



### **COVID-19 shows that governments *can* undertake emergency mobilisation**

Who knew that neoliberal governments could put business-as-usual on hold and pull \$100 of billions out of thin air for the 'common good'?

Of course the Liberal National Party (LNP) would like to make COVID-19 recovery about propping up the stranded assets of coal power plants and grow the gas industries that prop up the LNP and Labor. We can't let that happen.

See Save the Planet's recent [blogpost](#) on how we transition to the climate emergency coming out of COVID-19.

### **Donations to Save the Planet are now tax deductible!**

Help Save the Planet/Save Our Planet Alliance (SOOPA) make a difference in Australia's political landscape. Donations to Save the Planet are now tax deductible through our registered political party 'Save Our One Planet Alliance'. Up to \$1,500 can be donated to a political party each financial year, so with the end of the financial year fast approaching please consider a donation to Save the Planet.

Any dollars you donate are high impact by enabling us to run climate emergency candidates. The cost of running a federal candidate in the lower house or senate has recently been raised to \$2000; double from the previous election (see Adrian Whitehead's video [here](#)).

Please donate [here](#) if you are able.

### **Run in the Victorian council elections October 24, 2020**

Save the Planet is encouraging people to run as **climate emergency candidates** in the 2020 Victorian council elections. You don't have to be a climate expert - you just need to want your council to play its role in reversing global warming by going into emergency mode.

Running in a local government election helps spread the climate emergency mobilisation message to your community and tells your local Federal and State representatives that the climate emergency is still on the public agenda.

It was Save the Planet's local government candidates, Bryony Edwards and Adrian Whitehead, who ultimately pushed the winning Darebin councillors to declare a climate emergency, thereby helping kick off the global climate emergency declaration movement around the world.

As at 21 May 2020, these numbers sit at 1,500 governments across 30 countries, including 96 Australian councils (including ACT, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Darwin). We are still focused on getting more councils to declare a climate emergency (has yours?) but are now working to achieve the first implementation of a council emergency mobilisation, with two contenders so far.

Save the Planet can provide campaign support, and running for council is great practice for running in state and federal elections.

This will be a postal election, with every eligible voter receiving a mailed ballot with a short statement from each candidate. Running in a postal election is worth it simply to put a climate emergency message into your neighbours' letter box for a very small investment in time and money. Last council elections it cost \$250 to register as a candidate (an amount that is returned if the candidate wins over 4% of the primary vote).

Take a look at Save the Planet founder's (Adrian Whitehead) local government election platform for Darebin on his personal [website](#) to get some ideas on the emergency agenda you can run. Save the Planet will soon provide a webinar for any interested candidates (watch this [space](#)).

This recent Save the Planet [blogpost](#) responds to FAQs of running climate emergency candidates at all levels of government.

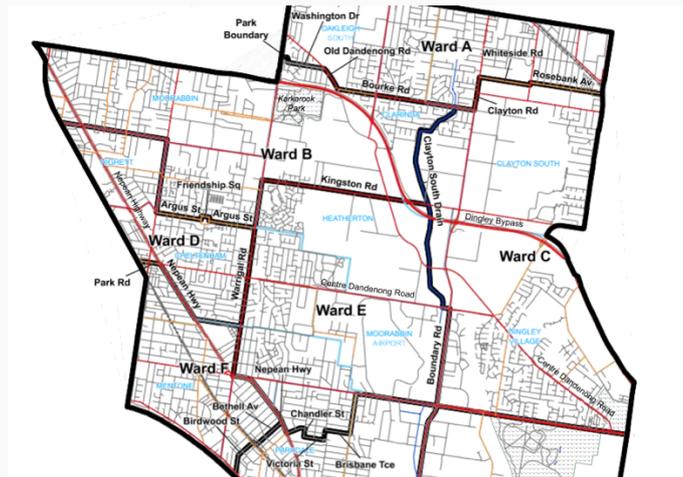


### **Victorian single-member council wards - could they actually work for the climate emergency?**

Victoria's single member council wards have been pushed through under the guise of increasing democratic representation in councils, and will be rolled out in the 2020 and 2024 council elections. However, it is strongly suspected that the main reason Victorian Labor pushed this change was to stop Greens and progressives from holding the majority on local governments formerly controlled by Labor. Candidates in single member wards are required to achieve 50% + 1 vote as opposed to as little as 25% +1 vote in a 3-member ward.

The good news is leafleting and campaigning in these smaller wards is now a much easier task (where a three member ward is reduced to roughly one third of the size) and there will be fewer candidates per ward. Campaigning a three-member ward can be a daunting task for one independent, whereas a one-member ward is relatively easy with just two people on your team.

Read more [here](#) on which councils are impacted this election and boundary changed.



### SOOPA gearing up for first AGM

Save the Planet now part of a registered political party, Save Our One Planet Alliance (SOOPA). SOOPA was formed with another Victorian-based climate party, [One Planet](#) under [4 uniting principles](#).

A member of Save the Planet is also a member of SOOPA.

This electoral alliance forms a registered party structure under which we can run candidates at the federal level. The alliance partners are organised branches within SOOPA based on more specific policies, brand identity and culture, (not geography) - while still being separated entities outside of SOOPA in their own right. Save the Planet is one of the two current SOOPA branches.

Save the Planet will soon give notice of SOOPA's first AGM.

### The next steps of the BIG Campaign

Save the Planet's mission is to get **governments of the world to act together to reverse global warming at an emergency speed**.

Save the Planet's key strategies:

- educating the public about the threat of the climate emergency and the pathway to restoring a safe climate
- normalising an emergency mobilisation as the only valid response to global warming.

Save the Planet's key tools:

- Running the first candidates in the world calling for an emergency speed, economy-wide transition to net negative emissions.
- Running climate emergency candidates at all levels of government.
- Forming a federally registered political party.
- Forming CACE is a separate entity to campaign on local governments entering an emergency mobilisation outside of election campaigns.

Save the Planet's achievements so far:

- Helped get the first council in the world to acknowledge a climate emergency in 2016 after commencing the campaign in 2013.

- Helped change the global discourse from “climate change” to “climate emergency”.

What we are still working on:

- Convincing other major parties to run ‘real’ climate emergency policies designed to reverse global warming at emergency speed and implement these policies at all levels of government.

Save the Planet’s key short term goal:

- Getting the first council (or higher level of Government) to go into emergency mode.

We are working on this short term goal by continuing to run climate emergency candidates and through the work of CACE (Council and Community Action in the Climate Emergency), an organisation set up by Save the Planet to run non-election focused campaigns in this space.

The 2020 Victorian Local Government Elections are a key opportunity to accelerate or even achieve this goal.

## Recent blogs and videos

[Post COVID-19: How we save the planet with jobs for all](#)

[Should I run as a Save the Planet candidate - FAQs](#)

[Financial risks for councils burying their head in the drying ground](#)

[Adrian Whitehead speaking on the federal attack on democracy \(Instagram\)](#)

## Recent memes

Please remember to share our post as a meme on your own social media or make up your own.

Future generations will look  
and wonder why we didn’t  
spend the spare \$60 billion on  
avoiding a climate  
catastrophe...

- heading to 100% renewable electricity?
- zero emission super fast rail on the east coast?
- zero emission medium fast rail for rural and regional Australia?
- protection and regeneration of our native forests?
- moving to low emissions food options?

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After defeating it 40 years ago  
the Liberals just put Nuclear  
power back on the agenda.

"New nuclear technologies (for example, small modular nuclear) have potential but require R&D and identified deployment pathways."

"The engineering, cost and environmental challenges, alongside social acceptability of nuclear power in Australia will be key determinants of any future deployment"

TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT ROADMAP DISCUSSION PAPER  
A framework to accelerate low emissions technologies MAY 2020  
[https://consult.industry.gov.au/climate-change/technology-investment-roadmap/supporting\\_documents/technologyinvestmentroadmapdiscussionpaper.pdf](https://consult.industry.gov.au/climate-change/technology-investment-roadmap/supporting_documents/technologyinvestmentroadmapdiscussionpaper.pdf)



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