



Commissioner launches COTA (Vic) Green Sages Environmental Legacy Statement

Senior Victorians are concerned about the environmental legacy that will be left for their grandchildren and future generations. They want to be involved in creating a more environmentally sustainable future, and they want to see all generations working together on this challenge.

Today, Victorian Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability, Professor Kate Auty, launched the COTA Green Sages Environmental Legacy Statement.

An initiative of the Council on the Ageing (Victoria), this important statement represents the views of many Victorian seniors about what they want to leave to future generations, and marks a milestone in COTA's 60 year history. COTA has talked with older people across the state about their concerns and hopes for the future, and how they can contribute to addressing these concerns.

In launching the COTA Green Sages Environmental Legacy Statement, Professor Auty stressed that "older people are often leaders, active participants and concerned citizens when it comes to sustainability issues. They are concerned by what the scientific evidence and their own experience are telling them about the future of our environment. They want action and they want to be part of it".

Sue Hendy, CEO at Council on the Ageing (Victoria) noted "many seniors have a great deal of wisdom about environmentally sustainable living which we can all learn from".

She also emphasised "It's crucial that we identify and support those groups likely to be worst affected by climate change and other forms of environmental degradation".

COTA Green Sages are a steadily growing group of Victorians seniors who are committed to taking action on environmental sustainability issues including climate change. They recognise that all life depends upon the fragile natural systems and finite resources of this planet. They want economic and population growth to be environmentally sustainable. These seniors are seeking to work with younger generations on solving environmental issues.

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