

Yarra City Council Climate Safe Rooms Pilot Program

Template Letter Confirming Eligible Health Condition

Please give this information to your medical or community health professional and ask them to complete the template letter on the next page.

Information for medical and health professionals

Yarra's Climate Safe Rooms pilot program will provide free energy upgrades worth up to \$10,000 to eligible residents, to upgrade a room in their home so it stays a comfortable temperature on hot and cold days.

Eligible residents include concession card and health care card holders in Yarra **who currently receive support services for an existing chronic health condition that puts them at risk from extreme heat or cold.**

Participants will receive energy upgrades to improve one room in their home with tailored upgrades such as insulation, draught proofing to seal gaps and cracks, reverse cycle heating and cooling, a small solar system to offset the costs of heating and cooling, and more.

Examples of eligible health conditions include:

- severe persistent asthma
- cardiovascular disease
- cerebral palsy
- chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- diabetes
- fibromyalgia
- motor neuron disease (MND)
- kidney disease
- lupus
- or other medical or mental health condition that puts you at risk from extreme heat or cold, as confirmed a medical professional or community health professional.
- lymphedema
- multiple sclerosis (MS)
- Parkinson's disease
- polio / post-polio syndrome
- quadriplegia / paraplegia
- severe respiratory disease
- rheumatoid arthritis or other severe musculoskeletal condition
- scleroderma

Applicants do not need to disclose to the project team what their eligible health condition is.

Health professionals able to confirm eligibility include:

- General Practitioners or Community Health Professionals with knowledge of the applicant's health condition.

Community Health Professionals include:

- community nurses
- case managers
- allied health staff
- social workers
- service facilitators.

Please complete the attached template letter to certify that the applicant meets the health eligibility criteria for the Climate Safe Rooms pilot program.

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Date _____

Attn: Yarra Council Climate Safe Rooms pilot program

This is to certify that _____ meets the health condition
(applicant name)
eligibility criteria for the Yarra Climate Safe Rooms pilot program, and is currently receiving support
services for an existing chronic health condition that puts them at risk from extreme heat or cold.

I am a medical professional or community health professional with knowledge of the applicant's
health condition.

Signed _____

Name _____

Organisation _____

Email _____

Phone _____