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Dr Brett Stevenson
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Dear Dr Stevenson

Thank you for your correspondence of 9 December 2020 regarding the draft Variable and Changing Climate Adaptation Strategy.

The reviews of the Emissions Reduction Plan 2017-2021 and the development of the Variable and Changing Climate Adaptation Strategy (Strategy) are currently delayed. This is due to the recent resignation of a key Council staff member, Mark Shorter - Sustainability Coordinator, who was facilitating this process and we are currently endeavouring to recruit for this position. As you would be aware, Council is undertaking bushfire recovery works which are also impacting significantly on our workload and resourcing. It is therefore anticipated that there will be a 12 month delay in completing the review and introducing the Strategy.

Council will undertake further engagement with the community and experts prior to the draft going on public exhibition.

The impending local government elections in September 2021 whereby Council goes into caretaker will also impact upon the times of any public exhibitions.

Council is continuing to implement actions associated with the Emissions Reduction Plan. Importantly climate change is a consideration in major projects and in accordance with legislative requirements.

If you wish to discuss this matter or require further information please contact Deb Lenson, Divisional Manager Environmental Services on 4474 1000.

Yours sincerely



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