



# Australian LCOY 2023 Youth Leadership Council



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Ané Coetzee is a youth climate advocate working to encourage and empower other young people to drive meaningful impact on climate issues in their communities. She served as Australia Country Coordinator to the 16th and 17th United Nations Youth Climate Change Conferences and led the creation of the first ever official Australian Youth Statement and Policy Recommendations to be submitted to the UNFCCC.



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