



## **Council to switch off for Earth Hour**

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DOUGLAS Shire Council will flick the switch off all non-essential council building lights for the world's largest grassroots movement for the environment.

It will be lights out across the shire when Earth Hour gets underway on Saturday, March 24.

The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)'s Earth Hour unites people to take action on climate change by switching off their lights from 8.30pm to 9.30pm.

Mayor Julia Leu said Council was proud to support Earth Hour.

'Climate change is a serious threat and a campaign such as Earth Hour, which advocates for global change, is crucial to save our natural treasures,' she said.

"Douglas Shire is home to the Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics rainforest, which are two of the world's most precious treasures under threat.

"This year's theme of 'biodiversity loss due to climate change' is particularly relevant to our pristine shire."

Council is committed to taking climate change action and adopted a Climate Change (Council Operations) General Policy in December 2017 to ensure climate change is considered in all Council decisions.

Council is a founding member of the Cities Power Partnership, which exists to promote the transition to clean energy in Australian towns and cities.

Council encourages individuals and businesses to join the Earth Hour movement by switching off all non-essential lights on Saturday 24 March 8:30pm - 9:30pm.

More information about Earth Hour can be found at: [www.earthhour.org.au](http://www.earthhour.org.au)

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