



## *Responding to climate change in partnership with our Pacific Island neighbours*

*Patrons: Mrs Bonita Mabo and Most Rev Bishop Peter Ingham*

### **Petition Update: Climate Justice Now**

We asked and you responded. A huge thank you for supporting our Climate Justice Now petition. We are so excited that over 1200 people have signed this paper petition and posted it back to us in Homebush. The petition is addressed to the Australian Senate and calls for the Senate to urgently work for a just transition from coal and coal gas to renewable energy to ensure the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

PCP is delighted that Senator Jenny McAllister, a NSW Senator and Deputy Opposition Whip with a strong public record on environmental issues, has invited us to present the petition to her at her office on April 3rd.

Senator McAllister's support is greatly appreciated and we will share any government response with you in future newsletters. Now we can turn our attention to:

### **Community Climate Petition**

The Community Climate Petition is an initiative launched by Micah Australia working in collaboration with Caritas Australia, Uniting World, Franciscan Friars, CLRINSW, TEAR Fund, Common Grace, Catholic Earthcare, Australian Religious Response to Climate Change and the PCP.

We are working together on the one project. Our shared aim is to generate a series of powerful petitions across 150 electorates calling on the Australian Government to:

- take stronger action to reduce Australia's emissions,
- make a faster transition to zero-net emissions, and to

- make more substantial support to communities affected by climate change.

[We need to make our voices for climate justice heard](#)

We invite our supporters to work within their local communities to gather signatures, on paper, for the giant [Community Climate Petition](#).

**Be part of the  
campaign**

If you can collect signatures between 22 April and 31 July 2017 [you can let us know here](#).

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## Talanoa 4 Climate Event

TALANOA 4 CLIMATE is a 'table talk' campaign that aims to holistically increase the awareness of climate change among people from the Pacific who live in Sydney. It is a space where people from the Pacific and the wider community can gather to hear each other's stories, share a cuppa, hear climate change facts and learn how to become a champion for climate change.

Talanoa 4 Climate is holding a Talanoa (talk) seminar for anyone interested in social justice and the Pacific on

Wednesday April 5, 2017 @

Sisters of Mercy

6 Victoria Rd,

Parramatta

12.30-3.00pm

Anyone interested in social justice is invited to join the Talanoa for a cuppa at 12.30 with the Seminar running from 1.00 to 3.00pm.

The PCP has been invited to present at the Seminar. You will hear Vincent Sicari speaking on the science of climate change, Maria Tiimon on the experience of climate change and Jill Finnane on Spirituality and climate change.

Call 9799 8062 or email [cliadmin@ozemail.com.au](mailto:cliadmin@ozemail.com.au) to register.

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## The good news panel

## **Australia's largest food and produce market now harvests solar energy.**

Sydney Markets at Flemington is Australia's largest fresh fruit, vegetable and flower wholesale market with over 2.5 million tonnes of fresh produce traded annually on its 43 hectare site.

With PCP's office just a short walk away over a railway bridge, we are delighted that Sydney Markets has become a producer, not just a trader.

Their new industrial scale solar car park supports a 640kW structure which brings the market's total renewable energy capacity to about 900kW, saving 936 tonnes of carbon annually. The power generated by the market's new solar system is the equivalent of 257 car parks being efficiently powered each year.



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