

## *Introduction to meeting by Janet Salisbury*

Thank you Glenda for your words. And thank you to you all for engaging with my discussion paper at this time, for your comments and encouragement, and for coming here tonight to talk about action. This is especially precious because I know that everyone is still coming to terms with the enormity of the fires that have hit Australia, and are still going on. I understand that many will need some time to process their grief and anger and feelings of a loss on so many levels. Just to note that this is not the focus of this meeting tonight. If you would like to sit in a circle at another time and share these feelings, Lyn Stephens has volunteered to organise one so please speak to her in the break about that.

For me, a conversation with friends over coffee on about 3 Jan was like a bolt of electrical energy and I committed then to get on with ideas that I had been holding for a long time. Now or never I thought.

As I say in my paper:

*If our intellectual development and all that has been built up over the course of human history is worth anything, we should, under the stress of this current emergency, be able to break through the paralysis that the current mode of operation brings and seek an ethical, humane and rational way out.*

Introduction to flow for the evening:

- Check in
- Information sharing (themes: overview of paper, wicked problems, stories we tell, women's leadership)
- World Café (break out groups) hosted by Lyn Stephens
  - What would it take to enact a 'no blame' principle?
  - How can we empower/inspire women to join us?
- BREAK
  - What seems possible now?
- Circle to follow up themes and plan our next steps
- Check out