



PSA 

Eco Network

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Kia ora Janine

Climate Proof our Work – TODAY!

Today is the International Day for Workplace Action on Climate Change, otherwise known as Climate Proof our Work!

In our last newsletter, we asked you to organise workplace meetings for today (26 June), and invite your employer to discuss how your organisation can lower emissions, prepare for change, ensure the transition is just for workers, and involve members in these discussions.

We hope these are going well. If you haven't had a chance to arrange a meeting, or weren't able to book one in for today, it's not too late! Why not take the opportunity **today** to reach out to your employer and colleagues? For more information and links to resources, see:

We look forward to seeing photos from your meetings – please share them to eco@psay.org.nz and post them to Facebook with the hashtag #CPOWnz.

Zero Carbon Bill – submissions due 16 July

By Siddharta Mehta - Eco Network member and Generation Zero team member

Aotearoa New Zealand is on track to become the **first nation to legislate to get our emissions to net zero by 2050** On the 8th of May, the long-awaited [Climate Change Response \(Zero Carbon\) Bill](#) was announced, and it has since passed its first reading. The Bill is now at the Select Committee stage of the legislative process and submissions are now open.

Your PSA member number is **7378015**

The PSA Organising Centre is available Mon-Fri, 8.30am - 5.00pm

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Now is a crucial time to be calling for a plan to tackle climate change. The Zero Carbon Bill submission period runs until July 16th, and it's the right time to call on all politicians to support it. Our task is to make sure our elected leaders are speaking for us, and acting on our concerns.

We need them to recognise the need to plan for a just transition, to ensure that Ti Tiriti is upheld throughout this process and work towards a Aotearoa New Zealand that is sustainable fair and just for all.

We need to get cross-party support for this legislation to make sure it stands the test of time, regardless of who is elected to government in the future. No one is more qualified than you to discuss your concerns and the issues that are important to you! Acting together we can make a difference - your voice counts!

See the submission guide [here](#) put together by Generation Zero on how to make your submission.

Note from Susannah: the PSA will also be making a submission so please get in touch if there's anything you'd like to see in our submission.

PSA Eco Network: Working together for a sustainable future

Congratulations to Michael Johnson for his winning entry in our network tagline competition. Michael's entry was: "Working Towards a Sustainable Future". Many thanks to everyone who entered.

T-shirts are in the process of being printed and one will be on its way to Michael soon! Here's what they'll look like:



Network structure

We are establishing an informal structure for the PSA Eco Network, and are looking for people to step up to leadership roles in the network. We would like network leaders called PSA Eco Reps in each region around the country, particularly the main centres where we have concentrated membership.

The plan is for Eco Reps to join a monthly teleconference call, help to organise activities in their area, and help to progress eco activities within the network and our union.

As this is an informal structure for now, these will not be elected positions. We welcome anyone who is interested in getting more involved. No experience is needed.

If you are interested in stepping up, or finding out more, please email psay@psa.org.nz or call Susannah Bailey freephone on 0508 367 772.

Report from Just Transitions Conference

Committing to sustain New Zealand's future requires taking the necessary steps and investments to change our environment, the ways we live and work, and our economy. A 'Just Transition' summit was held in Taranaki in May and offered a collaborative forum for business, government and sector innovators to explain the roadmap to our sustainable future.

PSA sent a delegation of several staff to the event and other NZ and international unions were in attendance. The summit was a chance for the more than 500 attendees to hear industry leaders and international experts speak about achieving a just transition, and have their say in defining what a transition to a low emissions future looks like in New Zealand.

It also covered what steps we need to take towards a new kind of future economy, combining sustainability with decent jobs. Taranaki district was chosen as the event host and as a case study, due to its present reliance on the fossil fuel and dairy industries. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern took the opportunity to announce an initial \$27M initial investment in the region, dedicated to the establishment of a clean energy centre, with another \$20M following from the recent budget.

We of course all have a role to play to achieve a low emissions future – government, business, workers, Māori and the wider community. A more detailed article on the event will feature in the upcoming PSA Working Life journal.

Government Budget 2019: Environmental summary

What did you think of the environmental initiatives in the 2019 Government Budget?

We have put together a summary of the environmental initiatives , both new spending and maintenance. It is available for review at: <https://www.psa.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Budget-Eco-info-2019-v2.pdf>

We invite you to share with us your thoughts or analysis. Please email eco@psay.org.nz

Ngā mihi,

Susannah Bailey

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