

## **WALK AGAINST WARMING COMES TO ORANGE**

**Earth First**

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Orange residents have the opportunity to show that they care about climate change and global warming by taking part in Orange's Walk against Warming on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> of December.

### **A global event**

The annual Walk against Warming is Australia's largest community day of action against climate change. This year Walk against Warming is a global event of added significance, as it will coincide with the Copenhagen Climate Summit, which will be conducted from December 6 to December 18.

In 2012 the Kyoto Protocol to prevent climate change and global warming runs out. To keep the process on line there is an urgent need for a new climate protocol. At the conference in Copenhagen 2009 the parties of the UNFCCC meet for the last time on a government level before the climate agreement needs to be renewed.

The Copenhagen Conference is an opportunity for the world's leaders to deliver an agreement which promotes science driven action on Climate change necessary to ensure a safe planet for future generations.

### **Inaction is not an option**

Britain's leading climate change economist Nicholas Stern has warned politicians that they are mistaken if they think that tackling climate change is too costly. He says that failure to secure a new deal at Copenhagen could put the world at risk of temperature rises of more than five degrees. This would lead to environmental and social consequences far more serious than the cost of dealing effectively with the issue.

Taking place on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December, Walk against Warming is a peaceful protest that allows individuals to send a message to our leaders and the rest of the world that we expect them to take real and effective action on climate change, and that controlling global warming is urgent for the survival of all life on our planet.

### **Join the walk**

All members of the community are invited to participate in Orange's Walk against Warming, either as individuals or members of groups or organisations. Those walking are asked to assemble in the Sale Street car park opposite Newey's Drycleaners at 12pm on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. The walk will then proceed down Summer Street to Robertson Park, where a short rally will be held. Speakers will address the rally and those present will be invited to sign a petition.

Walkers are invited to display colourful banners and placards indicating their concern about climate change and to wear something red. Those who belong to a group are encouraged to indicate the group they represent.

Hoping to see you there. This planet is the best one we have, and it is worth walking for.