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AUSTRALIA FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Queenscliffe CERP Review 2026

Cr Mayor Donnie Grigau
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Dear Mayor Donnie Grigau

As local residents and ratepayers, we are joining together in this Open Letter to ensure that climate action remains a central, explicit priority in the Community Vision 2025–2031.

Our community has a proud history of championing climate mitigation. As Council prepares its new Vision and Community Plan, it is vital that we protect and build upon the immense progress already achieved under the Climate Emergency Response Plan (CERP). <https://www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/Residents/Sustainability/Climate-Emergency-Response-Plan>

The track record of the CERP proves that ambitious climate action is both highly effective and financially responsible. To date, the CERP has successfully:

- Attracted **over \$4.7 million** in external funding and grants.
- Cost Council just \$600,000 over five years (**just 1% of total expenditure**).
- **Halved Council's emissions.**
- Delivered **54 distinct actions**, such as the Queenscliff Railway & Tourist Precinct Solar Upgrade; Energy audits for every local community organisation; and plans for community batteries and a solar farm to stabilise the grid and maximise locally generated renewable energy.

Small councils like ours can and do lead through smart partnerships. To ensure the upcoming CERP review is effective and reflects our shared aspirations as required by the *Local Government Act*, **we request that Council:**

1. **Formalise the Review Process:** Immediately publish a clear timeline, scope, and terms of reference for the five-year CERP review on the Council website.
2. **Ensure Transparency:** Utilise the review's \$10,000 budget to consult interested community groups and publish all feedback and draft findings on the Council website.
3. **Evaluate Total Value:** Ensure the review assesses not just financial costs, but the full benefits of grant leverage, energy savings, resilience improvements and social, environmental and tourism benefits.
4. **Adopt a Leadership Motion:** We urge the Borough to follow the lead of councils like Mt Alexander by passing a motion that calls on the coal and gas industry to pay for local climate transitions, ensuring more resources are available for our CERP goals.

I look forward to your response on how you will uphold these vital commitments in the Community Vision 2025–2031.

Yours sincerely

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