Climate Change Consultation Summary and Photo Competition Winner Announcement

1 May 2018
Event outline

• Summary of engagement activities for the net zero emissions discussion paper
• Next steps
• Q&A on engagement
• Announcing winners of the photo competition
Net Zero Emissions Discussion Paper

- Sought feedback on new targets:
  - Carbon neutral by 2045 or earlier
  - Interim targets as milestones, with action plans for each interim period
- Options for reducing emissions and adapting to climate change
- Reducing emissions in particular sectors
A Call for Consultation Feedback

Questions:
Where should emphasis be placed on reducing waste emissions, i.e. technology or behaviour change?

What further incentives can Government provide to reduce emissions from the waste sector, including household and industry waste?

What are your views on the options for diverting organic waste from landfill?

Questions:
What are the challenges in the transition away from natural gas?

What is the role of Government in the transition to zero emissions in the energy sector?

Do you have a view on the role of all-electric households and suburbs?

What improvements can be made to building and planning to reduce energy use and emissions?

What is your view on alternative gas sources, such as biogas (e.g. gas created from organic matter in landfill) and hydrogen for energy uses, both in the home and in industry in the ACT?
Community engagement summary

• During the consultation period our team
  – Have reached around 1,700 people
  – Gave 16 presentations to community groups and organisations
  – Attended 8 community events
  – Held 3 meetings with stakeholder groups
  – Ran 5 library drop-in sessions

• We also held a number of community and stakeholder roundtable events from February 2017 through to 2018
Community Engagement - Yoursay

- Over 3,000 unique visits and 6,700 total visits
- 116 forum contributions
- 900 quick poll votes
- Just under 100 submissions
Breakdown of Ideas

Note: This pie chart is an update of that shown during the Minister’s presentation
Examples of Ideas - Transport

• Strong support for promoting EV uptake
• Strong support for improving public transport and active travel routes
• Support for disincentivising car use
Zero Emissions Vehicle Action Plan

Sets out the next step towards net zero emissions:

1. ZEV charge points in all new multi-unit and mixed use developments
2. Facilitating charging infrastructure in the ACT and along major travel routes
3. 20% off vehicle registration and zero stamp duty
4. Encouraged use of electric bikes and active travel
5. Transit lane access for ZEVs until 2023
6. All new Government leased passenger vehicles to be ZEVs by 2020/21

The ACT Government continues to lead Australia in the transition to electric transport
Examples of Ideas – Energy and Buildings

• Support for improving energy efficiency standards and building codes
• General support for urban infill, noting that it needs to be done ‘right’
• Support for solar panels and battery storage
Examples of Ideas - Waste

- Support for more green bins for garden waste and household food waste
- Support for reduced use of plastics and more repurposing/upcycling of waste
- Mixed thoughts on ‘waste to energy’ options (e.g. some favoured incineration, some did not)
Examples of Ideas – Living Infrastructure

• More trees and shade
• More gardens, including in the community and on buildings
• Use water effectively
• How will Canberra look in 2050?
Examples of Ideas – Living Infrastructure
Example of Ideas – Other Areas

• General support for proposed targets
• Strong support for more community engagement
• General support for not utilising carbon offsets
• General support for exploring the role a social cost of carbon could play
Thank you for your support

• YOU ARE ESSENTIAL IN HELPING TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE
• In many cases, finding lasting solutions to reduce emissions will rely on community participation and individual choices.
PHOTO COMPETITION
Richie Southerton’s “Severe frost in the Molonglo valley”
Meg Thotthadi’s “The power of green”
Anouk Schumann-Murin’s "Changing the future by fixing our past"
Tom Dear’s "The huge wind turbines near Bungendore are keeping pollution out of our skies"
AND THE WINNERS ARE...
3RD - Isobel Shearman – “All that's left as the sun sets”
2nd - Tom Dears – “Solar Farm”
1st - Bhaumik Bumia – “Eagle”
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