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WALK AGAINST WARMING 2010

Delay is denial - climate action NOW!

Meet 12 noon, Saturday August 14

Wollongong Mall amphitheatre, then march to WA Lang Park

The Wollongong Climate Action Network (WCAN) will join environmental groups across the nation in a Walk Against Warming on August 14, to re-focus political and community attention on the increasingly urgent need to **reduce green house gas emissions**.

Atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration passed 390 ppm in June of this year and rises every minute of every day - carbon dioxide levels will not wait for the deliberations of Julia Gillard's Citizens' Assembly.

Action is needed now, yet the federal government has shamefully spurned the mandate it was given in 2007. Recognising that there can be no more delay, WCAN is campaigning for government commitment and action on the following *urgent actions*:

- ***National planning and investment for a transition to 100% renewable energy by 2020, creating green jobs for a safe climate and a prosperous nation***
- ***No new coal-fired power stations***
- ***No new gas-fired power stations without at least equivalent investment in renewable energy development, infrastructure and jobs***
- ***No tax payer funding for geo-sequestration programmes. Carbon dioxide does not decay and has to be effectively stored indefinitely, with minimal leakage rates of 1% or less per thousand years; this cannot be guaranteed. BP is currently demonstrating the consequences of technological failure and human error in handling large volumes of liquids held under pressure in geological formations. Carbon dioxide is ordinarily a gas and so much more of a challenge to contain; geo-sequestration is a catastrophic accident waiting to happen***
- ***No 'cash for clunkers' as is being promised by the Gillard Government. The Gillard proposal would strip \$220 million from the Solar Flagship programme and solar research, effectively transferring that money to car manufacturers with minimal real impact on carbon dioxide levels. 'Cash for clunkers' effectively values carbon dioxide at \$400 per tonne - more than 20 times the current market price***

- ***Immediate adoption of a carbon tax to make polluters pay for their emissions, encourage energy efficiency and raise revenue. The ETS proposed by the Rudd government would be ineffective and a \$20 billion waste of taxpayers' money. In contrast, a carbon tax is recommended by leading economists and scientists around the world. An ETS might be what industry would prefer, but it is not what the planet needs.***

The first world created this problem and has to lead the way in building the solution.

The Walk Against Warming will take place on August 14, 12 noon, starting at Wollongong Mall amphitheatre and marching to WA Lang Park.

The march will be followed by a sustainable (and vegan friendly) BBQ and musical entertainment. Speakers so far include John Kaye, Greens MLC; Jess Moore, Socialist Alliance candidate for Cunningham; George Takacs, Greens candidate for Cunningham.

We're calling for: 100% renewable energy by 2020; No cash for clunkers; No new coal; Green jobs not job cuts; Climate justice for the Third World. Bring a friend or three!

All are welcome to participate - contact Chris 0425 329 963, Rowan 0408 372 792 for info and visit <http://www.wcan.org.au/>