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**1 CLIMATE CHANGE ACT 2020 - Councillor Christopher Gordon**  
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**BACKGROUND:**

On 23 March, Ms Zali Steggall OAM MP will introduce a private member's bill to Federal Parliament and call for a conscience vote. Australia needs sensible climate change legislation to transition to the future. Coming from an Independent MP, this bill offers all members of Parliament the chance to take a non-partisan stance on climate change. The full bill and a summary can be found at <https://climateactnow.com.au>

**MOTION:**

That within the next week, the Mayor write to Mr John Alexander AO MP (being the Federal representative of all citizens within the City of Ryde):-

1. urging him to support the ***Climate Change (National Framework for Adaptation and Mitigation) Act 2020***.
2. acknowledging his recent and welcome speech in Federal Parliament expressing the need to face the challenges of climate change.
3. stating that non-partisan and urgent action is required.
4. noting that the City of Ryde:-
  - (a) Has declared a climate emergency.
  - (b) Is working towards defining a renewable energy target.
  - (c) Has increased its divestment of funds from fossil fuel aligned institutions by over 70% in this term of Council.
  - (d) Is committed to practical action to tackle climate change.