

Feedback on Issues we are resourcing

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Each year we invite our supporters to tell us which issues they most want us to campaign with them on towards just outcomes. We provided a survey sheet in our October 2020 issue of JustAct. In total 12 supporters responded to the survey. Below are how the issues were ranked based on the number of people willing to write letters, attend a forums or rallies, get others to sign a petition, organize events in support of addressing the issue, or be willing to visit their local MP on the issue. From this total we subtract the number of supporters who said they opposed us resourcing the issue, to get a net support number.

2021 Ranking of Issues	Net number of supporters wanting to be resourced on this issue in the end of 2020 survey	2020 Ranking	2019 Ranking	2018 Ranking
1. Curbing Climate Change	12	1	3	2
1. Supporting People Seeking Asylum and Refugees	12	2	1	1
2. Covenanting (including justice for First Peoples)	11	3	2	3
3. Curbing Family Violence	10	4	8	4
3. Ending Racism	10	5	13	5
4. Reducing Overseas Poverty	9	10	11	8
5. Fair Trade	8	8	5	10
6. Equity in the provision of education in Australia	7	9	N/A	N/A
7. Reducing Poverty in Australia	6	4	11	7
7. Support for people with disabilities	6	11	10	12
8. Combating People Trafficking and Slavery	5	6	4	6
8. Mental Health Reform	5	7	7	10
8. Opposing Privatisation of Public Services	5	13	9	13
8. Seeking just peace in Israel-Palestine conflict	5	N/A	N/A	N/A
8. Addressing abuse of the Uyghur people in China	5	N/A	N/A	N/A
9. Government transparency	4	7	14	11
9. Ending the Persecution of Christians Overseas	4	14	12	15
10. Gambling Reform	3	12	6	10
10. Alcohol Reform	3	15	10	16

Issues with the same number of supporters have been assigned equal ranking (for example, there are two issues ranked equal 3rd).

The lack of a JIM Convention and the disruption caused by the pandemic appear to have impacted on the number of responses the JIM Cluster received this year. We thank those who were able to send us their feedback. Given there were only 12 responses, the Cluster

will need to give the survey less weighting in prioritising its work in 2021 compared to previous years.

Also there has been a review of the JIM Cluster's work, which also has impacted on the priorities of the work.

The time we have to work on the above issues will not be evenly spread between these issues. Instead, issues will be given greater priority based on the following factors, as assessed by the team:

- The level of support for the issue as indicated by the table above and the 2020 ranking.
- The degree to which there are immediate opportunities to make a difference on the issue, that would be missed if we did not act on them (for example, a government is consulting on legislation that impacts on the issue).
- The ability of our actions to make a difference on the issue, especially by resourcing you, our supporters, to take action.
- There are obvious meaningful actions you and we can take on the issue in partnership.

However, an issue may also be given greater resourcing if the Synod meeting or the Synod Standing Committee require us to complete specific pieces of work on the issue.