



# Now he's a believer

MT OMMANEY'S John McDougall is a confirmed climate change believer after taking part in a global warming citizens talk in Sydney, which involved 38 other countries.

The University of Technology Sydney hosted World Wide Views on Global Warming on September 25 and 26.

Mr McDougall, 65, was one of 100 Australians randomly selected to take part in the two-day event before the December UN Climate talks in Copenhagen.

World Wide Views aimed to give ordinary people a chance to have their say on global warming and offer solutions to the problem.

Formerly of the Royal Australian Air Force, retired Vietnam veteran Mr McDougall said he had little knowledge on climate change and was a "fence sitter" on the topic prior to the event.

"I didn't know a lot about it. You see it on TV, hear it on radio and read it in the papers and that's about it," Mr McDougall said.

Now having attended the citizens talk, Mr McDougall said he was convinced global warming was a problem created by humans and said countries across the world needed to immediately start implementing long-term measures to solve it.

"We are destroying the planet. Scientific results displayed at the event proved global warming was happening," he said.



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**CONVINCED:** John McDougall says climate change is a major problem.

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

Mr McDougall said he believed Australia's leaders need-

ed to investigate more into alternative technologies such as wind farms, electric cars and nuclear energy.

■ **The citizens' views and recommendations will be presented online at [www.views.org.au/results](http://www.views.org.au/results).**