

Buildings in Australia lit up green to mark opening of COP26, #GoGreenForCOP26

Yagan Square in Perth, The National Carillon, Telstra Tower, and the British High Commission in Canberra, The British Consulate in Sydney (Gateway Building) and Town Hall Sydney, and Melbourne Town Hall were due to be cast in special green light.

The Conference of the Parties (COP) brings together over 120 world leaders in Glasgow, including Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, for a two-week programme of negotiations, dialogue, and ambitious target setting.

National Carillon, Photography: Rohan Thomson

As host and president, the UK Government is committed to ensuring an ambitious and inclusive summit striving to uphold the Paris agreement and put the world on track to keep 1.5 degrees global warming within reach.

In addition to Glasgow, a series of special COP26 panel events and discussions will also take place in Australia during the Summit.

Gateway Building (British Consulate General Sydney), Photographer: Andy Baker

UK High Commissioner to Australia Vicki Treadell said:

The symbolism of light is powerful, a projection of hope. Around Australia we are lighting up buildings to reflect the spirit of global unity needed to address climate change. Our partnership with our Australian friends, and how we follow up the commitments achieved at the UN Climate Summit in Glasgow, is essential to that unity & spirit of hope.

Climate change affects us all, and only by working together will we be able to ensure the future of our planet and our people.

Telstra Tower, Photography: Rohan Thomson

City of Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore said:

The City of Sydney has long been a leader in taking action to

tackle the climate emergency. We were the first local government in Australia to become carbon neutral in 2007 and our operations are now powered by 100% renewable electricity.

We are proud to be highlighting the start of the UN Climate Conference in Glasgow by turning Sydney Town Hall green and hope global leaders will set the legitimate, ambitious and necessary targets to tackle the greatest existential threat of our lifetime.

Sydney Town Hall, Photographer: Abril Felman

City of Melbourne Lord Mayor Sally Capp said:

We're building on Melbourne's reputation as a centre for clean energy innovation, by working towards our ambition to have a city powered by 100 per cent renewable energy by 2030, and zero net emissions by 2040.

The City of Melbourne is leading by example, using 100 per cent renewable energy to power our operations and now electrifying our buildings and fleet.

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