

MAKE A PLEDGE FOR OUR OCEANS

Everyone has a role to play in driving action against climate change. The choices we make today will continue to shape our world of tomorrow, and we all need to make a commitment to act. It's no use just talking about it. Real change means real commitment, and real action. Together, let's pledge to do our part to protect our reefs and oceans for the future.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

Choose one of the Reef Check Australia pledge cards and make a promise to see your pledge through to fruition. The idea is not to choose something you already do, but rather choose something you want to work on doing, and push yourself to make it happen. Get your friends and family involved. You might all choose different pledges, and you can help check in on each other's progress as you go!

The RCA pledges all have three things in common. All are achievable. Some are small and some are large, however all will help in the fight against climate change. And all will help to protect our reefs and oceans. Which pledge will you choose?

CLIMATE CHANGE: WHATS THE ISSUE?

Human-induced climate change is one of the greatest threats to the world's coral reefs. Earth's climate has always been changing, however it is now changing at an unprecedented rate. Higher greenhouse gas levels trap the heat in the Earth's atmosphere, raising the global temperature (climate change). For reefs, this means more frequent and severe pressure from heat stress, ocean acidification, and storms.

It's easy to feel overwhelmed by the scale of climate change. The good news is, we can all take steps to reduce our personal greenhouse gas emissions. By making small changes in our behaviours, we can do our part to help our reefs and oceans.

WHY MAKE A PLEDGE?

When someone makes a pledge, it's a promise to do something. It's easy to SAY you will do something, and then forget all about it. By making a pledge and documenting it via social media, we encourage the accountability that will help us see it through. This means you will try your hardest to make it happen. There are plenty of pledges, so start with one you feel might be easy for you, and once you accomplish it, pledge to do something else. Remember, every action counts!

Don't forget to share your pledge with us!

Tag @reefcheckaustralia on social media, and hashtag #togetherforouroceans

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