

## Having climate conversations with your MP: Come and hear about it.

***Are you interested in participating in a conversation about your climate concerns with your Federal Member of Parliament?***

***Are you open to bringing others together to help a conversation with your MP happen?***

If you said 'Yes' to either question, we would love to see you at [on-line gathering about how these important conversations can take place](#). The aim is for the conversations to happen in the lead-up to the next Federal election (probably early next year). This could be through a meeting with your MP, a candidates' forum or other gathering.

The Uniting Advocacy team is keen to support Uniting Church members to share their concerns, express their care for creation and help shape our nation's climate policies. We will offer some guidance, resources and training to assist you.

To find out more, please join our initial *Climate Conversations* briefing:

**Wednesday August 25**

**7.00pm – 8.15pm**

Via Zoom

You can register for the *Climate Conversations* briefing [here](#). The Zoom link will then be emailed to you.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Jon O'Brien on 0477 725 528 or at [joobrien@uniting.org](mailto:joobrien@uniting.org)

### *Why this matters*

Climate change poses a big challenge to our nation and world. We see its impacts happening here and around the globe. The most recent [IPCC report has reinforced the need for urgent action](#).

Because its big and affects all of us, we want to know our political leaders have a plan for how we respond, a plan that will enable us all to flourish.

That's one of the benefits of living in a democracy. Ultimately our political leaders, whichever party they belong to, are accountable to us the people. That's what elections are about.

As Christians we have a responsibility to assess candidates' policies not just in terms of our own interests, but in the light of the values of the reign of God and the common good. Having *Climate Conversations* is one way we can do that.

The Uniting Advocacy Team