



Pre Budget Submission - from Transition Hobsons Bay

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Thankyou for the opportunity to have early input on Council's 2012-2013 budget. Transition Hobsons Bay would like to see Council:

- Prepare a peak oil adaption plan to manage risks and expectations.
- Join the Municipal Association of Victoria's Councils and Communities In Transition program (CACIT).

About Peak Oil

Peak oil presents a real challenge to us as a society – oil has become such an integral part of our economy and the end of it's abundant and cheap supply is bound to create serious disruption around the world and not least in the west of Melbourne. Most importantly, our current agricultural/food system relies on unsustainable fossil fuel inputs.

Some analysts attribute the lack of growth in the economies of the UK and the US as the result of the end of cheap liquid fossil fuels (declining net energy return).

We have prepared a briefing paper on Peak Oil and have presented it to Wade Noonan. The paper is available on our website. Here is the link - http://transitionhb.groupsie.com/uploads/files/x/000/063/1a1/PeakOil_Briefing.pdf

Peak Oil and Local Government

Australian governments are starting to give Peak Oil the attention it deserves in the public arena. The City of Maribyrnong paved the way in 2009 with its Contingency Plan and the Sunshine Coast Council has developed a Peak Oil Strategy. The Tasmanian Government has announced a study into Peak Oil. Most recently among Victorian councils, the City of Whitehorse prepared an action plan this year to manage risks to Council and the community. Cutting edge work is currently being undertaken by Hepburn Shire Council.

Peak oil will impact directly on Council's ability to deliver services. The City of Whitehorse identified 23 risks to Council's operations and grouped them under five themes, being: increased financial pressures on Council, restricted delivery of Council's essential services, increased demand for Council services, increased liability issues, and reputational impacts on Council.

Transition Hobsons Bay requests that Hobsons Bay City Council investigate the preparedness of Council and the Hobsons Bay community for the end of cheap liquid fossil fuels.

About Transition

Transition Hobsons Bay is a community group hoping to inspire a strong and healthy future for our

neighbourhoods in the face of climate change and the end of cheap oil. Transition Towns is a growing international movement with a positive vision for a localised future.

Transition emphasises resilience through relocalisation. Resilience is the ability of a system to withstand an external shock. How would we feed ourselves if there was a sudden reduction in the oil that moves our food to the supermarket shelves? Our economic system, not just transport and food, is dependent on having more and more energy - especially oil. And we usually don't recognise these vulnerabilities.

In Transition we realise the future will have less energy (due to climate change and declining net energy returns). But if we start planning now, perhaps a future with less energy could be preferable to the present - energy lean, but time rich, healthier, less stressful, more socially connected and a place for everyone in society.

Transition models this preferable future ~ events are designed to be fun and social. We organise fruit and vegie swaps in Altona and Newport, community composting initiatives, community pot-luck dinners and much more... Everyone is welcome to join and get involved in Transition Hobsons Bay.

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Thank you for your email submission.

Your information has been forwarded onto the relevant department for reply.

For further enquiries please contact Council's Customer Service on 9932 1000.

Thank You

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