

Steps that Melville City CAN did

1. Did Research -
 - Current science on global warming
 - What council is doing in this area by asking Sustainability Coordinator Jag Walia
2. Met with every councillor that was willing to meet to initially discuss. (Most said that they needed to be shown that there is wide spread community support)
3. Met with the CEO and Director of Finance (They said they can only act on what is voted on by the Councillors)
4. Then began a Community Campaign:
 - Petition at shopping centres, farmer's markets and door-knocking.
 - Involved volunteers and the community as residents signed the petition.
 - Created a Facebook Group and email list to keep in contact with community.
5. Organised Climate Scientist Professor Bill Hare to speak to councillors and administrators at one of the Elected Member Informal Sessions.
6. Submitted the petition to council.
7. Encouraged residents to email their councillors even if they had not previously signed the petition.
8. Provided a deputation at Council meeting when the Councillors were voting on the issue.
9. Councillors voted to 'acknowledge, accept and request that an Officer's Report be written and then the administration wrote an Officer Recommendation (similar to a motion)
10. Found the councillor willing to:
 - amend the Officer Recommendation to be in line with the petition request. (Only if the Officer Recommendation is not in line the petition request) OR
 - put a separate motion in support of the petition request.
11. Following the vote by the City of Melville to declare a Climate Emergency and develop a Climate Emergency Action Plan, groups/organisations and residents were informed of the Council's vote via email. They were also encouraged to email their councillors to thank them.