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Globalactive Submission for the Climate Health WA Inquiry

To Whom It May Concern:

Globalactive is an NGO that endeavours to agitate, educate, organise and create - seeking to nurture individuals and networks in building a resourceful community alive to, active and potentially addressing the collective challenges of contemporary society.

Globalactive advocates a fundamental shift in thinking, embracing new paradigms with the new economy, the commons and peer-to-peer (P2P) recognised as providing a necessary framework to moving beyond our current collective impasse. We engage in and encourage discourse with those active in international movements for a New Economy, a Solidarity Economy, and other connected, parallel, interwoven, intersectional movements for social, economic and environmental justice. Together we strive for our individual and collective emancipation.

Globalactive identifies climate change as a fundamental threat to our collective and individual wellbeing and a core component of our activities and educational programs are directed towards taking and encouraging direct action to address this cataclysmic threat.

Globalactive recognises the existential threat that is climate change and more broadly the desecration of our environment has an impact on our collective and individual mental and physical wellbeing. The future is uncertain, the land and sea are boiling, so much is precarious, there is nothing that we can do to change our trajectory to oblivion - this is an underlying narrative of our times that underlies/contributes to the poor mental health of many of our fellow human beings.

In this submission we would like to highlight that the current trajectory of destroying ecosystems, mass extinction of species and in particular the threat of climate change apocalypse has an impact on our individual and collective mental health in the here and now.

The following points we consider paramount in terms of understanding the influence that catastrophic climate change has on individual and collective mental and emotional wellbeing;

- That educating oneself about the issue of climate change can be painful and overwhelming. Many people, particularly young people, cannot process the scale of the problem and the more knowledge they have the more they are burdened with the stark reality of what we are facing and the more overwhelmed and stressed they become. The logistics of addressing the issue are beyond any single person or organisations agency.

- The avenues of engaging positively with the issue is not straight forward. Finding information on where and how to engage can be painful and overwhelming.
- Finding the internal strength to confront apparently enormous forces of vested interest is not easy. It can feel like and look like there are powerful forces keen to crush individuals and organisations that attempt to in any way fundamentally tackle the issue of climate change.
- If one has the courage to engage in the struggle, the struggle is real. it's a real battle and there are casualties and wounded people on the front lines and victories are hard to come by.
- for first nations people all of the above is greatly amplified due to their continuous connection to country, therefore their grief more viscerally experienced.

Globalactive will not await the state or the market to respond to this crisis. A movement is emerging from the grassroots to create the solutions that are required in the here and now. However Globalactive recognises that progressive governance has a role to play in responding to grassroots movement.

Globalactive calls on this government to take what action they can with as much haste as they can muster.