



# BREAK FREE VALUES

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The following values underpin the Australian Break Free from Fossil Fuels coalition. Every organisation participating in Break Free and each individual taking part in a Break Free activity needs to agree and adhere to these values.



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# WE RECOGNISE AUSTRALIA'S FIRST NATIONS

Whose sovereignty was never ceded or extinguished, and who have an ongoing ancestral tie to this beautiful land which we all now share.<sup>1</sup> We seek to centre Indigenous voices in developing plans required to address the climate and extinction crises.

<sup>1</sup> The Uluru statement from the heart. Retrieved from the 1 Voice Uluru website <https://www.1voiceuluru.org/the-statement>

# FREEDOM FROM FOSSIL FUELS:

We seek a just transition to a renewable future. To avoid the worst impacts of climate change, we need to break free from the grip of fossil fuel corporations and keep coal, oil and gas in the ground. Our actions will translate the growing urgency into collective hope and help bring this vision closer to reality.



Greenpeace activists paint the message "Reef in Danger" on the side of a coal ship in the Great Barrier Reef ©Greenpeace/Jefferson

# PEACEFUL DEFIANCE:

Polluting our planet, poisoning its people and destroying its species in pursuit of profit are extreme forms of aggression. But we will not respond to these attacks in kind. We will confront the fossil fuel polluters creatively and peacefully.

REEF IN DANGER



Six activists scale the Sydney Harbour Bridge calling for Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison to take action on climate change ©Greenpeace

# ESCALATION:

Break Free actions will involve varying levels of risk and pressure appropriate to the local context. We are calling time on governments that move too slowly and corporations that have lied for decades about the climate change that confronts us and our children. We will demonstrate the power of people to dramatically accelerate the just transition from fossil fuels to 100% renewable energy and an economic system that is not based on the exploitation of people or the planet.

# MASS PARTICIPATION:

We encourage participation in Break Free activities from anyone and everyone who adheres to these principles. We want to build an open and diverse movement, amplifying the voices of the communities on the frontlines against climate change and fossil fuels. Break Free from Fossil Fuels is not about any individual person or any one organisation, it's about collectively standing up for a prosperous future on an inhabitable planet for our children and grandchildren.



# GLOBAL ACTION:

We believe it is essential for people around the globe to personally confront the fossil fuel projects causing global warming. We stand united and are determined to show fossil fuel corporations they cannot keep exploring new sources of carbon and polluting our atmosphere. Break Free from Fossil Fuels is an open platform through which people can take action anywhere in the world, using the principles and values above.