



3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

4. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Item 4.1 - Joint Letter - Port Phillip Emergency Climate Action Network

A Joint Letter was submitted by eleven members of the Port Phillip Emergency Climate Action Network.

The Joint Letter states the following: -

Dear Mayor and Councillors

On Saturday 29 February the PECAN Forum 'Heat, Fire & Flood' was attended by nearly 300 people, demonstrating the significant level of citizen concern and support for urgent action on climate change. The Forum was booked out a week ahead of the scheduled date and we had 40 people on the waiting list

We were pleased that Crs Louise Crawford, Kat Copsey, and Tim Baxter were able to attend, together with Marc Cassanet.

There was very positive feedback from audience members about the Forum and many ideas for action were presented. We think the forum was valuable in drawing attention to some of the key issues we face, such as the urban heat island effect, flood mitigation, and the importance of blue/green infrastructure in Port Phillip.

At the conclusion of the forum the following resolution was put and unanimously adopted:

Forum Resolution

The citizens at this forum call upon the Port Phillip and Bayside Councils and the State and Federal governments, to take the strongest possible climate action now, to address the climate crisis we all face.

We are now writing to Council on behalf of the member groups of PECAN and attendees at the Forum to convey this resolution to you and to request that Council hold a public community meeting at St Kilda Town Hall as soon as possible, to:

- 1. inform the citizens of Port Phillip of the actions being taken and planned by Council as a consequence of declaring the climate emergency; and*
- 2. begin a constructive dialogue with the citizens of Port Phillip about idea for action by Council, community groups and the community.*

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Joint Letter and requests that officers provide a response to a future Council Meeting.