

Climate change

What are people concerned about?

Our weather patterns are changing and human activity is influencing this, making the situation dramatically worse. This means more extreme weather events – floods, bushfires, drought, rising sea levels – and the associated impact on people. We have felt the effects here in Canberra, including the stifling smoke from the 2020 fires.

While it is our collective actions that are currently making the situation worse, this also means that we can improve things. However, the problem is exacerbated by the lack of real action at a political level. This runs against the views of most Canberrans – 93% of the ACT believe action should be taken on climate change¹.

What do people think the solutions should be?

Properly represent ACT views. In proACT consultations across the ACT, action on climate change is the issue that is raised most often. Politicians are elected to represent and act on the views of the community. Ambitious action is needed urgently.

Prioritise evidence – not party politics. Be guided by the science and make decisions based on the available evidence and what is in the best interest of the community rather than party politics. This would inevitably lead to urgent, ambitious action.

Therefore, what is proACT calling for?

proACT believes in doing democracy better – community voices must be heard and acted on.

proACT calls on our political representatives to take action based on evidence – notably urgent, ambitious action on climate change based on the science.

proACT believes that one of the best ways to get action on climate change is to vote for community-based independents – including a centre-progressive Independent Senator for the ACT

¹ <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-12-10/australia-talks-data-explorer-2019/12946988#/responses/from-what-you-know-about-climate-change-which-of-the-following-statements-comes-closest-to-your-opinion>