



Darwin – Christland Kovison Yao

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Christland Kovison Yao: Thank you so much for having me here. My name is Christland Kovison. And I am standing on behalf of my people here, the aboriginals in the Torres Strait Islanders, the first peoples of the land and I am here specifically to share an ideas and also, share a reminders to the politicians and the government. Thank you so much.

My being here this morning with you is just a great opportunity to shed light on some of important issues that's affecting the global, the world and it's all about climate change. I was moved to Darwin for the two years now, and I spend four and a half years in Brisbane and I have moved up to Darwin to be able to get close to the custodians of the lands and the government. So that we can be able to build a successful future for the young generation to come. And I all know the kind of support and appreciate the time for being here and thank the NT government and the ministry council, colleagues and community members for their inputs, commitments, efforts and the ongoing support they're providing to the territories.

My being here before you this morning is to contribute some of the specific and vital ideas, which are deemed necessary to shed light on and especially the climate change like I've mentioned already. Most of my topic will relatively have a biological influence and evidence such as traditions and culture, which comprise the values and the understandings of the environment management. As a native, dedicated young man, I was privileged to acquire higher standard level of knowledge in environment management. And a couple of year later, when I was migrated to Australia, I did my own personal survey, about the lifestyle, our climates and et cetera. And I have personally did that a survey and I realise that climate change is a tragic and a most concerned for every human being on the planet right now.

My question is that, my past experience and professional quality knowledge evolve on biological practice, which I have combined with the western world technology systems. And it has help a lot to well understand how I can be able to provide any support to Australia community. What comprise environment? As a human being, we all know the land, the plant, the herbs,



the wallabies and animals and human beings and we interpret it in other way in English term, the universe. How do we handle the universe? Almost a hundred years now, if we can picture it, the sermon of the colonist, we realise if we take that pictures compared to today as a young generation. When we compare that, you see a big damage. We, human being, we have caused a lot of damage.

And our answers is no ... I mean, excuse me. And more generally, we call it the universe. Did we keep doctrine values of those plants, herbs? My answer is no. Okay, now, because we're focusing on today's technology rather than keeping the cost values of those biological systems and we are mismanaging the natural resources and our mismanages of those resources have led, we human kind to kill. And we as a young generation, we realise that we cannot support the ongoing systems. We have to rather dedicate ourself, get close to the government to see how else we can rebuild the systems.

Is there any solution? My personal view is yes, and how? Firstly, I will invite the aboriginals in the Torres Strait Islanders to walk with us, hand to hand to create successful future for the young generation to come. And the reason why I'm here with you this morning, I would like to introduce the NT government some specific biologic strategy plant that we can implement to minimise the challenge of the current situation. There are number of plants that were destroyed due to the constructions and developments and some of those plants import rains. It rain at a seasonable timeframe, produce natural energies to the environment, prevent us from the rich air pollution that we're experiencing today.

As Darwin's situated at the tropical zone, there are much solution that we need to import. Like share common view with migrants, like ancient times how we had been able to protect the environment. And As become a victims of a floods and cyclones, all those these today just affect majorities of our businesses and our lifestyle as well. And to preserve the values of those that we have destroyed in the past, that's why I have come with this special topic or special ideas. And the tree that I would introduce to the government is a palm nut tree.

What's palm nut tree does from the ancient time. Everywhere you see the palm nut tree, you see the plantation of the palm nut tree, the first things that you realise when the sun rise, he produce a kind of energy and he support the vegetation. You will see the flowers, the agriculture, every blossom, everything start waking as normal. And we use that palm nut tree oil to generate electricity. Instead of digging, destroying the environment, we can use those oil to produce our own electricity. And that specific tree, produce more than 20 nut food and food items that will support the NT.

I would like to give a beautiful illustrations about what I really saying. For example, we have an environment such as this. As a young man like me, before I reach ... If there's no any immediate approach about what we're saying or what I'm saying, you will realise that before I reach 70 or 80 years



like the young generation have no any knowledge how to preserve the values and the benefit and the opportunities of the environment. It will be worse than this. And my question, where are we leading to? And what future are we creating to the young generation to come?

So, I'll be happy to share more or to go further, if there is any change to well explain the reason why I'm presenting this palm nut tree to the Northern Territory. Thank you so much.

Hon. Justice

Rachel Pepper: Oh, thank you very much.

Christland Kovison Yao: Thank you too.

Hon. Justice

Rachel Pepper: Any questions at all? What specific measures do you think that the government and of course, we are not the government. But what sort of specific recommendations could we make to the government to assist in relation to the matters that you have presented on today?

Christland Kovison Yao: Yeah, first of all, like what I have said, in my culture we say, we tied the new road on the Which means that, we have to walk hand to hand with the aboriginal in the the Torres Strait Islanders combined those in a various knowledge that we have, cultural knowledge that we have and put it together as a one goal. So that we can create a vision, a better future for the young generation. Because we have lost so much and my question is that, who caused all those disasters that we experiencing today? We caused it, we can try to minimise it and we can fix it.

Hon. Justice

Rachel Pepper: Thank you very much.

Christland Kovison Yao: Thank you too.

Hon. Justice

Rachel Pepper: Thank you very much for coming here today and presenting to us and taking time to engage with us. We're very appreciative.

Christland Kovison Yao: Thank you.

Hon. Justice

Rachel Pepper: Thank you.