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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Re: **Open Letter to Queensland Local Government Authorities (LGAs) urging them to adopt a Climate Emergency Declaration**

With the Queensland local government elections due on 28 March 2020, the time is right for voters to urge prospective mayoral and councillor candidates to support the adoption of a *Climate Emergency Declaration* for their respective local government jurisdictions.

With widespread condemnation of both the Federal Government and the Queensland Government's inaction on global warming/climate change policies over recent decades, Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc. believes it is imperative that Local Government Authorities (LGAs) adopt a host of mitigation measures to help slow down/reverse the manifold negative impacts of climate change.

"To date, only 84 LGAs throughout Australia have signed off on a Climate Emergency Declaration – with Noosa Shire Council being the only Queensland LGA to do so", said Mr Frank Ondrus, President of HOPE Inc.

"It's a climate emergency. The whole world is watching as global temperature records are shattered, and one of the Earth's true natural wonders, the Great Barrier Reef, bleaches and dies. The climate emergency we've been talking about for 30 years is upon us. We really have entered the phase of now or never. Our actions now determine the world our children and grandchildren will live in. We'll need to be strong to hold our state and federal governments to account and ensure they rise to the crisis."

*Mark Wakeham, CEO, Environment Victoria*

For further reading on Climate Emergency Declaration see attached documents 1. - Understanding Climate Emergency and Local Government guide (June 2019) and 2. – A briefing paper - Climate Emergency Declarations by Local Government in 2020 (12 2019).

The *Climate Emergency Declaration* is a local area initiative which **you** can support!

Insist on knowing the environmental stand that your local government representatives and candidates hold ... and cast your vote in support of our environment.

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