



## FEDERAL ADVOCACY

1. Funding for air quality monitoring.
2. Adopt a zero emissions target by 2035.
3. Adopt fuel efficiency standards for heavy vehicles.
4. Transition the national diesel train network to electro-diesel.

### Urgent action needed

In May 2023, the City of Maribyrnong declared a health emergency in response to our community having some of the worst health statistics in Victoria, particularly for young people.

It is well established that air pollution leads to adverse health effects including asthma, cancer, strokes, heart attacks, adverse birth outcomes, neurotoxicity and multiple respiratory effects.

We are seeking actions that reduce emissions and facilitate zero-emission freight and industry. This includes upgrading and reducing the number of trucks on our local roads, encouraging our community to mode shift to active and public transport, reducing reliance on wood heaters and establishing low emission zones.



## Impact

Our proximity to the Port of Melbourne results in significant freight movements through our municipality. These major freight movements occur along our main roads passing housing, childcare centres, hospitals, and schools. This combined with a significant presence of industry, means that reducing air pollution will be difficult without targeted investment.

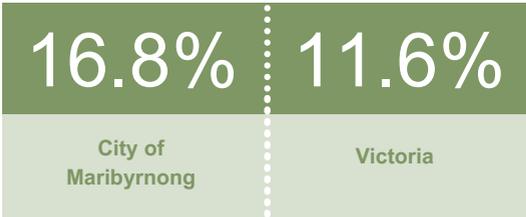
### Our City has the highest hospital admissions for respiratory illnesses



### Average risk of hospital admission by asthma



### We have the highest proportion of adolescents with asthma in Victoria



Data in Maribyrnong City Council's 2022 Air Quality Improvement Plan

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