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## Darwin City Council committed to reducing greenhouse emissions

Darwin City Council has successfully completed Milestone 4 in the *Cities for Climate Change Protection (CCP) Program* through the implementation of innovative abatement actions. This was achieved through implementation of environmental initiatives by Aldermen, Council staff and the community.

Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer and CEO Brendan Dowd received the award at the Annual General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association, held in Sydney at the end of June.

In Australia more than 230 local governments, representing over 84% of the country's population, have made a commitment to reducing their emissions through the CCP Program. Whilst the program is no longer funded by the Australian Government, Darwin City Council will continue to link with Australia's Capital Cities in a joint effort to reduce emissions.

Pam Robinson, Manager of Council's Climate Change and Environment section, said,

"The achievement of this milestone demonstrates that Darwin is a leader in greenhouse action. We look forward to constantly improving our climate change mitigation work.

It is very pleasing to have satisfied the requirements for Milestone 4; however, all Governments and communities must do much more towards making an even greater response to greenhouse emissions if we are to make a significant difference for Australian and the world.

We look forward to being part of what has to be done".

Environmental Sustainability is one of the seven key priorities in the *Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions Towards 2020 and Beyond* document which outlines Darwin City Council's long term planning and goals for Darwin.

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