

## LIANZA Statement on Climate Action

LIANZA recognises that we are living in a climate crisis and that libraries have a role in facing this challenge. LIANZA encourages, supports, and empowers libraries and other information providers in Aotearoa New Zealand to take positive and urgent action on climate change. To do this will require reappraisal of the ways we work as librarians and information professionals. Our climate action will be informed by mātauranga Māori.

### LIANZA recognises that:

1. We are currently living in a climate crisis.
2. The climate crisis is a global issue that has been caused by human activities. The climate crisis will significantly worsen over the coming years and decades.
3. Climate action will be Te Tiriti-centric, providing an equitable and justice focussed approach to adapting and mitigating the climate change crisis, including actions undertaken by libraries and other information providers for the benefit of tangata whenua and tangata tiriti.
4. Libraries have a key role to play in addressing and responding to the climate crisis and this will be prioritised when considering strategic planning within the sector.
5. The climate crisis has a disproportionate impact on the marginalised communities that many libraries serve.

### LIANZA affirms that:

1. Libraries and other information providers in Aotearoa New Zealand take positive and urgent action on climate change.
2. Everyone in the library and information sector has agency to make significant positive change.
3. Climate science is an area where disinformation is common and is a challenge libraries must address. Libraries have a role as providers of reliable information to support informed, evidence-based decision making.
4. The climate crisis means that library collections are at increased risk from extreme events such as storms, flooding, fires, and other events.
5. Public libraries are increasingly being used as places of refuge from extreme weather and this is likely to increase as more people are displaced by the climate crisis.
6. Libraries and other information providers will have a role in protecting and preserving taonga Māori from climate change for the benefit of tangata whenua.
7. The work of librarians and information professionals is essential to advancing the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, contributing positively towards a more sustainable, equitable and prosperous world.

To fulfil the commitments made in this statement, LIANZA has established a Standing Committee on Climate Action, which is tasked with supporting LIANZA members to achieve the aims set out above and to help the Library and Information sector in Aotearoa New Zealand to become more responsive to the climate crisis.