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Dear Mayor,

Invitation to join the Steering Committee for the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM) Oceania

We are writing to invite you or one of your fellow councillors to indicate interest for a seat on the inaugural Oceania GCoM Steering Committee. The voice of Mayors working for a safe climate through the GCoM network is growing louder globally. Now for the first time we are looking for Mayors, councillors (or their representatives) to help us grow the GCoM network in our region.

The GCoM is a global alliance of over 10,000 cities and local governments sharing goals for an action-oriented approach to climate change for the transition to low-emission and resilient societies. [Youtube link.](#)

Each of the ten global GCoM regions has the opportunity to establish and develop its own approach to applying and managing this global alliance. We are seeking representation from Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Nations. As a leading advocate for local government climate action we are sure you have the passion and insight to assist with the governance and activation of GCoM in Oceania Region.

The Steering Committee will provide strategic advice and advocacy for the GCoM program throughout Oceania region. The Committee will also communicate the benefits and opportunities of GCoM and encourage other councils to join and explore opportunities to grow the program through the formation of partnerships. It will also provide support to the Oceania region representative to the International [GCoM Board](#). Eligible Mayors interested in a position on the GCoM Board should also indicate this interest.

The first virtual meeting of the Steering Committee is planned for September and the committee would then meet at least quarterly, through a virtual meeting platform. Membership terms will be for two years or subject to local government election results.

Terms of Reference for the Committee are attached. If you are interested please complete and email the Nomination Form attached to steve.gawler@iclei.org by **Monday the 7th September 2020**. For any questions or further information please email or call Bernie Cotter, Managing Director, bernie.cotter@iclei.org, Mob 0431265860.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds
Hobart City Council

Lord Mayor Nuatali Nemes
Newcastle City Council

Mayor Aaron Hawkins
Dunedin City Council

Members of ICLEI Oceania Rexcom and GCoM Oceania Committee
25-Aug 2020

Attachments:
Terms of Reference
Nomination Form



GCoM Oceania Steering Committee Terms of Reference

OUR VISION

A world where committed mayors and local governments – in alliance with partners – have made the climate safer by accelerating ambitious, measurable climate and energy initiatives.

OUR MISSION

The Global Covenant of Mayors is a network that inspires and assists cities and local governments to take ambitious climate and energy action in their communities.

OUR FUNCTIONS

- Provide advice and support to grow this network throughout Oceania region;
- Advocate to governments and partners to mobilise and accelerate action on climate change;
- Promote the value of cities taking action on climate change;
- Provide input to ICLEI Oceania as the regional lead on the Strategic Advisory Committee, and any Technical Working Groups;
- Recommend the GCoM Oceania Board member to GCoM Board Co Chairs
- Support and provide advice to the GCoM Oceania Board Member;

MEMBERSHIP

Member councils:

Initially members will be invited from signatory councils from Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Nations. The committee will also include the GCoM Board nominee, members from the ICLEI Oceania Regional Executive Committee and nominee from the Council of Capital Cities Lord Mayors.

Partner Organisations:

May include but not be limited to national or state local government associations, international local government groups, national or sub-national government representatives. A wider membership can be nominated by the Steering Committee as the need arises.

Term of appointment

Two years or as determined by local election cycles

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Review the GCoM program, draft Strategy or action plan, core initiatives and advocacy and provide input on how to maximise the program's impact;
- Mobilize other Mayors and councillors in the region to support and advocate on key issues being championed by GCoM and to recruit new signatories to the GCoM;
- Draw upon their networks to improve integrated climate action;
- Act as an enthusiastic, vocal and proactive ambassador within and across the Oceania region to expand the effectiveness of the GCOM;
- Identify opportunities for collaboration, advocacy, resourcing and funding.

MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held at least quarterly and be held virtually in the first instance, with face-to-face meetings possible in conjunction with other events.