

Environment and Sustainability – Queensland Synod resolutions

36th Queensland Synod 2022

22.44 It was RESOLVED by Consensus that the Synod:

- a) Adopts A Flourishing Creation: Queensland Synod Action and Advocacy Plan 2030.
- b) Requests the Project Plenty Board within the Synod Office to develop an implementation plan for this report, including the resourcing of this plan, by 1 August 2022. This includes using the Advocacy Plan to influence all levels of Government.
- c) Directs the Synod Standing Committee to oversee its implementation, as part of the Project Plenty work.
- d) Requests a progress report be brought to the 37th Synod.

32nd Synod 2016

GENERAL PROPOSALS

REQUEST FOR COMPREHENSIVE TESTING IN CSG AREAS

16.53 It was RESOLVED by Agreement that the Synod requests the Moderator to write to the Queensland State requesting that the government establish continuous and comprehensive real-time monitoring in all areas where CSG operations are taking place within two (2) kilometres of people's homes with appropriate follow up and reporting back to the community by the Department of Health and Department of Environment and Heritage Protection.

INCLUSION OF COMPREHENSIVE BASELINE TESTING IN MINING APPROVAL PROCESSES

16.54 It was RESOLVED by Consensus that the Synod requests the Moderator to write to the Queensland State Premier requesting that comprehensive baseline studies be conducted prior to the commencement of any new mining development or expansion of existing mining operations.

26th Synod 2007

QUEENSLAND SYNOD: A GREEN CHURCH

It was resolved that the Synod –

- 07.65 (a) Notes the statement of the Assembly Standing Committee "For the Sake of the Planet and all its People: A Uniting Church in Australia Statement on Climate Change" (ASC Minute 06.101);
- (b) Notes the requests made in ASC Minute 06.101.02 and 06.101.03;
- (c) Requests all congregations and faith communities to undertake an energy self-audit and seek ways to minimise their production of greenhouse gas emissions;
- (d) Encourages congregations to change to "Green Power";
- (e) Encourages individual members to undertake an audit of their energy consumption and seek ways to minimise their production of greenhouse gas emissions;
- (f) Requests the Council of Synod to establish a Synod working group including: UnitingCare, the Schools' Commission, Finance and Property Services and any other interested parties to:
- (i) Collate and promote the work currently being done to reduce the production of greenhouse gas emissions;
- (ii) Explore ways of co-operatively seeking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
- (iii) Report to the Council of Synod by November 2007 on the progress, and recommend future action;
- (g) Requests the General Secretary to arrange for an energy audit of the UC Centre site;
- (h) Requests the Justice and International Mission Advocate to:

- (i) Arrange for experts to provide training in energy auditing, and energy efficiency in all Presbyteries;
 - (ii) Provide an education program on climate change to congregations;
 - (i) Requests the Justice and International Mission Advocate to provide a report to the 27th Synod on the progress of proposals (c) to (h) and recommend future action.
- (Agreement)

26th Synod 2007

OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED TRAVESTON CROSSING DAM

It was resolved that the Synod –

07.67 (a) Advises the Queensland Government of our concerns about the damage being done to the social fabric of the Mary Valley by the decision to proceed with the construction of the Traveston Crossing Dam;

(b) Urges the Queensland Government to seek alternative methods of water conservation which do not cause such social, environmental and economic disruption;

(c) Notes that the Moderator has raised these concerns with the Premier on a number of occasions;

(d) Requests the Moderator to continue to remind the Premier of the significant social detriment caused by continuing to pursue the construction of the Traveston Crossing Dam;

(e) Expresses our solidarity with the people of the Mary Valley as they seek to deal with pain and confusion concerning decisions of the Queensland Government relating to the Traveston Crossing Dam.

(Agreement)