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Northern Beaches surges forward with Power Pledges

Northern Beaches Council continues to take bold action on climate change and is encouraging local businesses and suppliers to do the same.



As part of the Climate Council's Cities Power Partnership (CPP), Council has proudly completed two of its five commitments to act on climate change and will now adopt two new pledges to keep moving forward. Council has pledged to revise procurement policies and procedures to ensure suppliers align with Council's sustainability goals, plus provide incentives and remove barriers to encourage local businesses to take up solar power and battery storage.

Northern Beaches Mayor Michael Regan said the CPP Power Pledges are an important catalyst for local governments and communities across Australia taking climate action.

"We are proud to be part of CPP, which is Australia's largest network of local councils leading the way to a net zero emissions future," Mayor Regan said.

"Since making its initial pledges in 2018, we have successfully met two of them and are making great progress on the remainder. We are now making two more pledges so we can keep moving forward on climate action and help our community to do the same.

"Participation supports the implementation of our environmental sustainability goals and strategies and promotes Council's efforts in mitigating and adapting to climate change."

Council will support local businesses through the <u>Sustainable Business Network</u> to reduce emissions and costs by providing advice and information about installing solar power and batteries.

The CPP is a nationwide network that requires Council to select five pledges, and to report progress on these pledges through an annual survey. Participation in the program offers councils access to expert knowledge, collaboration and shared learnings with other councils around the country and promotion on the CPP website and in the media.

For more information about How the Cities Power Partnership works please click here.