



GLEN EIRA
CITY COUNCIL

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Reduction in Council's carbon footprint

As part of Council's *Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2016–2021*, we are committed to reducing emissions generated from our operations through our sustainability initiatives, including an annual rolling program of energy efficiency and renewable energy works.

Recent figures indicate that during the 2018–2019 financial year, Council's carbon footprint decreased from 9,961 tonnes of carbon dioxide to 9,287 tonnes — a 6.8 per cent reduction. This reduction is largely due to increased solar power generation on Council buildings and energy efficiency works.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams said that since the end of the 2014–2015 financial year, Council has achieved a 19 per cent reduction in emissions.

"It's really exciting to see our *Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2016–2021* targets coming to life," he said.

"The expected emissions savings from the street lighting upgrade and solar installations completed during 2018–2019 mean that Council should reach its 25 per cent reduction target by the end of the 2019–2020 financial year — a year earlier than our original target."

"This demonstrates our ongoing commitment to reducing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions."

Council has a target of net zero emissions from our operations by 2030 and net zero emissions from the community by 2050.

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