

Draft Climate Change Policy – Net Zero by 2030

Submissions received

Overview

- The draft Tweed Shire Council Climate Change Policy – Net Zero by 2030 was on exhibition from 17 March to 18 May 2020.
- 103 submissions were received via a Your Say Tweed project page. Contributors were asked the following questions:
 - Do you support the draft Climate Change Policy – Net Zero by 2030?
 - Do you agree with Council setting a target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from its operations?
 - If you answered YES, do you support the target in the draft Policy for Council to reach net zero emissions from its operations by 2030?
 - If you support a target, but not net zero emissions by 2030, what should the target be?
 - How important is it for Council to be involved in adaptation? (E.g. Actions to prepare for the impacts of climate change). This could include: protecting essential services from future tidal inundation, increasing tree cover in urban areas to reduce heat, increasing drought security of the drinking water supply, and increasing community preparedness for and ability to recover from severe storms.
 - Should Council be undertaking mitigation activities (actions to reduce levels of greenhouse gas emissions)?
- A further 7 submissions were received via email.

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1	No	I believe the focus should be on adaptation to climate change as our mitigation efforts and the cost of them will do little to impact climate change while China and India have no restrictions on emissions. Strangely China is still classed as a developing economy. We need to do all we can without impacting our economy or the jobs for our younger generation. Net zero by 2030 is very questionable even if it is aspirational.	Yes	No, not by 2030.	2050	Very important	Somewhat agree
2	No	There is NO empirical evidence from repeatable experiments showing a definite link between carbon emissions and global temperature or climate. So far only "guilt by association" of correlation experience has been taken as the basis of policy - that is not science. It is misunderstanding and political correctness. How will the "zero by 2030" look when realisation dawns that carbon has nothing to do with it? Much more important is adaptation to the cyclical climate conditions. Even MORE important is the scourge of plastic, being produced by the millions of tonnes and just building up globally, choking the environment. Countering THAT would be a more desirable policy.	No		Present climate change is not likely to result in tidal inundation beyond normal, coastal erosion (ignoring of which has led to construction in some wrong places). There is no need for any greenhouse target to be set. It will only prove to be costly with no benefit obtained. No target can stop climate change which is cyclical.	Very important	Strongly disagree
3	No	I consider Climate Change to be CLIMATE CYCLE.	Yes	no	25	Very important	Somewhat disagree
4	Yes	The Tweed is very susceptible to the effects of climate change, already very flood prone, with significant coastal erosion at Kingscliff. Recent bushfires, drought, floods, storms and tidal surges have already taken their toll. We have limited public transport and EV infrastructure. We are physically spread-out, with communities already often isolated by flood or rain events. And we have some of the poorest people in NSW who will be disproportionately affected by adverse weather events. Many properties in our region are uninsurable. The Commonwealth government has completely failed to mitigate and adapt to change, so it is up to us at an individual and community level. Thankyou to our lovely Council for taking the necessary steps.	Yes	Yes wonderful, ASAP. 2025 too hard?	2025?	Very important	Strongly agree
5	Yes	It is obviously very important	Yes	Yes	I support it	Very important	Strongly agree
6	Yes	I support local government taking action on climate change in the ways outlined in the policy.	Yes	Yes.	100%	Very important	Strongly agree
7	Yes	Time frame should be longer. We should know what alternatives will be used before we to commit.	Yes	NO.	50%	Fairly important	Somewhat disagree

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8	Yes	<p>I strongly support the draft Climate Change Policy. Our drought, with its lowest ever recorded rainfall, and the devastating bushfires burned thousand year old trees in our rainforests -frightening signs we are already facing widespread and damaging impacts of climate change.</p> <p>The draft policy successfully outlines the wide range of impacts climate change is having. I am especially encouraged that protection of our native species and globally significant environment is clearly stated. As the third most biodiverse area in Australia, at this time of over a million species at risk of extinction and a billion animals lost in the recent fires, we hold huge responsibility for protecting our environment and its native faun and flora. In the Climate Change Action Plan that is proposed I would like to see this aspect given highest priority and significant new financial allocation to achieve this goal.</p>	Yes	<p>I strongly support the goal of at least 2030 net zero emissions for Council operations as well as for community emissions. The situation we are faced with is extremely urgent and we must be completely serious about addressing it. We have shown that faced with the immediate danger of the Coronavirus 19 epidemic we can adapt despite the challenges, including economic challenges, involved. If we are to save human society as we know it we must again adapt quickly and with positive forward planning. Embraced positively, climate change adaptation can be an economic and social opportunity. Over 500 corporations have already taken a lead on this and have adopted a target of zero emissions by 2030 (see http://www.climateaction.org/news/over-500-b-corps-commit-to-being-net-zero-by-2030), so have institutions such as The National Farmers Federation, Melbourne Water, Monash University and Meat and Livestock Australia.</p> <p>While all levels of government need to take on at least this target, local Council are particularly well placed to make a difference. They own significant infrastructure and are embedded in the local communities. Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane councils are already carbon neutral in their own operations and Darwin is aiming for 2020 for its operations.</p> <p>This draft Tweed Shire Council policy, if adopted, will make the shire a regional leader in positive adaptation to climate change. We will also be the beneficiaries of social and economic benefits and our children will thank us.</p>	I support a target of at least net zero emissions by 2030 but if it can be done by 2025, even better!	Very important	Strongly agree
9	Yes	The Tweed Shire Area as a whole is particularly vulnerable to climate change. Those suburbs located seriously close to the beach will suffer due to sea level rise as well as other factors related to climate change such as drought and increased intensity of storms/cyclones. I feel it's extremely important we take action on climate change now as it will cost the people more if we do nothing at all.	Yes	Yes, it's extremely important we reduce our emissions to net zero as soon as possible	We need to reach net zero emissions as soon as possible	Very important	Strongly agree
10	Yes	We need to take urgent steps to mitigate impacts of climate change. We must be able to quickly & effectively respond to climate change events & provide support to the community, the environment & our wildlife to safeguard them.	Yes	Yes	I support zero emissions by 2030	Very important	Strongly agree
11	Yes	see attached file	Yes	yes	support the target	Very important	Strongly agree

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12	Yes	Global warming is a contributing factor to drought and unprecedented bush fires. The Tweed Shire is the site of a biodiversity hot spot with over one hundred threatened or endangered species. Our wildlife is an essential constituent of the natural environment and as such one of the pillars of the tourist industry in this area. These species will not survive if the climate change is not halted.	Yes	Yes.	No	Very important	Strongly agree
13	Yes	See attached file please note: I have needed to resubmit due to Council website problems over Easter. Apologies if I have sent a second copy by mistake.	Yes	We strongly support the goal of at least 2030 net zero emissions for Council operations and of facilitation of similar community emissions goals.federal level). The Coronavirus 19 has shown that faced with the immediate danger of an epidemic we can adapt despite the challenges, including economic challenges, involved. If we are to save human society as we know it from the ravages of climate change we must again adapt quickly, decisively and with uncompromising and positive forward planning. Such positive adaptation is certainly possible and in the Draft Policy is viewed as an economic and social opportunity. Over 500 corporations have already taken a lead like this and have adopted a target of zero emissions by 2030 (see http://www.climateaction.org/news/over-500-b-corps-commit-to-being-net-zero-by-2030). So have large institutions such as The National Farmers Federation, Melbourne Water, Monash University and Meat and Livestock Australia. While all levels of government need to take on at least this target of zero emissions by 2030, local Councils are particularly well placed to make a much needed difference because they own significant infrastructure and are embedded in and influence local communities. The goal of zero emissions by 2030 is also clearly achievable. Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane councils are already carbon neutral in their own operations and Darwin is aiming for 2020 for its operations.	We support the 2030 target - or earlier.	Very important	Strongly agree
14	Yes	Be the change, you desire to see in the world. I would like to see TSC utilise solar, wind and electric technologies in it's operations, as well as being a leader in battery use and research. Promote these changes as investments rather than costs.	Yes	But make it clear, it is only a target and is flexible. The key is to emphasize the intention is the important thing that is promoting the new actions and investments., and why. To adapt yes, but it is about efficiency of resources in a sustainable way that replicates the natural system. That is, no	The target is to become as efficient and non polluting as possible in every area of TSC operations.	Very important	Neither agree nor disagree

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				waste, no pollution.			
15	Yes	It's a good start but needs more specific actions. The wording is soft. Tweed also has huge influence and control over the general populace. this plan needs to cover actions for the general populace. Refer to the attached markup for detail comments.	Yes	Neutral is straight forward. I'm a mechanical engineer who's just built a house in Bogangar with solar and a battery with tech in the house which hugely reduces my household's footprint. Coupled with us having a hybrid car as the main run about and offsetting all flights makes us with very low effort very low footprint. Over the next 2 years, I plan to make the house completely neutral. Tweed Council could go for loftier goals to make an inspiring example and aim for carbon negative.	As per above, I'd support hugely Tweed Council targetting negative emissions.	Very important	Strongly disagree
16	No	Climate change has been going on since the planets beginning. The UN agenda is designed to facilitate their drive towards a one world government, together with other actions like open borders and we can see how well that's working out. Carbon dioxide is a natural gas and until the use of coal to generate energy was in decline.	No		N/A	Important	Somewhat disagree
17	No	Ridiculous targets. Are you going to stop industry for minimal reduction in emissions. Are you going to kill off livestock, stop people breathing and flatulating. The only thing you should stop is water mining.	No		No you are just creating a problem to keep unnecessary beuraucrats in jobs.	Not at all important	Strongly disagree
18	Yes	This policy is very understandable and balanced. We are all in this together to minimize, mitigate, and be resilient to climate change.	Yes	Yes I agree and look forward to a detailed pathway	I support a net zero emissions by 2030	Very important	Strongly agree
19	Yes	It's a good mix of mitigation and adaptation initiatives	Yes	Yes, because we need to aim high, and that's because the higher levels of government appear to be not yet addressing the issue with sufficient purpose and ambition.	I support the target of net zero emissions by 2030	Very important	Strongly agree
20	Yes	Yes because climate change due to our carbon and methane emissions are a serious threat to us and future generations.	Yes	Strongly support	See above	Very important	Strongly agree
21	Yes	Please see attached file that addresses comments to sections of the policy document.	Yes	I support the target aspirationally, however there must be a sound rationale to explain why this target was chosen - where did the target come from? Why this target for 2030 and not the 2050 target as chosen by the State and federal governments? The question of whether the target is aspirational or practicably achievable should be addressed and at least qualified. With such a target there must be measures to indicate progress - how will progress be measured? In setting the target the measurement of	I support the target - however a clear rationale must be provided as well as appropriate measures for the target.	Very important	Strongly agree

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				progress must be set out as well.			
22	Yes	<p>This sentence "Council will strive to reach net zero emissions from its operations by 2030, and will support community efforts to reach net zero emissions over the same period. "</p> <p>to be replaced with</p> <p>"Council will strive to reach net zero emissions from its operations by 2030 at the latest, and will support community efforts to reach net zero emissions over the same period. Wherever possible Council will aim to reach net zero emissions earlier than 2030 and will not use the 2030 deadline as an excuse to delay potential energy saving initiatives for its own operations or those of the community."</p>	Yes	yes	2030	Very important	Strongly agree
23	No	<p>It does not need to be enshrined by Council that we need to reduce any emission. If we reach ZERO NET emissions, how are crops meant to grow. Some very basic truths have not been addressed.</p> <p>All plant life need these very emissions to grow and produce the very food we eat. The IPCC report does not list who these Policy makers are and where they gathered their information. A lack of transparency in this regard</p>	No		75% reduction by 2030	Slightly important	Somewhat disagree
24	No	<p>Council's climate change policy of zero emissions is ludicrous. Does Council have any idea of the cost to the community of such a policy in circumstances when the world is faced with a major economic crisis. Does Council suggest a photograph of the Kingscliff beach bowls club is an example of world climate change. Council should also exhibit a photograph of the man made groin at the mouth of Cudgen Creek a major cause of erosion north of the groin. Additionally, why doesn't Council provide a photograph of beaches south of the groin where there is no erosion. Council needs to look beyond the insular ideology within the warped brains of Greens who have infiltrated our Council and give some consideration to its ratepayers and the increasing costs they are expected to bear as a consequence of crazy green policies.</p>	No		I don't support a target based in dubious scientific modelling.	Not at all important	Strongly disagree
25	Yes	<p>i commend the Tweed Council for acknowledging and working to address climate change and it's effects, and i would like to thank the Tweed Council for leading the way where state and federal governments are lagging</p>	Yes	yes. i think we need to set strong but achievable targets, not just ideals and talk, but measurable actions.	see above	Very important	Strongly agree
26	No	<p>I don't agree with it because it does not outline how you plan on achieving the results targeted. I also don't believe that the powers that be understand the impact on our environment that energy efficient products really have. Please watch the latest Michael Moore movie, Planet of the Humans.</p>	No	<p>I believe the costs outweigh the benefits and the long term costs of deconstruction and waste management of decommissioned products will be of far greater impact. The council should be leaving the politely agendas and environmental target to the state and federal government bodies and concern itself with the smaller picture.</p>	25%	Not at all important	Strongly disagree

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27	Yes	I think this is a fantastic time to pursue these initiatives with all the changes that have been so good for the environment that have come out of the responses to the pandemic. People have been scared by the pandemic and hopefully will now pull their heads out of the sand about climate change	Yes	Yes	I support zero emissions by 2030	Very important	Strongly agree
28	Yes	Council is to be congratulated on developing a Climate Change Policy. The threats to the environment, worldwide, will cause severe disruption to people, the economy and the natural environment if not addressed. The Tweed Shire cannot solve the problem on its own, but it can be part of the solution - we all need to work together. Net zero emissions by 2030 is an excellent goal to aim for.	Yes	Yes	I support the target that you have set.	Very important	Strongly agree
29	No	As it is an occurrence that happens in small factors and is actually localised climate difference It can be high then much lower temperature For example Finland had its coldest spring on record South Australia had its wettest January-March rainfall in years And its a given factor that BOM are changing the way they calculate average high temperatures by adding higher temperatures to recorded events from years ago as they yes they think yes think that temperature readings were off Well hit me with icicle Mercury temperature readers and other equipment though antiquated weee highly prized and fussed over and records weee of great importance back then Also we are having one of our coldest Mays in 74 yrs so no an unreal costly Climate change policy should not be envisaged Oh last summer less of the Antarctic ice sheet melted so they've sent lots of Sietists down to work out why ☐ Thank you	No		I don't agree at all but less of anything like sugar in ones diet is nice too So how's about 80 % less	Important	Strongly disagree
30	Yes	I support Council's comprehensive approach to addressing climate change both adaptation and mitigation. While I would like to see the major emphasis on emissions reduction to reduce the severity of climate change I recognise Council has a responsibility to protect its residents and the environment. I would like to see networking with other LG areas to expand the possibilities of renewable energy initiatives. I'm very supportive of the aims of the policy and hope they can be translated into our reality.	Yes	Yes. Most targets are too far into the future to be able to make enough difference to possible catastrophic climate collapse	I support 2030	Very important	Strongly agree
31	Yes	The condition of our forests as well as our beaches if evidence enough of the sensitivity of our environment : and for the sake of our children and grandchildren (and those of families worldwide) we are duty bound o do all that we can to reverse the slide downhill.	Yes	Yes	I support the target.	Very important	Strongly agree
32	Yes	Utilise the land-use planning and development assessment system to identify 'and implement' options for mitigation of climate change, and adaptation to hazards such as heat and tidal inundation. Amend key priority dot point 7, for Emmission Reduction Targets to include 'and implement' as above.	Yes	See my amendment above	Support zero emissions by 2025.	Very important	Strongly agree
33	No	Because so far in my experience Tweed SC "community consultation" means you collect information and if it doesn't coincide with the councils preconceived ideas then it's placed in the "no further action" box. There appears to be no listening to stake holders only to like minded supporters whether they pay rates or not. Here's a notion, we all go broke, we can't pay our rates, you don't get paid. Until council actually begins to listen to the actual people who work for a living in this region I will continue to make such submissions in the hope someone in the council develops an	No		Read above. It's not that I disagree with reducing emissions but zero is for people living in LaLa land. So while I think it's important I'm putting "not at all" because I don't trust council not to act unconscionably. Bet this feedback won't go on your website and I want my details	Not at all important	Strongly disagree

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		actual real consultation process where stakeholders actually can instigate at least small changes to protect themselves and their livelihood instead of having a merry band OVERRIDE every suggestion so their narrow minded idea on what to do is never changed. Congratulations on working for an organization who makes decisions based on some utopian "green" ideas and not reality. It must feel good to be "green" even when the "green" notions presented are really not practical and not conducive to keeping people in productive work. Perhaps the council will only be happy when everyone is on Centerlink benefits or a pension and thus has no need to actually earn a living, and maybe this is why Tweed has the highest rate of homelessness in Australia. Well done Tweed Shire Council.			confidential because I don't like being threatened by non rate paying, unemployed, non contributing members of Tweed Region trolling because they, who have not worked in years, if ever, are "green".		
34	Yes	Considering the recent climatic events such as fires and flooding, I feel these changes are essential in helping our community adapt to the changing climate factors facing our community in future years to come.	Yes	Yes	I support zero emissions	Very important	Strongly agree
35	Yes	I think that the policy focus is commendable and that the policy document provides an excellent overview of the responsibilities which have now fallen on local governments through negligence and failure on the part of the Commonwealth, and I am happy, as a ratepayer, to see some of my resources allocated to positive actions by Council to redress the past failures of government at all levels.	Yes	The policy appears to be both sound and equitable	I support net zero in accord with the Paris agreement	Very important	Strongly agree
36	No	<p>The draft policy is abysmal. It is merely impact mitigation and fails miserably to acknowledge that addressing Global Warming requires (at a minimum) reversibility. Put simply, it is akin to a policy on how to deal with sand grain movement when one puts their head in the sand.</p> <p>But, perhaps that is to be expected when Council uses the term Climate Change (preferred by deniers) instead of the internationally recognised term Global Warming.</p> <p>To articulate;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set Council's targets for emissions reduction. Where is the commitment to a standard? eg. reduction to a previous year level (eg. 1975), etc? 2. Ensure that Council's response to the impacts of climate change are identified, prioritised and communicated clearly. This (and the way the rest of the document is written) indicates that Council merely want to 'deal with' Global Warming and appears to have no idea about doing anything to reverse the current impacts (which are already well articulated elsewhere). 3. Guide adaptation of Council's services and infrastructure to the impacts of climate change. This asserts current Global Warming practices will continue, but adaptation will merely be sought. 4. Commit to working with our community, business sector and other government agencies to build awareness of, and resilience to, the impacts of climate change. This speaks to the change averse, redneck and conservative leaning individuals who are in denial. Those with a broader outlook already have a good idea of the impacts of climate change. 	Yes	No. The target should be NET ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS relative to the level that existed in 1975.	see above	Important	Strongly agree

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		<p>---</p> <p>There is a diverse scientific literature showing that Global Warming is not only the increase in CO2, but also a host of other attributes within the urban and peri-urban realm. These include;</p> <p>the profligate use of resources to fuel over consumption,</p> <p>the maltreatment and mismanagement of land such as (for example, but not restricted to) vegetation removal, chemical defoliant use, and compaction, and</p> <p>policy practices that facilitate a particular lifestyle approach. For example, huge swathes of public land are mowed, but never used by ratepayers. So, the assumption that the land will be used for recreation elicits a policy of regular and frequent mowing using fossil fuelled vehicles that minimises CO2 uptake - resulting in Global Warming contribution with no social benefit.</p> <p>---</p> <p>If I were to entertain support for a forward looking policy, I believe the beginning point should be how to reduce the attributes generating Global Warming. By starting at that point, one would first identify the current and future impacts for the increase in temperature, then seek methods to ensure that each and every action by Council both addressed the negative attributes caused therein and articulated how each action will be modified to reduce the Global Warming contribution.</p>					
37	Yes	The consideration of the environment and our unique and endangered species as assets is integral to our economy. These aspects are indeed assets as the Tweed tourist industry which makes up a large portion of our economy relies upon the beauty and health of our environment. When we fail the environment, we fail our livelihoods and those of generations to come.	Yes	Yes, I do and I hope that we can make that target within the decade timeframe.	I support the net zero emissions target.	Very important	Strongly agree
38	No	Oceans are not rising. Climate change has always occurred and Global Warming is a hoax. I do not agree with the leftest agenda pushed by this council about a zero emission target by 2030. I do not support zero emissions by 2030...	No		<p>Zero emissions is ridiculous for you to intervene in as a council. You say things like prepare for the impacts of climate change and future tidal inundation. Thats rubbish.</p> <p>Its a leftists ideological belief.. I am 63 years old and have heard every leftists lies and watched them manipulate everything to suit their agendas ..Water levels have supposedly been rising since i was a child. We were going to be under water by the late 90s .There will be no snow by 2000. All lies. Its a leftist agenda and council should concentrate on doing work for the shire such as looking after dams , parks and roads etc.</p> <p>The clean green agenda has been exposed many times before but finally one of their own has shattered their fake news with a documentary clearly showing coal is not as evil as their alternatives.</p> <p>Of course Moores documentary will be</p>	Not at all important	Strongly disagree

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					hidden from the media especially the ABC who funny enough have had no issues promoting his previous green work. Now hes exposed all the lies hes not their darling anymore. Stop preaching green and sending out unproven misinformation that you promote as factual..		
39	No	To reach net zero we need to know how quick the earth removes or deals with our emissions. Unfortunately none of the "experts" seem to be able to agree on that answer and i believe it is constantly fluctuating. Offsetting is a joke as weve seen with big corporations, and the idea of storing the carbon underground is just ridiculous. I believe we need to wait till after this covid debacle is over before even looking at this. I think we should hold off on this unreliable net zero strategy all together.	No		Impossible to set a target on an ever changing environment.	Slightly important	Neither agree nor disagree
40	Yes	Dear Councillors, the tick boxes above are always difficult to decide? Whilst I think most Australians support a cleaner, healthier society, I don't believe in a "blank cheque book". There was a very interesting post on KH this week that summed up the issue fairly well. Rather than re writing it allow me to quote; "Is this the time for council to commit ratepayers to potentially high costs of reaching 'Net Zero by 2030'? We have no way of knowing the impact on economic recovery from Covid19. Governments around the world are looking at the brutal facts including that decarbonising inflicts costs on the poorest in society and it shrinks blue-collar job opportunities, worsening the wealth divide. This may be a noble goal but is now the time to make such a tight timeline commitment?" I think this sums up where most of your resident's may sit? I also think that the policy MUST be costed. If this cannot be done then the policy should be simply; TSC COMMITS TO LOOKING AT GREEN ALTERNATIVES PROJECT BY PROJECT. EACH ALTERNATIVE BOTH GREEN AND CONVENTIONAL) MUST HAVE THE ALTERNATIVE COSTING PROVIDED AND THE COST SCENARIO DEBATED AND ADVISED TO THE RESIDENTS. Some maybe affordable and others not. Please remember that it's our money and you are responsible to us in how it's spent. It may well be that some of the Green alternatives are cost prohibitive and thus should not proceed. I also feel that, whilst its a noble cause to go green, its not the role of Council to spend huge amounts of money for the sake of going green, if the residents do not agree. All major green investment must be advised and debated by residents. The should be no blanket policy. The alternative use for the funds must also be discussed as the role of local Council is surely to fund basic resident needs in the most cost effective way, rather than following any ideology?	No	No. There should be no target as it just becomes an excuse for irresponsible spending. Its also cant happen until all levels of Government commit and design subsidies or a mechanism to achieve it. Its not the role of local government to set targets that maybe impossible or affordable.	No target.	Fairly important	Somewhat agree

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		I trust this note will be considered in the spirit of a fiscally responsible Council.					
41	No	<p>Is this the time for council to commit ratepayers to potentially high costs of reaching 'Net Zero by 2030'? The answer in NO. What is the price tag on net zero? We have no way of knowing the impact on economic recovery from Covid19. Governments around the world are looking at the brutal facts including that decarbonising inflicts costs on the poorest in society and it shrinks blue-collar job opportunities, worsening the wealth divide. The IPCC concedes that net-zero will hit the world's poor hard with higher food prices and delay the transition to clean cooking, one of the biggest causes of avoidable deaths in poorer countries. Richmond (Tweed) has a higher social security dependence than most other electorates in Australia, so it stands to reason that there are more residents who will suffer from over zealousness in trying to achieve the Net Zero goal. Net Zero may be a noble goal but is now the time to make such a tight timeline commitment? Rate payers will be footing this bill. Council will need to provide an economic impact assessment of net-net and its analysis of the costs, of what it would do the local economy and an estimate of the potential climate benefits to Tweed Shire. Lack of scientific and economic rigor and objectivity is par for the course development of net-zero and adoption of this target. Let us learn from the Covid19 computer models that over-predicted the time related number of deaths around the world. Computer climate models have been running too hot and over-predicting warming since 2000, a fact that has been admitted by an IPCC lead author and evidenced by the failed predictions of Al Gore's 'An Inconvenient Truth'. Lessons can be learnt from the countries most successful in flattening the curve for Covid19, a preferable approach could be to 'flatten the curve' for climate change, adapting in response to learnings, constantly checking results and climate statistics before moving forward. We do not have the luxury of fixing mistakes or getting our money back when it comes to decisions about climate. Models are only models, weather patterns and warming / cooling cycles are natural for our planet. To make a Net Zero by 2030 commitment also does not reflect the wants of all rate payers. It is more likely that those supporting this goal have ideological hostility to capitalism and economic growth, an imbalance not representing a large percentage of ratepayers. Council must include a risk for cost escalation for this goal. The risk should be kept open and changed to an issue as soon as re-assessment of impacts, economic and cost, increase. Cost benefit analyses should be carried out at regular intervals for all climate related initiatives and for all ongoing projects. The carbon footprint analysis of initiatives and projects should be carried out. The carbon footprint of introducing new technologies is likely to be much higher than the cost of status quo. The perfect example that exemplifies this is the carbon footprint of a new car and its running costs vs the carbon footprint of the cost of running the car you already have. It takes a very long</p>	Yes	In short, NO. It is irresponsible for council to even consider committing to Net Zero now. It is bloody-minded to adhere to this goal when the economic and social consequences of the current pandemic are unknown and when there is little hope of a vaccine within the next year or two. It is very wrong to commit our ratepayers to a goal that has an unknown high price. At a minimum, the date must be aligned with the NSW govt date of 2050.	Align with NSW govt target of 2050, and be flexible, reasonable as science moves forward and the world changes. Always keep in mind that your poor ratepayers are funding this. And always carry out carbon footprint, risk/issue and cost/benefit analysis with ratepayers in mind.	Slightly important	Somewhat disagree

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		<p>time for the cost of a hell of a lot of fuel and services purchased for the car you already have to outweigh the carbon footprint of the build of a new car let alone its running costs.</p> <p>We, the ratepayers, need to know what the projects + costs are that council will embark upon to meet this Net Zero goal. Without that information, council is asking us to blindly trust them with an open wallet.</p> <p>There is no ethical, economic, or social justification for such a policy overkill and its immense destruction of human welfare in our shire.</p> <p>Net-zero isn't going to happen whatever politicians & councils here think. The West's pre-pandemic emissions account for around one-quarter of global emissions. Buying into net-zero will turn us into a zombie economy, but the rest of the world isn't going to follow.</p> <p>We have only one chance to ensure rapid and sustained economic recovery from the pandemic and that is to scrap every obstacle that stands in the way of economic growth, the biggest of all being the net-zero climate noose.</p> <p>In short, it is irresponsible for council to even consider committing to Net Zero now. It is bloody-minded to adhere to this goal when the economic and social consequences of the current pandemic are unknown and when there is little hope of a vaccine within the next year or two. It is very wrong to commit our ratepayers to a goal that has an unknown high price. At a minimum, the date must be aligned with the NSW govt date of 2050.</p>					
42	No	<p>Council states everything in this fanciful plan is "aspirational". As such there are many statements made regarding what needs to be done and the disastrous consequences of taking no action. All these statements are made without reference to any long time actual data. No definite plans or costings have been detailed and continual reference is made to studies being conducted and no reference to specific outcomes. Council has set a target of 2030 i.e. only 10 years away to achieve Zero emissions. Do you realise how long the building and procurement of whatever you propose to achieve this non-sensical target will take? The only means that you Climate Change zealots preach to achieve these aspirations of renewable energy are installation of rooftop and farms of solar panels, batteries and wind generators. This is known published FACT that is readily available. I recommend you and residents of our shire read books: "Climate Change delusion and the great electricity rip-off" and "Not for Greens" written by an expert, Ian Plimer. On top of that is the "must see" documentary just released by one of your lifetime, Green devotees, Michael Moore, titled "Planet of the Humans". It's available free on YouTube. What a shock that will be to your BS on being able to achieve ZERO Emissions and eradication of fossil fuels! Are you prepared to expose residents to the truth? All of us need to understand that Council's aspirations are just a "feel good", expensive exercise that will not achieve what you are dreaming of and at a huge cost to ratepayers. You have to be honest and face the reality that solar and wind are too unreliable and costly and most of all more detrimental to the planet and our environment than the use of fossil fuels. If you're desire to really save the planet and your constituents you need to consider the environmental damage to flora and fauna that levelling huge swathes of forest and open land will cause. Where do you propose installing the thousands of wind turbines and solar farms that will be a scar on the landscape? None of this stuff is made in Australia so we will be continuing to fill the coffers of Chinese manufacturers who have been laughing at the West's folly</p>	No		<p>See above comments. Council should aim to continue the good work they have done to keep our natural environment and its occupants in a habitable condition. carry out proper forest management by removing fuel loads and ensure sustainable land development for housing communities. Not get caught up in grand aspirational schemes that will not achieve what you have set out and end up costing all of us a lot of money with no tangible result. read and be truthful about the history of what the world has wasted its money on for decades. The seas are not rising and weather catastrophes are not increasing as you so easily state with no reference to evidence besides recent natural disasters that have occurred and emotive photos.</p>	Important	Somewhat agree

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		in chasing this fanciful dream that you propose. Have you ever considered the most practical, safe and cost effective measure of achieving your aims? The answer is NUCLEAR!.....Oh no, you people will never pull your heads out of the sand on that reliable, emissions free solution. Enough said.....					
43	No	You ask us to be specific yet your explanation is so general with no specific plan at all! You show a photo of erosion which has long ago repaired - largely on its own - its called nature! You have no plan whatsoever! The federal Government nor state government has such an outlandish policy - which is not measurable anyway. I am all for a cleaner planet and less pollution but we all know by now Australia can have almost no net affect unless china and india and usa do something It is even doubtful that electric cars are any greener than petrol or diesel What you guys need to do is support local communities and businesses - fill the damn potholes and stop this time wasting navel gazing waste of time	No	No	less but not at the expense of ratepayers	Not at all important	Strongly disagree
44	Yes	P4: "Decrease the carbon footprint of the Tweed Shire and progress toward 100% self-sufficiency in renewable energy." Refer Planet of the Humans – and make sure that if we are using renewable energy that is not actually having a bigger, worse impact than the traditional or legacy energy generation and storage practices. In other words, happy for renewable energy, as long as it decreases the carbon footprint. P5 – strive to generate renewable energy – as long as it's not burning biomass, and as long as the generation and storage of the renewable energy (including the mining, transport and production of generators and storage capacity) demonstrates a net reduction in carbon footprint. P8, 2nd dot point: Should include radiation; Support and advocate for systems that enhance health as a state of physical, mental and social wellbeing, as well as limiting exposure to diseases and environmental hazards (contaminated water, viruses, heat, chemicals and dust).	Yes	Net zero sounds difficult and expensive. Also by 'net' I would hope you mean to account for the mining, production, transport and installation of alternative power sources. Currently the net carbon emissions from producing solar panels and batteries, is not much different to that of coal power.	Not sure	Important	Somewhat agree
45	Yes	As an ex research climatologist I am acutely aware of the need for elimination of all greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible and an earlier target than 2030 would be better, but I realise that you may be working under restraints.	Yes	yes	as shown above I support the target of net zero emissions by 2030	Very important	Strongly agree
46	No	I have carefully read the draft CCP - Net Zero by 2030. This draft is full of all the usual motherhood statements. There is NO clarification of measurement tool, there is no mention of costs to the region, there is no real mention of benefits other than the usual motherhood statements. This is perhaps one of the most dangerous, and unprofessional drafts/ideas I have ever seen. I support we head towards reducing greenhouse gases asap! But this draft proves why Councils should not be this aggressive. The draft is a total whitewash. As I said, if Council continues with this unprofessional approach, I will be fighting hard against it. We should care about Greenhouse emissions, so lets do it well, not just a group of sensationalised motherhood statements. Provide a real cost/benefit analysis based on professional numbers. A Council has many objectives for its area. Leading the Country in Greenhouse reduction is admirably, but needs to be done professionally - not shown in this draft.	Yes	No, I do not support net Zero by 2030. This is a great idea, but the draft shows no way of making this happen. No measurement tools, no costs, no benefits - other than useless motherhood statements. It is NOT right to go with emotions rather than facts. This draft fails. Real targets - which we need - should be in line with State and Federal targets - but need to be well documented, measurable, and have defined costs and benefits.	I will support a target in line with any current State Government target.	Fairly important	Neither agree nor disagree

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47	Yes	I complement TSC on this Policy. The Guiding Principles, Objectives and Key priorities to address Climate Change are inspirational and hopefully achievable within the time frame. The document sets out clearly the effects and impacts of Climate Change on Tweed Shire (which are relevant worldwide) and how Council can address the impacts as best possible.	Yes	Yes, certainly	Support the target	Very important	Strongly agree
48	Yes	Please see attached file	Yes	Yes, but with more detail on how this will be achieved, measured, and reported.	I support aiming for net zero emissions. This is a very grand aspiration and I believe that it will require off-setting large volumes carbon. I am very interested to see what the outcome will be as there are many localized opportunities that could be made available to make this possible.	Very important	Strongly agree
49	Yes	Climate science is clear that, to a close approximation, the eventual extent of global warming is proportional to the total amount of carbon dioxide that human activities add to the atmosphere. So, to stabilise climate change, CO2 emissions need to fall to zero. The longer it takes to do so, the more the climate will change. Emissions of other greenhouse gases also need to be constrained. In the Paris Agreement, governments agreed to keep global warming 'well below' 2 degrees Celsius, and to 'make efforts' to keep it below 1.5°C. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released a report in October 2018 on the 1.5°C target; it concluded that global emissions need to reach net zero around mid-century to give a reasonable chance of limiting warming to 1.5°C. Developed countries such as Australia need to take action much, much earlier. The question in the minds of many businesses, states and councils is 'How to fund sustainability upgrades to existing buildings?'. Please see the attached letter which outlines how we would like to work with Tweed Shire Council and local building owners on upgrading local commercial properties.	Yes	Yes	Net Zero Emissions by 2020 should be the target, as stated	Very important	Strongly agree
50	Yes	Action is certainly needed to achieve a change in Australia's response to the threat of climate change. I think the Policy clearly outlines a sensible approach to achieve this at a local level. I was pleased to see that consideration of the cost involved in these actions has been included in the draft.	Yes	Yes, depending on the cost (if any) of achieving this: it does seem a short time-frame in which to reach this target without incurring considerable cost. I will be very interested to see the "community wide net zero emissions strategy for the Tweed Shire, including analysis and cost options" and hope we will have an opportunity for input at that stage and perhaps change the target date if that would be sensible.	I already indicated I conditionally support the target of net zero emissions by 2030.	Very important	Strongly agree
51	No	Dear Councilors, please find the CASSRA submission attached	No	No. There should be no target as it can become an excuse for irresponsible spending. Zero emissions can't happen until all levels of Government commit and design subsidies or a mechanism to achieve it. It's not the role of local government to set targets that maybe impossible or unaffordable.	There should be no target as it just becomes an excuse for irresponsible spending. It's not the role of local government to set targets that maybe impossible or unaffordable.	Important	Somewhat agree
52	Yes	I am very supportive of council's ambitious zero net carbon emissions by 2030	Yes	yes	I support councils net zero target	Very important	Strongly agree

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53	No	Dear Councillors, I support a greener society, but I am worried about the cost to ratepayers that could arise from this draft plan. Kingscliff tourism and beaches were hard hit by the water cuts over the Christmas holiday period and it's unclear what the next years will bring. Experts are suggesting that our economy may now be heading into another Great Depression. An uncostered, aspirational environmental policy is not the right way to go at this point in time. I support a policy that commits to Green alternatives for council functions, subject to our shire's economic circumstances and the true costs to all residents. Each council investment in 'Greening' our shire must be subject to a debate by residents, after all pertinent information has been shared with our whole community. Many thanks for the opportunity to contribute my opinion.	No		I don't support setting a target at this point in time.	Slightly important	Neither agree nor disagree
54	No	I feel with the economic disaster about to happen because of covid19 money should not be allocated to net zero by 2030 which in my opinion would make so little difference on the big worldwide picture.	No		Everyone just do their bit to be aware and do what they can	Important	Somewhat agree
55	Yes	It will be essential that every Council Department explore and take on responsibility to meet Council's Climate Change goals. It will also be critical that Council considers and works in partnership with the community this may at times seriously considering radical ideas.	Yes	Yes	N/A	Very important	Strongly agree
56	No	Dear Councillors, I support moving steadily towards more sustainable practices by our council, but this draft plan likely commits rate-payers to expensive environmental costs in the face of the completely unknown economic impact of the viral pandemic. The highest priority and focus of each elected representative on council over the coming years must be to cushion our community against the new, costly changes to local businesses, public gathering places, community centres, food services and health practices that may well need to be permanent (for example, expanding the width of local pathways). It follows that each specific council proposal for 'Greening' our area must be opened up to resident debate, to allow us to be informed and to consider the opportunity cost of any proposed investment. Many thanks for the opportunity to contribute my opinion.	No		I do not support a target. I believe the Council should "keep its powder dry" and focus on assisting ratepayers through the likely severe economic depression about to hit us.	Important	Strongly disagree
57	Yes	I support this plan as I have also started a project within the Tweed Shire called Tweed Shire Connecting Community where we will work with individual Communities to assist and educate them in becoming more resilient and self sufficient during Emergencies and everyday Life. This plan strongly supports what we would also like to achieve by working directly with community members and local businesses and enterprise.	Yes	This is an achievable figure and will show the broader community that it is possible to change the way that we live and the imprint we leave in our community and the greater earth. After all the adjustments and changes that communities have had to go through during COVID 19 it is a positive step to a more sustainable future for coming generations.	N/A	Very important	Strongly agree
58	No	This is a ridiculous policy. It is even more nutty than the un-costed policies the labour party took to the last federal election and we saw how voters responded to that. Our rates are among the most expensive in the state and council wants to introduce a policy which history tells us will only increase them dramatically. Either cost this policy and take it to the next election or stick to rates, roads and rubbish.	No		I would like to see costings on any target before making a decision.	Slightly important	Somewhat agree

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59	No	Please do nothing It is not in your job description Adaption may be applicable The threat is way over blown We need jobs and please fix the roads	No		Do not set a target	Slightly important	Strongly disagree
60	No	Policy is not based on historic temperature, rainfall and tidal records. It appears to use models which have proven to be alarmist and exaggerated. The Council will not achieve net zero emissions if it takes into consideration the total life cycle of the means it is using to achieve this goal, including the mining and processing of the raw materials, manufacture and the safe disposal of used equipment.	No		It does not matter what target you set, Australia will have no effect on world emissions. It is a waste of ratepayers money. Why destroy the Tweed's and Australia's economy for no gain.	Very important	Strongly disagree
61	No	In response to your request for comments on the TSC goal of Net Zero by 2030, I respectfully request that more information be passed on to the ratepayers prior to proposing to set this goal. The two pieces of vital information which are currently missing are: What are current (ie 2020) Net Emissions? How can we thoughtfully commit to a goal without knowing our starting point? Showing our residents what our current Net Emissions are would give a real sense of the challenge facing the shire. In the 30 April 2020 newspaper the Echo, the Mayor is quoted as saying "We know this is ambitious..." however we have no information to assess whether this goal is ambitious or achievable. Second, the TSC has not shared how it intends to calculate the Net Emissions for the shire. For example, the Shire's Climate Change page shows that Stationary Energy total 62% of our total 2016 Greenhouse Gas Emissions. The shire imports electricity from Queensland which is produced by coal. Many homes in the shire produce solar electricity and sell it back onto the grid. Does the 62% include offsets from our solar panels? We are also not informed how our current flora CO2 absorption is calculated to offset the emissions nor how gas absorption from bodies of water will be factored in. It is irresponsible to set an overarching objective without full disclosure of the current net emissions and the methodology of calculating current and future Net Emissions. Full disclosure would also advise residents of the potential monetary costs of achieving this goal.	Yes	No - without knowing our current net emissions we should not set a target. If Council has targets for net emissions then we should also have targets for unemployment, poverty levels etc.	Net emissions are only one factor impacting our lifestyle in the Tweed yet as far as I can tell the only one with an "aspirational goal". If target setting is to be part of setting our Councils priorities then a comprehensive suite of targets should be adopted.	Important	Somewhat disagree
62	Yes	The Tweed Shire Council is the only organisation that is in the position to and has the capability to take a lead in the management of climate change in this Council area on behalf of local industry, businesses and all communities. The FHCA acknowledges that the Tweed Shire Council needs to commence its response to climate change by firstly establishing a Policy and then will eventually establish relevant action plans. From our perspective this is somewhat a delayed response and as the impact of climate change will be here for decades to come, we strongly support any initiative to get started on this journey.	Yes	Yes, however this should only be one of the many targets of this Policy, certainly not the name of the Policy. The name of the climate change policy is misleading as it infers the Policy focus to be on the emissions reduction target for the Council to reach net zero emissions from its operations by 2030. The Policy name should be "Climate Change Management" to reflect a holistic approach to climate change and its management within the Council district, in lieu of just a subset which is achieving an emission reduction	As this CC Policy is developed and community based action plans are established, for each specific community which will have their own unique climate change issues, there will be many local community based targets. It goes without saying that because of the diverse nature of the Tweed Shire the future climate change impact will vary for each community. For example, flood, tidal inundation, drought and fire risks will be different for each. Council will need to coordinate all of these	Very important	Strongly agree

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63	Yes	Climate Change will be with us for the foreseeable future and we need to get started on how we deal with it. The TSC is the only organisation that has the capability to take a lead in the management of climate change in this Council area on behalf of local industry, businesses and all communities.	Yes	Yes, however the Policy is not just about net zero emissions from its operations by 2030. It should be about "Climate Change Management" to reflect a holistic approach to climate change and its management within the Council district, in lieu of just a subset which is achieving an emission reduction target. Additionally, the Climate Change Management Policy must continue for many decades well beyond 2030, to address for example the rising sea levels identified in 2050 and 2100	There will be many targets that come out of the management of climate change and a key target should be the establishment of Community Engagement forum for community consultation, communication, information sharing and engagement on community asset projects, community resilience initiatives and support systems. It goes without saying the community resilience is enhanced when the community has knowledge of support systems for emergency preparedness, communication, response and recovery activities, etc. as defined in the Council's key priorities.	Very important	Strongly agree
64	No	<p>The Federal Government has a democratically agreed target to reduce emissions by 26-28% by 2030.</p> <p>The NSW State Government has a democratically agreed Policy Framework to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.</p> <p>The Tweed Shire Council (TSC) does not have a democratically agreed position (ie policy taken to a general council election). I do not believe the TSC has the Constitutional Governance responsibility to create or duplicate policy on this matter. The TSC needs to expend its limited resources on its elected purpose as the third level of government in Australia and act when it has a democratic endorsement.</p> <p>"Decrease the carbon footprint of the Tweed Shire and progress toward 100% self-sufficiency in renewable energy". This dot point should simply state " Decrease Green House Gas emissions of the Tweed Shire Council".</p> <p>Decreasing the carbon footprint means no longer using asphalt roads, or concrete roads and returning to unsealed dirt roads. You do not have the endorsement for that. I suspect you mean reducing GHG emissions (which includes carbon dioxide). If so, say that. The existing statement implies all activities within the Tweed Shire. The Tweed Shire Council does not have the authority to impose its desires onto its residents.</p> <p>"progress towards 100% self-sufficiency in renewable energy" - This is an action which (in some cases) is in conflict with the creation of GHG. It is redundant and needs to be removed. Also, recent scientific publications are showing the issues of a 100% a self-sufficiency target and its implications. I feel it is best to reduce GHG emissions and leave it as that. This dot point also implies that all energy in the Tweed shire is to come from renewable sources. I completely reject this proposition. Energy includes electricity, transport fuels, LPG gas for BBQ, shipping, boating etc. As a democracy, this policy needs to be taken to a general council election and be endorsed.</p>	No	Tweed Shire Council should follow the lead of the State and Federal Government and not expose its operations, cost and risk on a lessor informed set of data.	As this potentially is a global issue, any target should line up directly with the Australian Federal Government. The 3rd level of government should be involved in delivery, not policy setting.	Not at all important	Somewhat agree

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		<p>"Prepare for climate Change through adaption and mitigation"Preparing should be limited to planning for actions to be taken once objective triggers for action when actual (not predicted) evidence of measurable object KPIs (wrt the climate - ie sea level rise, significant changes to rainfall, and temperatures) occur.We should not be expending resources (physical activities) based predictions, models or forecasts.</p> <p>The declaration on the 19th September 2019 is virtue signalling. If the TSC truly believes there is a state of emergency, the TSC must act according, right now on all activities within its authority. (Otherwise, it is not a state of emergency).Calling on others to act is lazy governance. A "true" state of emergency would mean the following.TSC should only use low GHG emission energy for water and sanitation.It should decommission and scrap all fossil fuel using equipment trucks, excavators etc unless they are using 100% biofuels. It should immediately outlaw the use of LPG gas. Also, if TSC wants to lead the emergency action, then go to an election, explain all the ramifications of the actions, and get endorsement for this emergency action to be implemented</p> <p>Guiding Principals.Dot point 1.Community Expectation: As there has not been an election, you cannot claim there is a community expectation. Where is this evidence to support this assertion? Dot point 2.Agree Dot Point 3.A precautionary approach must be applied to planning for---- agree.and mitigating - absolutely disagree. What are the objective triggers being used to commence actions (mitigation)?The intensity of impacts and their timing are uncertain --- agree.and could be worst (OR LESS) or occur sooner (OR LATER) than indicated by current projections. Objective measures must be used as triggers for actions. Not projections. Dot Point 4. Council has a KEY role to play in reducing its own emissions.Again, only once the Council has an elected endorsement for these activities. Dot point 5.Before embarking on any emission reduction activities, It must gain endorsement from the ratepayers and clearly define the cost and economics of each action.It must ensure the proposed action still meets all OH&S, environmental and legal responsibilities.It must demonstrate that any action results in a reduction in overall and lifecycle emissions.i) Reduce energy use - agreeii) Generate renewable energy - only if economic and a LCA supports this activity.iii) Source energy from low GHG emission sources. - Agreeiv) Agree.</p> <p>Dot point 6.The council should provide direction for people to seek this information from existing sources - do not expend resources duplicating this information. Dot Point 7.i) educate the community about POTENTIAL climate change impacts and risks. (This statement is written as if it is absolute fact.)ii) 100% agreeiii) 100% agree Dot Point 8.This is a motherhood statement and every location I go to is "by definition" unique. This assumes there will be extreme climate conditions. The TSC is only in control of itself and cannot impose its views onto people it does not represent or be accountable to.The assumption here is that climate change is bad. The climate has, and will continue to change and we need to be adaptable. This is simply Darwinism.</p>					

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		<p>Dot point 9. 100% agree. Dot point 10 Remove the work progressive and replace with nothing, or the word reactive. Progressive implies taking actions before evidence is available. Reactive means to act on the available evidence. Climate Change - Physical Effects on Tweed Shire. Untested Climate Modelling indicates potential for.. These dot-points are being presented as a statement of fact. It is a fact they are predicted or modelled, it is not a fact they have or will occur. Alarmism is more dangerous than what may happen. TSC would ensure it deal with facts. I agree it could occur, I also agree it may not occur. I completely reject the view that it WILL occur. Climate Change - Socio-Economic and Environmental impacts. As above. Objectives. 1) The target should be identical to the Federal Government. New objectives. 1. Measure and understand TSC current levels of emissions, and emission sources. 2. Understand the social and economic effects of each activity which could reduce the level of emissions. 3. Rank each activity to clearly show its cost of abatement. (This is your current dot point 2.4. Take this information to an election to gain endorsement from the ratepayers for implementation. Then Guide adaptation or TCS services.... then Commit to working</p> <p>Emissions Reduction Target Delete as this heading and associated paragraph as this has not been agreed to. It has no place in this document at this time. Key priorities Measure and understand and publish TSC current emissions.</p> <p>Key Priorities for Council This is supposed to be a policy document to provide a pathway on the proportional response to climate change. It has turned into a set of motherhood, un-democratic, ill-defined, unenforceable statements which use alarmist and emotive language and much is beyond the remit of a Shire Council. Reduce GHG emissions from Council control activities. Secure Tweed water supply for the near term and future generations. Include objective, measurable triggers to alter planning rules. Generate plans based on these triggers to adapt to actual changes. Generate a Council operations and Community... DO NOT AGREE. Use projections to understand the potential impact... 100% agree. Update the land-use planning and development assessment as threshold triggers are reached. Support system for emergency 100% agree. Undertake a comprehensive... 100% agree. Manage climate related risks..... NO. This should already be in your operations. does not need another committee. Support and advocate ... NO This is not the role of council. Reduce waste - 100% agree that this is the role of council. Address the impact -- NO - This is not the role of council. Support initiatives - NO - This is not the role of council. Advocate to the NSW and Federal ... NO This is not the role of council. As it stands, it should be re-drafted to concentrate on objective responses to actual evidence, not projections. I would be happy to assist in this re-draft.</p>					

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65	No	<p>I am all for Policies and actions that will make a MATERIAL difference.</p> <p>While the large carbon emitting countries such as China, USA, India etc. remain completely void of demonstrable action to reduce emissions, anything we do in Australia is futile and worse will just add expense (in this case to our rates). Global emissions know no geographic boundaries.</p> <p>There are those that would argue we must be seen to do something, and to a degree this is true, if we want to be able to put pressure on other countries and be credible at the same time. There is absolutely no case to support an increase in emissions reduction targets past what our federal Government has already committed to. Any decisions by Council to invest in emissions reduction initiatives should be justified solely through individual project business cases. Those that advocate for action based on the mantra 'what is the cost of inaction' have no right to gamble with other people's money.</p> <p>If Council wants to act on Zero Emissions it should spend effort lobbying the large emitting countries to take material action.</p> <p>If Council wants to be seen to support the environment then focus things we can control such as ocean and beach pollution, land clearing, native flora and fauna, etc.</p>	Yes	<p>No - because it's futile.</p> <p>Any projects to reduce emissions should be solely justified on individual business cases.</p>	See response in comments section.	Important	Strongly disagree
66	No	<p>the cost of such a Plan to NOT known. at the moment the rate payer need to have costed projects. This Photo is now NOT True as the Council well knows. The sand is all Back , this Photo is intended to scare people. Warren Poleglase has explained the situation very well.</p> <p>I totally agree with him.</p>	Yes	<p>it is NOT costed. We cannot Dream. Over the years we have achived many changes to reduce Green house gas. We now mulch most Trees , Not burn them. a VERY large number of people have Solar systems.</p>	the Federal Government has a Plan that I agree with. We do NOT need Tweed Coucil to Pay for Signs saying; "This is a Gas field Free Council" that is Political and NOT the Tweed Shires Job.	Slightly important	Somewhat disagree
67	No	<p>The draft policy does not provide any logical arguments for and against adoption of the draft policy. Further it does not provide any benefit/cost analysis of why such a policy is necessary or indeed why the community of Tweed should be burdened with increased Rates beyond what is determined by Federal and State Governments. Local Government should focus on the core responsibilities assigned to it by Legislation.</p>	No	<p>This is not a matter that should come under Council's consideration or the expenditure of Ratepayers funds on.</p>	There should be no targets set as there has not been any logical case put forward to support the assumptions made in preparing this draft policy, nor whether adoption of and implementation will make any measurable difference to the community of Tweed other than increase the cost of owning property in Tweed and therefore negatively impacting on business and availability of jobs for Tweed residents. Policies adopted by Tweed Shire should be focused on benefitting Tweed residents in a tangible way not to satisfy some other agenda.	Slightly important	Strongly disagree
68	No	<p>Before any work at all is done towards this goal, it must be costed! At a time, which is likely to be quite extensive, when the population of Tweed Heads and surrounding areas are suffering real financial hardship, the last thing we need is to work towards a goal which will add untold costs to our already overburdened lives.</p>	No		<p>I don't support any target until the ratepayers are given details of costing for all and any targets. That way, an informed decision can be made, rather than approving what will amount to a blank cheque.</p>	Slightly important	Neither agree nor disagree

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69	No	With the covid 19 costing the tweed shire millions of dollars. I don't think we should be putting higher cost on the tweed shire rate payers for at least the the next 5 years. And there should always be costing put up before we agree to anything in our community.	Yes	No	40% reduction	Important	Somewhat disagree
70	Yes	Should be of the utmost emergency and priority.	Yes	Yes, if not sooner!! I believe, sadly, that the actions put in place in response to the Corona virus will be a positive influence toward reaching the goal.	As early as possible.	Very important	Strongly agree
71	Yes	It is clear from the well researched and respected BZE report that local government is extremely important for Australia to improve its carbon emissions. We have lacked a National policy for over a decade have have fallen significantly behind many other nations around the world.	Yes	The BZE group have a plan for Australia to be carbon neutral -net zero emissions. This plan was written in 2010 and had clear and practical guidance for energy production for all Australia's needs. It designed various renewable energy methods that already exist to achieve this. So I have no doubt that on a smaller scale the same thing can be achieved.	I support net zero emissions by 2030	Very important	Strongly agree
72	Yes	In the Key Priorities, dot point 13. Is this another case of rural landowners carrying the cost of more vegetation planting for a wider community benefit and how is covering more rural land with trees going to be reconciled with the actions in the Rural land Strategy that restrict other uses on rural land because this supposedly valuable rural land must be protected for possible future food production? Will landowners be compensated for further incursions on their freehold land? Historical photos support that there are hundreds of thousands more trees in this shire than there were even 50 years ago. Until these details are made clear we cannot support the draft strategy in its present form.	Yes	We believe that this target is overly ambitious for the 10 year time period available	We don't believe that we are adequately qualified to be quantifying this emissions target	Very important	Strongly agree
73	Yes	In view of the coming climate crisis and the effects our shire may sustain, we definitely need to progress this policy.	Yes	Yes	Zero	Very important	Strongly agree
74	Yes	Yes its very important to support climate change action, the earth is trying to heal from the damage developers have done.Developers in the world need to be stopped using essential land,causing over population and all the negative things that come with it. The whole world will benefit with the correct changes,Assisting our world for the better is the best and only way for the future to be blessed with a functioning planet.Clean air,good weather,perfect environment,full support of the climate change policy.	Yes	The only way the world will function properly is by reducing emissions and stopping them altogether.	'-0	Very important	Strongly agree
75	Yes	Because it is dealing with the many varies aspects necessary for achieving net emissions. Well done.	Yes	Yes.	I support the full target of zero emissions.	Very important	Strongly agree

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76	Yes	<p>I question the statement , that the days and nights will be warmer .While this is generally true , with clear nights and in many regions of Australia there will also be colder nights due to clear sky's.</p> <p>It is important that council supports a sustainable sugar cane industry. A 12 month PHD study showed that sugar cane in the valley was capturing 9 tons per hectare of the ambient CO2 , when compared to a wetland at 1.5 tons per hectare per year . The sugar cane fields were also a methane sink, while a wetland is a methane emitter. Drainage will become even more important with the inevitable sea level rise . While the drainage is very important the time it takes for the water to drain from the field is even more important . Research shows that up to 7 days of water logging has little effect on the crop, from then on each day of water logging can reduce the crop by 7 tons per hectare per day. The sugar cane industry looks forward to working with council to support this very important environmental crop on the flood plain growing sustainably</p>	Yes	Yes this is possible , with a model from the Mackay district council already working to achieving this goal in the next few years.	This can be achieved and we should look at district /shire reductions also . Added to my comments above some agriculture can help achieve this . An audit on my farm shows that I have 150 years of offsets of capturing more CO2 than I omit .	Very important	Strongly agree
77	Yes	<p>Climate change and it's impacts on the world are alarming and we, as a community need to set goals and put measures in place to mitigate the effects of climate change in the Tweed Shire which has huge international environmental significance and needs to be protected.</p> <p>TSC has proved itself to be a leader in many aspects and his draft Tweed Shire Council policy, if adopted and implemented, will make the shire a regional leader in positive adaptation to climate change.</p> <p>If all local government areas across the world developed such policies the world could quickly and more effectively achieve global goals on climate change mitigation and zero emissions.</p> <p>This policy is in line with 2015 Paris Agreement, 2016 Australian Government commitment to the Paris Agreement. 2016 NSW Government commitment to the Paris Agreement through implementation of the NSW Climate Change Policy Framework, 2018 report of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Tweed Shire Council Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027 and 19 September 2019 Council's declaration that we are in a state of climate emergency.</p> <p>If the beautiful environment of the Tweed is to be preserved climate change needs to be addressed immediately.</p>	Yes	<p>The goal of zero emissions by 2030 from council operations is clearly achievable as Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane councils are already carbon neutral in their own operations and Darwin is aiming for 2020 zero emissions.</p> <p>Whole community zero emission by 2030 is ambitious but possible as already over 500 Australian corporations and large institutions such as The National Farmers Federation, Melbourne Water, Monash University and Meat and Livestock Australia have already taken a lead like this. With TSC support and encouragement this is achievable in the Tweed.</p> <p>If that target is not met at least the environment will be cleaner, healthier and more resilient. A healthy community and environment will be more sustainable. The natural environment will be protected and habitats improved. For example lower emissions during Covid 19 has resulted in reports of increased sightings of wildlife, cleaner air, less water pollution and a general environmental improvements.</p> <p>Also if the target is not met we will be well on the way to achieving that target soon after 2030.</p>	The target should be at least zero emissions by 2030.	Very important	Strongly agree
78	Yes	<p>I write on behalf of more than 600 members of the Northern Rivers Guardians, Inc most of whom reside within the Tweed Shire. We are deeply worried that recognition of the climate change emergency will not be enough. We need all levels of society to take action and unite around plans to cut polluting emissions : representative governments at all levels need to take serious action if we are to have a sustainable future. Thanks for your initiative. Scott Sledge, NRG President</p>	Yes	yes	0	Very important	Strongly agree

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79	Yes	Tweed region is an important biodiverse area. Climate change will have a disastrous on our wonderful flora and fauna. Ie more bush and grass fires, floods and other natural disasters.	Yes	Absolutely	5% emissions	Very important	Strongly agree
80	Yes	Any initiative on a macro level to mitigate the affects of climate change is a necessary function of government. What better way than to have a highly environmentally conscious local government with the leadership and capacity to change human behaviour to achieve this.	Yes	Of course, but sooner would be better.	Zero. And sooner.	Very important	Strongly agree
81	Yes	Because climate change is the biggest threat currently facing humanity and our planet, and it is incumbent on government at all levels to do all in their power to mitigate its impacts.	Yes	Yes.	Zero (wouldn't let me leave this field blank)	Very important	Strongly agree
82	Yes	I consider that wording needs to be added in dot point 4 on page 8 of the draft policy by inserting after "...habitat connectivity" the words:- "This will include incentives funded by Council for all rate payers/land holders to increase the number and variety of native trees, shrubs and other plants on their property in order to increase carbon sequestration in the flora in Tweed Shire".	Yes	Yes I support that goal.	See above.	Very important	Strongly agree
83	Yes	Vital to address Climate Change with a sound policy to cut greenhouse gas emissions together with a firm action plan based on expert evidence.	Yes	Yes	I put yes above but a glitch in your system forces me to respond here as well	Very important	Strongly agree
84	Yes	I support the draft plan because it involves a lot of keeping the community updated on progress and plans, which I think is important and beneficial for a community to be a true community.	Yes	Yes, I believe it is important to have a set goal to work towards.	I think the target to achieve net zero emissions by 2030 is a good one, but if not achievable in some cases, the target should definitely be to reduce emissions by a certain percentage by 2030.	Very important	Strongly agree
85	Yes	I support the policy because it is imperative we all work together the community and all levels of government to work towards limiting the devastating effects of climate change.	Yes	Yes we need to act now in the Tweed, in NSW & Australia & work wide to limit the impacts of climate change. The only way we can do is to limit carbon emissions. We need to act soon as the example of the devastating impacts of not bringing emissions down was the recent East Coast bushfires. We in the Tweed will suffer on a human scale from increased temperatures if we don't act though increase droughts , rising sea levels, impacts on food production. The natural world will also be severely impacted by climate change. In effect unabated climate change is a death sentence for the majority of life on the planet. Animals & plants cannot adapt over the short timescale of a 100 years or so that climate change will occur if carbon emissions keep rising. Our species will not survive. At a local government level i applaud TSC for making this proposal as at a Federal level our government is not doing enough. Change needs to be effected now.	I support the target of net zero by 2030	Very important	Strongly agree

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86	Yes	We need to set goals and make changes now and moving forward, we can not afford to wait for others to act, we are already experiencing the devastating affects of climate change we need to set an example by changing policies toward less emissions and more sustainable solutions, before it is too late. I trust our present Council staff and our Mayor Ms Milne know that it will only cost us all more in the long run if we do not act NOW. I am working hard to make my property more fire safe after our last very terrifying fire season, and being told by the SES to go now if we were going, but they did not have enough people to defend every property and spot fires were breaking out down Rowlands Creek Road, I chose to stay. I was scared, really scared. Fear motivates and I read through your policy, ever aspect of your draft policy makes sense to me, Thank You!	Yes	Yes	I do support the target in the draft Policy for Council to reach net zero emissions from its operations by 2030.	Very important	Strongly agree
87	Yes	I would like to see the Council take on a leadership role in ensuring food security and energy security. I would also like to see as a goal that Council will intentionally work with neighbouring municipalities to support each other in key areas of vulnerability such as water, food and energy security.	Yes		N/A	Very important	Strongly agree
88	Yes	It is a good plan to move forward with this vital issue. Thank you!	Yes	Yes	The only target that would be better would be to have negative emissions by using carbon sequestration where ever possible.	Very important	Strongly agree
89	Yes	Lets not wait for other levels of government to procrastinate over climate change policy and direction. Its time for us to be self responsible for our future well being and prosperity.	Yes	Absolutely. Council has staff the are smart and savy enough to meet these targets. Beyond council however there is the sugar cane industry that needs to be brought into the 21st century by not burning the crop prior to harvest adding to air quality pollution and greenhouse gas emissions which also includes the burning of native forest products for electricity generation.	I support the target of zero emissions by 2030	Very important	Strongly agree
90	Yes	Local government has to take a leading role in mitigation as the federal government appears stalled and the state is saying some of the right things but is reluctant to make significant real change.	Yes	Yes. This is essential.	Duh	Fairly important	Strongly agree
91	Yes	It is the most important challenge facing the world	Yes	Yes ... even if not reached, striving to do so can only be a good thing and be a regional contribution to the mitigation of human influence on the Clinton mate	I support zero emissions	Very important	Strongly agree
92	Yes	I think it is essential to take action to reduce our carbon footprint and am impressed with council's action to achieve net Zero emissions to help with this climate emergency.	Yes	Absolutely and public education is part of this. There are many positive benefits from working together as a community	I support net Zero emissions	Very important	Strongly agree
93	Yes	All proposals are commonsense for the survival and well being of the planet and us. Planning for extreme weather and sea level rise needs to be done now!	Yes	Yes, Fully	I support both	Very important	Somewhat agree
94	Yes	We need to reduce emissions and halt climate change for us and future generations	Yes	yes absolutely	The target should be net zero by 2030 or earlier	Very important	Strongly agree

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95	Yes	Tweed Landcare endorses the draft Climate Change Policy Please see ATTACHED Submission	Yes	Yes. Please see ATTACHED information from Beyond Zero Emissions (BZE) which we will send via email to the General Manager as you cannot attach 2 files.	We are happy with the proposed target.	Very important	Strongly agree
96	Yes	Scientists all over the world have proven that climate change is real. As a resident of Tweed Heads, I am very concerned about carbon emissions and I worry about the environmental damage (land and aquatic) that is being caused by climate change. Because I live in The Anchorage Islands, rising sea levels and storm-caused tidal inundation are a real concern. As someone who snorkels, swims and kayaks in the Tweed River, I am also very conscious of the need to protect and improve the biodiversity of the river ecosystems and wetlands in this Shire. After last year's drought and water restrictions, I would like to see further steps taken to ensure a clean, secure water supply into the future. For all the above reasons, I am highly supportive of Tweed Shire's plans to decrease our carbon footprint and move towards 100% self-sufficiency in renewable energy sources. The Climate Change Policy – New Zero by 2030 is a very welcome and laudable initiative.	Yes	Absolutely!	I do support zero emissions.	Very important	Strongly agree
97	Yes	Act locally think globally for future generations	Yes	Yes we need zero emissions before 2030 to make a difference and educate and protect our natural environments especially wetlands and mangroves. ; which store more carbon than anything !	Zero emissions before 2030	Very important	Strongly agree
98	Yes	If the world is to survive global action is needed and I congratulate Tweed Shire Council for being proactive and playing their party in this overall scheme.	Yes	I support the target on the draft Policy for net zero emissions from its operations by at least 2030. Many other local government areas in Australia have set targets and some have already achieved zero emissions from their operations so I think Tweed Shore Council should work toward attaining zero emissions before 2030 but 2030 at the latest.	I support a target of zero emission by 2030 or before.	Very important	Strongly agree
99	Yes	As an environmental group fully support the draft Climate Change Policy and congratulate Tweed Shire Council for developing this policy to address a very pressing problem not only locally but globally. See attached letter of support.	Yes	We fully support the target of zero emissions by 2030 from Tweed Shire Council operations and strongly support Tweed Shire Council's plans to facilitate and encourage community actions to lower emission to a target of zero across the whole shire. See attached letter of support above.	We support net zero emission by 2030.	Very important	Strongly agree
100	Yes	Climate Change is a problem world wide and needs to be addressed by all levels of government and all people across the globe. If enough governments, communities and individuals take action we may be able to mitigate the problems of climate change and save our world environment from change and complete destruction.	Yes	I support the target in the draft Climate Change Policy for Tweed Shire Council to reach net zero emissions by 2030 but would prefer that zero emission be achieved before 2030.	I support a target of zero emissions by 2030.	Very important	Strongly agree

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101	Yes	Each community needs a target at the very minimum. Tweed is an environmentally sensitive area with great biodiversity. It therefore needs to make special efforts to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change.	Yes	I support the target. it should be achievable. As far as i am aware, other Councils have achieved it already !	Target should be net zero emissions by 2030	Very important	Somewhat agree
102	Yes	It's important for local government to institute policies to ensure climate change is limited to an amount that we can survive and are able to manage the effects that are already inevitable.	Yes	Yes, net zero emissions has to be the target and 10 years is an ambitious but reasonable timeframe.	Net zero.	Very important	Strongly agree
103	Yes	The importance of implementing this Climate Change Policy can't be overstated. After witnessing the unprecedented prolonged drought, terrifying bushfires and floods, we've all seen climate change in action. Personally, in 30 years I had never seen Korrumbyn Creek along Mount Warning Road dried up, until this last Summer. Apart from the threat of bushfire, the amount of dead wildlife that resulted from this drought was shocking and distressing. As Council is aware, many residents in the shire have had to buy water for some months in the past year. Net zero emissions ASAP is necessary to maintain biodiversity and keep Tweed Shire, and the planet, habitable for all living species.	Yes	Yes	I support it but would also support it ASAP.	Very important	Strongly agree
104	No	Australia "reducing its own emissions" will have virtually no effect on the temperature of the planet. Council should be rethinking any unnecessary spending because many rate payers may not be able to pay their rates. The Council's perceived necessity to brainwash "educate" and convince rate payers to fund the removal of carbon dioxide by digging a hole and burying it or to buy "offsets" to fund projects that are supposed to remove the exact value in CO2 weight out of the air, are bordering on bizarre. Its 23 million years of biodiversity encountered greater highs and lows in temperature than the measly increase of 1.5 degrees Celsius deemed necessary to hold the line on climate change.					
105	Yes	The document outlines sensible and attainable goals over time with a target of net zero emissions by 2030. On page 6 are listed all the physical, social, economic and environmental impacts on the Shire. It is a frightening list of vulnerabilities. Much of the Tweed Coast is under threat especially the Cudgen Nature Reserve and the Pottsville Wetlands with its unique flora and fauna including the koala. Climate change is indiscriminate and consequently Tweed Coast residents are also going to be adversely affected. Houses and infrastructure is going to be flooded and made difficult, or impossible, to insure. Lives will be lost from increasing natural disasters and the environment further degraded with consequent loss of fauna. Koalas are affected by climate change as rising carbon dioxide levels contributes to increasingly nutrient poor and tannin rich eucalypt leaves. This means koalas will have to increase the size of their gut to meet their nutrient needs. There is a limit to how much koalas can increase the size of their gut, and change their digestive system, and thus their ability to cope. Adaptation, for all of us, will necessarily be to a deteriorating set of circumstances. A significant part of the responsibility for this mess rests with Australia's Federal political class, who have engaged in an indulgent, anti-scientific ideological debate for over a decade. The outcome of this procrastination is the lack of a national energy policy and a continuing reliance on fossil fuels.	Yes	Yes			

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		TSC's advocacy to the State and Federal Governments is of critical importance to encourage them to create policy as far sighted as that of TSC. we desperately need a Federal Government with a coherent and scientifically based climate change policy.					
106	Yes	With the unprecedented Drought last year in the Tweed Shire, all the "permanent" creeks drying up, including our local ones, buying in water tanks and buying water, and Council water restrictions put in place, it's a stark illustration of what could be coming. On top of that, the bushfires in the Mt Terragon & Doon Doon areas and a very narrow escape of Wollumbin National Park going up in flames in mid December (3kms from home), it is imperative that we act on this climate crisis. On the other side of the coin the council is well aware of the devastation that Cyclone Debbie wreaked in March 2017 and more recently our local flooding in February this year. The new bridge handled it, but we are still waiting for our road to be fixed.	Yes	Yes		Very important	Agree
107	Yes	To adopt a truly meaningful policy which will address and respond to the climate emergency which impacts us all as well as our environment, biodiversity and indeed all non-human animals, we must explore all the issues which contribute to and increase the risks, impacts and cumulative impacts with emissions, pollutants and climate change, and we must certainly not exclude any simply on the notion that it makes us un-comfortable.					
108	Yes	The policy has a focus on emissions from energy but fails to address the other industry that is a major contributor to climate change, animal agriculture. The methane gases from animal agriculture are actually worse than carbon emissions, and as a whole are more than the entire transport sector combined.	Yes	Yes			
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110	Yes	Tourism is a key economic driver and employer in the Tweed Shire, and has proven to be of extreme importance to our community. As a leading nature destination, it is important that the Tweed as a community is proactive in the protection of the region's natural environment.					