

# Sutherland CAN & Sutherland Shire Council

Meeting 24 April 2007

## Attendees

Sutherland Shire Council: Ian Drinnan, Beth Innes  
Sutherland CAN: Fred Bell, Graeme Booth, Jonathan Doig

## What has Council done

Joined Cities for Climate Protection in 1999  
Now purchasing 6% GreenPower (is required to).  
Proposed to increase it a few years ago, but Council rejected it on cost.

## What does Council know?

Inventory since 1995, but problems comparing data.  
Increases in GHG, but due to what - hard to say.  
Expanding population, services.  
Population now stabilising, but persons per household is still decreasing, so services will still be expanding over next 10 years.  
Opportunities to renew infrastructure eg energy efficient street lighting.  
Lighting standards changed so lights must be brighter, but can point down not all around.  
Over 1995-2003 energy usage for street lighting has increased 36%.  
Did travel surveys in Oyster Bay - 100 residents filling travel diaries, free bus tickets, education, got only 2% reduction in motor vehicle km travelled.

## Doesn't know

Electricity usage by LGA - SSROC (and LGSA - Rob Verhey) requested from Energy Australia, but could/did not provide.  
Caltex outputs. Could partner with them for reduction?  
Vehicle km within Shire. But RTA collects it on pink slips

## Councillors requesting data

Also PhD looking at local impacts - bushfire, sea level rise.  
Lots more interest from councillors recently.

## What is Council planning

Inventory every year  
Improved public transport  
LG working group looking at impacts.  
Will point out SSC is falling behind other councils.

## Goals and targets

1995-2010 goals: 20% reduction for community; 30% reduction for Council

## How we might work together

Council could run workshops to raise awareness and set community targets.  
SCAN can lobby councillors to act on climate change.  
Council could do flood risk under CC scenarios, but may need statutory shield. Could use this in community workshops.

## Actions

Jonathan to ask DECC to collect GHG inventory by suburb.  
Jonathan to write to SSC: the problem; local impacts; what we think our targets have to be. What Council's targets are? What the community's values and aspirations are? What Council's strategy is? How it compares with best practice in other Councils? Suggest community workshops to set targets and goals, like with People's LEP.