



Christians for an
Ethical Society

Truth, Compassion and Justice

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2022 FORUM SERIES

LIVING RESPONSIBLY IN OUR SOCIETY

Wednesday 23 November 2022
7:00 pm, Chambers Pavilion

How we respond to issues concerning the environment and climate change is significantly shaped by our beliefs, world view and philosophy of life. Lynn White in 1967 stated that the Genesis story which gave "dominion" over all creation had been interpreted to mean the natural world exists "explicitly for man's (sic) benefit and rule and that nothing in the physical world exists for a purpose other than for human purposes."

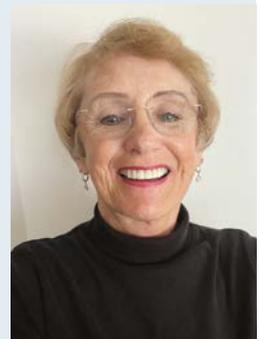
Fifty five years later we read these words with shame. Dominion never meant exploitation and desecration. We were in fact to act as responsible stewards of creation and respect its beauty, fragility and purpose.

Our last Forum for the year looks at how we live responsibly in the world. The Greens have reshaped our thinking on the environment. Jo Clay will speak on her own philosophy and values with a response from Alison Weeks, who will draw on Pope Francis' writings on the environment and what that means to live responsibly.



Jo Clay MLA is an ACT Greens member for Ginninderra (Belconnen). Prior to entering politics in 2020, Jo worked on the environmental ethics of everyday living. She set up a recycling company, ran a project to cut the average Australian carbon footprint by 75%, supported school strikers and worked in active transport. Each day, Jo asks herself two questions. What is the right thing to do, now that we are in a climate emergency? And how should we look after future generations?"

Alison Weeks, chair of the Catholic Archdiocese Caring for Creation movement and deputy chair of the Catholic Women's Taskforce, in response will highlight the messages of *Laudato Si*, the 2015 encyclical of Pope Francis, which calls for a new approach to caring for our common home. In response to the cry of the earth, which is also the cry of the poor, we need to live and act in love, respect and connectedness with all of God's creation. For Christians, this calls for a fundamental shift from exploitative dominion to the nurture and repair of stewardship.



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Forum Chair: Mr Clive Rodger, Chair,
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Chambers Pavilion, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street (corner of Kings Ave), Barton ACT

The forum will seek to encourage discussion from the floor.

\$5 donation would be appreciated. Christians for an Ethical Society is an autonomous mainstream Christian organisation.

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