

REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Australia is burning like never before! Over 5 million hectares burnt, hundreds of homes destroyed, dozens of people dead or missing, half a billion animals killed. "We are all in this together" cry the politicians and mass media. But we aren't!

It's workers and the people, mostly volunteering and unpaid, tirelessly fighting to defend homes and communities. Too many have died already. But the politicians and the capitalists don't care. They're off on holidays in Hawaii or Europe, or in their comfortable air-conditioned mansions. While we have to work in hazardous smoke-filled cities and regions. We aren't the same!

We are experiencing first-hand the climate crisis caused by capitalism. The system's continual drive for ever larger profits is destroying the country and the planet. Rivers run dry. Towns are running out of drinking water. Yet profit-hungry fossil fuel companies and agribusinesses are given huge gifts of water. Adani will use 13 Olympic swimming pools worth a day!

They tell us there's no money for public services, hospitals, Newstart, for firefighters, or for anything that would help the working class and poor. But there's always plenty of subsidies to tax dodging big businesses, more weapons for the police, and huge military budgets to serve US imperialism in wars around the world. It's a class system - we aren't all in this together!

Australia is dominated by multinational mining and energy companies. The biggest and most powerful are American like Chevron and ExxonMobil. Even BHP is now majority US-owned. They've created the climate crisis and make giant profits at the expense of people and our planet. And it's the politicians who do their bidding.

Australia can be a leader in fighting climate change! But we need to throw off this imperialist domination to do it. It requires a broad and united people's movement led by the working class waging a revolutionary struggle for an independent and socialist Australia. Australian working people must take power away from the capitalists and into their own hands. Only then can we start to build a secure and sustainable future for Australia.



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FIGHTING DEMANDS FOR CLIMATE ACTION!

The CPA (M-L) offers these demands as suggestions around which a broad, united people's movement can organise and fight for climate action and empower the Australian people in the struggle for an independent and socialist Australia:

- Scumo and all climate change denying politicians – you aren't fit to govern! Resign!
- Dramatically increase funding for all fire agencies
- Payment and compensation for volunteer firefighters
- Genuine and effective aid to fire affected communities paid for by fossil fuel companies – make the criminals pay!
- Engage First Peoples in the creation of effective land management policies
- Ban fracking and all new fossil fuel projects
- Phase out fossil fuel exports
- Phase out cotton and rice growing
- Nationalise multinational fossil fuel companies. Use the profits to serve the people & build an independent, sustainable economy
- Develop sustainable industries and jobs to encourage workers to support the transition from fossil fuels to renewables – A Just Transition!

The response and solidarity by people in communities and workplaces shows how incapable and irrelevant politicians and parliament are in dealing with the well-being and safety of people and the environment. The resourcefulness and solidarity of the people on the ground is a glimpse of what an independent and socialist Australia, run by workers and working people, would look like.



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