

The Draft Climate Change Adaptation Plan was made available for public comment on Council’s Your Say webpage for a period of 3 weeks (June 8 – June 28), following an informal community information session held at the Council Chambers on June 15. Eleven submissions were received in total.

Overall there was support for the CCAP, however some issues were raised addressing the following key themes (in order of number of submissions per theme) –

| Submission theme | Number of submissions | Changes made | Council comments |
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| Flooding and drainage issues | 5 | No | Comments passed on to Infrastructure Services team. |
| Aboriginal culture and traditional land management | 4 | Yes | <p>Section 3.0 of the CCAP - <i>Aboriginal Culture and Perspectives on Climate Change Adaptation</i>, was prepared in consultation with Arakwal Corporation. There are also two actions included in the CCAP that address the submission theme:</p> <p><i>Action 31. Finalise and implement Aboriginal Custodianship and Caring for Country Workshops</i></p> <p><i>Action 92. Continue manual fuel reduction/modification with Council bush regeneration team and local organisations.</i></p> <p>An additional case study has been included in the CCAP to better clarify how Action 31 will support local Aboriginal culture and traditional land management. Council hopes to continue to maintain relationships with Traditional Owners when responding to climate change.</p> |
| Sea walls to mitigate against coastal impacts | 2 | No | <p>Councils Coastal Management Program, which is currently in development, will identify appropriate coastal management options. (relates to Adaptation Action 7 – <i>Develop and implement Coastal Management Programs in line with Coastal Management Manual</i>).</p> |
| More trees for shade and protection from extreme heat | 2 | No | There are three Adaptation Actions within the CCAP that will address this: |

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| | | | <p>61. <i>Develop an 'Urban Cooling Strategy'</i></p> <p>65. <i>Implement landscaping from heat mapping within Byron Town Centre Masterplan</i></p> <p>66. <i>Implement Stuart Street Greenspine project from Mullumbimby Masterplan and street tree plan</i></p> |
| Inclusion of projection parameters | 2 | Yes | <p>The decision to omit the specific projections when writing the CCAP was due to the latest NARCLIM projections not being available until 2022 (therefore we would need to use the outdated 2014 data). The CCAP will be updated with the latest NARCLIM projections once they are released next year.</p> <p>The CCAP references all information throughout, including the projections section of the report, allowing readers to access more specific and detailed information as necessary.</p> <p>An additional Appendix has been added with the 2014 projections (Appendix 3).</p> |
| Incorrect ICLEI membership date | 2 | Yes | Date amended. |
| Formatting of Adaptation Actions e.g colour coding, funding amounts and level of priority. | 2 | Yes | <p>Colour coding will be introduced in the graphic design stage following Council adoption.</p> <p>Actions were prioritised by including only extreme and high risks from the climate change risk assessment.</p> <p>Actions are already listed as 'in progress' or 'ongoing', or have a timeframe attached (Appendix 1). Timeframes are a guide only and further detail will be included in the annual report.</p> <p>General resourcing/budget considerations are addressed in Appendix 1 of the CCAP and will be considered each year as part of the annual Operational Plan resourcing strategy. This will depend on factors such as grant funding at the time.</p> |
| More information on agriculture and biodiversity | 2 | Yes | Agriculture and biodiversity actions were addressed by the relevant staff however two |

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| | | | agricultural and biodiversity case studies have been added to emphasise these areas. |
| Planned retreat | 2 | Yes | A case study has been added to explain planned retreat in the context of DCP and LEP coastal hazard planning provisions. |
| Projection timeframes need to be longer term | 1 | No | Projections were sourced from the most up to date scientific and government sources available. Further detail will be updated when the latest NARCLIM projections are released. |
| Emissions not accounted for correctly/do not have a big enough scope | 1 | No | Council's emissions are accounted for in line with the Australian Government National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (NGER) framework. A consultant was recently engaged by Council to define our 'emissions boundary' which includes a much broader scope of emissions sources. This new emissions boundary will be accounted for under the NGER methodology in future reporting years and will be certified under the Australian Government 'Climate Active' standard by 2025 (as per Council resolution 17-086 to reach net zero emissions by 2025). |
| Water charge reductions based on usage | 1 | No | Query passed on to Corporate and Community Services Team who advised that this would not be a feasible or equitable option. |
| Focus on fixing the cause of climate change | 1 | No | Council hopes to continue to reduce their emissions in line with the Net Zero Emissions Strategy and Action Plan. The CCAP in addition to other Council strategies such as the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and Agricultural Strategy also aim to continue to improve and promote sustainable land use and conservation for positive environmental outcomes including carbon sequestration. |
| General disagreement with climate change | 1 | No | Noted |
| Council operations as a barrier for change | 1 | No | Noted |