

Community climate survey tips + tricks



Once you have asked for the 1st rating on the question *When you decide who to vote for, is climate change an important issue to you?* use the information below to help guide the rest of the conversation:

<p>When you decide who to vote for, is climate change an important issue to you? → 1ST RATING: Which number on this scale feels right for you?</p> <p>10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0</p> <p>← Unsure →</p> <p>EXTREMELY IMPORTANT</p> <p>NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT</p>	8 - 10	<p>These people are already on board! They already vote with climate in mind. Jump straight to “Stage 5: We are here, now” to share the campaign change strategy and how they can get involved.</p> <p>Aim to have these people sign the petition and encourage them to get involved by volunteering.</p> <p>These conversations should take around 3-5 minutes.</p>
	4 - 7	<p>These will probably be the bulk of your conversations, and the most interesting as you can use all the conversation steps. Aim to get them to sign the petition!</p> <p>These conversations should take around 5-10 minutes.</p>
	2 - 3	<p>Ask the follow up question to determine why the person sits here – what are they unsure about? Maybe they have more immediate concerns when voting?</p> <p>If they seem open to talking more with you, continue the conversation – aim to move them along a little!</p>
	0 - 1	<p>Ask the follow up question to work out why they gave such a low rating.</p> <p>If the person denies climate change is happening or is otherwise antagonistic, thank them for their time and move on. There's no need to spend your time and energy getting into an argument.</p>

WHO IS ACF?

The Australian Conservation Foundation is over half a million people who show up, speak out and act for a world where our rivers, forests, people, reefs and wildlife thrive.

We are proudly independent and non-partisan. We hold all political parties to account and we hold them to the same standards – how their policies impact our environment. This election we will compare the environmental policies of all the major political parties and campaign to make them stronger.

Useful facts

The vast majority of Australians are concerned about climate damage and want our government to act, but some people are confused about basic facts. Choose the points below that are relevant to your conversation. But remember – you don't need to be an expert! It's enough to be a citizen who cares. The more your conversation explores shared values and experiences, the better.

CLIMATE DAMAGE IS HERE, NOW

- **People under 30** have never experienced a year of 'normal' temperatures. Climate damage is smashing temperature records month after month, year and year ([source](#))
- Catastrophic underwater heat waves have already killed a third the coral on our **Great Barrier Reef** in back-to-back bleaching events in 2017-18 ([source](#))
- Australia has the largest increase in deaths from climate damage in the developed world. **Heat waves** are the number one killer of all natural disasters and they're getting worse ([source](#))

DIGGING UP AND BURNING COAL IS DAMAGING OUR CLIMATE

- From black lung to asthma, firestorms to floods – digging up and burning **coal is killing people** in Australia and around the world ([source](#))
- Coal is the biggest single cause of **air pollution** in Australia and contributes to 3,000 deaths each year. ([source](#)) Air pollution kills an estimated 3 million people globally each year ([source](#)).
- If it goes ahead, **Adani's mine** would fuel more climate pollution than any mine in Australia's history. Burning its coal would produce 128.4 million tonnes of climate pollution per year at peak production – as much as a small country. That's 4.6 billion tonnes over the mine's lifetime ([source](#)).
- Just **100 companies** have caused 70% of the world's climate pollution ([source](#))
- In Australia, **10 companies** are fuelling nearly half our climate pollution – including AGL, Energy Australia, Origin, Engie, Rio Tinto and Glencore ([source](#))

SOLUTIONS ARE HERE, NOW

- We have the technology to power Australia with **100% clean electricity** within the next 12 years. ([source](#))
- **Clean energy** is growing fast. In 2017, the world added more new solar power than coal, gas, and nuclear plants combined ([source](#))
- Australia has the highest uptake of **rooftop solar** in the world with over over 1.8 million rooftops making the most of our bountiful sunshine ([source](#)). Queensland rooftops make more electricity than Gladstone, the state's biggest coal-burning power station ([source](#))
- Australia's ageing **coal power stations and gas plants** failed 53 times in the summer of 2017/18 ([source](#))
- **Scotland and Belgium** have already burnt their last lumps of coal for electricity. The UK plans to stop burning coal within a decade ([source](#)).
- **Countries** like Denmark, Albania, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Norway, Iceland, Scotland and the Maldives are all at or rapidly moving towards 100% clean energy ([source](#))
- Proper climate and energy policies can create **one million new jobs** while reducing Australia's climate pollution by 80 percent from 2005 levels by 2040. ([source](#))

WE ARE HERE, NOW

- There's **massive community support** for stopping climate damage and switching to clean energy. 86% of Australians understand climate change is happening. 87% think we should invest in clean energy. 63% say they are an environmentalist at heart. Only 4% say coal is their preferred energy source ([source](#))
- The Australian Conservation Foundation community is **over half a million people** who show up, speak out and act for a world where our rivers, forests, people, reefs and wildlife can thrive.
- The community campaign against **Adani's polluting mine** stopped private and public funding – with all four Australian banks and 28 big international banks ruled out financing the mine. Together we successfully pushed the Queensland government to block a \$1 billion publicly-funded loan. ([source](#))
- **People power** gave women the vote, ended apartheid, saved the Franklin and won marriage equality.