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### **Josephite Justice Network joins the call for urgent action to combat the climate crisis.**

The Josephite Justice Network (JJN) wholeheartedly supports the [Open Letter](#) to the government, calling for the protection of future generations from the devastating impacts of climate change. We strongly support the establishment of a Duty of Care Bill, which will ensure that Australian governments, corporations, and institutions take full responsibility for safeguarding the future of our planet. We emphasise our collective responsibility to protect, not only the resources of today, but also the planet we will pass on to future generations. This includes taking bold, decisive action to curb climate change, reduce emissions, and ensure that all people, regardless of age, race, or geography, have the right to inherit a liveable, healthy environment.

“Future generations have an [undeniable right](#) to inherit a planet that is capable of sustaining life in all its forms,” said Sr Jan Barnett, Coordinator of JJN.. “The urgent need for action on the climate emergency is not just about mitigating environmental damage, but about ensuring that the youngest among us, and those yet to be born, will be able to live on a planet that can sustain their health, dignity, and wellbeing. A Duty of Care Bill is an essential step toward securing this right.”

The establishment of this Bill would highlight the critical role and undeniable need for [youth leadership](#) in shaping and [driving climate policy](#). Young people, particularly those from marginalised communities, are already bearing the brunt of climate impacts—rising temperatures, extreme weather events, and environmental degradation disrupting their lives and futures.

Emilia Nicholas, a young team leader of the Josephite Justice Network, highlighted the importance of amplifying [young voices](#) in the climate conversation. “We, the youth, are the ones who will inherit the [consequences of the decisions](#) made today,” Emilia said. “Our generation is calling for meaningful change. We demand policies that reflect our right to a liveable future, and we insist that those in power act with urgency. Youth leadership is not only vital; it is essential if we are to build the just, sustainable world that we know is possible.”

The Josephite Justice Network urges all Australian organisations, and governments to support the call for the [Duty of Care Bill](#), which would legally enshrine the responsibility of current

governments to protect future generations from the catastrophic effects of climate change. We must work to ensure that future generations inherit a planet that is thriving, not one that has been ravaged by the negligence of those who came before. We must act now, with purpose, to fulfil our moral obligation to the planet and to all who will inhabit it.



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