



Carrying Out The Plan

Action Statements for
The Action Plan – For Our
Home

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The Action Statements for
each of the Seven Action
Themes were adopted at
Quakers Australia Yearly
Meeting 2024.



Taking Action (Public Witness and Action)

Group 1: Quaker Corporate Actions and Responsibilities

Quakers Australia is urged to focus on climate advocacy by:

- addressing climate change impacts
- utilising the Clerk to speak on QA's behalf
- fostering collaboration among Meetings
- partnerships with diverse groups
- focusing advocacy on governments and communities
- engaging the public through witness and demonstrations, collective action, and coordination of direct action.

Group 2: Actions More Applicable to Individual Friends

Individual Friends are encouraged to:

- **engage in direct action** for urgent injustices
- **share their experience** with direct-action witness integrate testimonies for holistic advocacy and response.



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Taking Action (Public Witness and Action)

Australian Quakers will put our beliefs into action through advocacy, direct action, and public witness.

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Education and Monitoring

We commit to reaching a shared understanding of the causes and costs of the climate crisis and biodiversity collapse and the urgency of our situation.

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Education and Monitoring

Group 1: Quaker Corporate Actions and Responsibilities

- Encourage meetings to **engage in public witness**, advocacy, nonviolent direct action, and demonstrations.
- Support individuals and Meetings through **Quaker educational communities** such as Silver Wattle, The Friends School and Quaker Service Australia (QSA)
- Develop an **electronic resource library**.
- Offer special events and groups, and **publicise learning opportunities** from other organisations.
- **Mentor Friends** through workshops and online webinars.
- Provide training and practical support for **non-violent direct action**, using Quaker Meeting Houses to demonstrate climate action and resilience.



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Education and Mentoring

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Education and Mentoring

Group 2: Actions More Applicable to Individual Friends

Friends are encouraged to:

- Provide information on **Clearness Meetings and Threshing Sessions** to support discernment in decisions.
- Encourage Meetings to **share learning, experiences, and resources**, including forming 'climate cafes' and book clubs on climate themes.
- Urge Friends to become familiar with **resources for effective action**, such as Climate Action Network webinars.
- Emphasise the importance of **understanding and accepting scientific warnings** on climate issues, and encourage use of the CESE WG website for updated information.

Righting our Relationship with the Earth

Group 1: Quaker Corporate Actions and Responsibilities

- **Encouraging** members with climate expertise to facilitate structural shifts through online information, webinars, workshops, and travelling ministry.
- **Ensuring** all travel on behalf of QA follows the September 2023 travel guidelines.
- **Providing** QA web pages as a resource hub for carbon footprint assessments and moving towards net zero.
- **Continuously reviewing** expenditure and activities to align with climate and biodiversity commitments, supporting young activists.
- **Assessing** and **reducing** the carbon footprints of all operations, with annual reporting at the Yearly Meeting.

Group 2: Actions More Applicable to Individual Friends

Individual Friends are encouraged to:

- **Prioritise, mitigate and adapt** to climate change by reducing water usage, recycling, repairing, sharing items, and evaluating travel necessity.
- **Live simply** to reduce carbon footprints, conducting emissions audits, and planning staged transitions.
- **Connect with nature** by joining community groups, restoring natural habitats, and developing biodiverse home gardens and Meeting House grounds.



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Righting our Relationship with the Earth

Right relationship with the earth speaks to our belonging to the land, this earth, wherever we are, and thus our responsibility to and care for the earth.

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Hearing and supporting First Nations Peoples

There is so much we can do together to care for and heal Country and Planet, to live sustainably and equitably together, and with the Land and Earth.

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Hearing and Supporting First Nations Peoples

Group 1: Quaker Corporate Actions and Responsibilities

- Understand and address the **effects of colonialism** to foster cooperation with Earth and each other.
- Consider and align with **First Nations' spiritual understandings** of sustainable living.
- **Grow relationships** with First Nations Peoples and support their environmental groups and green businesses.
- Advocate for appropriate **recompense** for Traditional Owners of degraded lands.
- Encourage Meetings to **financially acknowledge** the land they occupy by contributing to First Nations organisations.

Group 2: Actions More Applicable to Individual Friend Actions

- **Work with local Traditional Owners** in land restoration and learn Indigenous knowledge about Country.
- **Apply Indigenous knowledge** about biodiversity, landscapes, and climate.
- Individually contribute to **"Pay the Rent"** for the land and dwellings occupied, or add to Meeting's payment.

Putting Our Finances to Work

Group 1: Quaker Corporate Actions and Responsibilities

- Evaluate and adjust Meetings' **spending, savings, banking, and investments** to address climate change and biodiversity loss.
- Reflect Action Plan suggestions in QA and Regional Meetings' **annual budgets**, including travel expenditure and offset arrangements.
- **Urge associated organisations** to adopt similar financial practices.
- Inform employees about **superannuation funds** with responsible climate policies.
- Use the Action Plan to **guide funding committees** in their decision-making for contributions and grants.

Group 2: Actions More Applicable to Individual Friends

- Encourage Friends and their families to **align spending**, savings, superannuation, and investments with climate and biodiversity goals.
- Support Friends with **divestment expertise** to offer training and assistance for changing banking and superannuation investments.
- Promote friendly support through Meetings, such as **planning and accountability buddies**, to help Friends persist through financial changes.



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Putting Our Finances to Work

We recognise the effects our collective banking, purchasing and investing choices have on climate change and biodiversity loss, and act accordingly.

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Mourning Loss & Instilling Hope

We recognise that bold work requires spiritual grounding, recognition of ongoing loss and building of resilient communities.

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Mourning Loss and Instilling Hope

Group 1: Quaker Corporate Actions and Responsibilities

- Place "speaking to the climate emergency and species extinction" as a **standing item** in all Meetings for Worship for Business.
- **Create spaces** for grief and hope in addressing climate change and biodiversity loss.
- **Understand the history** and damage to our landscapes, incorporating First Nations' experiences.
- **Provide worship sharing** and workshops to share grief and support each other.
- **Write supportive letters** to organisations acting for the environment.
- **Advocate for climate refugees** and support resettlement programs.
- **Support Quaker work** in international environmental forums.
- **Provide resources** and strategies for parents and children facing environmental challenges.
- **Offer venues** and contacts to local groups addressing climate issues.



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Group 2: Actions More Applicable to Individual Friends

- Join with **like-minded individuals** and faith communities for mutual support.
- **Bring back experiences** to Meetings through writings and support groups.
- Engage in **local food and housing security** initiatives.
- Assist local communities with **grant applications** for resilience projects.
- Participate in **community gardens and food-sharing programs**.
- **Support** those forced to relocate due to environmental changes.

Repairing Earth

Group 1: Quaker Corporate Actions and Responsibilities

- Advocate for **increased financial support** for habitat protection, restoration, and connectivity.
- **Partner with Landcare** and similar groups for habitat restoration and native vegetation regeneration.
- Engage with **local government** biodiversity projects and regional natural resource management.
- Adapt Meeting premises to **enhance biodiversity**, provide food, and support ecological urban environments.
- Include climate emergency and species extinction in **Meeting agendas**, reporting progress at Yearly Meetings.
- Recognise and address **incremental biodiversity loss** by learning the history of landscapes and integrating First Nations' knowledge.

Group 2: Actions More Applicable to Individual Friend Actions

- Use **grant writing skills** to support local habitat restoration projects.
- Transform **personal gardens** and grounds to support biodiversity, assist with building temperature regulation, and grow food.



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Repairing Earth

Friends with skills in environmental restoration and regenerative farming will share resources, and Meetings will utilise these to address local climate and biodiversity issues.

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