

Zonta Says NOW is creating a gender-equal, sustainable world by

- educating girls
- advocating for women's rights
- inspiring more female leaders.

ZI Statement on Climate Change



How We Take Action

1 We gather facts about gender inequality and climate change

- Increased greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, warm the Earth and lead to loss of sea ice, rising sea-levels, longer, more intense heat waves and more extreme weather events such as bushfires, droughts, storms, and floods.
- Women and girls, especially those in poverty, face higher risks and experience more climate change impacts than men.
- During extreme weather events, women are at greater risk of being injured, killed, displaced, and unemployed. They also experience a dramatic increase in interpersonal violence, that can precipitate early marriage or forced prostitution as a way to survive.
- Women are not well represented in decisions about responses to climate change, and need a stronger voice to create a more just future for everyone.

Useful resources

- [The Future We Choose: Surviving the climate crisis](#) by Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac.
- [How empowering women and girls can help stop global warming](#) by Katharine Wilkinson (TED Talk)

2 We lead by example

- Purchase wisely.
- Minimise waste.
- Adopt new technologies.
- Eat less meat.
- Use less plastic.
- Plant more trees.
- Make 'green' investments.

Useful resources

- [Zonta Says Now Publications:](#)
 - * The 5 Rs Guide
 - * Climate Risk is Investment Risk
 - * Investing in Climate ETFs
- [Every Woman's Guide to Saving the Planet](#) by Natalie Isaacs.
- [Plastic Free](#) by Rebecca Prince-Ruiz and Joanna Atherfold Finn

3 We add our voice to influence our communities

Use our learnings and experience from 1 and 2 to:

- Discuss climate change and the climate crisis with our family, friends and co-workers.
- Share ideas on social media.

- Start a conversation in our clubs and with members of our other groups, book clubs etc

Useful resources

- [The most important thing you can do to fight climate change is talk about it](#) by Katharine Hayhoe (TED Talk)

4 We advocate for gender equality and climate action

- Embed gender equality and climate action in club, area and district advocacy activities.
- Encourage clubs to have a climate champion to identify strategic opportunities to advocate with other groups.

Useful resources

- [ZI Statement on Climate Change](#)
- [Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- [UN Women: When Will She Be Right?](#)
- [MJA-Lancet Countdown article: Australian policy inaction threatens lives](#)

5 We collaborate with like-minded organisations

- Work with other clubs, Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs on climate action projects.
- Identify and collaborate with other people and apolitical organisations whose goals strongly align with Zonta's.
- Consider joining local, state and national climate action bodies to magnify our voice.
- Support our local governments to implement sustainable policies.

Useful resources

- [One Million Women](#) are women and girls from every corner of the planet building a lifestyle revolution to fight the climate crisis.
- [Climate Council](#) is Australia's leading climate change communications organisation.
- [Sisterworks](#), is an Australian social enterprise that gives migrant women opportunities to become economically empowered using sustainable products.
- [Project Drawdown](#) globally connects people to the science behind climate solutions.
- [Countdown TED](#) globally champions and accelerates solutions to the climate crisis, turning ideas into actions.
- [Women's Environment and Development Organisation](#) (WEDO) globally advocates for a just world that promotes and protects human rights, gender equality and the environment.