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Changing the political climate

**Working together to prevent
catastrophic climate change**

- Indigenous communities, poor people and developing nations are going to be the hardest hit by global warming and climate change.
- Around the world, Indigenous communities, poor people and developing nations are speaking up loud about the harm global warming is causing and how bad it will get if big cuts in pollution aren't made.

Indigenous Peoples Statement

Indigenous Peoples Caucus

Eighth Session of the Conference of the Parties

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

New Delhi, Republic of India

(23 October to 1 November 2002)

- “We, the representatives of the Indigenous Peoples of the world gathered at the Eighth Conference of the Parties (COP8) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Kyoto Protocol (KP) held in New Delhi, Republic of India, present the following proposals on the matters that directly concern and affect our peoples and communities...”

“We consider that our Mother Earth is sacred. It must be honoured and protected...Our territories, spiritual, social and bio-cultural resources, which are the fundamental basis for our existence, health and livelihoods, are threatened by climate change and its consequences. Indigenous Peoples have a unique responsibility and role in conserving the Mother Earth. **Due recognition and status should be accorded to us.**”

Together we can make change

- ‘Adaptation’ is not enough. We must have **prevention**: preventing the worst possible outcomes.
- If BIG cuts aren’t made to global emissions, no amount of ‘adaptation’ will save us.
- **Around the world Environmental organisations and Indigenous organisations are working together to force governments and industry to make big cuts to atmospheric pollution.**

- The current Australian government is one of the worst in the world for not doing enough to prevent catastrophic climate change.
- The Australian community, including **Environment groups** like us and **Indigenous organisations** and nations need to work together to make the Australian government take strong action on climate change.

Thank you!

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