

Attitudes to reducing greenhouse gas emissions

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SUMMARY TABLES

1. Should Australia meet its Paris target for reducing greenhouse gas emissions?

	Total	Gender		Age					Voting Intention		
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Labor	Coalition	Greens
Pull out of Paris agreement	17%	24%	10%	10%	13%	13%	19%	25%	6%	28%	6%
Reduce less than Paris target	9%	8%	10%	9%	10%	10%	5%	11%	9%	12%	5%
Reduce to match Paris target	34%	34%	34%	30%	34%	37%	34%	31%	39%	36%	21%
More than Paris target	26%	27%	25%	36%	24%	23%	26%	26%	36%	12%	61%
Don't know	15%	8%	21%	15%	19%	17%	15%	7%	10%	11%	7%

Totals may not sum due to rounding.

	State					Household Income (\$,000s)			
	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	< 50	50-99	100-149	> 150
Pull out of Paris agreement	16%	16%	23%	14%	12%	17%	20%	13%	14%
Reduce less than Paris target	11%	10%	7%	3%	6%	9%	8%	11%	10%
Reduce to match Paris target	32%	32%	38%	37%	33%	33%	35%	38%	28%
More than Paris target	23%	27%	22%	28%	36%	25%	28%	21%	36%
Don't know	17%	15%	10%	18%	13%	16%	10%	17%	13%

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2. Should Australia meet its Paris target for reducing greenhouse gas emissions if it means higher power bills or lower wages?

Note: question 2 asked of the 41 per cent of respondents who answered question 1 with 'don't know' or 'reduce emissions by more than the required amount'.

	Original support	If it means higher power bills	If it means lower wages
Pull out of Paris agreement	17%	19%	21%
Reduce less than Paris target	9%	12%	11%
Reduce to match Paris target	34%	44%	45%
More than Paris target	26%	14%	10%
Don't know	15%	12%	14%

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Question 1: Now about the Paris Agreement that the Australian Government has committed to. Under this agreement Australia is to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by around 27% by 2030. In your opinion, should Australia...?

- Pull out of the Paris Agreement
- Reduce emissions but by a smaller amount
- Maintain the commitment and reduce emissions by the required amount
- Reduce emissions by more than the required amount
- Don't know

Question 2a: It is estimated that exceeding the terms of the Paris Agreement (reducing emissions by 45% by 2030; instead of the 27% Paris target) will increase the average household electricity bill by between \$107 and \$169 per quarter, depending on which state you live in. Knowing this, do you think Australia should...?

- Pull out of the Paris Agreement to avoid the cost increase
- Reduce emissions but by a smaller amount to reduce the cost increase
- Maintain the commitment and reduce emissions by the 27% required by the Paris Agreement
- Reduce emissions by 45% and increase the average household electricity bill by between \$107 and \$169 per quarter
- Don't know

Question 2b: It is estimated that exceeding the terms of the Paris Agreement (reducing emissions by 45% by 2030; instead of the 27% Paris target) will reduce the future average Australian wage by \$347 per fortnight, due to the negative economic impact of emissions reductions on a range of different industries. Knowing this, do you think Australia should...?

- Pull out of the Paris Agreement to avoid the wage reduction
- Reduce emissions but by a smaller amount to reduce the wage reduction
- Maintain the commitment and reduce emissions by the 27% required by the Paris Agreement
- Reduce emissions by 45% and reduce the future average Australian wage by \$347 per fortnight
- Don't know