1. Record Nr. UNINA9910817763503321 Titolo Activism and protest / / edited by Justin Healey Thirroul, New South Wales:,: Spinney Press,, 2020 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1922274038 9781922274038 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (60 pages): colour illustrations Collana Issues in society;; Volume 451 306.0994 Disciplina Soggetti Protest movements - Australia - History - 20th century Social action - Australia Social change - Australia Social movements - Australia Assembly, Right of - Australia Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index (page 60) Chapter 1: Protest movements and rights -- Chapter 2: Activism and Nota di contenuto social change. Sommario/riassunto In a free society such as Australia, the right to peaceful protest is a long-practised feature of our democracy. The nightly news frequently broadcasts images of activists rallying for social change on diverse issues ranging from animal rights to coal mines, gay marriage, religious freedom and alt-right anti-immigration views. Social change movements are increasingly championed online through social media and e-petitions as well as on the streets, placing pressure on politicians and raising the public profile of a range of causes. Anti-protest laws, expanded police powers, and political disapproval towards electoral activism, chaotic vegan protests and mass climate change action by school students, have all directed a spotlight on the principles of protest and the role of activist groups in organising resistance and raising awareness of controversial causes. This brand new topic examines protest movements, rights and protections, and explores how activism can influence public opinion and hold

governments and business accountable. Is the current climate of protest growing hotter for social change? Is Australia witnessing a

rising tide of activism which is shifting power to the people?