

## 8. Sustainability



### The opportunity

Council is seeking funding to invest in climate resilient infrastructure, promote energy upgrades for the business sector and the community, and support programs, education and activities that promote sustainability and a circular economy.

### Why it matters

Greater Dandenong City Council has declared a climate and ecological emergency and has committed to urgent action on climate change. Our Bright Green Future Strategy and Action Plan 2025-35 commits Council to achieving net zero by 2035 and adopts a community net zero target of 2040. Council's sustainability vision is to be a city committed to a green future.

To achieve this, Council is seeking opportunities to invest in climate resilient infrastructure, promote energy upgrades for the business sector and the community, and support programs, education and activities that promote sustainability and a circular economy.

### What Council is asking for

Investment in climate resilient infrastructure that reduces the vulnerability of our community in response to climate related risks.

- **\$9 million** to fully electrify the Noble Park Aquatic Centre as it is one of Council's largest emitters
- **\$250,000** to investigate key community infrastructure and the feasibility of electrifying these assets to support community adaptation and resilience, while progressing Council's net zero target
- **\$4 million** to electrify Dandenong Civic Centre and contribute to an innovative modernisation of a Council asset
- Support and gazettal of strengthened Environmental Sustainable Development (ESD) requirements in the Planning Scheme and Building Regulations aligning with Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE) recommendations

## 8. Sustainability continued



### What Council is asking for

Investment in programs, education and activities to promote a circular economy by reducing waste and improving opportunities for reuse.

Programs to support and advocate to the local business sector and wider community regarding the importance of reducing emissions through electrification, energy efficiency upgrades and other methods.

**Total program cost \$500,000 to:**

- Develop a dashboard and **digitalise data tracking for illegal dumping** to improve data-driven decision making, improve operational efficiency and develop targeted education strategies to reduce illegal dumping in the municipality to meet council and state government investments to tackle illegal dumping
- **Upgrade bin infrastructure** in selected areas within the municipality to introduce innovative ways of managing waste collections, improve recycling and reduce litter in busy locations within the municipality. This project will help council align with council, state and national Waste and Circular Economy (CE) policies and targets, aiming to reduce litter, increase resource recovery rates, and lower carbon emissions
- Engage with **local industrial businesses on electrification**, including the ability to conduct audits and connect industry with renewable energy suppliers

