Mount Alexander Shire Council
Climate Change Forum

Invitation
Mount Alexander Shire Council will hold a public Climate Change Forum to inform its future action on climate change.

The forum will help Councillors better understand what a climate change emergency would mean for the shire and other ways to tackle climate change as a Council and community.

The forum will take place over a series of sessions from 9.00am to 8.00pm on Monday 9 December 2019. Interested parties are invited to speak at the forum and/or make a submission.

Background
The forum follows the presentation of a petition from Mount Alexander Climate Change Emergency Team (MACET) at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 15 October 2019. The petition asked Council to address the climate crisis by:

- Declaring a climate emergency
- Committing to a target of 100 per cent renewable energy for Council operations by 2025
- Committing to a target of net zero carbon emissions for the community by 2030.

In response, Council resolved to invite interested parties to present to Councillors to inform a whole of community approach to changing climate conditions that affect the community.

As a prerequisite for future action Councillors would like to better understand:

- What do community members think Council could be doing within its operations to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change?
- What should the community be doing to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change?
- How can Council work with the community and other groups to address climate change?
- What would declaring a climate change emergency mean to the community?

Have your say

Speak at the forum
Register your interest to speak at the forum by Monday 2 December. Speakers will be given five minutes to speak, with five minutes allocated for questions from Councillors.

Make a submission
Make a written submission by close of business on Thursday 5 December. Email your submission titled Action on Climate Change to info@mountalexander.vic.gov.au or send by mail (address below). We request submissions are limited to four A4 pages (or 2,000 words) and include a 100 word summary.

The forum registration form and a summary of climate actions undertaken by Council are available at www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay or in hard copy from the Civic Centre.