

We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land. Our first people's who cared for the land we now gather and meet on.

We acknowledge their Elders both past and present.

Organising Pacific Communities in Sydney

Liunga Halaifonua Palu | CANA Assembly for Action | Friday, 18 March 2016

BUILDING THE MOVEMENT

- The Sydney People's Climate March was the entry point for (most) of our Pacific Communities to join the Climate Change movement.

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THE CHALLENGE

- Cultural Loss**
 - Adapting to the culture & language of the land has led to generational disconnect;
- Taking Political Action??**
 - Lack/ very little leadership in the advocacy of public issues, particularly concerning anything beyond the church;
- Limited Relationships among church groups**
 - There aren't enough deep relationships among church denominations;
- Cultural Practice**
 - Majority of our P.I Communities are organised in church groups – the PCM took place on a Sabbath/ Day of Worship.

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THE JOURNEY

- We began with leaders – those with a 'following'

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POWER ANALYSIS- Before

Decisive decision making power or influence	UCA NSW/ACT MODERATOR Rev. Dr Sef Carroll, UnitingWorld	PACIFIC MINISTERS	TARGET: 1. ELDERS/ CHURCHES
Active participant in decision making	NSWCPC	TONGAN PARISH FIJIAN PARISH STEWARDS COUNCIL	2. YOUTH
Power to have major influence on decision making	PACIFIC RADIO CHANNELS		3. WIDER PACIFIC COMMUNITY GROUPS
Taken into account	Liunga Palu, SA		ELDERS/ CHURCHES
Can get attention	Reece Proudfoot, WWF		WIDER PACIFIC COMM. GROUPS
Not on radar			YOUTH

Die hard support Active support Inclined towards Inclined against Active against Die hard opponent

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Pacific Climate Change Meeting
Wednesday August 26th
1-4.15pm, G3
Center for Ministry

60+ EARTH HOUR 350 Pacific UnitingWorld Sydney ALLIANCE

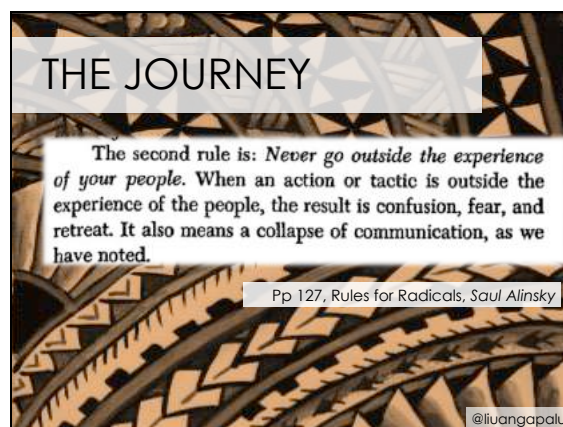
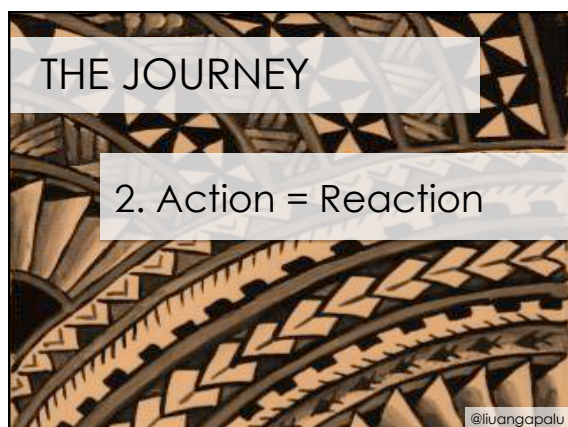
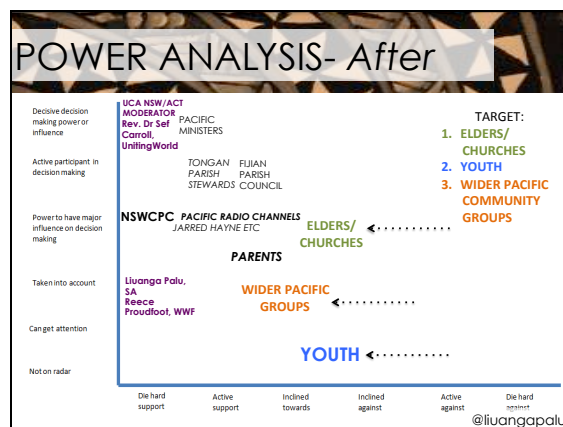




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MOVING FORWARD: POWER BUILDING

12 – 18 month strategy for POWER BUILDING

- BUILDING GRASS-ROOTS LEADERSHIP
- BUILDING DEEPER RELATIONSHIPS
 - INTERNALLY
 - WITH POTENTIAL ALLIES
- BUILDING KNOWLEDGE BASE

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