



CANDIDATE SURVEY - Climate and Biodiversity

	Question		Response
1. Please click the statement that best reflects your views.	<i>“Climate change” means global warming: it is human-caused and requires urgent action by all levels of government.</i>		
	<i>The climate may be changing but it is not human-caused and there is nothing we can do about it.</i>		
	<i>The climate has always changed and there is no problem.</i>		
2. Please click the actions you would encourage Council to take.	<i>Acknowledge that we are in a state of climate emergency that requires urgent action by all levels of government, including by local councils.</i>		
	<i>Commit to a target of 100% renewable energy for council operations by 2025.</i>		
	<i>Commit to a target of net zero carbon emissions for the community by 2030.</i>		
3. Do you believe this statement is true or false? Please indicate your response.	<i>“The severity of bushfires is increasingly due to climate change.”</i>	TRUE	Don't know
		FALSE	

Qs 4–14 How would you as a Colac Otway Shire Councillor prioritise action on the following (please click the button):	High priority	Low priority	No priority	Don't know
4. Adaptation to bushfire risk?				
5. Support a “post-COVID19 recovery” focused on jobs and industries in renewable energy?				
6. Long term, evidence-based coastal erosion solutions for the shire?				
7. Protection of local biodiversity, including Otways groundwater-dependent ecosystems?				
8. Minimising the use of toxic sprays (e.g. glyphosate) in the shire?				
9. Installation of large scale solar energy systems in shire?				
10. Support for "solar bulk buy " programs for residents?				
11. Support for local regenerative farming practices?				
12. Projects to improve urban greening?				
13. Transitioning Council to electric vehicles and supporting infrastructure development for local uptake?				
14. Planning Scheme amendments to achieve environmentally sustainable development?				



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15. Please take this opportunity to clarify, in your own words, what climate and environment challenges are facing the shire?	
16. If you are elected/re-elected, please indicate your <u>three highest priority areas</u> for the Council's attention in the next two years (2021-2022).	
17. Please feel free to add other comments.	

Thank you for completing this survey. Authorised by Marina Lewis *for Climate Action Team, Colac Otway Shire, c/o Gellibrand River Post Office, Victoria 3239. Email: citizensforclimateaction.cos@gmail.com*