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# **Urgent state wide action needed on climate change and waste management**

Huon Valley Council will be developing a comprehensive climate change strategy as a matter of urgency after a unanimous vote at its most recent council meeting.

Mayor Bec Enders said while it's important that we implement our own policy, state-wide collaboration is also necessary to take action on climate change and single use plastics.

That's why Huon Valley Council will ask the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT), to lobby for statewide action on both climate change and waste management.

"While Council will work to address the problems directly on a local scale, state-wide action was urgently needed on both issues," Cr Enders said.

"Tasmania and particularly the Huon Valley is increasingly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change such as sea level rise, bushfires, floods and drought.

"In 2018 the Huon Valley Council signed up to the Climate Council's Cities Power Partnership Program in which we committed to a number of pledges relating to energy efficiency and reducing emissions.

"We are in the process of developing a climate change strategy but this matter needs state-wide collaboration.

"That's why we are asking LGAT to lobby the State and Federal Governments to acknowledge the urgency of the situation and ask them to take immediate, collaborative action on both climate change and single use plastics."

The two motions will be put forward for the consideration of delegates from all of the state's councils at the LGAT Annual General Meeting on 3 July 2019.

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