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Vote Earth

In a push to lead by example the Buller District Council is supporting the world's first global election, 'Vote Earth'.

Residents and visitors to Buller are encouraged to vote, by switching off their lights for an hour on Saturday night.

As the Buller District Council will not be in operation on Saturday night when the global Earth Hour is to take place, council and council owned entities will be taking part on Friday during working hours.

The Clocktower Chambers building on Palmerston Street will have its lights out for the hour on Saturday night. The Solid Energy Centre, the Sue Thompson Casey Memorial Library, the Reefton Service Centre and the Council's main office in Brougham Street will all be turning off all practicable lighting from 12-1pm. The Solid Energy Centre will also be turning off all sound systems and all air conditioning systems for that hour. The library will have a display for Vote Earth with information and books relating to global warming, energy and sustainable living.

The goal for Earth Hour this year is for 1 billion people to participate by switching off their lights as part of a global vote. "Regardless of people's views on global warming, it is clear that as a global community we cannot continue some of our practices that are not sustainable. Earth Hour is a symbolic opportunity for all of us to show that we are concerned about the future of our fragile planet and we want to make a difference" says Mayor Pat McManus.

So far over 83 countries and territories have pledged their support to Vote Earth during Earth Hour 2009, a trend which is climbing everyday. So it is time to "Show the World what Buller can do!"

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