



We Mercies

Care for Creation

As we take the first step, let us remember the traditional custodians of the land

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

*You may find some of the resources below helpful in extending your understanding of the present ecological crisis, to which Pope Francis is calling us in *Laudato Si'*.*

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Australia's biggest banks pump billions into fossil fuels despite climate pledges

Amid dire warnings for the future of coal, the lenders signed off on \$5.5bn worth of deals for the sector in 2015, according to analysis by activist group

Notes from *The Guardian*.

Australia's big four banks are continuing to finance fossil fuel projects despite embracing a 2C or better global warming target, according to figures from financial activists [Market Forces](#).

AGL boss: regardless of climate science, it's time to drop the 'emissions business'

The Commonwealth, Westpac, ANZ and National Australia Bank signed off on loans totalling \$5.5bn to coal, oil, gas and liquefied natural gas projects in 2015, a figure that is higher than three of the preceding eight years.

Among the deals were eight loans for coal projects signed in Australia in 2015, with a total value of \$4bn, including for struggling Whitehaven [Coal](#), operator of the controversial Maules Creek mine. All of the projects had some financing from the big four banks, with their contributions totalling \$995m.

"It's pretty much business as usual for the big four," said Julien Vincent from Market Forces.

It comes amid a series of [dire warnings for the future of coal](#), with consumption declining in major economies such as the US and China. Last week, Goldman Sachs forecast that coal may be in terminal decline, with the fall in demand [possibly being irreversible](#).

WHERE DO WE STAND?

