

I think the following would be helpful in supporting schools to minimise their impact on climate change:

1. Employ more DOE-wide sustainability staff to help schools implement sustainability initiatives, or provide funding for schools to appoint an existing staff member to this role and give them at least half a day a week to work on sustainability projects at the school.
2. Provide training and education for schools to send staff and find out what projects they can get involved in at their own schools. There are many schools doing exceptional things and it would be a great start to invite them to share what they're doing, either in an online forum or allowing other school staff to visit.
3. Provide funding support to schools to enable them to participate in programs like ClimateClever where they can accurately measure their carbon emissions, identify actions, track progress and compare with others
4. Provide more funding to support the implementation of low carbon actions that improve the operational performance of schools, such as solar, energy and water efficiency and waste reduction in schools.