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SAVE the CERP

Mayor Donnie Grigau

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Dear Mayor Grigau,

Date:

As a resident and/or ratepayer of the Borough of Queenscliffe, I call upon Council to support and prioritise 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 19 December 2019.

We acknowledge that Council faces complex financial and operational responsibilities. However, as formally documented in Council's own Review, the CERP has already proven that cutting emissions is achievable without breaking the municipal budget. It has:

- Attracted over \$4.7 million in **external funding**.
- Cost Council only **1% of total expenditure**.
- **Halved** Council's emissions.
- **Successfully delivered 54 core actions**, including the region's highest per capita solar take-up via the *Electric Homes Program* and solar upgrades for Cottage by the Sea, Queenscliff Neighbourhood House, Point Lonsdale Bowls Club, the Bellarine Railway and more.

While major funding for our community battery infrastructure has been successfully secured, this critical program risks being lost without Council's continued and explicit backing.

Transitioning away from the CERP - which is designed to secure a sustainable, zero-carbon future by 2031 - risks ignoring 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 dismantle the community's established framework**.

You represent the community, so I urge Council to:

1. Fully support the CERP framework, including its Vision, Targets, and Pillars (outlined on pages 28–33).
2. Collaborate closely with funding bodies to protect existing grants and continue securing significant external funding toward achieving net-zero emissions across the Borough by 2031.

With the climate emergency rapidly accelerating, we need courageous and decisive action from you. As a democratically elected Councillor, can you please respond.

Yours sincerely,