



For emergency help in Flood, Storm and Tsunami call

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## This generation won't wait

The shire's students sent a strong message last month, going on strike to demand action for a climate in crisis.

According to the Facebook page of Swedish teenage activist Greta Thunberg, on 15 March, 2083 strikes were held in 125 countries around the world to bring attention to the lack of political will and tangible actions to deal with climate change.

A crowd of more than 1000 people joined the global march and walked peacefully down the main street of Byron Bay. The majority were children from schools around the shire, with parents, babies and 'golden oldies' in support, cheering and tooting horns as the crowd moved through town.

The School Strike 4 Climate Action website states: "We are school students from cities and towns across Australia. Most of us have never met before but are united by our concern about our planet. We are striking from school to tell our politicians to take our futures seriously and treat climate change for what it is – a crisis. Politicians can show us that they care by taking urgent action to move Australia beyond fossil fuel projects (e.g. #StopAdani's mega coalmine) and get the job done of moving us to 100 per cent renewable energy for all."

The top three climate actions they are demanding are: stop the Adani coalmine; no new coal or gas extraction; and 100 per cent renewable energy by 2030. Christobel Munson

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