

Community Research Project

A JUST TRANSITION FOR COLLIE THAT LEAVES NO-ONE BEHIND

THE PROJECT

Reductions in coal mining and coal-fired power production in Collie will lead to major change in the lives of people in the town and region. At the same time, climate change impacts are increasing across the world including in the South West of WA.

Edith Cowan University, Climate Justice Union and Collie community members are working together to support Collie community members to achieve the type of transition you need and deserve; one which reduces inequality and provides a positive future for the whole community.

Everything we do will be led by and include Collie community members.

COMMUNITY UPDATE JULY 2022

It's been fantastic to hear the ideas and concerns of Collie residents in recent months and with recent announcements from the State Government it seems the pace of change is increasing.

In March one of our research team raised the Collie transition during a discussion with Labor Senator Sue Lines. Sue was particularly interested that this research project is one that will reach out to marginalised groups in Collie as well as workers that will be directly impacted by the transition.

In May we ran 3 workshops with community members from a range of backgrounds. Community members shared their hopes for the future, reflected on what's needed in the town and explored how to reduce inequality and ensuring the transition is inclusive of all in the community.

We received some excellent feedback from the workshops with participants saying 'it was terrific hearing other peoples views', 'the questions gave a great opportunity to discuss a wide range of issues' and 'I like these forums as it gets people to walk down memory lane and look at what we can do to improve Gnalla boodja, gives me hope' One participant of a workshop also reflected on the appreciation that 'the conversation expands beyond the workers in the coal industry'.

When the State Government announced the phased retirement of the State owned coal power station by 2029 members of the team were well placed to highlight some of the priorities we had heard from the workshops and yarns about town particularly focusing on how the transition will benefit and support those who are often left out and marginalised.

We want to thank everyone for participating in these workshops and guiding this process, with particular gratitude to the Wilman Noongar people who have provided advice and attended workshops.

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WHAT NEXT

We continue to explore opportunities for further workshops that are Covid safe and can work around peoples busy lives. Feel free to get in touch with Leonie if you want to host or attend a workshop.

A community survey is now available for people in Collie (who are 15 years and over) to share their concerns and ideas for how a just transition process can meet the needs of different groups of people in the community. The survey is available in printed form, via email and on social media. If people want assistance to complete the survey they will be able to contact Leonie (contact details below).

When the community workshops have been completed, and the survey results are in we will hold a series of action planning workshops. The goal for these workshops will be for community members to identify opportunities and actions which strengthen the Just Transition process in Collie and plan for the future.

WANT TO BE INVOLVED?

If you want to be on our mailing list, be notified about community events or get a physical copy of the survey you can speak to or email Leonie (details below).

Alternatively you can use the QR code for the survey:

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