POLICY POSITION
CLIMATE CHANGE

Act Now. Act Fairly

Extreme weather events affect everyone in the NT and are hurting disadvantaged Territorians the most.

The NT is experiencing higher temperatures, warmer seas, more erratic rainfall patterns and flooding. Climate change increases the risk of catastrophic disasters, including heatwaves, cyclones, fires and floods.

The impact of these changes threaten people's homes, livelihoods, employment, quality of life, and increase the burden for future generations.

People already experiencing poverty and disadvantage are especially at risk. For instance, low-income household who can't afford to insure their homes, renters living in poor quality housing, Aboriginal families in overcrowded houses in remote communities facing regular disconnections from power, have the least resources to adapt, cope and recover after natural disasters.

Climate justice requires that we address the changes contributing to existing disadvantage and improve people's lives while we transition to low emissions and clean technologies.

NTCOSS calls for:

- Investments in place-based climate adaptation planning.
- Support for community planning to develop new and alternative economic activities
- Action to reduce carbon emissions.
- Improvements in energy efficiency and renewable energy on all social housing in the NT to reduce energy bills and increase ability to cope in extreme weather.