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## HAVE YOUR SAY ON A NET ZERO EMISSIONS PATHWAY

The City of Ryde is seeking input from the community on how a Net Zero Emissions Pathway will be created for reducing both Council's operations and community carbon emissions into the future.

The Net Zero Emissions Pathway is being developed by the City of Ryde to further its commitment to reduce emissions, minimise climate change impacts and plan for a sustainable future.

Net Zero Emissions means any emissions from greenhouse gases generated are balanced by the removal of greenhouse gases from the atmosphere. In practice this means reducing emissions as much as possible, then offsetting the remainder we cannot, through activities such as tree planting, soil management and carbon capture and storage.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, encouraged everyone in the community to take part in the community consultation currently underway until mid-December, by completing a short online survey.

"Since this current Council was elected in 2017 we have made giant strides in reducing emissions and tackling climate change. Since the catastrophic 2020 bushfires, we have been even more determined to play our part in tackling climate change.

"It is now essential that we hear from our community about the best way to achieve our goal for a sustainable future

"How should Council achieve Net Zero emissions? Should we act faster than the State's 2050 target? Your feedback to these questions and more will help shape Council's direction for the Net Zero Emissions Pathway as well as further sustainability measures into the future."

[Click here](#) for more information on the community consultation and to complete the online survey. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete and will be available until Wednesday 9 December 2020.

The Net Zero Emissions Pathway development by Council is in accordance with the NSW Government's goal for Net Zero emissions by 2050, the Greater Sydney Commission's North District Plan, City of Ryde's Local Strategic Planning Statement and Council's climate emergency declaration.

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