

Dear Independent Education Union,

My name is Vanessa Ryan and I am a primary school teacher currently employed by CEO Sydney. I am also a member of both the Independent Education Union and Union Climate Connectors.

Over the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of November I was lucky enough to be chosen to represent the Union Climate Connectors in a day of action in Parliament house. This day of action involved other volunteers from The Climate Project and Get Up, Australia.

The primary focus of this day was to speak to as many politicians as we could about the urgency needed from the government to act now on implementing technology and research into clean energy jobs, strengthening the CPRS and showing leadership at Copenhagen and beyond.

Overall 30 volunteers travelled to Canberra to speak to politicians about our stories from our communities and how choices made in parliament are going to effect everyone. Within my group we were able to speak at length to Maxine Mc Kew, Julia Owens and Simon Crean's Advisor in regards to this issue. We were also able to briefly speak to many other senators in NSW and hope to follow up on these issues with all of them over the coming weeks.

Being one of the 30 volunteers who travelled to Canberra, I hope to continue spreading this message throughout the schools I work in through education and school wide initiatives.

The experiences I had over the two days were amazing and have paved the path for me to do more in my own workplace and community. I am very grateful for the Australian unions in coming together with ACF in this joint collaboration.

Yours sincerely

Vanessa Ryan