

## Inner Melbourne Action Plan

### Briefing Paper

#### Action 9.1 Regional Sustainability Targets

Establish common greenhouse emissions, water and waste targets and programs for the Inner Melbourne Region.

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#### Purpose

1. To advise the IMAP Implementation Committee of the progress of Action 9.1 and seek approval of \$14,500 to engage a consultant to calculate a standardised baseline greenhouse gas emission measurements across the IMAP region.
2. The Regional Sustainability Targets action is to 'establish common greenhouse emissions, water and waste targets and programs for the Inner Melbourne Region'.

#### Background

3. The Working Group last reported to the IMAP Implementation Committee on 29 August 2008. This meeting resolved to:
  - Standardise baseline methodologies, particularly of greenhouse emission baselines, which vary significantly; and
  - Commission a one off audit of all available waste, water, and greenhouse programs available to residents and small to medium enterprises in the IMAP region.

#### Discussion

4. *Baseline measurement.* The Working Group has focused on standardising community greenhouse emissions data. This is because the existing methodologies and baseline data for water and waste are consistent between the IMAP councils.
  - Methodologies used for calculating greenhouse gas emission from council's own operations are consistent between the four councils.
5. Cities of Yarra and Melbourne have utilised the same methodology to establish their community greenhouse gas emissions. This methodology meets international reporting protocols and the requirements of the Cities for Climate Protection program, it is also being used by the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action councils (Cities of Banyule, Darebin, Hume, Manningham, Melbourne, Moreland, Whittlesea, Yarra, and Nillumbik Shire Council). Arup undertook the work to calculate the emissions for the NAGA councils.
6. The City of Port Phillip has calculated their emissions using a different methodology and the City of Stonnington has yet to calculate their community emissions.
7. Arup has provided to quote of \$14,500 to calculate the baseline emissions for the Cities of Port Philip and Stonnington (Appendix A). Undertaking this work will enable the IMAP councils to directly compare baseline emissions and to effectively monitor the impact of local greenhouse programs.
8. *Program Audit.* An audit of all programs available to residents and small to medium enterprises in the region is currently being conducted. The audit report will be presented to the IMAP Implementation Committee meeting in May 09.
9. The Working Group has been in regular contact and has communicated with DPCD to ensure that IMAP projects do not duplicate the Southern Regional Management Forum work.

#### Recommendations

10. That the IMAP Implementation Committee Forum approve funding of \$14,500 to conduct standardised greenhouse emission measurements and note current progress of the program audit.