

Subject: Re: Labor's response

On Wed, 4 Sept 2024 at 18:47, Sharon Winslade <sharon@laborforeurobodalla.com> wrote:

Shasa Response

As part of developing some targeted community focussed platform for this election, the Labor team investigated policies areas/actions related to climate change and identified a number that a Labor Council should pursue.

Climate change is real and having an increasing impact on our lives. In recent years the Eurobodalla region has had direct experience of the impact of climate change, with devastating bushfires, flooding, heat waves, and coastal erosion.

Labor knows we urgently need to improve our preparedness with a workable Climate Action Plan with practical steps Council could take to improve resilience and protect people, homes, and our environment.

Labor identified four actions:

1. Helping residents stay safe
2. Disaster and environmental management
3. Electric Vehicle charging stations
4. Make the Climate Action Plan work

More information is available on Labor's website (www.laborforeurobodalla.com).

I note that the Eurobodalla Shire Council released a ten-year Climate Action Plan in 2022, with an action list of 58 items, and established a Climate Change Advisory Committee.

However, while Council's Annual Report contains some incidental reporting against actions included in the Climate Action Plan, there is no comprehensive review of progress against the Plan.

I have read the *Net Zero Council Guide*, which explains *legislative and regulatory requirements* for Councils, describes our Council's maturity and provides planning pathways and actions to achieve Net Zero by 2050.

Labor supports to the *Net Zero Council Guide*. Council in it's next term should commit to, and actively seek any funding available to support:

- implementing the actions in the Net Zero Council Guide and the 31 Net Zero Milestones prepared by the NZAP to assist Council to improve its emissions data capture and account for their emissions data and actions in emissions reduction
- developing a Net Zero Action Plan that provides a roadmap to achieve net zero emissions by 2050

This will required a re-alignment to the Terms of Reference of the Climate Changes Advisory Committee and the Climate Action Plan.

I think that most if not all the points raised by SHASA come under the *Guide's* plan and actions.

regards

Sharon Winslade