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The Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio MP
Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change
Minister for Solar Homes
Level 16, 8 Nicholson Street
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Dear Minister

RE: HUME CITY COUNCIL'S VOLUNTARY COUNCIL PLEDGE UNDER THE CLIMATE CHANGE ACT 2017

Thank-you for the opportunity to make a voluntary pledge under the *Climate Change Act 2017*. I am pleased to advise that at the Council meeting of 9 March 2021, Hume City Council endorsed the following climate change pledge.

Hume City Council is committed to tackling climate change through placing a high priority on reducing emissions in our own operations, supporting and encouraging the growing Hume community to reduce emissions and by adapting to the impacts of climate change and supporting community climate change adaptation.

In the period 1 January 2021 until the 31 December 2025, Hume City Council will undertake the following key actions in Council operations:

- transitioning to 100 per cent GreenPower via a combination of a ten-year power purchase agreement and other procurement arrangements. Emission reductions over the 2021- 2025 time-period from this action are projected to exceed 81,000 tonnes¹;
- installing a further 1.4 MW of solar panels on Council owned facilities, bringing Hume City Council's total solar capacity to over 2.9 MW;
- continuing implementation of the current *Greenhouse Action Plan 2018- 2022* (attached) and considering the development and endorsement of a new Greenhouse Action Plan; and
- investigating the capture and reuse or flaring of methane at the Sunbury landfill and implementation if viable.

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¹ Based on the 2020 Victorian greenhouse coefficient and assuming no overall change in energy use at Council facilities (in reality energy use may change at some facilities and new facilities will be built and commissioned in this time).

Hume will support and encourage the Hume community to reduce emissions by:

- continuing to develop a trial and the phased roll-out of a municipal-wide organics service supporting the uptake of solar systems in Hume households, particularly for residents vulnerable to bill stress via the implementation of the Hume Solar Roll-out program;
- implementing the Hume Household energy program including extended support for households vulnerable to bill stress to undertake Energy Savvy Upgrades to their homes;
- supporting the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in new developments through the trial of the Sustainable Subdivisions tool with a view to incorporating in the planning scheme if successful and implementation of Council's ESD Policy in the Planning Scheme for new planning permit applications; and
- Continuing to support and work with the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action.

We look forward to working with the Victorian Government on climate change action.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Haweil', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**CR JOSEPH HAWEIL
MAYOR**