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CODE BLUE: OUR OCEANS IN CRISIS

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Sr Wendy Flannery, a Sister of Mercy based in Brisbane, spent more than twenty years engaged in educational, socio-economic development, social justice and women's empowerment work in the Pacific Islands region. Her first involvement in environmental justice work was in 1986 in connection with the World Council of Churches' program on Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation. Wendy helped establish the Sisters of Mercy International NGO office at the United Nations in New York. She is currently involved in a range of local, national and international activities related to justice, peace and environmental sustainability, and is a member of the Mercy Institute's Integral Ecology committee.



We must heed the call and act with urgency. We must show a commitment to protecting our precious ocean and all the life that depends on it - starting with the urgent phasing out of coal, oil and gas this decade, restoring damaged ecosystems, expanding marine sanctuaries and supporting Indigenous stewardship.

In hospital emergency rooms, a code blue is called when a life-threatening event is underway. **We are calling a code blue for our oceans today, because the crisis in our oceans threatens all life as we know it - including our own.**

In Australia, our love of the ocean is truly profound - we surf it, camp by it, marvel at its incredible beauty from its many pristine sandy shores and we are proud of the unique and wondrous sea life that inhabits it. But all this is at grave risk. Our oceans are in trouble.

In a very real sense, the climate crisis is an oceans crisis.



"The ocean is the beating heart of planet Earth and the lifeblood for all humanity."