Capacity for local government action to reduce community carbon emissions

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Overview

- Capacity to act
- Ideal actions
- Examples of local action
- Roles for LG
- Key Findings
Capacity to act

• Capacity to act relates to *policies* and *programs*

• Actions take many forms
  – *rulemaking*,
  – *regulatory oversight*,
  – *direct expenditures / procurement*,
  – *financial incentives*,
  – *information gathering and dissemination, convening / facilitation and advocacy*

from Hammer (2009)
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Multiple roles for local government

- Establish vision
- Lead the community forward
- Involve citizens - participation
- Integrate into community culture
- Create framework for local business

How are these roles for LG being used to influence local energy use? = Proactive Leadership?

- Advocate for improved services
- Rulemaker
- Regulatory oversight
- Direct expenditure
- Financial incentives
- Local information manager

How can we strengthen capacity to act? = Capacity to act?
Key messages

• Local government acts on behalf of community
  – trusted entity & broker
• Local climate change action
  – multiple objectives (SD)
  – multiple roles
• Activists are drawn to local government
• Proactive leadership is essential for mobilising social change
Thank You

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