

Mark Zirnsak

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To: Mark Zirnsak
Subject: Response to the draft recommendations

Dear Mark,

I would like to make a brief response to the draft recommendations to Synod, and in particular paragraph (d).

I don't disagree with any of the points made in the paragraph, but I doubt that it will make any impact on the government. For years Synods and Assemblies have made resolutions calling upon the government to act in one way or another on justice issues, but I'm not aware of any one of them having any significant effect. Maybe you can enlighten me at some stage if there have been positive responses.

Instead of resolutions urging government action, why don't we have resolutions urging individual congregational members to act? I receive a plethora of emails urging me to sign petitions, donate money to organisations such as the ACF, write to MPs or the papers, or to join protests. Could a proposal at Synod be directed to urging members to become activists in one way or another? To join the ACF, for example? To make a donation to the ACF or another organisation working to stop the Adani mine, for example?

An organisation that could be promoted, for example, is ARRCC (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change).

I'm aware of the difficulties of being seen to promote a particular political party, and I'm not suggesting anything like that.

Just a thought!

Robert Renton

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