

What does a thriving and resilient Victoria/Grampians Region look like in the context of Climate Change in 2030?

Since the Paris Agreement in 2015 the debate on who is responsible for climate change ceased – humans are the cause and are also the solution. With that out of the way all sectors of society have been working together to comprehensively and holistically address the short and long term ramifications of a climate in transition.

What does this look like in 2030 (in fourteen years time)?

1. The buzz words of “sustainability” & “economic growth” have given way to “resilience and sufficiency” & “economic development”
2. The State is well on its way to decarbonise – coal has gone the way of the horse and oil and gas are a diminishing % of the now diverse renewable energy mix supplying a decentralised grid with well resourced community renewable projects scattered across the State.
3. Innovation that drove the above transition is now being exported to developing countries to assist them in their own decarbonised futures.
4. Integrated public transport systems are well on the way to cover all major urban areas along with a diminishing reliance on cars.
5. The planning of our urban areas are transforming into high functional hubs of employment, education and social activities.
6. These transformations coming about through strong State leadership built on bipartisan support – the issue is now beyond “politics”
7. Ongoing outreach education of the citizenry has been a driving force to change behaviour and attitudes towards the need to take personal responsibility – asking simple risk management questions such as “how will what I am planning to do be effected by our changing climate?” “What can I do to limit my impact?” from planning a garden, building a house, choosing a location to live, what people are buying, where they are working.....it has become an everyday decision making occurrence. The question “Why me?” is no longer asked.
8. Through the acknowledgement that a communities resilience is strengthened when all sectors are optimally functioning and working together there has been a long standing priority of government to

ensure that education, preventative ill-health campaigns , low income community housing and the welfare safety net are adequately resourced so that the more vulnerable in our society are actively participating in society.

9. Through a continuing outreach program and ongoing review and implementation of mitigation & adaptation plans at State and local govt levels the State is Climate Ready for increasingly occurring extreme events and slow onset events. e.g. infrastructure has been upgraded; council's with vulnerable low lying coastal areas have instigated the necessary planning controls for staged retreat if/when necessary, urban water authorities have the capacity to bring online climate independent water supplies as necessity requires; emergency services are well resourced and have developed strong partnerships with communities especially vulnerable to fire and flood.

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