

Victorian Climate Resilient Councils Program

What is it?

The Victorian Climate Resilient Councils (VCRC) will be a climate change adaptation program for Victorian local governments. It will guide councils through a clear step-by-step process to manage climate risks and embed climate change adaptation. The program will provide:



Clear structured process to accelerate responses



Coordinate existing tools, expertise, and resources



Leadership engagement



Build capacity across the sector to implement sustained adaptation responses



Flexibility to meet the needs and local contexts of individual councils

Why is it needed?

Multiple reviews and inquiries have found that the LG sector needs more support so we are prepared to adapt to climate change (E.g., Local Government Climate Review, 2021)

Our preliminary discussions with local government officers confirmed these findings and highlighted:



Lack of support and funding for more sustained, strategic climate change adaptation



Inequity in resourcing and capacities between councils and communities



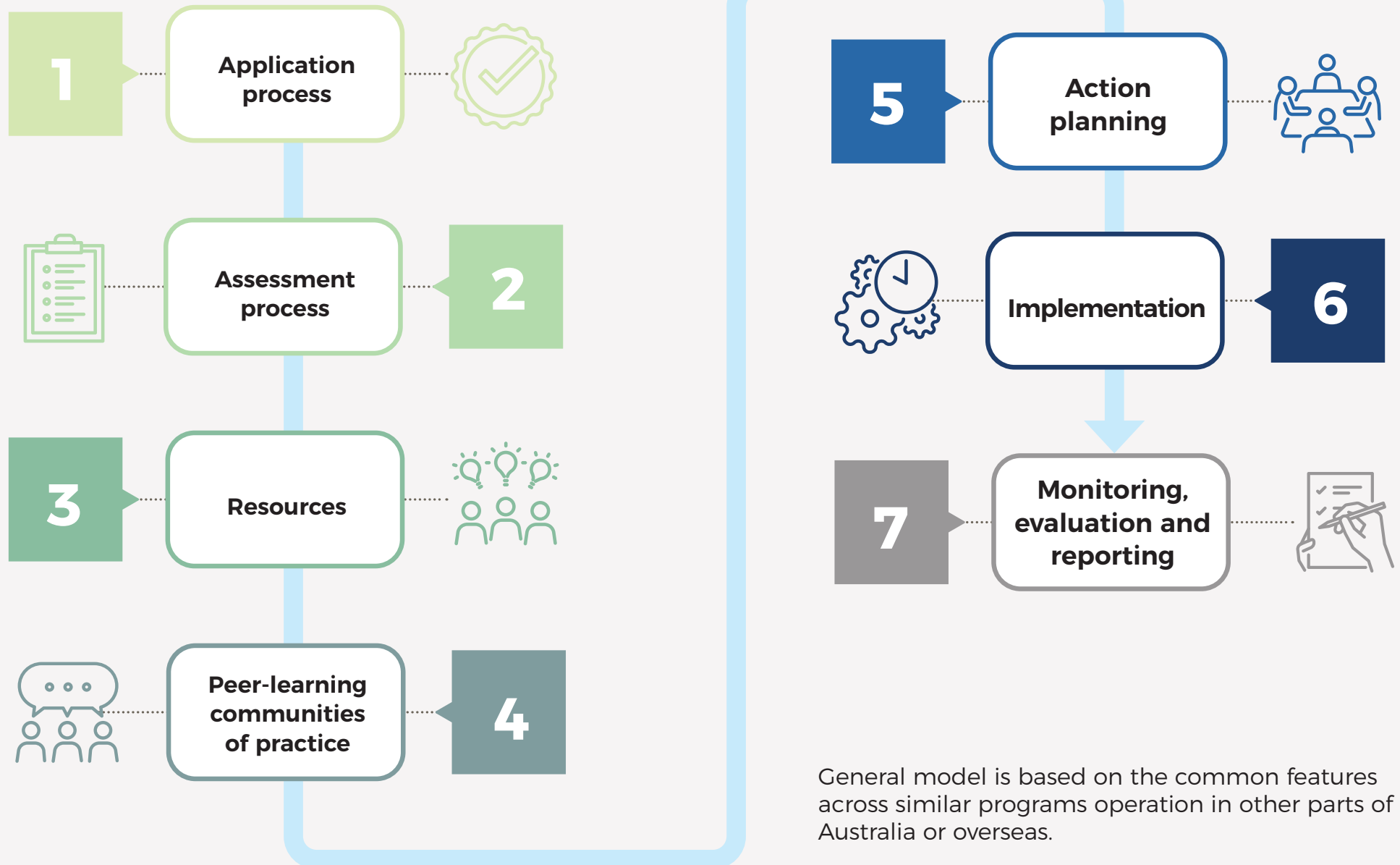
Climate risk management is not being prioritised or embedded across councils



A lack of clear guidance to help manage complexity

For full details about the program, visit the [Victorian Climate Resilient Councils Program website](#)

Proposed program structure



General model is based on the common features across similar programs operation in other parts of Australia or overseas.