



*Climate Action Summit 2011 draft program – details subject to change and confirmation*

## Saturday April 9

Time	Session	Details
9:00-10:30AM	<p><b>Learning from 2010: What we tried and how it worked</b></p> <p><i>Plenary session</i></p>	<p>Welcome to conference, and speakers including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Thompson, national President of the Lock the Gate alliance on the campaign against coal seam gas drilling with a growing farmer-environmentalist alliance</li> <li>• Changing the political climate with the Vote Climate campaign: inner Melbourne and Sydney campaigns to make climate a deciding issue in 2010's elections</li> <li>• Hazelwood: fighting to have our dirtiest power station replaced</li> <li>• Renewable energy campaigning making leaps and bounds in 2010</li> <li>• Winning a 40% emissions reduction target for the ACT government</li> <li>• Messages from the "World People's Summit on Climate and the Rights of Mother Earth" in Bolivia</li> </ul> <p>And more!</p>

**10:30-11:00AM: Break**

*11AM-12:30PM*

**Bridging the gap between science and politics**

*Feature panel*

**Garry Ellem**, Safe Climate Australia researcher: Is it too late for incremental change? What the science says about how far away the tipping points for catastrophic climate change are, and how fast we need to move to zero emissions and beyond

**David Spratt**, co-author of *Climate Code Red: Disasters and climate impacts: Four degrees of warming this century? Implications for the planet and our campaigns*

**Lefki Pavlidis**, environmental scientist with the World Preservation Foundation: The short term impacts of Methane and black carbon are greater than those of CO2. Should we focus more on food choices and land use?

*Concurrent workshops*

**Packing up the tent? The future of climate camp**

With a UK climate camp organiser (via skype or video conference)  
The first climate camp in Drax in 2006 sparked a vibrant, radical movement of direct action targeting key sources of climate change all over the world in Canada, Denmark, France, Wales and here in Australia. But after 5 successful camps the UK collective have called it a day, citing a changing political landscape and a desire to organise more freely all year round. After three years of camp organising in Oz, what does the future hold? What lessons can we learn from the UK?

**The Power of Community Renewable Energy & Climate Initiatives**

Looking at community projects that are decarbonising, decentralising and democratising our energy system. This session will showcase initiatives that many groups are undertaking and discuss ways to make new and existing projects more powerful and widespread! It will include interactive discussion and speakers from the Community Power Agency, Hepburn Wind and Ballarat Renewable Energy and Zero Emissions (BREAZE).

**Skills workshop:** Lobbying parliament – who to talk to and what to say

**12:30-1:30PM Lunch**

1:30-3:30	<b>Campaigning for climate solutions in 2011</b> <i>Campaign workshops</i>	<b>Campaigning for 100% renewable energy</b> Lindsay Soutar from 100% Renewable, Mark Ogge from Beyond Zero Emissions, and Ellen Roberts from Friends of the Earth will present this workshop.
		<b>The journey to zero carbon transport</b> Including: how we learnt to love peak oil! Interactive workshop with speakers, convened by Janet Rice
		<b>Campaigning for zero emissions buildings</b> Beyond Zero Emissions buildings plan co-ordinators Trent Hawkins and Heidi Lee will introduce this workshop
		<b>Campaigning for climate friendly food and agriculture</b> Including campaigners from the Veg Climate Alliance, Bayside Climate Action Group, Vegetarian Victoria, World Preservation Foundation and Beyond Zero Emissions
		<b>Water stress and water solutions with climate change</b> Amelia Young, water campaigner at Environment Victoria will introduce this workshop
		<b>Ten Steps for a Safe Climate</b> Alice Graham and Hannah Aulby will lead discussion on developing a community action plan to guide climate change policy based on the <i>10 Steps</i> plan developed by Climate Action Hobart
	<i>Concurrent workshops</i>	<b>Research for climate action?</b> Rebecca Pearse from UTS will lead a workshop to discuss how research in to the climate movement can help to critically assess our strategy and tactics
		<b>From Cochabamba to Cancun</b> Presentation followed by discussion, with Adelaide activist Gemma Weedall, who attended the World People's Climate Summit in Bolivia; Melbourne activist Tristan Epstein who was a translator with the Via Campesina contingent at the COP16 protests in Cancun; and Lucy Manne from the Australian Youth Climate Coalition, who attended the COP16 Summit.
		<b>Media engagement: practical skills workshop</b> With author and journalist Liz Minchin and environment campaigners with extensive media work experience.

**3:30-4:00PM Break**

**4:00-5:30PM**

**Feature panels**

**Campaigning for a safe climate future - working with unions**

Panel discussion with Ged Kearney (ACTU President), Luke van der Meulen (CFMEU Mining & Energy Division, Victoria) and Verity Burgmann (co-author, *Green Bans, Red Union: Environmental activism and the NSW BLF*) will discuss how climate activists can work with and in unions to advocate for climate policy and action.

**Creating a new brand of environmental radicalism in a conservative environment**

Phil Sutton (co-author, *Climate Code Red*), Ian Lowe (Australian Conservation Foundation), Clive Hamilton (author, *Requiem for a Species*) and Cam Walker (Friends of the Earth) discuss:

- How to mobilise a mass movement while dealing with the current political and social environment?
- The big barriers to effective and mass social action, inside and outside the climate movement.
- Reviewing the progress of our business as usual campaigning and activism

**Building Alliances**

*Campaign workshops*

**Working with local government and local community**

With Janet Bolitho (councillor, City of Port Phillip), David Robinson (LIVE), Carolyn Ingvarson (Lighter Footprints). Why is it important to take action at a local level and how can we do it better?

**Working with Transition Towns**

Bob Thomas (one of 18 accredited trainers for transition in Australia) Transition Towns is the fastest growing grass roots movement in the world addressing both climate change and peak oil. It's aim is to create the resilience, self-sufficiency and connectedness needed to prosper in an energy-constrained, post carbon world.

**Mobilising youth for climate action**

Presenters from Australian Youth Climate Coalition and the Australian Student Environment Network will lead off discussion in this practical workshop

	<p><b>CLIMARTE</b> Guy Abrahams presents this national alliance bringing together people in the arts community on climate action</p> <p><b>Alternatives to Carbon Pricing</b> Erima Dall (Climate Action Collective, Sydney Uni) will lead a discussion asking why is carbon pricing the only option on the table, and look at an alternative approach based on direct investment in renewable energy.</p> <p><b>Door-knocking for campaigns</b> Skills workshop led by activists from Climate Action Newtown (Sydney) based on their intensive doorknocking during the Federal elections.</p> <p><b>Getting the most out of Facebook, Twitter and blogging</b> Skills workshop to help people use social media to communicate their group's message and use internet tools like blogging</p> <p><b>Getting the most out of Facebook, Twitter and blogging</b> Skills workshop to help people use social media to communicate their group's message and use internet tools like blogging</p>
<b>6:00PM onward</b>	Join other conference participants for a relaxed social evening. We have booked the nearby Bella Union bar at Trades Hall (Corner Lygon/Victoria St, Carlton) and will have some light entertainment including a Climate Activist Awards presentation.

## Sunday April 10

Time	Session	Details
9:00-10:30AM	<p><b>Carbon pricing and national politics in 2011</b></p> <p><i>Plenary session</i></p>	<p>Fiona Armstong from the Climate and Health Alliance will introduce this major panel to discuss the movement's attitude to the government's carbon price legislation. Speakers confirmed are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will McGoldrick from the Climate Institute</li> <li>• Patrick Hearps from Beyond Zero Emissions</li> <li>• Victorian McKenzie-McHarg from Environment Victoria</li> <li>• James Goodman from Friends of the Earth</li> </ul> <p><i>A Greens speaker has also been invited, awaiting confirmation</i></p>
<p><b>10:30-11:00AM Break</b></p>		
11:00AM – 1:00PM	<p><b>Campaigning to stop climate crimes in 2011</b></p> <p><i>Campaigns workshops</i></p>	<p><b>No New Coal, Lock the Gate on coal seam gas</b>            Campaigners from Lock the Gate, Rising Tide, Six Degrees and Stop HRL will present a workshop on state and national campaigning to discuss how to grow the campaigns on these burning issues and work together</p>
		<p><b>Dirty banks</b>            Erland Howden from Greenpeace will present a workshop on Greenpeace's campaign against the banks that fund fossil fuels</p>
		<p><b>Sorting fact from fission: Can nuclear power solve climate change?</b>            Discussion with Jim Green (Friends of the Earth), Mark Diesendorf (author, <i>Greenhouse Solutions with Sustainable Energy</i>) and Dave Noonan (Australian Conservation Foundation)</p>
		<p><b>Save and restore our forests</b>            Steve Meacher, Yarra ranges climate and forest campaigner, will convene this workshop to help draw climate and forest campaigns together</p>
	<p><i>Concurrent workshops</i></p>	<p><b>Carbon offsetting – domestic and international</b>            Ellen Roberts (Friends of the Earth ) examines the ins and outs of carbon offset schemes such as REDD in Australia and internationally</p>
<p><b>Sociodrama on climate change</b>            Psychologists for a Safe Climate present a look at the psychology behind climate issues. Up to 35 people get to play as many of the different points of view or sections of society as are relevant to the issue chosen.</p>		

		<p><b>Climate litigation</b> A worker from the Victorian Environment Defenders' Office will lead a skills workshop on using legal processes for environmental campaigns</p> <p><b>Community organising</b> Skills workshop on the 100% Renewable campaign's techniques for engaging the public</p> <p><b>How can our group apply for grants?</b> Practical skills workshop for activists</p>
<p><b>1:00-2:00PM Lunch</b></p>		
<p>2:00-3:30PM</p>	<p><i>Workshops and discussion panels</i></p>	<p><b>Building a people's power movement in the streets</b> Looking at examples of recent mass protest movements across the world and in Australia to draw lessons for building a mass protest movement for the climate. David McKnight (Writer, and a researcher at the Journalism and Media Research Centre, UNSW); John Rice (Climate Emergency Action Network, South Australia) and Jasmine Ali (Climate Action Working Group, Melbourne University).</p> <p><b>Pacific nations coping with climate change</b> Writer and activist Nic McLellan will take a look at the impacts of climate change on Australia's nearest neighbours, and what they are doing about it</p> <p><b>Growth, population and sustainability</b> Chuck Berger (Australian Conservation Foundation) and Alex Bhathal (PhD candidate, Centre for Human Rights Education, Curtin University) debate and discuss how economic and population growth relate to sustainability</p> <p><b>God and climate change: Working with Faith communities</b> Looking at messaging techniques and case studies for working with churches and faith communities</p> <p><b>How to get unions to fight for renewable energy?</b> Union Climate Action Network (Melbourne) will present a practical workshop to discuss ways we can win unions to support and campaign for a transition to 100% renewable energy</p> <p><b>Women in the climate movement</b> Are women properly represented in climate movement activities? How much are women left in back-seat and organisational roles? Ellen Roberts and Merryn Redenbach will facilitate this discussion.</p>

		<p><b>Climate change in theatre</b> Theatre activists present a practical workshop</p> <p><b>Avoiding activist burnout</b> Skills workshop with James Whelan from the Change Agency</p> <p>This session will allow the conference participants to discuss any proposals put to the conference such as from campaign workshops and will look forward to the next year of activity for the Community Climate Network.</p>
<p><b>3:30-4:00PM Break</b></p>		
4:00-5:30PM	<p><b>Summit outcomes and close</b> <i>Plenary session</i></p>	<p>We will finish up on a positive note, looking at the directions for the Community Climate Network in the coming year A short overview of the conference discussions and outcomes will be presented for discussion and approval then published as the official conference communique.</p>



## Monday April 11: Gear up for action!

### **Monday Morning: NO NEW COAL protest**

*Meet at 9:30 AM at Flinders St Station for a morning of rallying and (for those who wish) peaceful civil disobedience*

In 2009, the inaugural Climate Action Summit rallied at Parliament House in Canberra, encircling it in a peaceful display of determination to create a safe climate.

This year the Climate Action Summit is protesting the expansion of Australia's fossil fuel industry and our governments' role in that.

In Victoria, not only is Australia's most emissions-intensive power station still running - Hazelwood - but the state government has declared its support for the company HRL to build a new coal-burning power station.

As the **Stop HRL** campaign ([www.stophrl.org](http://www.stophrl.org)) explain:

*The proposed new 600MW HRL 'Dual Gas' power station is likely to receive works approval from the EPA sometime in mid-late April. Despite relying on a mixture of synthetic gas (produced from coal) and natural gas, it nevertheless is still as dirty as a black coal-fired power station.*

*Shockingly, our money is funding this project, as the primary financiers of this project are currently the federal government (\$100m) and the state government (\$50m).*

We hope conference participants can join Stop HRL activists to say NO! to new coal use. We will meet at 9:30am at Flinders St Station in the city for a morning of rallying, and peaceful civil disobedience (for those who wish to participate in that).

**Please try to make sure you can be available on Monday April 11th for this exciting protest!** We will announce more details of this event as plans are finalised.

### **MONDAY AFTERNOON: WRAP UP & DRINKS**

Following the action we will meet up at a nearby venue for.....

- a short action de-brief from 2.30pm
- a presentation of the outcomes of the summit to participants of the Climate Action Network Australia (CANA) 'Eleventh Hour' conference
- Entertainment from comedian **Rod Quantock** (from 4.30pm)

This will be followed by relaxed drinks and nibbles from 5.30pm onwards.

Details of CANA's conference can be found at:

<http://www.cana.net.au/hot-topics/eleventh-hour-cana-conference-2011>