



PSA Eco Network

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Kia ora,

We have lots of important news to fill you in on this newsletter, so please read on!

20-27 September – Week of Climate Action

September 20th – 27th is a global week of climate action, culminating in a strike for the climate on Friday 27 September.

Student climate activists across Aotearoa are organising their third student strike of 2019 and are calling on adults to join them and stand in solidarity to demand that our government and other elected members take urgent, meaningful action on the climate crisis.

The NZ Council of Trade Unions (CTU), PSA and other unions are supporting the student strikes and encouraging union members to attend the rallies. While it's called the school strike for climate, it's not just about kids anymore – it's up to all of us to do what we can to join the push for strong climate action.

The PSA Eco Network has put together a guide for participating in the week of action, and in particular the rallies and marches that are being organised around the country for 27 September. Please download the guide [here](#), make a plan for the week of action, and encourage your colleagues, family and friends to get involved.

Eco Network leaders

Last month we had the wonderful update that eleven members had stepped up to leadership "Eco Rep" roles in our network. Since then, three new members have joined, so we now have fourteen! Many thanks to everyone who has stepped.

You can find a list of Eco Reps and more information about the role on our website [here](#)

If you are interested in stepping up to an Eco Rep role or getting more involved in any way, please email eco@psa.org.nz

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

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Eco Network Facebook group

Please join our new [Eco Network Facebook group](#) ! This group is for PSA members interested in union and workplace activity on climate change and other environmental issues. We would love you to use this as a space to share thoughts, ideas, learnings, materials and questions. It's been great to see a number of posts from members since we launched the page last month. Please post, comment and share!

Auckland Climate Action Framework: opportunity to submit

Auckland Council is calling for submissions on their Climate Action Framework and Auckland transport unions (RMTU, MUNZ and FIRST) are encouraging people to put in a submission.

The voices of people on low incomes, or working in the areas which are likely to face change, are frequently overlooked when decisions on how to reduce our climate emissions and prepare for climate impacts are made. With the finalised Climate Action Framework we want to make sure that:

- We have good affordable transport options for low income people
- We have decent jobs for transport workers with good wages and conditions
- That our city reduces emissions from the transport sector and
- That our unions have a seat at the table where decisions are made to ensure a just transition for impacted workers and communities

Here's a handy link from the NZ Council of Trade Unions to **make a submission by 30 September** : <http://www.together.org.nz/auckland-climate-framework>

ALSO: The unions have organised a meeting with some mayoral and councillor candidates on **Friday 20th September at 6pm at Trades Hall, 147 Great North Road** , Grey Lynn to ask them how they can support these aims. Phil Goff and John Tamihere have confirmed they'll be attending.

Contribute to Oxfam climate campaign

A message from Eco Network member Alex Johnston at Oxfam NZ

For the upcoming September climate mobilisation across the Pacific region, we're gathering photos and quotes and short videos from a number of people from different groups about 'why I'm mobilising for climate justice', that centres the experiences of those standing up against climate injustice this September and beyond: from students in Aotearoa, to youth in Fiji and Tuvalu who are rallying their communities, to workers in Australia and parents/grandparents who are joining the strikes.

The aim is to have some simple, powerful pieces of communication making the connection between stories of intergenerational justice, indigenous justice and just transitions across the Pacific region that can be used in media stories about the mobilisation. The profiles will also be used on social media channels and amplified by allies overseas.

For more info and if you'd like to contribute to this content, please email alex.johnston@oxfam.org.nz

Network posters and brochures

A reminder that we have new [Eco Network posters and brochures](#) which are available to print and order from our website. Please put these up on noticeboards and distribute them in your workplace.

Ngā mihi,

Susannah Bailey

Union Organiser