



11 – 12 DECEMBER 2009 WEEKEND OF ACTION

Press Advisory

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More than 25 Australian ‘vigils of hope’ organised as part of international call for action during Copenhagen climate talks

SYDNEY, 9 December 2009 – From Sydney and Melbourne to Magnetic Island and Alice Springs, Australians are organising events as part of an international weekend of vigils calling on world leaders to deliver a real deal at the UN’s Copenhagen talks on climate change.

Sydney will kick off vigils taking place on the weekend of the 11th and 12th of December, with more than 25 events in Australia and 2,000 globally. Organisers include 350.org, Tck Tck Tck, Oxfam, the Climate Action Groups, GetUp and thousands of concerned individuals. These events are part of a global ask for a binding climate change treaty in line with the scientific call for a reduction to 350 parts per million CO₂ in our atmosphere. We are now at 387 ppm.

The most visual events across Australian on **Friday 11 and Saturday 12 December** include:

- **Sydney** – 6 pm, Friday, 11 December, steps of Town Hall – more than 300 participants expected with candles and images calling for 350 ppm.
- **Melbourne** – 9 pm, Saturday 12 December, City Square (between Flinders and Collins streets) – hundreds of participants expected to take part in a candlelight vigil.
- **Magnetic Island** -- 5 – 8 pm, Friday 11 December, 31 Hayles Avenue, Arcadia, RSL Friday Night Markets – up to one hundred expected to take part in a candlelight dinner at the markets.
- **Alice Springs** – 6:30 pm, Saturday, 12 December, Town Council Lawns (outside Andy McNeil room) – up to one hundred expected to take part in a walk around the Town Council.
- **Adelaide** – 8 – 9:30 pm, Saturday, 12 December, Ethel St Forestville (Public Park) – community candlelight dinner.

Other events are taking place in Darwin (Rapid Creek), Albany, Rockingham, Brisbane, Caloundra and Lismore. For a list of all of the Australian events, details and contacts, see:

<http://www.350.org/map#/map/-32.17561247849934/138.076171875/4>

“Australians have shown over and over again that they want action on climate change despite what some of our politicians are now saying,” said 350.org Australian CEO Blair Palese. “With ore than 20 events taking place around Australia and more than 2,000 worldwide, people are calling for a real deal in Copenhagen to ensure a safe climate future.”

For more information, see www.350.org.

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