

Advocacy Plan for Gaining Modifications to the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS)

Key Objective: To gain modifications to the proposed CPRS as per City of Port Phillip submission.

Primary Challenges:

- Gaining effective lobby through local government peak body representation
- A timely response as the review of the draft legislation and finalisation of the format of the CPRS is on short Lower House timelines (within 3 – 4 months).
- Influencing Senate representatives to advocate for appropriate amendment to the legislation during its passage through the Upper House.

Key Dates for the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme:

Legislative Process	Dates	Council Action
<i>Green Paper</i> released and submissions invited	October 2008	Submission provided by MAV addressing CoPP's concerns
<i>White Paper</i> released and submissions invited	December 2008	Submission provided by MAV addressing CoPP's concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Exposure draft legislation</i> released and submissions invited • <i>Senate Standing Committee on Economics</i> inquiry into CPRS announced • <i>Senate Standing Committee on Climate Policy</i> inquiry into CPRS announced 	10 & 11 March 2009	Legislation reviewed
Submissions due to the <i>Senate Standing Committee on Climate Policy</i>	8 April 2009	Submission Provided by CoPP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submissions due to the <i>exposure draft legislation</i> • The <i>Senate Standing Committee on Economics</i> to report on its findings 	14 April 2009	Submission Provided by CoPP
Public Hearings by the <i>Senate Standing Committee on Climate Policy</i>	About 20-24 April 2009	Hearing appearance requested
<i>Tracking Towards the Kyoto Target</i> paper released (this will further inform on Australian Emissions Units {AEUs} and tradeable international permits).	Late April 2009	
The <i>Senate Standing Committee on Climate Policy</i> to report on its findings	14 May 2009	Review Report and advise
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills introduced into Parliament • (<i>Victorian Climate Change Green Paper</i> released and submissions invited; MAV member discussion paper on climate change released). 	May 2009	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government aims to achieve passage of bills by Parliament • Submissions due to the <i>Victorian Climate Change Green Paper</i>. 	June 2009	

Recommended Advocacy Options:

Whom	Actions	When
Local state & federal representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Foley MP • Tony Lupton MP • Michael Danby MP • Relevant Federal Senators 	Inform of Council's position and request that each make direct & party representation on concerns.	April 2009

Local Government Associations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAV • VLGA • ALGA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform of Council's position and request that each make direct and ALGA representation on concerns. • Consider & feed concerns into LGA-commissioned Deacons analysis if possible. 	April 2009
Senate Standing Committee on Climate Policy public hearings	Present concerns at the public hearing (officer-assisted)	About 20-24 April
Federal representatives and selected senators in a position to influence modifications	Inform of desired modifications and request their direct representation on concerns.	May & June 2009
ALGA	Continue to gain feedback on ALGA efforts on Council concerns about CPRS and how this is channelled effectively through COAG and senators.	May & June 2009.
Port Phillip Community	Issue media release.	April 2009 May 2009