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You may not know it, but you are a member of the PSA Eco network - also known earlier as 'Eco reps'.

This means at some point you have ticked a box to say you're keen to join this union environmental network. More details are available on [the network's updated website page here](#)

#### **PURPOSE OF THE NETWORK**

The purpose of the Eco network is to build union organisation able to improve workplace sustainability, and contribute to the global campaign for environmental justice and action on climate change.

#### **MEMBER-LED NETWORK**

Like all PSA activities, the intention is for this to be a member-led network. We're keen to hear your ideas, support activity, and tap into the vast expertise of the PSA membership on environmental issues.

The activities of the network will be supported by Susannah Bailey - you can see more about me below.

#### **PLEASE JOIN US AT NETWORK PLANNING MEETINGS**

We are relaunching the network in 2018 with a series of planning meetings in May as follows:

##### **Christchurch**

**Wednesday 9 May, 9.30am – 3pm**

PSA, Unit F, 521 Blenheim Road, Sockburn

##### **Wellington**

**Friday 11 May, 9.30am-3pm**

PSA House, 11 Aurora Terrace, Wellington

##### **Auckland**

**Wednesday 16 May, 9.30am – 3pm**

PSA, 155 New North Road, Eden Terrace

**At these meetings, interested network members can input on the development of a plan, share ideas, map what's already happening, and network.** It's a unique opportunity to shape the network.

For more details on how to attend (or share ideas in another way) [please check the web page](#)

## **GROWING MOMENTUM**

Union activity on environmental issues continues to grow and is gaining momentum, with recent examples such as last month's [Open Letter](#) calling for an end to oil and gas exploration and considered thinking from the Council of Trade Unions (CTU) about the urgency of a [just transition](#) in the face of climate change. As an additional note, on 6-7 May 350.org founder Bill McKibben is coming to New Zealand for [two public meetings](#) in Auckland and Wellington as part of his Fossil Free Acceleration Tour.

## **PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD**

Please share this newsletter and encourage your colleagues to join the network online (by logging into [My PSA](#) to update your details) or by calling 0508 367 772.

## **YOUR ECO NETWORK ORGANISER**

I am a PSA organiser based in Auckland and currently organise at Inland Revenue, DOC, Stats NZ, and several scientific state sector organisations. I'm a member of PSA Staff Eco Action (SEA) and am active on environmental issues in and out of work. I'm excited to help grow the Eco network, connect interested members, and progress shared goals.

I look forward to working alongside you.



Ngā mihi,

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