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Women welcome the prospect of doing politics better

The Women's Climate Congress has welcomed the longed-for prospect of Australia having more women active across the parliament with increased agency to end the divisive 'climate wars'.

"With a wave of climate-focused independents elected to the 47th parliament, giving voice to their communities, we welcome the presence of more women at the table deciding robust policy to protect our shared future," said WCC spokesperson Dr Janet Salisbury.

"The Albanese Government has offered to work more collaboratively and end the futile contest Australia has had over climate policy for so long."

"We welcome Penny Wong's view about the importance of bringing people together, and Anthony Albanese declaring that it is time to 'end the climate wars'. Tanya Plibersek is right to tell Simon Birmingham that 'we need to learn to disagree better'."

[The Women's Climate Congress](#) is a national, nonpartisan movement of women with members from all walks of life, seeking to build consensus and action on climate change, through collaborative decision-making and forming relationships.

"Our members are tired of the ideological positioning around climate", explained Dr Salisbury. "There is far too much at stake to waste any more time and this was reflected in the strong vote for independent women, which has been seen as a cry from Liberal voters to return to their roots. As Matt Keane and other prominent Liberals have said: at the heart of conservatism is conservation for future generations."

Through its [proposal for a mediated roundtable process](#) and [National Congress of Women](#) initiative, which will culminate in a 2-day conference in Canberra in September, the Women's Climate Congress is advocating for women from all sides of politics to lead a united action on climate change.

"Over the past two years, the WCC has built a movement of diverse women and has developed a unique program of initiatives", says Dr Salisbury. "We are ready and willing to stand up to transform Australia's response to our environmental and climate crisis and we will be approaching all the new and returning members to invite them to participate in our work."

“We are ready to work with the government as a nonpartisan voice to implement our proposal for a multistakeholder participatory process to develop a national plan that we can all get behind for action to transition from fossil fuels. We have an urgent and enormous challenge facing us, and we must come together to meet it” concluded Dr Salisbury.

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