Why a Climate Compensation Fund?

A short guide to the national proposal behind the local petition

The campaign's case

The Make Big Polluters Pay Alliance argues that communities and public budgets are carrying growing costs associated with climate impacts, while major coal, oil and gas corporations should contribute more toward addressing those costs. Its proposal is for the Australian Government to establish a Climate Pollution Levy on these corporations and direct the revenue into a Climate Compensation Fund.

What the proposed Fund could support

The Alliance proposes using the Fund to support climate-impacted communities and households, and to help local governments and communities build resilience and prepare for climate impacts. It also proposes that the Fund be developed with affected communities and include support for First Nations self-determination and a just transition for workers and their families.

Why a local council petition?

Tipping Point's Communities for Climate Compensation campaign works through local community surveys and council motions. The local petition asks Council to add its voice to a national call for a Fund, recognising the role councils have in managing local assets and services and helping their communities adapt.

The petition asks the City of Stirling to advocate for national funding that helps councils and communities meet climate adaptation, preparedness, recovery and resilience needs.

Source and scope

This is a concise summary of the Alliance's policy proposal; it is not an Australian Government program or an independent assessment of the proposal. The source report's Executive Summary is on printed pages 4–5.

Make Big Polluters Pay Alliance, Make Coal, Oil and Gas Corporations Pay Their Fair Share (August 2025), Executive Summary, pp. 4–5. Full report: https://www.makebigpolluterspay.org.au/reports

Campaign pathway: Tipping Point, Communities for Climate Compensation: https://www.tippingpoint.org.au/cfcc