



# Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee

**Inquiry:** Inquiry into Climate Resilience

**Hearing Date:** 3 December 2024

**Question[s] taken on notice**

**Directed to:** Macedon Ranges Shire Council

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## 1. **David ETTERSHANK, page 7**

**Question Asked:**

Could I perhaps just ask you to take a question on notice?

**Bernie O’SULLIVAN:** Sure.

**David ETTERSHANK:** If you could maybe just document that for us? I do not think anyone has put that to us quite so clearly, just the sheer scale of it relatively in terms of climate-related damage as a percentage of council’s expenditure. Just provide the committee with some documentation that outlines that; that would be terrific.

**Response:**

Extreme weather events attributed to climate change are becoming one of Council’s largest financial burdens due to the scale of each event and their increasing regularity.

Storm damage sustained in June 2021 resulted in Macedon Shire Council incurring \$21M in associated expenditure. It has taken nearly three years to process all claims arising from this single event, and significant costs in excess of \$4.8M million have been borne by council that were not able to be claimed.

This figure is closer to \$5.6M when the following are considered:

- Management and Administration costs
- Salaries and Wages at the time of the event
- Salaries and Wages of staff post the event contributing to the clean up
- Insurance costs for damage incurred and Council needing to contribute to reinstate the asset.