

# **Contract finalisation report - matching contract obligations**

## **Project : National consultation on the new Global Covenant of Mayors framework for local government climate action in Australia**

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### **Project objective**

The primary objective of the Project is to build support from all levels of government and partner organisations, to support the GCoM as an effective framework for local government climate action in Australia

The project will support national and sub national consultation processes on the new Global Covenant of Mayors framework for city-level climate action. It will explore the synergies with other established local climate initiatives and examine supportive arrangements and future partnerships with governments and other groups. This will benefit local governments seeking increased engagement in a robust, clearly understood and well supported national GCoM approach and mobilise new cities to join the initiative.

### **Expected outputs**

1. Comprehensive local government focussed climate policy paper
2. Initial consultation and national roundtable event
3. State-by-State consultation meetings
4. Inventory report of state based resources and aligned approaches
5. Scan and assessment of applicability of European Union and other international tools and resources
6. Second National Roundtable, presentation of reports
7. Marketing and promotion of the GCoM framework, consultation process and program outcomes
8. Final Report

This contract finalization report is provided matching contract obligations. Financial acquittal is forthcoming in line with contract conditions.

**Output 1** contains a range of elements related to a comprehensive local government focussed **climate policy paper**. The initial paper was produced in relation to the first national Roundtable. The policy paper was circulated to participants and other stakeholder attending the Roundtable. It was also provided on the project's website. The paper was also forwarded to GIZ.

Contained within Output 1 there were a further area of investigation. An analysis of the current **access to data challenges** being experienced by local governments. As this was identified through the consultation as being a significant area of interest this analysis was undertaken and is provided in the Final Report.

**Output 2** Initial consultation and **national roundtable** event. The consultation, event coordination and delivery of the first national roundtable event was successfully completed in March 2019. The outcomes of the roundtable and participants list have been forwarded to GIZ and these outcomes were also provided on the project website. The outcomes from the roundtable helped inform the later consultation and inventory process.

**Output 3** was the **State-by-State consultation** meetings. The results of these meetings are evident throughout the final reports. The results of the discussions with stakeholders, state by state and nationally have provided insight into the recommendations and strategic directions. A listing of individuals and organisations they represent is included as an appendix to the Final Report. The Final report has now been provided to GIZ.

**Output 4** is the **Inventory report** of state based resources and aligned approaches. This is a significant standalone “Inventory Report”. It contains the findings of the research and the description of those programs that are considered to align with the GCoM framework. For each state a suggested way forward has been provided. The Inventory report has now been provide to GIZ.

**Output 5** is the scan and assessment of applicability of European Union and other **international tools and resources**. The results of this scan are contained within the Final Report which makes recommendations on which resources provide the greatest potential value to Australian local governments undertaking local climate action in line with the GCoM common reporting framework. The analysis and snapshot of resources is contained within the report and as an appendix. The Final Report has been provided to GIZ

**Output 6** is the **Second National Roundtable** and presentation of reports. This event was successfully delivered in June 2019 in Canberra Australia. The interim findings and results of the consultation, program inventory scan, resources scan and data and measurement investigation was presented at the roundtable. The results and strategic directions from the Roundtable were presented in a Second Roundtable report with attendance list and is also on the project website. The Final Report has been provided to GIZ

**Output 7 Marketing and promotion** of the GCoM framework, consultation process and program outcomes. A website was developed to explain the project, the consultation process and as a place to store and distribute outcomes and related information. Social media was used effectively to further promote the project. Numerous presentations were given highlighting the GCoM, the new common reporting framework and the project itself. News articles were generated and circulated within the local government sector to raise awareness and encourage participation with the engagement process. More promotion and marketing will occur over time with many of the recommendations and strategic direction in the Final report being the key messages. Website and social media approaches have been shared with GIZ. Future promotion will need to be negotiated subject to the resources and focus of the GCoM Oceania office.

**Output 9. Final Report.** This **Final Report** is the culmination of all activities associated with the research and consultation. It has been structured to present the process, findings and outcomes of the project. The Final Report has provided recommendations for (1) the strategic direction for national delivery for local government, (2) provision of direct and technical support based on identified needs, and (3) capacity building and resourcing for regional secretariat functional support. These are in line with the expected outcomes for output 9.

The Final Report has now been provided to GIZ as evidence of the completion of the project. In addition it provides a pathway for further action and escalation of GCoM in Australia. The recommendations and future steps, if adequately resourced, will provide the opportunity to scale up the uptake of GCoM and ensure greater local climate action and make a valuable contribution to global and national climate targets.

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