

Climate Change Report 2022

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Short Methodology Disclosure Statement		
F1a.	Research company conducting the research	Ipsos
F1b.	Client commissioning the research	This study did not have any external sponsors or partners. It was initiated and run by Ipsos, because we are curious about the world we live in and how citizens around the globe think and feel about their world.
F1c.	Name of end client	As above
F1d.	Fieldwork dates	25 – 30 March 2022
F1e.	Data collection methodology and (F1f.) split	Online (100%)
F1g.	Target population	Australian adults aged 18+
F1h.	Sample size	n= 1000
F1i.	Compliant with Australian Polling Council Code.	Yes
F1j.	URL for Long Methodology Disclosure Statement	https://www.ipsos.com/en-au/disclosure_statements
F1k.	Voting intention published	No

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F2a.	Effective sample size after weighting	Effective sample size = 842
F2b.	Error margin associated with the effective sample size for the research.	Credibility Intervals is +/- 3.37
F2c.	Variables used for weighting, population data source	Age, gender and location (GCCSA) from 2016 ABS Census
F2d.	Weighting methodology used	Cell weighting
F2e.	Full question text	See below
F2f.	**Prior questions which may have materially influenced results	No
F2g.	**Proportion of completed phone interviews by type	Not applicable
F2h.	**Source of online sample used.	Online panel
<i>**If voting intention is published</i>		
G2b.	Ability to provide 'undecided' response	Not applicable
G2c.	Do voting intention figures exclude 'undecided'	Not applicable
G2e.	Method of calculating 2PP	Not applicable

*Relevant clauses of the Code of Conduct are noted for each item

**This item may not be applicable

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Full question text (F2e.)

Which of these issues is most important to you personally in deciding who you will vote for at the next Federal Election ? {SINGLE RESPONSE}

[RANDOMISE]

- Health and hospitals
- Education
- The economy
- Industrial relations
- The environment
- Interest rates
- Other (specify)

If you were in charge of making decisions for Australia, select the issues below that you would address or take action on. You may choose as many as you like .

[RANDOMISE ROWS, ANCHOR '99']

- Air quality
- Motor vehicle emissions
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Climate change
- Global warming
- Litter
- Noise pollution
- Sustainability
- Household waste
- Commercial waste
- Environmental impact of farming practices
- The hole in the ozone layer
- Hazardous / toxic waste
- Illegal waste dumping
- Water and river health
- Water wastage
- Water quality
- Water storage levels
- Deforestation / reforestation
- Biodiversity
- Carbon trading
- Carbon sequestration
- Rising sea levels
- Renewable energy
- Australia's ecological footprint
- Consumption of natural resources, in society today
- Packaging on consumer products
- Drought
- Bush fire
- Flood
- Design of products to minimise environmental impact
- Development of new technology to reduce emissions

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None of these [EXCLUSIVE]

Which best describes your opinion about the causes of climate change?

[REVERSE ORDER 50% SAMPLE]

Climate change is entirely caused by human activity

Climate change is mainly caused by human activity

Climate change is partly caused by natural processes and partly caused by human activity

Climate change is mainly caused by natural processes

Climate change is entirely caused by natural processes

There is no such thing as climate change

Don't know

How concerned are you about climate change in general?

[REVERSE ORDER 50% SAMPLE]

Very concerned

Somewhat concerned

Not concerned

Don't know

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

[RANDOMISE ROWS, REVERSE COLUMN ORDER FOR 50% OF SAMPLE]

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Climate change poses a serious threat to our way of life over the next 25 years	1	2	3	4	5
Climate change poses a serious threat to our way of life over the next 100 years	1	2	3	4	5
There are too many conflicting opinions for the public to be confident about claims made around climate change	1	2	3	4	5
I have serious doubts about whether climate change is occurring	1	2	3	4	5
I feel confident humans will come up with solutions to tackle climate change	1	2	3	4	5
I personally feel that I can make a difference with regard to climate change	1	2	3	4	5
It is my responsibility to help to do something about climate change	1	2	3	4	5
I believe I understand the causes and likely impacts of climate change	1	2	3	4	5
I am not prepared to make changes to my lifestyle for the sake of climate change	1	2	3	4	5
Australia is already being affected by climate change	1	2	3	4	5

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Australia should be doing more to address climate change	1	2	3	4	5
Other countries should be doing more to address climate change	1	2	3	4	5
Australia should be a global leader in emissions reduction so other nations are encouraged to take similar action	1	2	3	4	5
Climate activism such as public protests and rallies about climate change can bring about positive change	1	2	3	4	5
Australia should only take action on climate change if all other countries are contributing a fair share	1	2	3	4	5

In how many years, if at all, do you think climate change will cause the following in Australia ?

[SINGLE RESPONSE PER ROW; REVERSE COLUMNS 50% WITH DK ANCHORS]

[RANDOMISE ROWS]

	1-5 years until climate change causes this	6-10 years until climate change causes this	11-20 years until climate change causes this	21+ years until climate change causes this	Climate change is already causing this	Climate change will not cause this	Don't know
More frequent and / or extreme floods	1	2	3	4	5	98	99
More frequent and / or extreme bushfires	1	2	3	4	5	98	99
Extinction of plant and animal species	1	2	3	4	5	98	99
Sea level rise	1	2	3	4	5	98	99
Loss of ecosystems	1	2	3	4	5	98	99
Increased refugee arrivals due to environmental pressures in other countries	1	2	3	4	5	98	99
More frequent and / or extreme droughts	1	2	3	4	5	98	99
More frequent and / or extreme storm events	1	2	3	4	5	98	99
Increased annual rates of heat-related deaths	1	2	3	4	5	98	99
Decline in farming production	1	2	3	4	5	98	99
Destruction of the Great Barrier Reef	1	2	3	4	5	98	99

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How much power do you think the following groups have to make changes that influence climate change?
[RANDOMISE ROWS]

	A lot	A moderate amount	A little	None at all	Don't know
The Australian Federal Government	1	2	3	4	99
Governments of other countries	1	2	3	4	99
Australian state / territory governments	1	2	3	4	99
Local Government / Councils	1	2	3	4	99
Individuals and their families	1	2	3	4	99
Multinational businesses	1	2	3	4	99
Large Australian businesses	1	2	3	4	99
Small and medium-sized Australian businesses	1	2	3	4	99
Not-for-profit organisations	1	2	3	4	99

How would you rate the performance of the following groups in terms of the actions they have taken in response to climate change?

[RANDOMISE ROWS; REVERSE COLUMNS FOR 50%]

	Very good	Fairly good	Neither good nor poor	Fairly poor	Very poor	Don't know
The Australian Federal Government	1	2	3	4	5	99
Governments of other countries	1	2	3	4	5	99
Australian state / territory governments	1	2	3	4	5	99
Local Government / Councils	1	2	3	4	5	99
Individuals and their families	1	2	3	4	5	99
Multinational businesses	1	2	3	4	5	99
Large Australian businesses	1	2	3	4	5	99
Small and medium-sized Australian businesses	1	2	3	4	5	99
Not-for-profit organisations	1	2	3	4	5	99

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How would you rate the performance of the following sectors in terms of the actions they have taken in response to climate change?

[RANDOMISE ROWS, REVERSE COLUMNS FOR 50%]]

	Very good	Fairly good	Neither good nor poor	Fairly poor	Very poor	Don't know
Agriculture / farming	1	2	3	4	5	99
Resources / mining, oil and gas	1	2	3	4	5	99
Aviation	1	2	3	4	5	99
Construction	1	2	3	4	5	99
Automotive	1	2	3	4	5	99
Retail	1	2	3	4	5	99
Energy	1	2	3	4	5	99
Manufacturing	1	2	3	4	5	99
Transport	1	2	3	4	5	99
Pharmaceutical	1	2	3	4	5	99
Fashion	1	2	3	4	5	99

And of the sectors below, which could have the most positive impact by taking action on climate change ?

{MULTIPLE RESPONSE} [RANDOMISE]

- Agriculture / farming
- Resources / mining, oil and gas
- Aviation
- Construction
- Automotive
- Retail
- Energy
- Manufacturing
- Transport
- Pharmaceutical
- Fashion
- None of these
- Don't know

How do you think reducing the number of coal-fired power stations and increasing the amount of power generated from renewable energy sources such as solar and wind is likely to impact the following?

[RANDOMISE ROWS, REVERSE COLUMNS FOR 50% EXCEPT 99]

	Major positive impact	Minor positive impact	No impact	Minor negative impact	Major negative impact	Don't know
Australians' cost of living	1	2	3	4	5	99
Economic growth	1	2	3	4	5	99

Reliability of energy supply (being able to meet the energy needs of the Australian community and minimise disruptions such as blackouts and brownouts)	1	2	3	4	5	99
Air quality	1	2	3	4	5	99
Climate change	1	2	3	4	5	99
Jobs and industry in your local area	1	2	3	4	5	99
The affordability of your household energy bills	1	2	3	4	5	99

Some people try to reduce their impact on climate change by making changes to their lifestyle or the goods and services they purchase. For each, please indicate whether you have done, considering or not going to do this. Please select 'Not applicable to me / my household' if you do not have to make decisions about the topic.

[RANDOMISE ROWS]

Purchasing household energy from renewable sources (e.g. 'green' energy)

Avoiding non-essential air travel

Paying extra to offset carbon emission from air travel

Installing solar panels, or buying a home that has solar panels installed

Reducing the amount of meat and dairy products in my diet

Donating money to a cause or organisation that works to reduce the causes or impacts of climate change

Attending a protest or rally about climate change

Choosing a bank, investment or superannuation fund based on its environmental / green credentials or products

Ensuring my home has features that make it more energy efficient (e.g. insulation, double glazing etc)

Taking into account policies on addressing climate change when voting for a candidate or political party

Choosing an employer based on their commitment to reducing environmental impact

Actively considering products you buy in terms of how they were made, their materials and end-of-life disposal

In 2021, Australia updated its commitments under the Paris Climate Agreement to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. Net zero emissions means every tonne of man-made greenhouse gas that is emitted must be matched by a tonne removed from the atmosphere. Please indicate the extent to which you support or oppose Australia taking actions to meet its commitments under the Paris Agreement.

[ROTATE SCALE]

Strongly support

Somewhat support

Neither support nor oppose

Somewhat oppose

Strongly oppose

Australia already has a 2030 target of reducing emissions by 26 to 28 per cent below 2005 levels. Do you think we should aim to exceed that target, meet that target, or not meet that target?

[ROTATE 1-3]

Exceed that target

Meet that target

Not meet that target

Unsure / can't say [ANCHOR]

 To what extent do you perceive you understand ...
[RANDOMISE ROWS]

	Understand very well	Somewhat understand	Understand a little	Only heard of it, do not understand	Do not understand or have not heard of this
Australia's targets under the Paris Agreement	1	2	3	4	5
The plans being put in place by the government in order to achieve these targets	1	2	3	4	5
The extent to which Australia is proceeding towards achieving 2030 and 2050 targets	1	2	3	4	5

Below are some of the statements about climate change in Australia.

Please keep in mind that to meet its commitments under the Paris climate agreement, Australia has to cut its carbon emissions by 26-28% below 2005 levels by 2030 and reach zero net emissions by 2050.

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following.

[RANDOMISE ROWS; REVERSE COLUMN ORDER 50% SAMPLE]

Meeting Australia's Paris agreement goals will have an unacceptable negative impact on workers in non-renewable energy sectors

Australia should transition to a carbon-neutral economy as quickly as possible

Meeting Australia's Paris agreement goals will have an unacceptable negative impact on the economy

Meeting Australia's Paris agreement goals will increase energy prices too much

Australia should focus on helping its businesses become leading innovators in the global renewable energy industry

In the long run, Australia will be better off if it meets its Paris agreement targets

Meeting Australia's Paris agreement targets will unfairly disadvantage me and my household

Meeting Australia's Paris agreement targets will help to protect Australia from natural disasters

Meeting Australia's Paris agreement goals will increase fuel prices too much

The cost of acting on climate change is lower than the costs of not acting on climate change

Businesses in Australia are committed to taking action on climate change

Publicly listed companies should be mandated to report their environmental performance just like they are financial performance

Natural gas has an important role to play in the transition to clean energy

Do you think the Federal Government's measures to address climate change are too much, too little, or about right?

[ROTATE ROWS 1-3]

Too much

About right

Too little

Unsure [ANCHOR]



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Which of the major parties, the Labor Party or the Liberal National Coalition, do you think has the best policy on climate change ?

[ROTATE]

Labor party

Liberal National Coalition

Unsure [ANCHOR]

Questions asked prior which may have materially influenced results (F2f.)

Not applicable

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