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| | Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Policy | C 012 |
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1. PURPOSE

Tasman Council is committed to delivering practical and effective ways to inform and increase understanding of climate change and to address climate change risks within the municipality subject to its financial and other regulatory limits. This includes managing climate change risks to natural systems and the built environment within the municipality.

2. OBJECTIVE

Tasman Council will ensure that the objectives of the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Policy are incorporated into strategic planning and decision making processes, and operations of Council, and will participate in annual reviews and updates of the Tasman Council Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan.

Tasman Council recognises that there has been a recordable change in the climate of the Tasman municipality. Long-term average temperatures have risen in the decades since the 1950s, at a rate similar to the rest of Tasmania averaging 0.1°C per decade. Sea level has been rising at a rate of 3.3 ±0.4 mm/year in the recent period, and is expected to continue rising with further climate warming (Local climate profile: Tasman Municipality). The municipality is experiencing climate impacts and these will increase affecting our community and industries. Strategic planning along with community awareness will help prepare for longer term impacts.

3. SCOPE


The aim of the Regional Councils Climate Adaptation Project is to strengthen the capacity of councils to identify climate impacts and vulnerabilities and then to develop suitable responses and processes to address these. Two documents have been developed to help southern councils achieve this:

- Regional Councils Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Southern Tasmanian 2012-2017 (extended to 2020); and
- Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan

A separate plan has been developed for each Southern Council. The Tasman Plan includes 25 actions to address priority climate change risks, and acts as an operational document for staff and management. It forms the basis for integrating climate change risk adaptation into council processes and will be reviewed and updated.

Tasman Council will respond to climate change risks with the following adaptation and mitigation actions:

- Inform and increase the awareness and understanding of local communities about climate change and its impacts, and the roles and responsibilities of communities, the Council, State and Australian governments and other stakeholders in adapting to and mitigating its effects.

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- Plan for and incorporate adaptation measures against the impacts of climate change on Tasman Council’s existing and new infrastructure, assets and services and include mitigation measures where appropriate.
- Review and update as required Tasman Council’s Ten Year Strategic Plan, Annual Plan, Risk Management Strategy and relevant strategic council documents to identify and respond to key climate risks and vulnerabilities identified through the Tasman Council Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan and other relevant processes and reports as they become available.
- Implement and review the Tasman Council Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan annually and contribute to the review and update of the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and RCCI Action Plan.
- Establish collaborative partnerships with other councils, key stakeholders and other tiers of government that strengthen Tasman Council’s responses to climate change.
- Collaborate and cooperate with the southern councils in climate change adaptation and mitigation through platforms such as the Regional Climate Change Initiative and other opportunities as they may arise.

4.0 REFERENCES:

- Tasman Council Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan April 2012
- RCCI Action Plan 2017-2019
- Regional Councils Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, Southern Tasmania 2013-2017 (extended to 2020)
- Tasman Council Ten Year Strategic Plan 2015-2025
- Local Climate Profile – Tasman Municipality, Nov 2011, adapted from Climate Futures for Tasmania Technical reports

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