



- This inquiry will enable community members and the government to share ideas – early publication of these ideas would be welcome.
- Assist with upskilling of Councillors and Council Officers in light of the ‘Climate Emergency’ declaration.
- BCSC & BCCAN are beginning a conversation about priorities & possible action. Initial suggestions for actions that will not be expensive & will show results in a short time frame include support for:
  - a local ride sharing scheme
  - more micro-grids including the Energy Innovation Co-operative’s Totally Renewable Phillip Island
  - a well-funded and regulated energy efficiency program
  - installation of dashboards (in schools & community centres) as shown on ‘2040’ – indicating real time energy consumption
  - farmers to increase tree-planting and other carbon farming projects
- Priorities but on a longer time frame:
  - Development of an eco-living centre to focus on educating the community about climate change and demonstrate measures people can take to reduce their carbon footprint.

BCCAN is not seeking confidentiality.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this inquiry.

Sincerely

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