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# A National Strategy on Climate, Health and Well-being for Australia



# About CAHA

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Coalition of health groups working together to advocate for climate action to protect health, and working to reduce the environmental footprint of the healthcare sector [www.caha.org.au](http://www.caha.org.au)

Partner and affiliate of international NGO Health Care Without Harm

Coordinate the Pacific region of Global Green and Healthy Hospitals network [www.greenhospitals.net](http://www.greenhospitals.net)

Considered a leader in Australia and globally within the health community – leading the Our Climate Our Health campaign  
[www.ourclimate-ourhealth.org.au](http://www.ourclimate-ourhealth.org.au)

Part of Climate Action Network Australia - bringing health perspectives and health voices to the climate movement

Part of the broader global effort – founding member and on board of the Global Climate and Health Alliance [www.gcha.org](http://www.gcha.org)



# What we do

Reports, briefing papers, submissions, position papers as policy guidance

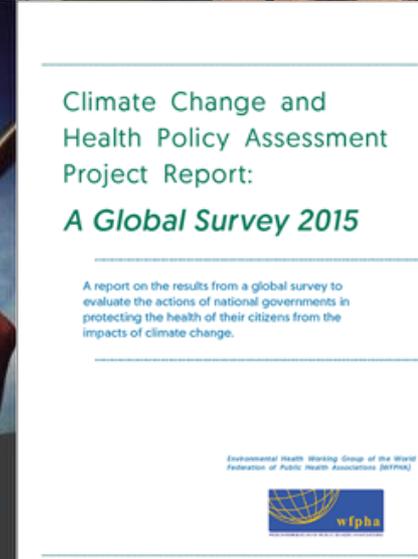
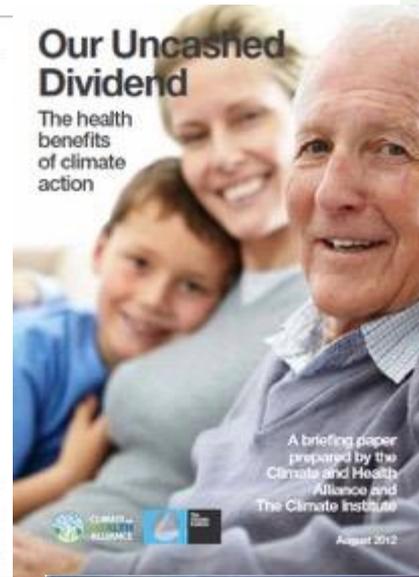
Films, media and communications

Seminars, forums, think tanks

Greening the health sector

Informing and engaging the sector

Education and capacity building



# Background to NSCHW

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Global Climate Change and Health Policy Survey Report - global project led by CAHA for the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA)

First-ever global benchmarking survey of national climate and health policy

Evaluated how nations are responding to the health impacts of climate change

Showed Australia lags behind other industrialised nations in protecting its citizens from the major health risks associated with global warming

# Paris Agreement

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The Paris Agreement obliges parties to consider their citizens 'right to health' in the context of national climate change response, and to consider health co-benefits in context of mitigation policy

Without a national strategy, Australia lacks any mechanism to ensure this occurs.



# Consultation

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June 2016: Discussion Paper:  
Towards a National Strategy on  
Climate, Health and Well-being

August 2016: Online Discussion  
Forum using pax.republic platform

September 2016: Report from  
responses to survey

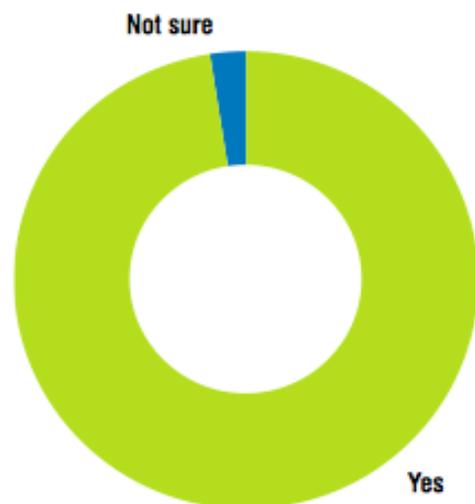
October 2016: Health Leaders  
Roundtable

**TOWARDS A NATIONAL STRATEGY  
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DISCUSSION PAPER

June 2016



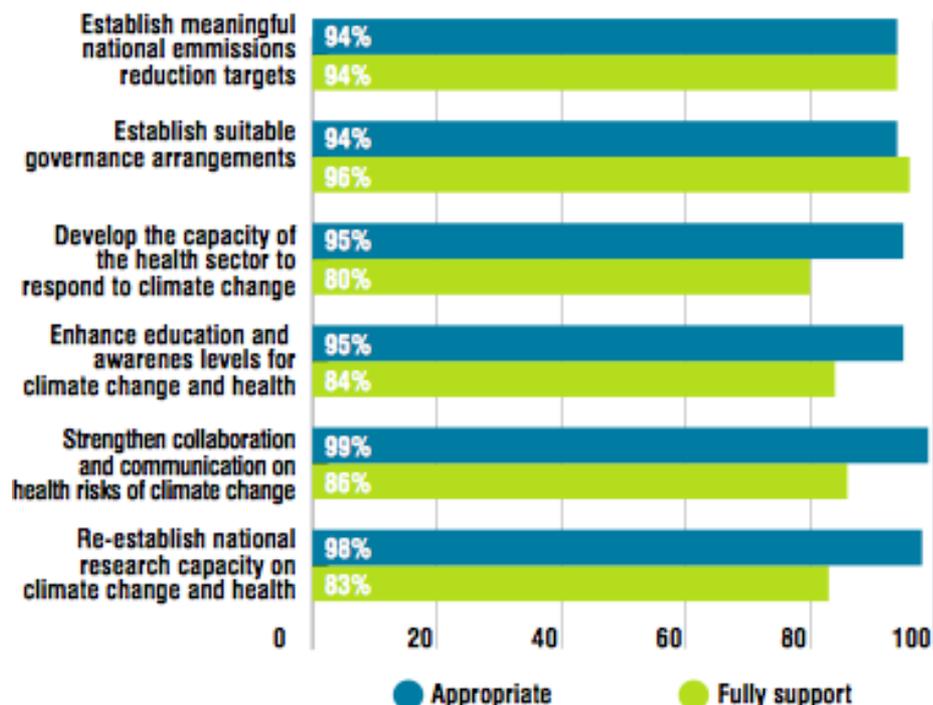
## 6a: Level of support for a National Strategy for Climate, Health and Well-being



**Fig. 22. Support for a national strategy by respondents**

There was overwhelming support for a National Strategy with 98% of respondents indicating Australia needs a National Strategy for Climate, Health and Well-being.

In terms of the themes identified in the Discussion Paper, there was strong support for both the appropriateness of each of the themes, and for their inclusion in the proposed Framework for the National Strategy.



# How we see the framework

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- A high-level framework to guide government policy and decision-making processes in addressing climate change and health risks
- Assist the Federal Government in fulfilling its international obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Paris Agreement, and its commitments to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Facilitate vertical (national, state and local governments) and horizontal collaboration to address this complex problem (prescribes policy directions for a range of portfolios, including energy, climate, environment, transport, and infrastructure)
- Deliver “win-win’ climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies, which both reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the social and economic burden of ill-health in the population
- Provides a policy framework against which Australia can demonstrate its progress against the Lancet Countdown Indicators



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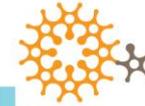
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June 2017



 **OUR CLIMATE.  
OUR HEALTH.**

# The Areas of Policy Action



# Next steps

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## Training and capacity building:

- One day Advocacy and Organising Workshop in May 2017
- Three day Residential Advocacy, Organising, Campaigning Workshop June 2017

Building a network of climate-health mentors – supporting health professionals to meet with their MP and ask them to commit to the development and implementation of the National Strategy

Expanding the Coalition of the Willing – building the base of campaign supporting organisations and supporting and encouraging them to incorporate advocacy for a National Strategy on Climate, Health and Well-being into their own advocacy agenda/plans/efforts

Negotiating with political parties and portfolios to commit to the development and implementation of the National Strategy

# Making our voices heard

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# Our Climate Our Health

[www.ourclimate-ourhealth.org.au](http://www.ourclimate-ourhealth.org.au)

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Sign up to:

Support the Campaign

Seek support to meet with your MP

Receive updates about campaign events and training

Email your MP and Senators

Organise an event to raise awareness about the campaign

Become a campaign donor

Volunteer with the campaign

