



Local Government Climate Action



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Communities for Climate Protection™ - New Zealand
A New Zealand Government initiative delivered by ICLEI
This programme is part of ICLEI's International Cities for Climate Protection™ Campaign

Why take action on climate change?

The balance of scientific opinion across the globe is that people, through their actions, are changing the climate. Increased flooding, droughts and climate variations are likely to cause widespread economic, social and environmental dislocation. Climate change is expected to have a significant impact on the work of local government and the well-being of their communities.

Over 500 councils around the world are responding to the threat of climate change through the international Cities for Climate Protection™ campaign. In New Zealand, this innovative programme is called the Communities for Climate Protection™ - New Zealand (CCP™-NZ) Programme. It supports councils and their communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and their impacts.

As a leader in your community, CCP™-NZ provides you with an opportunity to demonstrate your leadership and commitment. Your council will be part of a growing body of councils across the globe which have found that greenhouse action makes good economic, environmental and social sense.

Councils around the world are responding to the threat of climate change by reducing their greenhouse gas emissions and influencing community behaviour change. Local government's regulatory and planning powers, budget policies, public education activities, and business links can have a significant effect on greenhouse gas emissions within the community, and influence better greenhouse practices within households and businesses.

What is the Communities for Climate Protection™ Programme?

The Communities for Climate Protection™ - New Zealand Programme is an innovative campaign that helps councils and their communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and their impacts. The programme is a New Zealand Government initiative delivered by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives - Australia/New Zealand (ICLEI-A/NZ).

As part of ICLEI's International Cities for Climate Protection™ Campaign, CCP™-NZ provides a way for New Zealand councils to join councils from around the world in implementing greenhouse action, and access international learning and better practice in transport management, waste minimisation, energy use, land use planning and other areas.

The CCP™ programme is becoming a strong presence in countries in the Asia-Pacific region, with the programme now underway in Australia, the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, South Africa, India and, most recently, here in New Zealand.

empowers local government to cut greenhouse gas emissions. It provides councils with a strategic milestone framework, which helps them to identify the emissions from their council and community activities, set a reduction goal and develop and implement an action plan to reach that goal.

Why involve local government in climate action?

Councils are often significantly affected by climate change effects – they bear much of the cost of floods, droughts, and coastal erosion. They therefore have an interest in reducing the effects of climate change by mitigating greenhouse gas emissions. Greenhouse action also makes good economic and social sense, as well as bringing environmental benefits.

Through CCP™ councils have already reduced their emissions and along the way they have improved local air quality, improved waste management practices, increased access to sustainable transportation and efficient energy use, and consequently, strengthened their local economies.



What does the Communities for Climate Protection™ Programme involve?

To become a CCP™-NZ participant, your council must adopt a resolution that commits the council to progressing through the milestone framework:

- Establish an inventory and forecast for key sources of greenhouse emissions in your council and community.
- Set an emissions reduction goal.
- Develop and adopt a local greenhouse action plan to achieve those reductions.
- Implement your local greenhouse action plan
- Monitor and report on greenhouse gas emissions and the implementation and quantification of actions.

Milestone Framework

The CCP™-NZ Programme strength lies in a number of factors – one of the most important being the milestone framework. This provides councils with a tangible framework that can accommodate varying levels of analysis, effort, and availability of data. The key point is that councils gain an understanding of how their actions effect greenhouse gas emissions, and how decisions they take can help mitigate global climate change while improving the quality of life of the local community.

What does the Communities for Climate Protection™ Programme provide?

Promotion and recognition

- Communications and media materials to help you gain local support for your initiatives.
- B Recognition events where councils gather to celebrate milestones achieved.
- B Assistance with planning local media events.

Technical support and training

- B CCP™ online software and other tools for calculating emissions and setting a reduction goal.
- Workshops to guide participants through the milestones and provide assistance to developing a local action plan.
- Direct one-to-one support over the phone to follow up workshops and progress through the programme.
- Access to expertise and networks of councils to exchange ideas and solutions.
- Invitations to CCP™ conferences in Australia and New Zealand.

Information and Publications

- Access to a series of participant websites including CCP™-NZ, CCP™-Australia and ICLEI.
- H Workbooks, case studies and fact sheets.
- Presentations by ICLEI-A/NZ staff to councillors and senior managers.
- Advice on funding opportunities and programmes.

Intern Programme

This Government-sponsored programme will match councils with students from local universities and technical institutes to support them to progress through the milestone framework. The Intern programme will assist at Milestone 1 as students can help to complete the Inventory requirements. There are a limited number of funding packages of \$4000 (plus GST) available to councils who commit to joining CCP™-NZ before 30 June 2004

One-off participation fee

There is a once only CCP™-NZ participation fee determined by the population of your council. Regional councils are also encouraged to join CCP™-NZ. Note that ICLEI members receive a participation fee discount¹

Council Population	ICLEI Member*	Non-ICLEI Member*
up to 20,000	\$400	\$500
20,000 to 50,000	\$640	\$800
50,000 to 100,000	\$960	\$1200
Above 100,000	\$1200	\$1500
Regional Councils	\$960	\$1200

**The above fees are subject to GST*

1. Visit the ICLEI-A/NZ website for further information regarding ICLEI membership: www.iclei.org/anz