

SIRA Climate Statement Proposal

Introduction

The SIRA committee, recognising the impacts of climate change and the need for action, wishes to put to the members a declaration of climate emergency. Such declarations have been adopted by many communities and local governments around the world, including our own Northern Beaches Council. It is hoped that declarations will serve to promote the need for action and change, and be a positive push for state and federal governments to implement change as well.

Resolution to be put to members; That the following declaration of global climate emergency be adopted by SIRA. (Proposer: Boyd, Seconder: Colin)

SIRA endorses a declaration of global climate emergency

The community represented by the Scotland Island Residents Association supports the growing consensus from many voices declaring a global climate emergency.

We acknowledge with great concern not only the many observable destructive impacts of human activity on the environment, but also acknowledge the overwhelming scientific consensus regarding the impact that collective human activity is having on the global climate which is leading to ever more devastating effects across the world.

The global environment shapes all national, regional and local environments. Thus our own offshore area is embedded in and ultimately shaped by ever moving air and waters of the world.

The offshore communities are situated in an environment where the threat of bushfire, water shortages, destructive storms and in the near future gradually rising water levels are real to us.

We join others in demanding that all tiers of government make tackling climate change the top priority. All tiers of government have a role in

- implementing a zero carbon energy policy
- Removing and preventing all pollution to water, earth and air.
- phasing out fossil fuels and increasing renewables
- Ensuring clean energy and sustainable transport for all

We implore all residents to get behind our declaration and to practice at a local level sustainable water and energy usage, care for the local environment and to join with us in lobbying our representatives in government at every opportunity.