

## **Purpose**

The Solidarity Tour is a youth-led climate and Palestine solidarity event connecting struggles for land, justice and liberation. Over the weekend, participants will gather with climate justice groups and local communities to stand together against colonial extraction and violence, both here and abroad.

This gathering takes place as NSW's largest coal mine, Moolarben coal mine seeks to expand. As the NSW Government prepares to decide the mine's future, this tour will ground participants in the local campaign and equip them to take action through submissions, storytelling and community organising.

## **Context and Framing**

Australia's coal exports are not neutral. They are part of systems of violence and occupation. Yancoal, the company behind NSW's largest coal mine, Moolarben, exported coal to Israel during its genocide on Gaza. This shows how the Australian fossil fuel industry is complicit in global harm.

The tour highlights that fighting for climate justice means standing against all forms of dispossession and destruction, from damage to Country and nature to the impacts of war and occupation.

Our message is clear:

- Keep coal in the ground
- Stop fuelling genocide
- End Australia's trade and arms ties with Israel

## **What to Expect**

Over the weekend, participants will:

- See the Moolarben coal mine pits and the land at risk, and meet local campaigners
- Spend time in Wollar hearing from the community about their decades long fight to protect land and water from coal mining
- Visit The Drip, a nearby site under threat from the mine expansion
- Connect with other young people and organisers across the region

By the end of the tour, participants will:

- Have a strong understanding of the mine's local and global impacts
- Gain tools to engage their communities in the submission process against the mine
- Feel confident to organise and take visible action

- Build relationships with other young people involved in climate and solidarity movements

Together, we can say no to Moolarben, stop fuelling genocide, and stand for climate and collective liberation.

### **Key Details:**

- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November
- Please register your details on the google form on nature.org.au/youthtrip by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.
- Mandatory Participants Briefing is Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm on Zoom! We'll email the zoom link on the day.
- If departing from Sydney, we'll head down in some minibuses together.
  - **Departure:**
    - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm
    - Meet at Sydney Park Car Park, short walk from St Peters Train Station. Car Park is opposite Yiamas Greek Taverna. Google Map Link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Zrvhp22R6FNkgatU9>
  - **Arrival:** Back in Sydney at St Peter's Carpark approximately 9pm Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November
- If you are coming from outside of Sydney, we recommend you travel to Sydney so we can all travel together. If you want to make your own way down, you can meet us at Wollar Town Hall at 7pm.  
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Tf1UnshSxYYEwCcP6> Note there is no fuel available in Wollar, so come with a full tank, and there's limited mobile reception.

### **Packing List:**

We'll be outside across the weekend, so please come prepared for warm days, cool nights, and time spent walking or sitting outside.

### **Essentials**

- Comfortable clothes for hot days and cool evenings
- Sturdy, closed-toe shoes for walking at the mine and around Wollar
- Hat, sunglasses and sunscreen
- Reusable water bottle
- Toiletries and any personal medications
- Insect repellent
- Notebook and pen
- Portable charger or power bank (there will be limited power points at the Hall)

### **Sleeping gear**

- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping mat
- Pillow
- Torch or Headlamp

**Optional / Recommended**

- Bathing (if planning to swim at The Drip)
- Lightweight rain jacket
- Snacks!

We'll share meals, conversations and time on Country together, so pack with care and respect for the space and each other.