



# Climate talks across globe



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THERE will be Hunter voices heard at a national summit on climate change this weekend.

Around 100 Australians will come together in Sydney for talks of global significance in the quest for answers to climate change.

The group will be taking part in an event called "World Wide Views on Global Warming". It is being run in Australia by the University of Technology, Sydney.

Six Hunter representatives from Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Maitland will be involved in the event, which is a world-first, bringing together groups of around 100 citizens in 39 countries to answer the same questions.

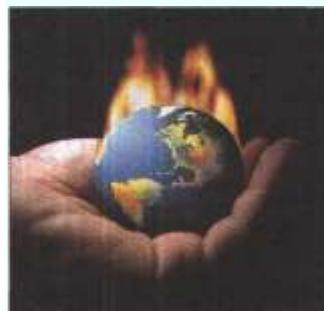
World Wide Views on Global Warming was kicked off by the Danish government, which will host the vital UN Climate talks in Copenhagen in December.

The Australian participants will tackle questions directly relevant to those faced by climate negotiators.

Issues discussed on the day will include long-term goals and urgency, responsibility for dealing with greenhouse gas emissions and the economics of dealing with climate change.

Gwandalan grandmother of five Tricia May said she applied to be part of the summit because she realised she didn't know much about global warming.

"I was attracted by the fact that people from 39 countries were coming together to talk about the same thing, but also wanted to know about global warming," she said.



**GUARDIANS:** Thirty-nine countries will discuss global warming this weekend.

"It might change my view on things; I will be able to come back home and tell my friends and family what I've learnt."

Ms May said she thought there were probably many people like her who had heard about climate change, but didn't really understand what it all meant.