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Media Release

Darwin turns out to #RiseForClimate

Over 150 Darwin residents joined tens of thousands of people across Australia and around the world, to take part in a global day of climate action on Saturday 8th September.

#RiseForClimate events took place in every capital city as well as Alice Springs, Cairns, Yeppoon, Byron Bay, Coffs Harbour, Bendigo, Moruya, Rockhampton, Port Macquarie, Broome, LaTrobe and other regional centres.

In Darwin, community members holding colourful signs with pointed messages participated in #RiseForClimate: Turn Down the Heat. The event called for action now on climate change in a march from the Nightcliff Jetty to the Nightcliff pool.

“Darwin is already hot enough and we know that climate change is making it even hotter.” said Leesa Burton from Climate Action Darwin.

“This march is about showing that we want genuine action on climate change right now. Not tomorrow and not in ten years from now when it will be too late.”

#RiseForClimate: Turn Down the Heat was organised by community group Climate Action Darwin, in partnership with the Environment Centre NT and 350.org.

“People are disheartened. We now have a Prime Minister who brought a lump of coal into parliament, and has just appointed a coal lobbyist as his chief of staff,” said Shar Molloy, Director of the Environment Centre NT.

“This year is the third consecutive year that Australia has seen an increase in greenhouse gas pollution levels.”

“Northern Territory emissions have risen 28% over the last 10 years, and will continue to rise with the INPEX Ichthys project, the opening up of the Territory to fracking, new land clearing permits, and increased offshore gas processing.”

“What we also know, however, is that thousands, even millions, of people are working across the globe to change the story on climate, and that we already have the solutions. We just need the political will to invest in them.”

Lead by a banner that stated ‘Solar is Boundless Possible’ the vibe amongst the crowd was hopeful about the technology now available but tinged by frustration at the slow pace of action.

“Let’s get a move on and make this change. All these people turning out on a Saturday, with their families, is a clear message for local, Territory and Federal representatives. We need more action to make sure we have a safe climate, a safe planet, for everyone”, said Leesa Burton from Climate Action Darwin.

For further information please find attached: NT Climate Change Brief

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