

## **Women's Climate Congress online conversations 2022 #4 (June)**

**Tuesday 14 June, 5.30-6.30 pm AEST**

### ***Women call for a unified plan for action on climate change***

With Kerry Chikarovski and Cheryl Durrant

### **CHAT (lightly edited/deidentified)**

#### **Greetings**

From Tharawal land

Hi , I'm joining from Wallamattagal Land. Thanks for inviting me.

From lutruwita (Tas) stolen land of the palawa people...

Hi everyone I'm calling in from Gadigal country

From Boon Wurrung country 🙌

From Gadigal Land.

From Ngunnawal land

Greetings from Adelaide, Kurna Country

Living with gratitude on the land of the Ningi Ningi people (Woody Point SE Qld)

Hello! from Ngunnawal land

From Lutruwita/Tas land of the Palawa people

From Bundjalung country

From Coodginburra on Bundjalung Country

From Yugerra & Turrbal Country : Hello all, from Brisbane

From Cologne, Germany

From Kurna land.

From sitting on Wangal Country in the Eora Nation.

From Canberra, Ngunnawal & Ngambri land

From Jane in Kurna Country - Adelaide

#### **Questions/discussion**

The crisis facing NSW at the moment is around energy. What confidence do you have that there will be bipartisan determination to tackle climate- a larger question than energy?

Zonta International is active in UN and various countries on the impact of climate change on women and their children <https://www.zonta.org//>

Interesting that we have no capacity shortage - simply generators refusing to bid. 3GW available yet not bidded into the market! Lynne Gallagher of Energy Consumers raised some great points today. [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/lynne-gallagher-a0766468\\_it-is-significant-that-today-the-aer-has-activity-6942347405430251520-fmCY?utm\\_source=linkedin\\_share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop\\_web](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/lynne-gallagher-a0766468_it-is-significant-that-today-the-aer-has-activity-6942347405430251520-fmCY?utm_source=linkedin_share&utm_medium=member_desktop_web)

What strategy do you have in place to keep up the pressure and grassroots power on climate action that we saw in the Fed election for the looming NSW election given there is no Morrison.

Would love to know these women on the Liberal caucus

My QUESTION is for Kerry Chikaovski with other speakers if they want to contribute ... You used the word "Bouyant" suggesting that you feel we will float above the turbulence of Climate Change. Can you please unpack further as to why and how you arrived at that promise of buoyancy? What do you think it will take us as a globe move from floating above the impending Climate Chaos to actually getting us all to Dry Land in a scenario where the Climate Crisis Puzzle is SOLVED?

What would you define as too late?

Question: Murdoch (Sky/ News Corp) still controls much of the public messaging on climate change. How do we as women collectively address the issue of ongoing media capture by vested interests driving climate denial/ delay? What does a non-partisan approach to this look like?

Biloela story shows how important is that influence of women - driven by local women from the beginning. Action with compassion.

Not so interested in the 'women in parliament' conversation. Can we hear a bit more of Cheryl's thinking about Climate as a Security Threat. Good we are onto participatory democracy as a different process altogether.

The wonderful thing about the last election was it seemed as if the COMMUNITY had engaged and acted to make change and strengthen our democracy so the people who went forward were supported by their local community.

Good point, @Cheryl, re need to keep up grassroots pressure. There was a strong message from the last election that people wanted more respectful, collaborative, representative-of-community and accountable parliament taking strong action on climate change - yet we are seeing so many (male) leaders, particularly not taking that lesson on board.

Cheryl, the Community up approach is reassuring. Everyone needs to have it meaningful change and risk management make sense to them.

Australian Parents 4 Climate Action had their pilot adopted in NSW... to create community batteries and solarising schools, kindies, child care. ... This model has been flagged as a solution to our renewable energy mgt.

Thanks for your reply to my question, Kerry about your confidence in a bipartisan approach to energy policy. I'm not persuaded that conservative politicians (even some of the Teal independents) are prepared to work on the wider issues, enumerated by Cheryl, that will arise in the context of a changing climate.

question to Cheryl: as the 'war industries' of the world are the biggest climate emitters of any of the world's industries, how does 'defence of the nation' (if that is actually possible), fits with defence of the earth - and her women and children who are increasingly the victims of war.

My question is for Kerry. Given the climate crisis and the urgent need for action, do you believe that a large coal mining expansion directly under the Sydney water catchment is a good idea? If you believe it is not a good idea, would you consider personally contacting your incumbent, NSW planning minister, Anthony Roberts and urge him to reject the Dendrobium mine expansion? Sadly our children cannot drink coal

“Collaboration is self-interest”

Climate change is directly impacting on the Torres Strait Islands right now - whilst they are a part of Australia, all too often they are not even mentioned in climate change discussions. Some islands might not even be habitable within the next decade...

“most powerful thing for change is changing the attitude”

I really enjoy listening to your 'community' oriented perspective Cheryl.

"Unless we're making democracy happen, it's happening to us".

Yes, I like the comments on community and attitude, Cheryl Thanks for the session WCC

“need a commitment to a result”

How do we move away from short term policies with short term solutions to long term policies with sustainable solutions?

Governments leave themselves open for heavy criticism because they have not been able to make decisions. They have been paralysed by indecision, leaving themselves open for criticism.

I am with you Cheryl!

I agree the community engagement is so wonderful to see. It has been bubbling along quietly for a while but it now seems to be taking centre stage. Thank you Cheryl

I agree Janet, really getting to the crux!!

"we can control our responses" "don;t be despairing - we can do this”

Great conversations thanks everyone.

Was great hearing this conversation - a very important one to be having. Thanks to Kerry, Cheryl and Janet.

thanks Kerry!

So pleased I came and got to hear from Cheryl Durrant – she is now on my 'must follow' list

Thankyou panel

I'm REALLY looking forward to our Gathering in September!

Thank you so much everyone; for this excellent informative and great meeting. Thank you Janet Salisbury for inviting me. My life revolves around progressing spiritual, environmental, animal, disability rights and social justice outcomes through music.

Thank you Kerry and Cheryl.

Thankyou so much to everyone what a great session!

Thanks so much everyone!

Thank you Cheryl! That is an empowering perspective!

And thank you Kerry.

Thank you!

### **Links /resources**

Kerry's website: <https://www.chikarovski.com.au/about/>

The Security Threat that Binds Us

<https://councilonstrategicrisks.org/the-security-threat-that-binds-us/>

Some other links related to Cheryl include: Australian Security Leaders Climate

Group: <https://www.aslccg.org>

Weathering Risk <https://weatheringrisk.org/en>

WEF Global Risks Report 2022 <https://www.weforum.org/reports/global-risks-report-2022/>

DR Dorothea Cristiana The 2nd Charter of the United Nations: The United

Peoples [https://www.amazon.com/2nd-Charter-United-Nations-Peoples/dp/B08GV91YLQ/ref=pd\\_sim\\_sccl\\_2\\_1/133-6210687-7784511?pd\\_rd\\_w=IG77U&content-id=amzn1.sym.c4a59542-32d7-42e0-896e-07bdfd700573&pf\\_rd\\_p=c4a59542-32d7-42e0-896e-07bdfd700573&pf\\_rd\\_r=F2NPGN66GYTKE4EZFQK&pd\\_rd\\_wg=ACgPT&pd\\_rd\\_r=d4a3940a-4777-4abb-bd1c-698410107101&pd\\_rd\\_i=B08GV91YLQ&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/2nd-Charter-United-Nations-Peoples/dp/B08GV91YLQ/ref=pd_sim_sccl_2_1/133-6210687-7784511?pd_rd_w=IG77U&content-id=amzn1.sym.c4a59542-32d7-42e0-896e-07bdfd700573&pf_rd_p=c4a59542-32d7-42e0-896e-07bdfd700573&pf_rd_r=F2NPGN66GYTKE4EZFQK&pd_rd_wg=ACgPT&pd_rd_r=d4a3940a-4777-4abb-bd1c-698410107101&pd_rd_i=B08GV91YLQ&psc=1)

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<https://www.nationalcongressofwomen.com/>

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