

Carbon Neutrality

Climate change threatens many aspects of life on Earth. Carbon neutral cities will play a huge role in climate change abatement and adaptation. The ACT government has shown great leadership in targeting 100% renewables by 2020 and carbon neutrality by 2050 at the latest.

Question: How do we best garner community input into a fair and equitable Carbon Neutral Canberra?

Assets

- Research and academic leadership
- Affluent society
- Active society, bicycle network
- Lots of community groups
- High level of engagement
- Progressive
- Tripartisan support
- Bush capital love and respect, nature reserves
- Lightrail
- Canberra being clean hub/ nation leader
- Strong business interest in renewables

Ideas

- Love and ownership of natural environment, urban forest and waterways
- Close roads to see how peoples' behaviour changes
- Utilise stormwater and curbs more effectively
- Sustainable building excellence
- Retrofitting strategy
- Beyond carbon neutrality to intergenerational stewardship
- Change cultural norms
- Re-use things
- Reduce consumption
- Improved storage of energy
- Ethical investment
- Better food labelling
- Hard waste collection

Implement

- House to house specific energy advice
- Advertise building efficiency

- Encourage kids not to get to school by car
- “How to get to work without a car’
- Free MyWay cards