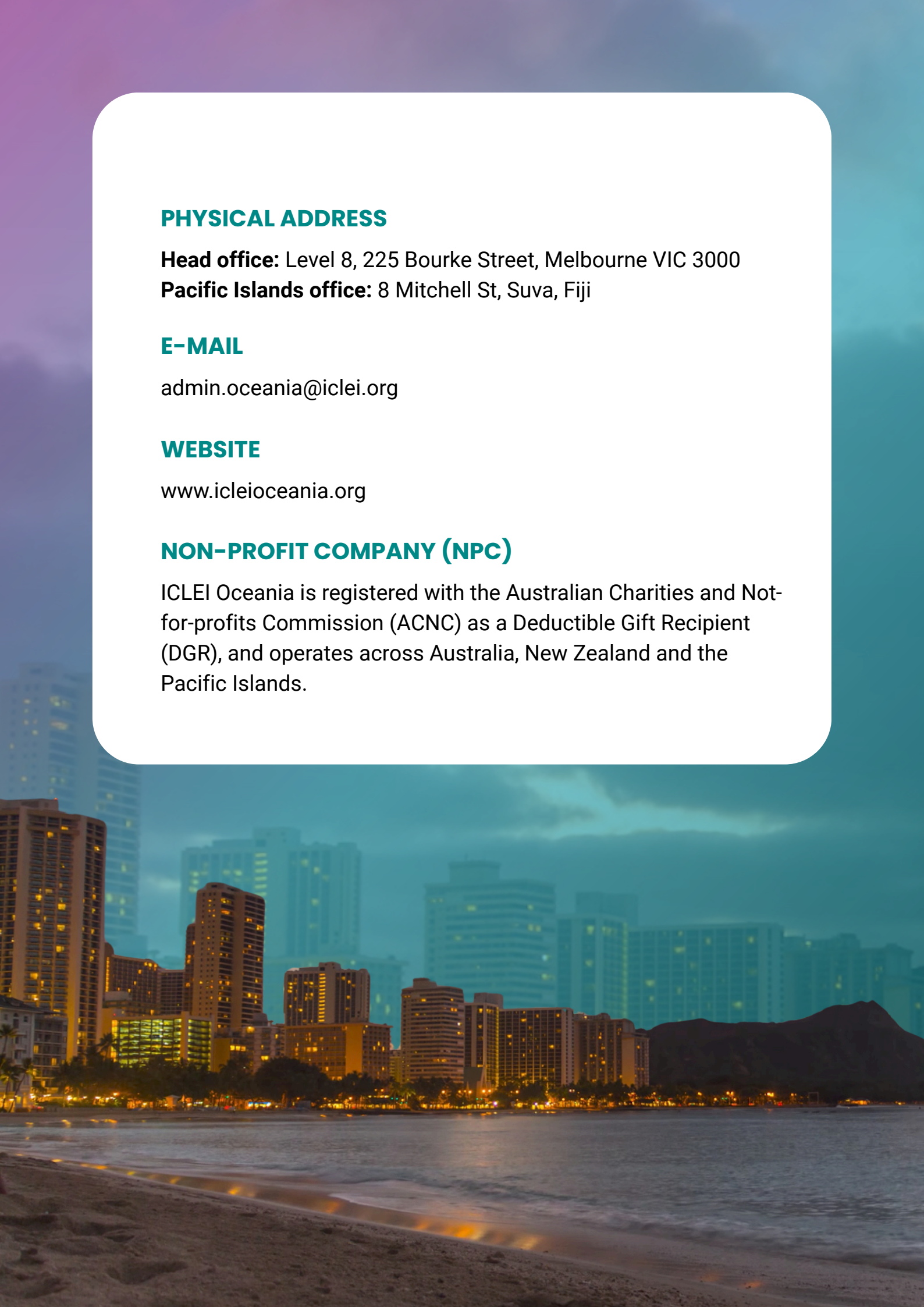


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Local Governments for Sustainability
OCEANIA

ICLEI Oceania
Company Profile

Creating sustainable cities & regions

2026–2027



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NON-PROFIT COMPANY (NPC)

ICLEI Oceania is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR), and operates across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

Our reach & influence

ICLEI Oceania empowers local leaders in the region to transform global sustainability commitments into resilient local action through expert advocacy, peer-to-peer knowledge exchange, and science-backed urban solutions.



GLOBAL EXPERTISE

EVIDENCE-BASED SOLUTIONS

REAL COLLABORATION

ICLEI is a **global network of thousands of cities and regions in 125+ countries** committed to sustainable urban development.

I**CLEI has put municipalities firmly on the sustainability agenda**, working with and effectively advocating for local and subnational governments in the global arena for **over 35 years**.

I**CLEI is the largest and longest operating global association** of local and subnational governments dedicated to sustainable development, with **27 offices and over 700 expert staff** working to support our cities and regions.

COUNCILS THAT JOIN ICLEI CAN:

Engage with a peer network of 2500+ local governments

Elevate local leadership on the global stage

Accelerate project delivery for measurable impact



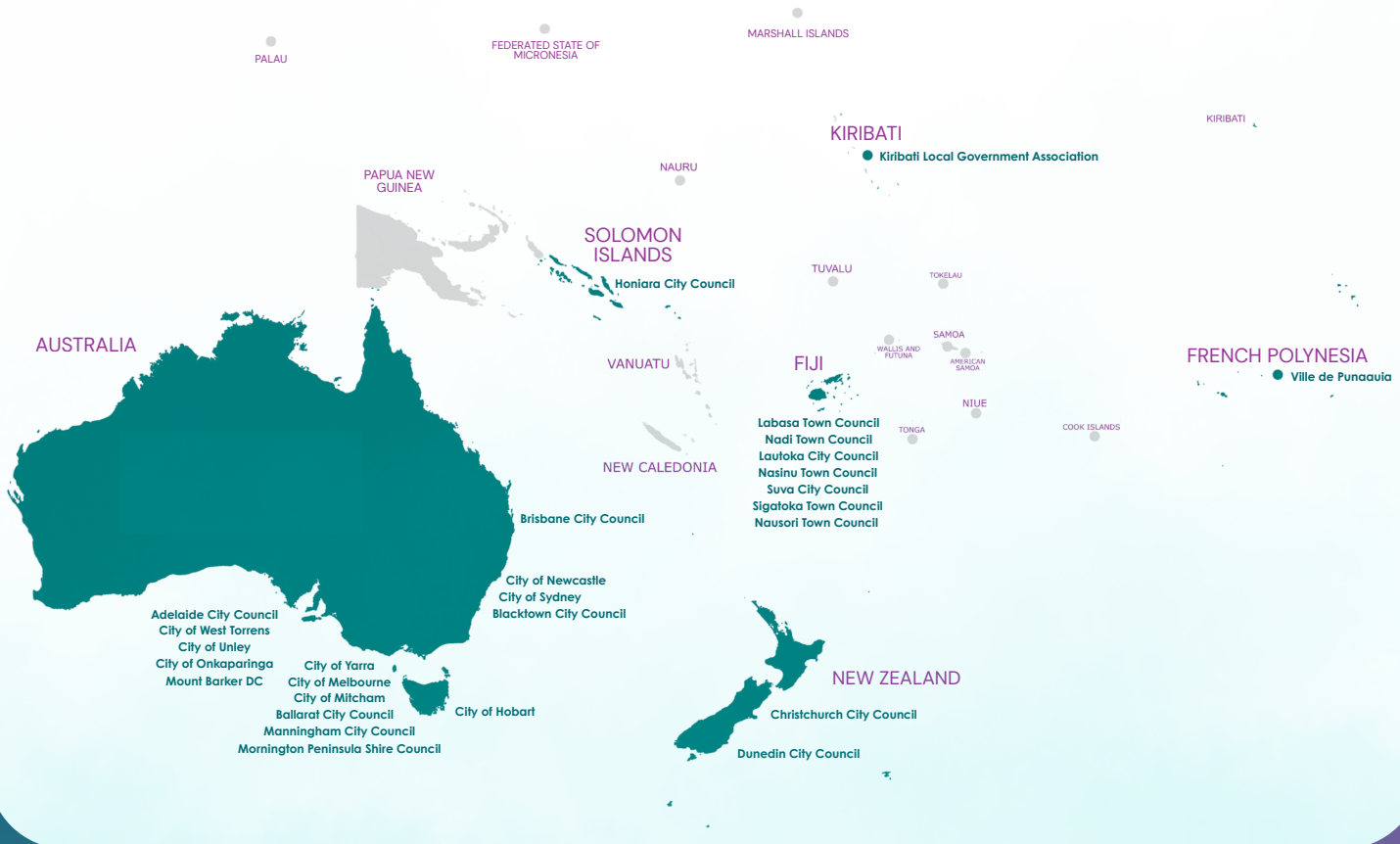
Our presence

AUSTRALIA AND AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

ICLEI Oceania established its presence in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand through the ground-breaking Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) program from 1997 to 2009. Since then, ICLEI has worked on climate change, disaster management and urban nature. ICLEI's offerings in Australia and New Zealand now cover a range of thematic areas across all of ICLEI's five pathways.

PACIFIC ISLANDS

ICLEI Oceania has been active in the Pacific Islands region for more than a decade through numerous initiatives. This has led to a growing membership of provinces, towns and cities. In 2025, the ICLEI Pacific Islands Office was registered in Fiji, and in 2026, the first Pacific Islands Officer was appointed to bolster our effectiveness in serving ICLEI's Pacific members, relevant ministries, and donors.



Our five ICLEI pathways

We work with all cities and regions – large and small – aligning with national and global sustainability policies, and contextualising our work within the specific realities of the Oceania region. We influence policy and drive local action for zero emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development.



ZERO EMISSION DEVELOPMENT to curb climate change, create new economic opportunities and improve the health of people and natural systems.



NATURE-BASED DEVELOPMENT to protect and enhance the biodiversity and ecosystems in and around our cities, which underpin key aspects of our local economies and upon which we depend for the well-being and resilience of our communities.



EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT to build more just, liveable and inclusive urban communities and address poverty.



RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT to anticipate, prevent, absorb and recover from shocks and stresses, in particular those brought about by rapid environmental, technological, social and demographic change, and to improve essential basic response structures and functions.



CIRCULAR DEVELOPMENT to build sustainable societies that use recyclable, sharable and regenerative resources, to end the linear model of “produce, consume, discard” and to meet the material and development needs of a growing global population.

Our global leadership & action

ICLEI is the only subnational government network officially recognised as an observer across all three Rio Conventions that originated from the 1992 Earth Summit: the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA)

CITIES & REGIONS IN THE UNFCCC PROCESS

ICLEI serves as the focal point for the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities constituency – the official voice of cities and regions in the global climate negotiation process, ensuring that local and subnational governments are represented at UN climate summits. The LGMA focuses on advancing multilevel governance, integrating urban voices into national climate plans (Nationally Determined Contributions or NDCs for short), and championing local climate action on the global stage.

ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center (CBC)

ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability | CBC Cities Biodiversity Center

ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center is a global centre of excellence that empowers local governments to integrate nature-positive development and ecosystem restoration into urban planning. As the recognised focal point for local and subnational governments under the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the CBC advocates for cities and regions within the UN, implements visionary and innovative projects, connects subnational governments to broker solutions, and partners for global, locally-led impact. This collaboration supports the integration of local action into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), driving implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF). With over two decades of experience, the CBC provides cities and regions with a portfolio of services including capacity building, peer-to-peer learning, and international advocacy to support local solutions and promote innovation to address the complex issues surrounding natural capital and the degradation of ecosystem services in a rapidly urbanising world. ICLEI also co-hosts the official Summit for Subnational Governments & Cities at every CBD COP, showcasing leadership where people and nature thrive.



CitiesWithNature & RegionsWithNature

Hosted by ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center in collaboration with a range of partners, CitiesWithNature and RegionsWithNature are global initiatives for cities and regions, enabling and empowering them to take action for nature and contribute to global biodiversity goals and targets. CitiesWithNature and RegionsWithNature are recognised and endorsed by the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (UN CBD) as the platforms for cities and regions to commit, report and track their progress towards the implementation of the KMGBF – the current, primary international agreement to halt and reverse global biodiversity loss by 2030 – as well as their national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

390+
CITIES & REGIONS

80+
COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE

In addition to the Action Platforms, CitiesWithNature and RegionsWithNature offer various benefits to support cities and regions. They can share their progress in a variety of ways, connect through Communities of Practice, and learn from each other and experts by exploring tools, resources, and tailored guides on a variety of topics.

Sign up for the Buzz newsletter

ICLEI Circulars

ICLEI Circulars is the first global platform for circularity at the local level, gathering leading ICLEI network members and practitioners. From raising awareness to supporting implementation and scaling best practices, ICLEI Circulars is committed to accompanying local governments along their circular development journey, regardless of their starting point.



ICLEI's Global Water Portfolio

ICLEI is committed to advancing equitable, climate-resilient and circular urban water systems. Through our global water portfolio, we address the reality of urban water being either too little, too much, or too dirty. The Global Water Portfolio works with local and regional governments, utilities, catchment management agencies and partners to strengthen multi-level governance, build capacity, share knowledge and unlock finance for integrated infrastructure and nature-based solutions. In 2025, ICLEI partnered with the World Water Council for the CitiesWithWater initiative, bringing together leading stakeholders to share learnings across local governments and highlight innovative, scalable solutions. This work is critical to protecting people and ecosystems, reducing inequality and climate risk, and securing sustainable urban development worldwide through improved connections between cities and the catchments that serve them.

CityFood Program

CityFood is a flagship program of ICLEI that aims to accelerate local and regional government action toward sustainable food systems transformation. Recognising that cities and regions are the key drivers of food systems transformation, ICLEI developed the Triple H approach: Healthy People (making access to healthy and nutritious food easy), Healthy Landscape (strengthening urban-rural linkages and resilience), and Healthy Climate (building circular food systems and promoting low-carbon infrastructure and value chains) in order to help cities transition to sustainable food systems by 2030. The CityFood Program spans a number of projects and initiatives across all of ICLEI's Regional Offices and brings together local and regional governments as well as critical global and regional partners.



Our priority areas of engagement

ICLEI Oceania works with towns and cities across the Pacific Islands, New Zealand and Australia. Our role includes:



Advocacy and representation

We actively convene the local government sector across regional, continental, and global processes to ensure the voices of subnational leaders are central to international policy outcomes. By serving as the official focal point for major UN constituencies and co-chairing high-level independent advisory bodies, we act as a bridge between local reality and global decision-making. Through these strategic representations, we advocate for multilevel governance and ensure that local and subnational governments have the necessary influence and recognition to drive the implementation of global sustainability agreements.



Leadership development and networking

We advance local and subnational governments' capacity for sustainable practice through ICLEI forums such as the annual Daring Cities and ICLEI World Congresses, and relevant regional and global events.



Peer-to-peer learning and exchange opportunities

We support members across the Oceania region through a range of projects and interactive platforms.



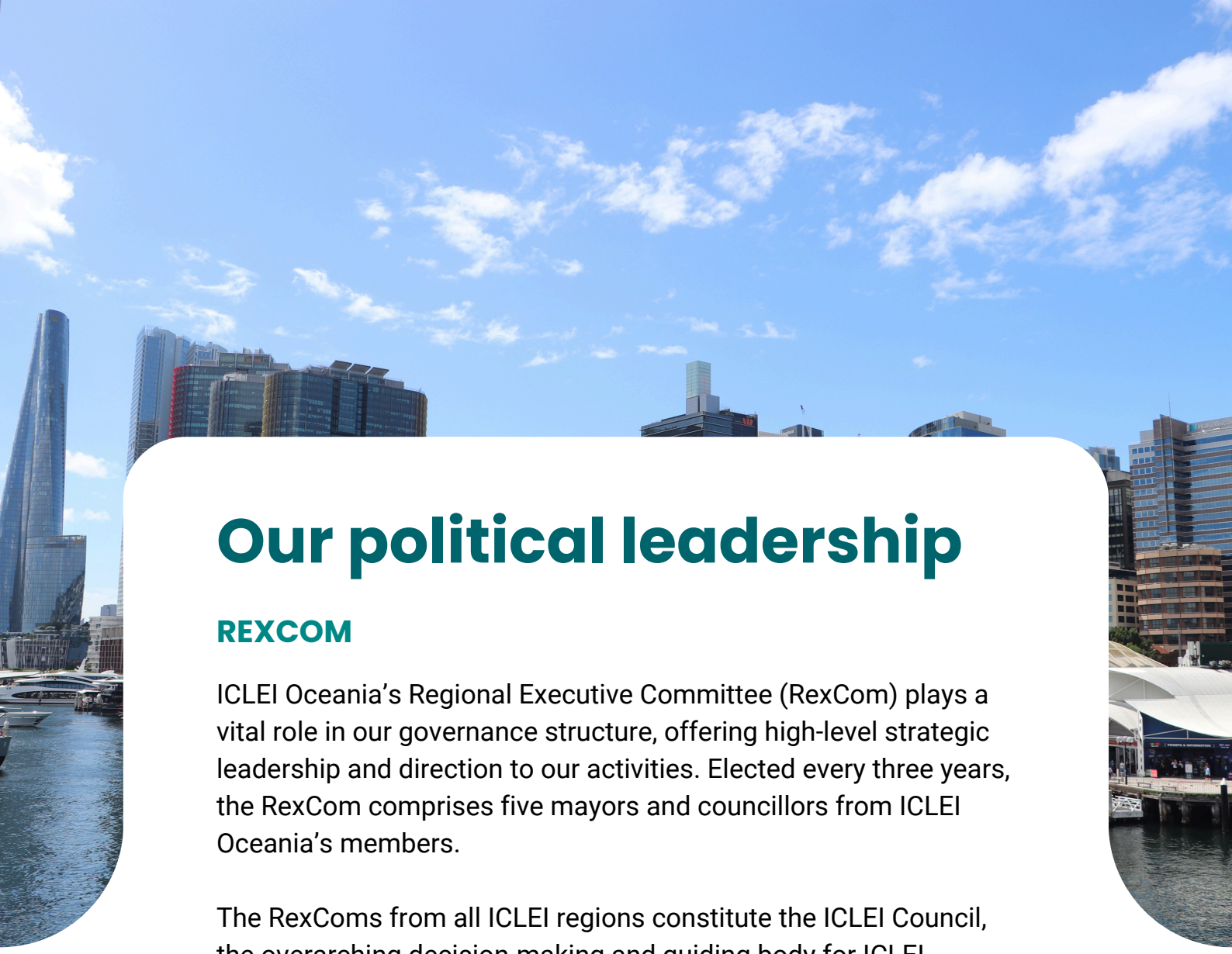
Leading project design and delivery with local partners

We drive local project success, building on ICLEI's global expertise and best practice approach, and a track record of innovation and technical tools, including a range of resources such as case studies, reports, infographics, videos and publications.



Working with universities, research institutions and think tanks

We help bridge the gap between academic research and local government practice through strategic partnerships and collaborative research.



Our political leadership

REXCOM

ICLEI Oceania's Regional Executive Committee (RexCom) plays a vital role in our governance structure, offering high-level strategic leadership and direction to our activities. Elected every three years, the RexCom comprises five mayors and councillors from ICLEI Oceania's members.

The RexComs from all ICLEI regions constitute the ICLEI Council, the overarching decision-making and guiding body for ICLEI globally. The Council shapes and approves the ICLEI strategy, has the sole power to amend our statutes and elects the Global Executive Committee (GexCom) portfolio seats.

ICLEI Oceania RexCom 2024–2027



Cr Dr Elizabeth Adamczyk	Mayor Moira Were	Tetabo Manaimá	Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds	Tevita G Boseiwaqa
City of Newcastle	City of Onkaparinga	Kiribati Local Government Association (KiLGA)	City of Hobart	Suva City Coucil



OUR MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

At ICLEI Oceania, our personnel are at the heart of what we do, and each person brings a unique set of skills and expertise. Our growing team of passionate, multi-talented professionals, serve and support our towns and cities across the region.

Our initiatives

ICLEI Oceania manages a range of projects, programs and initiatives, and offers various technical and capacity building services.

CLIMATE AND NATURE (CAN)

This innovative package brings together climate action, urban greening and biodiversity solutions to combat the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss. With a menu of communities of practice, planning toolkits, training and webinars, the CaN package can be tailored to the needs of individual members.

PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE

A unique partnership between ICLEI Oceania and La Trobe University, this partnership provides leadership in bridging academic research and implementation of projects on the ground in support of local governments. This ensures that climate change research and policy innovation are effectively translated into actionable and tangible strategies and outcomes for councils and their communities across Australia and the Pacific region, based on their localised contexts, priorities and needs.

GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE AND ENERGY (GCOM)

ICLEI Oceania is the regional secretariat for the GCoM, which is an international alliance of mayors and cities that commit to climate change planning and rapid action. ICLEI Oceania provides helpdesk support for cities, including action planning and reporting to the global ICLEI-CDP Track, and coordinates efforts between the GCoM Secretariat and local signatories.

PACIFIC RESILIENCE NETWORK

Through our growing presence in the Pacific Islands, ICLEI Oceania connects island leaders and supports action to build greater resilience in the urban centres of islands, large and small. This work is also aligned with the UN Ocean Agenda. ICLEI Oceania acts as a conduit between Pacific Islands towns and cities and the UNFCCC process.

Snapshot of our projects

Building Resilient Indo-Pacific Solar Panel Reuse and Recycling Networks (BRISP)

Purpose: This multi-year initiative, led by Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) and in collaboration with other key partners, aims to establish viable pathways for managing end-of-life (EoL) solar panels across the Indo-Pacific. Funded by the Australian Government, the project involves piloting systems for dual-stream solar panel reuse and recycling, and supports the implementation of the Quad Clean Energy Supply Chain Diversification Programme. ICLEI Oceania's role focuses on enabling local government uptake, governance readiness and regional scaling, particularly across the Pacific Islands.
Inception date: 2025

Global Covenant of Mayors: Climate Action Planning in the Pacific

Purpose: In partnership with a team of GCoM sectoral experts, ICLEI Oceania coordinated technical support to five Pacific towns and cities to develop Climate Action Plans and Project Pre-Feasibility Reports. GCoM is funded by the European Union, and ICLEI is providing ongoing support to these cities to implement selected projects.
Inception date: 2022

Blue Green Development in Kiribati project

Purpose: ICLEI worked with two urban councils and ten communities to develop and implement plans to build community-level resilience and generate food security and local jobs. Project outputs included Climate and Covid Resilience Plans (CCRPs) for the ten communities and Council-level Climate Resilience Plans for the two municipalities. In parallel, partners worked with communities to pilot selected resilience initiatives focused on food production and waste management. The project was funded through the German Government's IKI program.
Inception date: 2022

Australian Aid: Friendship Grant

Purpose: This project supported five wards in Honiara City, Solomon Islands, in developing local Disaster Risk Reduction action plans. This provided a template that could be applied to the remaining 7 council wards. With the support of the Australian Aid Friendship Grants, the project comprised extensive ward-level consultations, desktop research and workshopping with Honiara City Councillors.
Inception date: 2019

Disaster Risk Reduction and Action Planning

Purpose: ICLEI Oceania conducted numerous missions to the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Fiji to undertake Disaster Risk Reduction self-assessment workshops, using the Sendai Framework scorecards. Each town or city was provided with a draft Action Plan, and in Fiji, the individual action plans were synthesised into a draft National DRR Action Plan for local governments and provided to the National Disaster Management Office. The project had various funders, including EU, USAID, Irish Aid, and UNDRR.
Inception date: 2015

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