



## On 26 September 2009, 100 Australians from all walks of life will give their views and vote on climate change action.

In December, Australia will join world leaders in Copenhagen at the biggest international summit on climate change yet, twelve years after the Kyoto Protocol was adopted worldwide to make a first attempt at emission cuts. Now, the stakes are much higher. The decisions made by negotiators at this United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 15) will influence the everyday lives of people right across the world.

World Wide Views on Global Warming is a global public consultation project initiated by the Danish government. It aims to empower ordinary citizens to be involved in an extraordinary event giving their preferences for policy and action on climate change.

There are 50 participating countries, with 67 partners, who will be linked up on the day via the internet, to tally up people's opinions using a voting process. This is the first-ever global citizen engagement and the only form of direct accountability to the public for the crucial decisions being taken in Copenhagen. Nations represented in World Wide Views include all the major players in climate change politics and many of the world's most populous nations.

### About the event

In Australia we are inviting 100 people, randomly chosen from all States and Territories, to reflect national demographics such as age, education and gender.

On the day, participants will deliberate and discuss top climate issues, then vote, providing a group answer to a set of pre-set questions. Over the course of 24 hours, other nations will hold exactly the same process, providing a global set of answers to the same questions on climate change. Together, the answers will be compiled into a report for each nation's political leaders and communities.

The University of Technology Sydney (UTS) is the Australian WWViews partner, responsible for running the Australian WWViews event, with the support of other project sponsors. The results of the consultation will be shared with government policy makers. The process and questions originate from Denmark, where the COP 15 negotiations are taking place in December 2009.

### About the participants

The event will be attended by at least 100 randomly-selected Australian adults chosen to represent Australia's diversity. By selecting this way, the mix of event participants mirrors the population as a whole and they are more likely to hold a diverse range of views. The participants themselves do not need any prior knowledge of the issues or science of climate change.

### About the results

During the day the participants will vote on various questions, and also make a recommendation about climate change for Australia. These will be made public at the end of the event, reported to Australian media outlets and distributed to Australian politicians and climate negotiators. The Australian results will also be placed on the international WWViews website, which will combine and compare the results of all countries participating.

To find out more or discuss how you or your organisation can help support the event please contact:

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