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The People are Marching for Climate Change Action.

Around the world on the weekend of 28th and 29th November people in all major cities will come together to demonstrate the urgent need for effective climate change action just ahead of the international Paris talks between world leaders in December.

In Brisbane The Peoples' Climate March, organised by Australian Youth for Climate Change, will take place on Saturday 28th November and Gecko - Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council (Gecko) is urging all Gold Coasters to join in this march and make it the biggest ever. It will start at 9.30am from Queens Park, car Elizabeth and George Sts, Brisbane.

Lois Levy, Campaign Coordinator for Gecko, said "Gold Coasters can catch the 7.40am train from Varsity Lakes station to join the March in Queens Square where we will marshal under a gold Bali flag. It is essential that our leaders take a clear message to Paris that we, ordinary citizens, expect effective action to address this most serious of global issues, climate destabilisation, because it will affect every aspect of our lives."

"World leaders - including China and the United States of America have already been in talks and made preliminary promises of action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," said Ms. Levy. "It is hoped this is an indication of more positive outcomes than Copenhagen."

In June 2015 church leaders joined in the call for action with the Lambeth Declaration on Climate Change, signed by Anglican, Muslim, and Sikh representatives as well as from the Catholic Church in England and Wales, the Methodist Conference and Jewish communities. At the same time, Pope Francis wrote of the urgent need to reduce climate change gases in his Laudato Si encyclical, dedicated to the environment.

Humans are the only species that have the power to do anything about the threat that irreversible climate destabilisation poses to our world and the world we leave for our children to live in. We cannot avoid this reality and the longer effective action is delayed the greater the cost in both monetary and human terms.

Gecko urges all to march in Brisbane and show by their numbers that citizens will lead the way for the politicians.

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