

**The world is on track to 4°C of warming marked by extreme heat-waves and life-threatening sea level rise -**  
 (World Bank 2012)

*"The decisions we make this decade will largely determine the severity of climate change and its influence on extreme events for our grandchildren."* (Australian Climate Commission)

*"Climate change is the greatest threat, a clear and present danger to humankind and to our planet earth... The poor and vulnerable are the ones most hit but no nation will be immune."* (Ban Ki Moon, UN Secretary General, April 2013)

*"The Church is conscious of the responsibility all of us have for our world, for the whole of creation, which we must love and protect."* (Pope Francis, March 2013)

*"Global warming has brought changes in climate, including making perennial snow mountains melt, adversely affecting not only human beings but other living species."* (Dalai Lama, 1990)

### What's the solution?

The Australian Energy Market Operator reports that Australia can generate 100% of its energy from renewable technologies by 2030.



One million houses now have solar photo voltaic systems in Australia (4,400 in Bennelong).

### What's the position of your local MP?

The next Federal election is critical to Australia's ability to impact on this problem. The current Liberal party "Direct Action" Plan for climate change would use tens of billions of taxpayer dollars to fund private industrial improvements.

Most economists don't support this approach as it is not cost effective in reducing emissions.

*John Hewson (former Liberal leader and economist) says "pension funds need to manage the risk of catastrophic climate change by reducing investment in carbon-intensive industries."*

John Alexander, our local Federal MP who we have met with twice doesn't support key projects tackling climate change.

### What can you do?

Contact John Alexander to ask for stronger policies on climate and why tax payers should foot the bill, rather than major polluters. PO BOX 872 Epping NSW 1710 / 9869 4288 / [john.alexander.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:john.alexander.mp@aph.gov.au)

### Who are we?

Ryde-Gladesville Climate Change Action Group is local citizens working for action on the most important issue of our time. We are unfunded and unaffiliated with any organisation and have 575 local supporters who receive our monthly e-newsletter. For more info and links to sources: [www.climatechangersg.org](http://www.climatechangersg.org)



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