

**MEDIA STATEMENT:  
RE: JAKE CLARO  
2020**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
AUSTRALIAN SPEAKING TOUR**

**PRESS RELEASE  
16<sup>TH</sup> March 2020**

Sustain and its partners announced today that the first-ever tour of Australia by Jake Claro, Director of the Vermont Farm to Plate Plan, scheduled for 19-30 March 2020, will be postponed due to the restrictive travel and other containment measures resulting from the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

“We take this decision with great regret, in light of the enormous amount of work that our staff and partners across the country have dedicated to making Mr Claro’s tour a big success. It is, however, the right decision to be taking at this time”, said Sustain Executive Director, Dr Nick Rose.

The good news is that Mr Claro has confirmed his availability for a re-scheduled tour from 8-21 February 2021, and all our partners have re-affirmed their commitment to continue to work together towards a very successful national tour early next year.

“The current pandemic, coming as it does in the wake of an unprecedented and catastrophic bushfire season, has, more than ever, highlighted the urgent need for the transition to healthy, sustainable, resilient and fair food systems.” Dr Rose added.

Sustain and its partners will continue their collective efforts, in ongoing discussions with Mr Claro, to build community, government and industry support for this necessary transition.

**ENDS**

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