

VICTORIAN CLIMATE TARGETS

Join the push for under 1.5°C

IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT WILL SET 2025 AND 2030 TARGETS FOR REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

This is a big moment - it will decide our state's ambition on climate action for the next decade.

To prevent the worst impacts of climate change, the world needs to act quickly. Victoria can - and must - play a leadership role.

This means setting emissions targets in line with limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees or less, and making the transition to clean energy in a way that is fast and fair.

NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO LOCK IN SERIOUS CLIMATE ACTION

If Victoria sets strong climate targets for 2025 and 2030, we will reap the benefits - new jobs in clean industries, better health from cutting pollution and cleaner cheaper energy that we use efficiently.

Community action has pushed the Victorian government to do good things before - Victoria's renewable energy target, putting solar on 700,000 homes, legislation to act on climate change. We can do it again!

We're aiming to meet with every MP in Victoria who can help make strong climate targets. Will you join us?



WHAT YOU CAN DO

Go to envict.org/act and

1. *Sign the petition*
2. *Meet your MP to ask them to support 1.5 degree targets*
3. *Volunteer*

Victorian communities are already feeling the effects of a heating climate. Heatwaves are getting longer and hotter, bushfire season is coming earlier and drought is hurting our communities.

It's time to act. Right now our government is considering setting targets in line with global warming shooting past 2 degrees, but we need to aim for 1.5.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 1.5 AND 2 DEGREES

Australia, along with the international community, committed to through the Paris Agreement to limit global warming to well below 2°C and aim to limit the increase to 1.5°C.

Even limiting warming to 1.5°C means the extreme weather events we've started to experience in Australia - extreme heatwaves, drought, extreme rainfall and massive coral bleaching events - will become our new normal.

But scientists warn that a world that is warmer by 2°C would be much worse - **a whole new climatic regime characterised by temperature and water related extremes, with very serious consequences for human health.**

Increasingly extreme weather is already having an impact on Victoria's infrastructure. In January 2018 an extreme heatwave melted a section of the the Hume Highway, causing traffic chaos. In December the same year flooding from extreme storms blocked the highway, forcing emergency services to air-lift stranded motorists.

