of Australian Government policies on emissions reductions; and
- Contribute to formulation and delivery of a proactive transition response commensurate with expected social impacts.

Working together



Actions include:

Regional level:

- Show regional leadership by working to encourage a co-ordinated approach to economic growth, regional development and the transition to a carbon constrained economy;
- Build strategic alliances with other Councils and groups with complementary interests to facilitate a clear and consistent message to Federal and State policy makers;

Local level:

- Maintain capacity and resources to proactively anticipate and plan for the transition to a carbon constrained economy;
- Facilitate the delivery of a clear and consistent message from both Latrobe City and the broader region to Federal and State policy makers.

- With the appropriate transition mechanism in place, Latrobe City Council is confident both climate change mitigation and economic growth can be achieved.

Questions?