



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

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

## **Community Climate Petition**

**Deadline 4th August: There is still time for you to sign or collect signatures for the Community Climate Petition.**

The petition is an initiative of Caritas Australia, Uniting World, Micah Australia, Franciscan Friars, CLRINSW, TEAR Fund, Common Grace, Catholic Earthcare, Australian Religious Response to Climate Change and the PCP.

The petition calls 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.

The PCP actively supports this state-wide petition and encourages you to sign it. Please email [jillf@erc.org.au](mailto:jillf@erc.org.au) for a copy of the petition or click on one of the links below.

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

**Be part of the  
campaign**

If you can collect signatures from your church or local community, [please let us know](#).

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**PCP is on Facebook**



**If you are a Facebook user please [visit our page](#) to see regular updates of our activities and events and to find useful resources on climate change and current issues.**

For example, last week we hosted an encounter on Climate Change at Sydney Trades Hall. Connor Fair from the University of Virginia and Maria Chi-fang, Pacific Outreach Officer with PCP were the speakers. Connor presented the view from America, Maria from the Pacific islands. Connors's findings were surprising - while most Americans believe that climate change is happening, few believe that it will effect them personally.

[A video of Connor singing \*Don't Blink\*](#), a song he composed, performed and produced to promote awareness of Climate Change while interning with the PCP is a recent post.

Check out [our Facebook page here](#).

Connor Fair and Maria Tiimon Chi-feng (below).





PCP intern Connor Fair composed, performed and produced this song to raise awareness about climate change.

## The Edmund Rice Centre is turning 21



Friday 8 September 2017

The Edmund Rice Centre turns 21 in 2017. Join us on Friday 8 September for an evening of celebration and inspiration with special guest speaker, the Father of Reconciliation, Yawuru man and former Royal Commissioner into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, Senator Patrick Dodson.

Over the past 20 years, we have worked to defend, protect and promote human rights and the rights of the earth - from the Sea of Hands, our international and

national immersions, climate change advocacy in Kiribati and Tuvalu and our advocacy with and for refugees and people seeking asylum.

Tickets are \$80 or a table of 10 for \$750. Book your place today at [www.erc.org.au/erc21](http://www.erc.org.au/erc21) or for more information, contact Dominic on [dominico@erc.org.au](mailto:dominico@erc.org.au).

### **Gala Dinner details**

Friday 8 September 2017, 6:30pm for 7pm  
Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL  
20-26 Canterbury Road, Hurlstone Park, Sydney

### **Afternoon Tea of Appreciation**

As part of our 21st celebrations, Religious Congregation donors and supporters are invited to join us for an *Afternoon Tea of Appreciation* at the Edmund Rice Centre, Friday August 4th, 2.00pm. Contact Marisa on [marisab@erc.org.au](mailto:marisab@erc.org.au)



**United Nations**  
Framework Convention on  
Climate Change

**The 2017 UN Climate Change Conference (COP 23) will take place from 6 to 17 November in Bonn, Germany and the PCP will be there!**

COP 23 will be convened under the Presidency of Fiji, which means Fiji will provide political leadership of the Conference while Germany will host the Conference. PCP is sending delegates, including emerging leaders from Kiribati and Tuvalu. With Fiji as host we look forward to COP 23 having a strong Pacific focus and we are working to help ensure the “Pacific COP” delivers the strongest possible climate change outcomes for Pacific island countries and communities.

If you have any ideas for fundraising to help us attend COP 23, please email Jill on [jillf@erc.org.au](mailto:jillf@erc.org.au)

## **Climate change news, facts and figures**

The Climate Institute, which has been conducting its *Climate of the Nation* research for over a decade, closed on June 30 and its intellectual property

## was transferred to The Australia Institute.

The Climate Institute has conducted regular surveys of Australian community attitudes to climate change. Here are some views of NSW residents taken from its final *Climate of the Nation 2017* research.

### Climate change

- 76% think we are experiencing the impacts of climate change,
- 71% are very or fairly concerned about climate change,
- 7% say it does not concern them at all.

### Government Policy

- 88% do not want Australia to step back from the Paris Agreement,
- 66% want us to work harder with other countries to achieve its objectives,
- 67% think Australia should implement domestic action to achieve net zero emissions.

### Energy

- 94% want renewables as our main source of energy, only
- 6% want to continue with a fossil-fuel dominated energy system.
- 74% want strong action taken on climate change because it creates opportunities for jobs and investment.



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