Climate Change

Background

Climate change is placing increasing pressure on natural ecosystems, communities, and the resources on which people depend. Changes in temperature, rainfall patterns, pollution and the frequency and severity of extreme weather events can affect biodiversity, water security, food production, human wellbeing, and the resilience of communities.

Responding to climate change requires both reducing its causes and preparing for its impacts. Long-term planning, responsible use of resources, protection of natural systems, and cooperation across society are important in building a more resilient and sustainable future.

HOPE Inc. (Australia)'s Position

Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc. (Australia) believes that responsible and sustainable environmental stewardship requires meaningful action to address climate change and strengthen the resilience of communities and ecosystems.

We support practical, evidence-based action to cut greenhouse gas emissions, use energy and resources more responsibly, protect natural areas, and help communities prepare for a changing climate.

HOPE Inc. (Australia) recognises that responding to climate change is a shared responsibility. Governments, businesses, industries, researchers, community organisations, households, and individuals all have a role in reducing environmental impacts and supporting practical, long-term solutions.

Why This Position Matters

The actions taken today will influence the environmental conditions experienced by future generations. Climate change can intensify existing pressures on biodiversity, ecosystems, water resources, agriculture, infrastructure, and communities.

Reducing emissions is important, but we also need to prepare for the changes already happening. Protecting and restoring natural areas, using resources wisely, and helping communities prepare for climate risks can make both people and the environment more resilient.

HOPE Inc. (Australia) believes that effective climate action should be based on sound evidence, long-term thinking, collaboration, and practical action at both community and broader levels.

Key Advocacy Priorities

HOPE Inc. (Australia) advocates for:

- up-to-date evidence-based policies and actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address the causes of climate change;
- increased use of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and responsible resource use;
- protection and restoration of natural ecosystems that support biodiversity and climate resilience;
- long-term planning that strengthens the ability of communities and ecosystems to adapt to climate-related impacts;
- greater public awareness, education, and participation in practical climate action; and
- collaboration between governments, researchers, businesses, community organisations, households, and individuals to develop and implement sustainable climate solutions.

HOPE Inc. (Australia)’s Commitment

HOPE Inc. (Australia) is committed to raising awareness of climate change and encouraging practical responses through education, advocacy, collaboration, and community engagement.

We will continue to promote responsible environmental stewardship, support evidence-based climate action, work collaboratively with partner organisations, and encourage individuals and communities to take practical steps that contribute to climate resilience and a more sustainable future.

Closing Statement

This Position Statement reflects HOPE Inc. (Australia)'s commitment to advocating for responsible and sustainable stewardship of the environment. It supports the objectives of the **HOPE Strategic Plan 2024–2029** and provides the foundation for HOPE Inc. (Australia)’s advocacy, partnerships, and community engagement on Climate Change.

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