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Dear Bridget

I write to thank you for your contribution as a community member of the former Sustainable Environment Community Reference Committee (SECRC).

Council very much appreciates the time, effort and advice that you have contributed as part of your involvement with SECRC.

I note that SECRC provided an informed contribution to the development of Council policies such as the *Greenhouse Plan*, *Water Plan*, and *Climate Adaptation Plan*; and provided a range of suggestions for Council's sustainability programs.

Council also acknowledges members' personal contributions in regard to the Soc's & Blocks program report which was implemented by the Sustainability Department.

Since the inception of SECRC, Council has adopted the following environmental policies: *Climate Adaptation Plan*, *Water Plan*, *Sustainable Transport Strategy*, *Bike Plan*, *Walk Plan*, *Greenhouse Plan*.

Council has also increased its Sustainability budget to enable the implementation of these Plans.

I would also personally like to thank you for your participation in Council's review of SECRC. As a result of the review, Council is now focusing on the implementation phase of its policies and is now building a significant program of community engagement on climate change. Council has expanded the number and range of community focused sustainability programs and is establishing a Sustainable Community Action Network to compliment these activities.

The Sustainable Community Action Network will engage people who are already working in the community on sustainability projects, and those with the capacity to get involved in local action. It will connect community groups, leaders and enablers to generate new ideas and deliver outcomes for the community.

Thank you again for your interest, time and commitment and I hope that you will continue your contribution to sustainability through the Sustainability Community Action Network.

Yours sincerely

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