



WA CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION

ABOUT US?

CJU members work to restore a stable climate, while taking care of people and place. We actively build collective power to impact decision making at all levels of society. We prioritise working with Aboriginal Elders and communities, disabled folk, young people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, LGBTQI+ people, people working and living in communities going through fossil fuel and economic transitions and people in poverty.

Working directly with community members, across different geographies and intersecting vulnerabilities is complex and time intensive work. It is critical that this work is based on deep and enduring relationships of trust and reciprocity, grounded in a person-centred and decolonising framework.

OUR FEEDBACK

IT SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE THAT WE FIND THIS LEGISLATION COMPLETELY INADEQUATE AND OFFENSIVE.

We are putting in a submission to express our absolute lack of confidence in the WA State Government when it comes to addressing climate change on a timeline and scale commensurate to the challenge.

It is clear as a state we are not on track to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. Whilst we need all levels of government globally to be urgently reducing their reliance on fossil fuels, the WA State Government is working to provide all the support it can to fossil fuel companies including Chevron, Shell, Mineral Resources, Inpex and Woodside, enabling their continued harmful activities.

The WA State Government has made it clear it is not willing to do what is required to protect the health and well-being of the population from the harms of climate change.

We share our solidarity with staff working within the WA State Government on climate policy and acknowledge their best intentions. We understand their limitations. We note our formal concerns relating to the psychosocial hazards present in their workplaces.

WA State Government has an obligation to provide a safe workplace and to act in the best interests of the West Australian community. By denying the reality and responsibility it has to provide an adequate framework for sufficient climate policy we are all left at significant risk.