

PREPARING FOR A COMMUNITY BLOCKADE

Here are some practical things you may like to consider in logistical preparations for a community blockade or camp. This is just meant as a discussion starter and won't be applicable to all situations – feel free to contact us to add things for future versions.

HELPFUL SKILLS

- Communications – skills in radios, setting up comms systems
- Scouting and surveillance
- Welding
- Banner marking, sewing, prop making, screen printing
- Carpentry/general handy skills
- Transport: utes and trailers, plus general errands
- Solar, generators and alternative power generation
- Rigging, ropes, camp structures
- Cooking – for meat eaters and vegans/vegetarians
- Physical work – digging pits etc
- Medical and first aid
- Having fun, music, art and creativity!



Safety first – covering the sharp edges & growing food – Camp Quoll, NSW

ACTION ROLES

Here are some roles typically covered in action situations. People can support you to train into these roles as needed, and we should always 'buddy up' to share skills with new people.

- Police/security liaison: people to talk to police and advocate for safe actions
- Worker liaison
- Media liaison and spokesperson
- Social media team – multiple roles
- Photographer and videographer (multiple ideally)
- Peacekeeper and/or conflict resolution
- Community liaison and/or meeter/greeter
- Night watch
- Quick decision making group – work out in advance which decisions need to be

broadly consulted on with the whole group, and who is trusted to make urgent decisions as needed. There can be many more roles – this is just a few of the key ones.

LOGISTICAL NEEDS

- Good quality tarpaulins, large ones and lots of different sizes
- Rope – lots of it, lots of different size
- Setting up bush toilets
- Vans, utes in good condition (unlikely to be stickered)
- Friendly nearby houses for washing, showers, time out

LOGSTICAL NEEDS - continued

- Shovels
- Hammers, nails, drills, general tools
- BBQ
- Gas bottles and burners
- Marquees & tents
- Planks/bricks/crates - makeshift shelves
- Drums for fires
- Large grills for fire
- Billies and kettles, coffee makers
- Large pots and pans, Long handled spoons, Cups, plates etc
- Large water containers
- Spare blankets, sleeping bags
- Rubber/mats/old carpet/rugs/pallets for ground
- Storage boxes and crates
- Kitchen sink and wash station set up
- Climbing gear (optional)
- Banner material, paints, cardboard for placards, thick textas
- Torches, gas lanterns, solar lights for paths at night
- Whiteboard/chalkboard
- Radio for news
- Hardware, scrap metal for 'devices'
- Rechargeable batteries and charger
- Internet dongles/hotspots (multiple user stations)
- Two-way radios
- Spare phones, telstra sims, possibly aerials and patch leads
- Non-perishable food and staples for bulk cooking
- First aid gear
- Hand sanitiser
- Binoculars
- Cameras and video camera (or people who have their own)
- Spare wet weather gear, boots, warm clothes
- Info desk – sign-up sheets, campaign materials, welcome signs & info
- Large maps of surrounding area
- Caravan or other relatively weather proof set up for media/computers
- Generator, power boards, extension leads

Also, who do you know who may not be able to participate, but could provide support or assistance, Eg: Cheap printing, room hire for community meetings, fundraising, cheap food/catering, equipment loan or donations – activate your networks!