



# Assembly Standing Committee

## 15 Net Zero Emissions

### Background

A Working Group was established by the Assembly Standing Committee as part of Assembly with the key tasks required being:

1. Gather data on commitments to greenhouse gas emission reduction made across the life of the church, and progress towards those commitments.
2. Share stories, expertise and learnings on effective strategies and resources to reduce emissions, prioritising the wisdom of First Peoples.
3. Consider how the whole of the church can move together to net zero emissions by 2040

### That the Assembly resolve:

1. **That the Net Zero Emissions Steering Group be asked to continue its work for the next triennium and bring a further report to the 18th Assembly.**
2. **That the NET ZERO report to the 18th Assembly include:**
  - **Standardised guidelines for all entities of the church to calculate and report on their Greenhouse Gas Emissions;**
  - **A feasibility study into the Uniting Church in Australia becoming a provider of carbon offsets; and**
  - **The opportunities available to work with First Nations people in the achievement of our Net Zero targets.**
3. **That the Steering Group be responsible for networking and the sharing and promotion of resources across the national church.**
- 4 **That an annual national Net Zero roundtable be auspiced by the Assembly; and**
- 5 **That Standing Committee be empowered to appoint additional members to the Steering Group as required to achieve these outcomes.**

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