

# Hills Climate Action Group Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday 6 February 2009		
<b>Time:</b>	3:30pm		
<b>Location:</b>	St Cuthbert's Hall Darlington		
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Annolies Truman	<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Toni Warden
<b>Attendees:</b>	Jayne Simpson, Maureen Mandy, Barry Healy, Annolies Truman, Toni Warden, Glenys Letchford, Melanie Haymont, Rory Haymont, Hartley (Visitor), David Breakey, Kieran Mandy, Kamala Emanuel		
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jopie Peetoom, Gary Warden		

Topic	Discussion	Action	Who
<b>Climate Summit in Canberra</b>	<p>Annolies reported on the outcomes from the Climate Summit in Canberra recently. The main resolutions from the climate summit where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To prevent the Rudd government's proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) from becoming law.</li> <li>2) To launch a campaign for 100% renewable energy in Australia within 10 years - drawing upon the example of Al Gore's Repowering America campaign which is backed by research from renewable energy experts from Stanford University among others.</li> <li>3) To campaign for a long term target of stabilising atmospheric CO<sup>2</sup> at 300 parts per million (ppm). This corresponds with the most recent research conducted by the world's leading climate scientist James Hansen and his team.</li> </ol> <p>The future actions accepted by participants of the summit were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Actions outside MP's offices or corporations to coincide with the release of the CPRS White Paper in March.</li> <li>2) Nationally coordinated mass rallied on World Environment Day (June 6) with the explicit aim of publicly launching the campaign for 100% renewables in 10 years.</li> <li>3) Climate camp/s in September, inspired by the successful camp held in Newcastle in August last year.</li> <li>4) Culminating in actions around the Copenhagen Summit in December 09.</li> </ol>	<p>The group resolved to read and discuss the acceptance/ amendments to the resolutions, and then pass on these resolutions in the form of a letter writing session to targeted politicians at the next meeting.</p> <p>The group should debate whether to follow the actions agreed to at the summit.</p> <p>Annolies to register our group's interest in participating in the development of a combined climate policy document.</p>	Annolies Truman

<p><b>Darlington Review</b></p>	<p>In discussion, the group reiterated that HCAG had a double focus: to work towards a sustainable Hills community and to give input into broader political issues. Discussion revealed that our DR columns had included our achievements in the 1st area. Our March column to refer to the number of people our group had helped buy solar panels, as well as discuss the outcomes of the Climate Summit and invite people to a letter-writing session in March.</p> <p>Annolies reported that she had paid \$85.00 towards a column for our group to publish our articles in, and she called for donations from participants to cover the expenses at the next meeting.</p> <p>Annolies was endorsed by the group as the writer of this column.</p> <p>Jayne reported that the last review from the Darlington Review did not mention the Hills Climate Action Group. Jayne reported that some community feedback suggested that our group was solely focused on politically campaigning. Discussion by the group resolved that the next article for the Darlington Review should focus on more of what our group has achieved (ie. Living Smart Course, Solar Bulk Purchases, Footpath establishment lobbying).</p>	<p>Annolies endorsed as writer of March column.</p> <p>Members to contribute a donation towards the column.</p> <p>Annolies to write a column about the groups achievements so far.</p> <p>Gary to write letter to DR listing the amount of bulk solar purchasing that the HCAG has achieved. Maureen to write another letter in response to DR editorial and letter.</p>	<p>Annolies Truman</p> <p>Gary Warden</p>
<p><b>SETS Update</b></p>	<p>Toni gave a brief overview on Western Powers proposal called the South West Transmission Reinforcement and the Stop the Eastern Terminal Action Group’s continuing campaign.</p> <p>Toni detailed aspects of the recent Hills Climate Action Group’s submission called for by Western Power during the Christmas Break.</p> <p>There was some discussion about the Western Australian Electricity Market and its continuing impact on the uptake of renewables, and increase in electricity prices.</p> <p>Group discussed the possibility of HCAG to host forum on the issue in May.</p>	<p>Toni to submit recent press release.</p> <p>Toni to prepare information on the Wholesale electricity market, and send out via email to the group to read and review.</p> <p>Group to discuss and make resolutions, and then pass</p>	<p>Toni Warden</p>

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<b>Water Tanks</b>	<p>Jayne provided an update on her research.</p> <p>Jayne received a letter from a stainless steel water tank provider in QLD regarding the health effects of polyethylene. It is available from her for viewing. If you wish to see it, just email Jayne.</p> <p>Jayne reported that she has not been able to find any stainless steel tank providers in WA, but she was able to find one in Melbourne who would be prepared to do a bulk deal and truck their tanks to WA in bulk. The rate for trucking their tanks is about \$5,000. Slim line tanks may be of more interest to members, as the company can truck 10 tanks per truck. The individual cost per tank for transport is around \$500. Tanks around 3,000 litres cost \$1,750 and the largest tank 30,000 litre costs around \$6,475.</p> <p>Toni suggested it may be worth investigating the steel tanks made by Prefab Tanks in Mundaring as another alternative.</p>	<p>Jayne to contact Queensland companies to see what they can offer for comparison.</p> <p>Jayne to investigate cost to transport water tanks via National rail freight.</p> <p>Jayne to investigate Pre-fab tanks in Mundaring.</p>	Jayne Simpson
<b>Shire of Mundaring</b>	There was mention about a petition to amalgamate two Mundaring and City of Swan Councils by Colin Huges.	Annolies to contact Jopie to circulate petition by email for Group to discuss at next meeting.	Jopie Peetoom
<b>Hills Climate Action Group Website</b>	<p>There was general discussion on the need to establish a stand alone website for the Hills Climate Action Group, as a tool to inform the public of various Actions the group is undertaking (ie solar and water tank bulk buys, letter writing campaigns, living smart courses, public forums, etc.).</p> <p>A forum component to the website was agreed to as a way for the group to discuss various issues that fall outside group meeting times.</p>	<p>Toni to pursue the development of the site with Claire Botman.</p> <p>Toni to develop content and structure for the group to</p>	Toni Warden

	A membership fee (of around \$10-15.00) was agreed to as a way to build funds to develop a website, advertise the Groups existence and actions, with the website as a tool to control and monitor memberships that eventually may aid in achieving good bulk purchasing power.	comment on.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	3:30pm Saturday 28 February 2009 St Cuthbert's Hall, Darlington		