



Responding to climate change in partnership with our Pacific Island neighbours

Patrons: Mrs Bonita Mabo and Most Rev Bishop Peter Ingham

Australians support renewables over coal

The Lowy Institute Poll 2018: *Understanding Australian Attitudes to the World* has reported that Australians overwhelmingly believe that the government should focus on renewable energy over coal-fired power plants, even if such measures were to cost more.

The Lowy Institute Report says that in 2018, 59% of Australians say 'global warming is a serious and pressing problem' about which 'we should begin taking steps now even if this involves significant costs'. Almost all Australians (84%) say 'the government should focus on renewables, even if this means we may need to invest more in infrastructure to make the system more reliable'. Only 14% say 'the government should focus on traditional energy sources such as coal and gas, even if this means the environment may suffer to some extent'.

The Sydney Morning Herald wrote on June 20 that "This jump in concern about climate change represents the most significant change in opinion ever found by the poll in its 14 years. It also found Australians consider climate change to be the third most significant national security threat after international terrorism and the North Korean nuclear program."

The PCP calls on the Australian Government to recognise in its energy policy that 84% of all Australians support renewable energy sources over coal.

Click here to read more in Nick O'Malley's 20 June Sydney Morning Herald article. <https://www.smh.com.au/environment/climate-change/huge-majority-supports-renewables-over-coal-even-at-greater-cost-20180619-p4zmcn.html>

Lowy Institute Report: <https://www.lowyinstitute.org/publications/2018-lowy-institute-poll>



PCP delegate Vasiti Tebamare from Kiribati at 2017 COP Climate Conference in Bonn

An opportunity for you have your say and make a difference in the Pacific

A Review of Australian Broadcasting Services in the Asia Pacific

Do you live on a Pacific Island? Do you come from a Pacific Island? Do you care about people living on Pacific Islands?

Your voice is needed! The Government is undertaking a review of Australian media services in the Asia-Pacific. Please send a message, however short, to the Review and call for a thorough upgrade of the ABC's broadcasting to the Pacific. With lots of messages from you and your friends the ABC can be set up to provide more programs to the Pacific, including news and current affairs, specialist, environment and children's programs.

The Review of Australian Broadcasting Services in the Asia Pacific wants to hear from people in Australia and the Pacific. This is your chance to be heard. Your submission need not be long, even a few sentences is valuable. The more perspectives the Review receives the better. A link to the submission portal is here: <https://www.communications.gov.au/have-your-say/review-australian-broadcasting-services-asia-pacific>

In your message, ask for a partnership model based around more collaboration with Pacific journalists and communities.

Your message can remind the review that the ABC could also contribute much more to emergency and disaster response in the Pacific.

It is important that the voice from the region and the diaspora communities is loud.

Please email your completed template submission
to: asiapacificmediareview@communications.gov.au

Or send submission to:

The Director, National and Community Broadcasting
Department of Communications and the Arts
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Canberra ACT 2601

Include your name, organisation name (if applicable) and contact details, including telephone number, postal and email addresses.

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