



NAGA Briefing for Parliamentarians Q1 2014-15

This paper has been prepared to update MPs on the activities of the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA), for the first quarter of the 2014-15 financial year.

NAGA is the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action, a network of nine councils and the Moreland Energy Foundation working together to reduce climate emissions and adapt to climate change impacts. Its member councils are Banyule, Darebin, Hume, Manningham, Melbourne, Moreland, Nillumbik, Whittlesea and Yarra. NAGA's activities include developing and implementing regional projects, sharing best practice amongst its members and advocacy for a low carbon future.

Integrated Regional Vulnerability Assessment

A 12 month project building a regional approach to climate change adaptation planning. Arup is contracted to consult with members and develop a set of recommendations.

Project has delivered a synthesis report outlining the primary impacts of climate change in the region. We have also hosted six sector workshops for council staff and key external stakeholders (including state government representatives and private industry) to examine specific impacts and likely adaptation responses in human services, infrastructure, planning, emergency management, natural ecosystems and industry. More than 230 staff attended the six workshops.

Arup is currently writing up outcomes of workshops with a view to drafting recommendations and writing final report.

Investigating Rates Mechanism

Project aims to engage policy makers and the real estate industry to overcome information, financial and policy barriers to improved quality housing for vulnerable low income and rental households.

Project has developed information packs which will form the basis of outreach to landlords in the region. Testing two channels of communication: through councils and through real estate agents. The project will allow us to assess the best channels of communication as well as incentives which encourage landlords to upgrade properties.

Outreach to landlords expected to commence in October 2014.

Premier's Sustainability Award

NAGA has been shortlisted as a finalist for this year's Premier's Sustainability Award for its work on the Energy Efficiency Information Grant project. This project provides easy to implement energy efficiency actions for small to medium enterprises across northern metropolitan Melbourne.



Advocacy

NAGA has recently made submissions on the retention of the Renewable Energy Target and the Memorandum of Understanding between the state and local government on roles and responsibilities with regards to climate change adaptation. Copies of these submissions are available on request.

NAGA is currently working with other greenhouse alliances and electricity distributors to formulate a response to the current Electricity Distribution Price Review.

Further Information

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