

Learnings from the Polluters Pay Campaign

The Polluters Pay team would like to share some things we learnt during this campaign.

Firstly, each person in a small group brings different talents and by working together we can do so much more than as individuals.

Secondly, connecting with a stranger in the street or a park can frequently make both parties feel better.

Thirdly, we believe the community's support, via their engagement with us and by signing our petition, was critical to the motion's success.

In short, what each of us does matters.

At the Council meeting a DCAN member asked if there was **an estimate of the extra cost to Council of damage due to climate change over the next 10 years?**

The reply from a Council Officer was that an estimate has not been made but that increased costs for Council could occur in the following areas:

- more frequent storms which damage trees and sometimes buildings;
- more frequent heatwaves and risk of drought which can damage vegetation, trees and playing fields;
- higher risk of major flooding which, while still unlikely, could significantly damage local roads and buildings if it occurred;
- increasing insurance costs reflecting the underlying increase to physical costs.

If you'd like to help us in supporting better, fairer funding so local councils can work to protect us from the worst impacts of climate change and work towards the election of a state government that will take climate change seriously, [please consider joining us](#) in a more active role.