

An update from the Pacific Calling Partnership.

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Responding to climate change in partnership with our Pacific Island neighbours

PCP patrons, His eminence Cardinal John Ribat (MSC), Dr Richard A O'Brien and Hon Dr Meredith Burgmann

PCP (COVID-19) UPDATE

Dear PCP Supporters,

The last few months have been very challenging with devastating bushfires, storms and now the Coronavirus pandemic.

We send each of you and your loved ones our best wishes for the weeks ahead: stay safe and healthy, keep your physical distance but stay active, engaged and socially connected as much as you can.

It goes without saying that our thoughts and prayers are with the small Pacific nations facing a growing number of confirmed COVID-19 cases- 114 to date.

You can click here to [listen to our Coordinator's message to the Pacific](#). We have also put together a detailed brief summarising the situation on COVID-19 in the Pacific and Australia's response, which you can access [here](#).

WHAT WE ARE DOING RIGHT NOW:

A widespread outbreak of COVID-19 in the Pacific would be devastating. In coming weeks, the PCP will stay in close contact with our partners in Kiribati and Tuvalu and urge the Australian government to maximise the level and timeliness of its COVID-19 assistance to the Pacific. Read our [latest Media Release here](#).

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Please help us to reach out to the Australia Government and urge them to ramp up Australia's COVID-19 assistance to the Pacific:

- If you are a Facebook or Twitter user, please share or retweet our Media Release which has been posted on the [PCP Facebook account](#) and [Twitter account](#).

- Take a few moments to send a personal message emphasising our call for urgent COVID-19 assistance to the Pacific to Australian PM [Scott Morrison](#) and [Alex Hawke](#) (Minister for International Development and the Pacific).

Many thanks for your support.

HOW PCP IS ADAPTING TO COVID-19:

Like many organisations, the PCP is considering the impacts of the COVID-19 situation on our operations. This is where we are at so far:

- Our physical office at the Edmund Rice Centre has closed and we are all working remotely. The best way to reach us is via reply to this email which will be monitored daily.
- We are investing in, and rapidly increasing, our use of digital technology for meetings, networking and training delivery.
- Our trips to Kiribati and Tuvalu to deliver this year's climate leadership workshops have been postponed until further notice but we are hopeful that we may still be able to travel in the second half of this year.
- In the coming weeks and months, we will be refocusing our efforts to reach out to the Pacific Diaspora in Australia, providing them with access to climate leadership and advocacy training through digital technology.
- We will also actively advocate for the needs of the Pacific in light of COVID-19, urging the Australian Government to ramp up its assistance.
- At this stage, the Australian tours we had planned for His Excellency Aote Tong, former President of Kiribati (mid-August) and Mr Enele Sopoaga, former Tuvalu PM (end June) are still going ahead, subject to the COVID-19 situation.
- Our parliamentary advocacy on the urgent need for climate action will continue, however, we are mindful that the end of year United Nations Climate Conference (COP 26) in Glasgow may be postponed.

- We will continue our work with schools via online technology, raising awareness of the impacts of climate change in the Pacific and the importance of urgent climate action.

If you have any questions, or if we can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us via return email.

Take care and stay safe.

With kind regards,

Corinne Fisher (Coordinator PCP) and all of us on the PCP team and
Edmund Rice Centre



We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of Australia as the traditional owners and custodians of the land. We commit ourselves to actively work alongside them for reconciliation and justice. We pay our respects to our Elders; past, present and future. As we take our next step we remember the first footsteps taken on this sacred land.

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