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AUSTRALIA FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Reinstate the CERP Sept 2026

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Dear Cr Di Rule,

As a resident and ratepayer of the Borough of Queenscliffe, We call upon the Council to reinstate, prioritise, and fully resource the **Climate Emergency Response Plan (CERP)**.

The CERP is not just an optional policy document. It is a foundational, community-led roadmap that came to life following an overwhelming mandate from **more than 2,000 local residents** who successfully petitioned Council to declare a climate emergency on 19th of December 2019.

We acknowledge that the Council faces complex financial and operational responsibilities. However, the Climate Emergency Response Plan (CERP) has already:

- ❑ Attracted over \$4.7 million in **external funding**.
- ❑ Cost Council only \$600,000 over five years - **1% of total expenditure**.
- ❑ **Halved** Council's emissions.
- ❑ Implemented **54 actions**, including widely supported battery and solar initiatives.

Sidelineing the CERP - which is designed to secure a sustainable, zero-carbon future by 2031 - ignores the clear priorities of the community. With minimal financial cost to the Council, high external funding, and local organisations doing the heavy lifting, **it defies logic that Council would dishonour community's mandate and step back.**

You represent us and we call upon the Council to:

1. Immediately reinstate full and we demand that the Council: support, funding, and momentum for the CERP framework.
2. Re-engage constructively with the community and local climate action groups to ensure accountability and shared governance.
3. Uphold our local targets to address climate risks proactively.

Can I please receive a response regarding how the Council should move forward with the CERP?

Yours sincerely,