

Quakers

The Religious Society of Friends - Te Hāhi Tūhauwiri
Aotearoa/New Zealand

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To Friends in Australia
c/o Anne Zubrick
Presiding Clerk

Dear Friends,

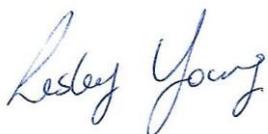
Quakers in Australia are all very much in our thoughts as we receive daily news of the devastation being caused by the fires raging in your country.

We are shocked and deeply saddened at the loss of human lives, wildlife, human and animal habitats and irreparable damage to the landscape. Having seen some smoke pollution from as far away as here in Aotearoa, we can only guess at the respiratory distress and other issues which do not make the media headlines.

From our experiences of earthquakes in Christchurch we know that the trauma from the experience can last well past the time when buildings have been repaired. So we are aware that the pain will be ongoing into the future.

Please know that you are held in the Light by Quakers in Aotearoa.

With love and Friendship



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Yearly Meeting Clerk