

**Report to Council**

**Agenda item 7.3**

**Participation in ICLEI meetings, Resilient Cities Congress (Bonn, Germany) and Ecocity World Summit (Vancouver, Canada), Councillor Cathy Oke, 2019**

**10 December 2019**

**Presenter:** Councillor Cathy Oke

**Purpose and background**

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Council on participation by Councillor Cathy Oke in the following:
  - 1.1. ICLEI - Local Governments and Sustainability (ICLEI) Global Executive Committee meeting, World Secretariat Board Meeting and the Resilient Cities Congress 2019 in Bonn, Germany.
  - 1.2. The Ecocity World Summit 2019 in Vancouver, Canada.
2. Attendance at these meetings was approved by Council on 30 April 2019.

**Key issues**

3. Travelling overseas in a private capacity in June, Councillor Oke made a side-trip to Bonn, Germany to attend a series of ICLEI meetings. Costs associated with the side-trip were funded by ICLEI and Councillor Oke with no cost to Council.
4. Participation in the ICLEI meetings and the parallel Resilient Cities Congress allowed Councillor Oke to fulfil her duties as President of the Board and Vice President of the Global Executive Committee of ICLEI.
5. Melbourne, convener of the previous Ecocity World Summit in 2017, was invited by the Ecocity organisers to pass the baton to Vancouver as host of the 2019 Ecocity World Summit and to build the bridge linking the two events.
6. Councillor Oke represented the Melbourne hosts of the 2017 event (City of Melbourne and University of Melbourne) at the formal opening ceremony and participated in speaker and chairing roles throughout the Summit.
7. Active participation in the events in Bonn and Vancouver, at no cost to Council, allowed Councillor Oke to contribute to City of Melbourne's goal to maintain Melbourne's reputation as a global city leader of sustainability, demonstrating leadership and innovation to address and adapt to the challenges presented by climate change.
8. Included as Attachment 2 is an overview of the key activities and roles performed by Councillor Oke.

**Recommendation**

9. That Council notes the report by Councillor Cathy Oke on participation in ICLEI meetings and the Resilient Cities Congress in Bonn, Germany and the Ecocity World Summit 2019 in Vancouver, Canada at no cost to Council.

**Attachments:**

1. Supporting Attachment (Page 2 of 3)
2. Overview of key commitments undertaken by Councillor Cathy Oke (Page 3 of 3)

## Supporting Attachment

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### Finance

1. There was no cost to Council associated with Councillor Oke's travel in either June or October 2019:
  - 1.1. ICLEI and Councillor Oke funded the travel to Bonn, Germany.
  - 1.2. Councillor Oke's participation at the Ecocity World Summit 2019 was funded by the Ecocity organisers and Councillor Oke.

### Conflict of interest

2. No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a direct or indirect interest in relation to the matter of the report.

### Health and Safety

3. Councillor Oke undertook standard safety precautions associated with international travel.

### Relation to Council policy

4. The General Manager Governance and Organisational Development confirmed that the travel undertaken was in accordance with the requirements of the travel guidelines outlined in the Councillor Expenses and Resources Guidelines.
5. The objectives of the travel align with the Council Plan goal 'A City that cares for its environment and a range of international engagement, environmental and sustainability strategies and policies'.

### Environmental sustainability

6. Councillor Oke privately funded the purchase of credits to offset the carbon emission resulting from air travel identified in this report.

**OVERVIEW OF KEY COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN BY COUNCILLOR CATHY OKE****ICLEI/Resilient Cities and Ecocity World Summit**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Role of Councillor Oke</b>
<b>At ICLEI Bonn/Resilient Cities Congress</b>		
25 June	European Urban Resilience Forum	Welcome on behalf of ICLEI
26 June	Plenary 2 - Resilient Cities: A legacy serving a future of implementation (Melbourne perspective)	Speaker
27 June	ICLEI Board meeting	President of Board
27 June	Global Executive Committee meeting	ICLEI Vice President
<b>At Ecocity World Summit 2019</b>		
7 October	Session 02C: Community Capacity/Governance: Participatory Engagement	Moderator
7 October	Parallel session: Session 04C: Lifelong Education: Collaborative Approaches	Moderator
8 October	City of Vancouver Meet & Greet	Participate and represent the Melbourne hosts of the previous World Summit
8 October	Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception	Presentation as the previous Ecocity World Summit Convener
9 October	Session 01B: Clean Air: City Strategies for Climate Action and Carbon Neutrality	Moderator
9 October	Keynote panel: Climate Action for Sustainable and Resilient Cities	Keynote presenter on Policy and Governance for Accelerating Sustainability in Cities
10 October	Community Day – Pecha Kucha	Speaker: In our Ecocities whose Country are we on?