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National survey of children and young people on climate change and disaster risk

Messages from Young People to the Australian Government

If you had the opportunity to tell the Australian government what you would like them to do to protect communities from natural hazards and disasters, what would you say?

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From February to April 2020, approximately 1500 children and young people aged between 10 and 24 years participated in an online survey on climate change, natural hazards and disaster risk in Australia. The survey was co-designed by young people and organisations working with young people in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. It included 27 questions on climate change, natural hazards and disaster risk, with questions designed to identify children and young people's priorities for action by decision makers.

This document is a compilation of the personal messages to government provided in response to one question by 852 young survey participants. Minor adjustments to spelling and punctuation have been made. Otherwise, these responses have not been analysed and reflect the views of individual young Australians in their own words. These views do not necessarily represent the views of the supporting organisations.

It is recommended that this document be considered alongside the main **OurWorldOurSay youth survey report** on climate change and disaster risk.

- Educate people more so they know what to expect.
- Create easy setup evacuation centres.
- Create programs/events to raise more awareness.
- Make access to help afterwards easier for those who need it most.

We need more funding for emergency services and asset protection. We also need funding in early hazard detection in order to save lives, property and money.

1. I would first tell them to listen to students about climate change and natural disasters because we learn about that stuff and know about it. Also, children are very intelligent and are the next generation that have to fix your generation's mistakes. The only difference between you guys and us is age which isn't a big deal and doesn't matter.
2. I would educate them about climate change and natural disasters and how it is getting to a point that is very dangerous.
3. I would also tell them that they need to start doing things and helping communities.

1. Improve waste management.
2. Transition to only renewable fuels.
3. Tax animal agriculture products.
4. Have more protected areas from deforestation and animal hunting.
5. Educate children on dangers.

Acknowledge a climate emergency and announce that climate change is connected to the increase in duration and magnitude of natural disasters. SWITCH TO RENEWABLE ENERGY, STOP CLEARING LAND FOR AGRICULTURE. Provide shelters for areas hit with disasters and provide support to the poor and homeless.

Acknowledge climate change's contribution to natural disasters.
Continue to develop apps and alert information to keep people safe in emergencies.
Provide better and more appropriate equipment to our firefighters.
Hire more firefighters.
Provide increased compensation to volunteer firefighters who aren't working at their normal jobs.
Better education in schools on how to survive a natural disaster.

Acknowledge that climate change is a contributing factor to an increase in natural hazards and disasters.

Acknowledge the issues and listen to scientists' opinions on climate change.

Act faster.

Act now, we need to limit the carbon emissions from big organisations to help protect our home.

ACT ON CLIMATE CHANGE!

Act on climate change. There is no point in working to prevent and manage natural disasters without taking climate action. It is a sound economic choice.

Action more climate change policies to help reduce the risk of natural hazards from occurring.

Do something about the issue instead of ignoring it.

Actually go out to the communities that experience natural disasters and have seen the effects of climate change first hand, ask them for their thoughts, ideas and actually listen to their stories. The only way the government can effectively manage and protect communities is if they listen to their people.

Actually listen to the scientists about what's happening and take their advice instead of outdated naive options and stop being driven by greed and the money making companies that give you money. You can have all the money in the world but without a world what good is it?

Admitting climate change has an impact on natural hazards and disasters is the first step, then you need to address climate change by mitigating the effects; reducing carbon emissions in Australia by stopping the use of fossil fuels. Climate change is apparent and is having detrimental effects on the environment and it is your job to prepare Australia for the impacts.

Adopt a more proactive approach to natural hazards and disasters and take the advice of experts seriously.

Advertise on social media and spread awareness.

Afforestation.

All you might care about is whether or not you get power. You don't care about the current state of the country or anybody's valid opinion. Please just actually do something to help our world and Australia.

Allow backburning

Always make sure there is a back-up plan for all emergency natural disaster occurrences. Make sure everyone has a safe place to stay and has a warm/cool roof over their heads and that they have enough supplies.

An early alarm, preparation for all sorts of possibilities.

Any changes that are made must be made CLEARLY to the people of the community. There is no point implementing changes that won't be followed because they are unknown.

Anything (more than they are doing now).

Apply strict policy in the beginning.

As long as everyone is educated on how to be safe in extreme conditions, and that we are all prepared to evacuate, we will be okay.

Ask people who have local knowledge about issues that affect their area; bushfires, flooding, weather, rainfall and drought.

At the moment there is not much more to say.

Attempt to stop the problem at its roots, e.g. higher fines for matches that start bushfires, some form of blockade for tsunamis etc.

Australia constantly suffers from bushfires and floods. Something needs to be done to protect communities and prevent these natural disasters from being so catastrophic.

Australia needs to do better.

Australia needs to do more. Important to act on climate change now before it's too late.

Australians are well aware of the natural disasters that can and have been occurring in our country. We need to know what we can do to prevent or reduce the impact of these disasters. It is undeniable that climate change is a cause of greater damage from these natural hazards, so what can we do as a country to either slow down or manage climate change? With increasing populations, I understand that it is not easy. We need interactions and strategies that we can all do on a daily basis to reduce climate change and well as large scale changes, like sustainable and locally sourced resources. In the event that these disasters do a occur a clear management plan should already be prepared.

Awareness, but that starts with acknowledging that there is a problem to begin with and climate change is real.

Backburn.

Be better, listen to scientists and young people.

Be careful and make the citizens aware.

Be good, do more to prevent things like fires and stuff.

Be more considerate.

Be more informative to Australians so everyone understands what is happening, and then try to find more efficient ways to protect communities as well as getting opinions from different people.

Be more prepared for a natural disaster and don't think it won't happen. Make sure everyone is educated about natural disasters that could affect their community and have evacuation centres available for people.

Be prepared always.

Be prepared for any natural disaster.

Be proactive.

Be proactive and genuinely assist those who are suffering instead of making it a media spectacle.

Be proactive in regards to climate change. Stop mining and exporting coal and transition away from fossil fuel usage. Have an emergency fund ready and start legislating for infrastructure and a society that is future climate change proof.

Be quicker to address the problems and listen to people more.

Be reasonable. Prepare for both an event and the post disaster.

Be responsible for every citizen living in this country whether he/she belongs to this land or not and build solutions for the future.

Be smart.

Be sure to have a good evacuation plan.

Begin to recognise and accept climate change's contribution to natural disasters and work together with those in the scientific community to prepare for and reduce both the risk of natural disasters and our international contribution to climate change as so many other countries have done.

Better farming practices, and Australia should be processing its rubbish.

Better planning needs to go into building and land management, so people and places are better equipped to withstand natural disasters. Having the best warning systems in the world won't stop our infrastructure from being damaged or our farms from being destroyed. Regulations could vary depending on the type of risk an area faces (fire, earthquake, rising sea levels, tropical cyclones etc.). I'm sure this already happens but there's no way it happens on an affordable or accessible way for most people. So perhaps disaster-proof infrastructure needs more funding.
Also, there's no point in doing all this and just waiting for things to get worse. It's insane that our leaders just get to say "no, climate change is not a direct threat," and move on with their agendas. We know climate change is real. We know we have at least some impact on this phenomenon. But people are stuck arguing over how much of it is our fault, or how severe it is, or how much we need to do about it. People find one contrary argument against the overwhelming evidence of global warming and use it as an excuse for inaction, and so we are slow to make policies for reducing fossil fuels, carbon emissions and general waste. If we KNOW our activities are harmful, just not to what extent, shouldn't we be taking steps to neutralise our impact anyway? I guess I'm asking that our leaders need to better prioritise research into renewable energy, waste management systems and the like. Even though they may not seem like a direct payoff against school funding and defence, reducing climate-changing activities will reduce the loss of people, infrastructure and land due to climate disasters.

Better preventative measures.

Better space management, more trees where possible and reduce reliance on non-renewables.

Better warnings, and pre-emergency advice.

Better waste management.

Birth control!!! More and more trees are chopping down for building, too many people, if the population keep growing, the beautiful Brisbane will turn into the second New York, too crowdy and dirty. If there are less people, we need fewer resources and less pollution. Encourage 1 kid per family and 2 kids per family, (but don't make too many kids a crime).

Build calamity-proof establishments and give financial support to those who are most affected.

Building infrastructure that can withstand natural disasters will help during and post the event. However, if we really want to protect our community, what I find most important is we prevent the actual event of disaster from happening. During these events, both us and our environment are at risk and it's something that should be considered with seriousness.

Can you please help by warning us if something big is coming to near where we live?

Can you please help us by adding more money to the school insurance in case of disaster?

Change change change.

Change to renewable energy immediately.

Changing laws and setting up new ones should help to prevent natural hazards and disasters. Also by promoting good and healthy habits (community activities: tree planting) to help have a cleaner planet. Furthermore, doing the right thing by helping instead of showing no leadership or care for Australia's future. Thank you! :)

Climate change contributes a ton to the frequency and magnitude of natural disasters so instead of prioritising helping lessen natural disasters, help lessen climate change. There are tons of ways to do this such as killing off people to reduce carbon emissions and planting trees to do the same thing or you could reset the universe.

CLIMATE CHANGE IS A PROBLEM THAT NEEDS TO BE ADRESSED AUSTRALIA IS NOT DOING ENOUGH

Climate change is getting worse. Natural disasters are getting worse. We need to fix this help me, no us to find a solution.

Climate change is happening.

Climate change is massively increasing the amount and severity of natural disasters. Please do something about it!

Climate change is not the problem.

Climate change is real and linked to natural disasters. Don't pretend it's not and help people.

Climate change is real, you need to accept this and take action now!

Climate change is real.

Climate change is the root and will cause more and more natural hazards and disasters if ignored, so therefore a huge effort needs to be made to do everything we can to reduce our contributions to climate change as a nation, thereby pulling up natural hazards and disasters at the root.

Climate change isn't real.

Come up with pre-funds and raise awareness.

Communication to the people is the most important thing, the duty of the government is to prevent people not nature.

Communities need to be properly educated on how to prepare for and act in the case of a disaster, especially disasters that the area is prone to. There should also be advertisements on television to raise awareness of the importance of this knowledge and being prepared. There also needs to be more awareness of available youth clubs where students can team up and help struggling communities in danger to prepare for natural hazards.

Concentrate carbon emissions.

Consider climate change the serious new force that it is and forget politics and make some lasting change. Natural disasters will only get worse as climate change gets worse, and there will come a time where there is no turning back.

Consult land experts on the best way to reduce the impact of the disaster and provide an area/ plan that they can follow for safety and health security.

Consult with experts in the field (e.g. CFA/RFS, Red Cross, etc.) and then educate everyone on how to protect themselves or engage with emergency services.

Continue support through education of natural hazards and disasters to both spectrums of the community (young and elderly) and provide consistent updated information about its relationship with climate change.

Continue to improve awareness on the possible ways the communities can protect themselves and where they can get help.

Control burn. Better signs in the rain when flooding.

Could you offer support to families suffering from these disasters and put more money into helping make facilities in case of an emergency?

Could you please be so kind to ensure that everybody understands that when natural disasters happen to our community - if you have to, please leave and be safe?

Create houses and properties that can adapt to harsh environments and to make more evacuation centres for people who are struggling.

Create an anti-hazard team to create awareness and prepare evacuation areas.

Create a better plan to reduce carbon emissions.
Implement an education system about how to reduce your carbon footprint.

Create more emergency centres for when there is a flood.

Cultivate more trees and use solar panels for the utility of electricity.

Dear government, I would like to tell you that children are proven to have the freshest minds. You grown-ups need to listen to the children in this world. We are the next generation that has to deal with your generations big, I mean huge mistakes. Us children are the best solution to the problems of our world. Please help our generation to make a change.

Decrease carbon emissions Use of solar energy.

Decrease carbon emissions.

Develop centres solely designed as evacuation shelters, kitted with the necessary resources to support a large number of people.

Disaster Recovery Chaplains, Community Recovery Officers and trained mental wellbeing specialists must be positioned well ahead of time to ensure that communities' social, emotional and spiritual resilience is maintained. This is vital in the process of both risk reduction and community rebuilding.

Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation is everyone's business. Everyone needs to know how to prepare, respond and recover from disaster. It should be part of our DNA. Investments need to be smart. Our infrastructures need to be safe. No one should be left behind!!!

Divest from fossil fuels and unsustainable farming, waste management practices.
Short term changes for publicity will not work in the long term. More investment needs to be made into resilient, sustainable infrastructure which will help sustain Australian communities in the long term.

Do as much as you can, before it's too late and before the damage that has been done can't be undone.

Do better.

Do everything in your capability to keep the people of Australia safe. Be proactive, not reactive. Don't act like everything's okay when it isn't. Just do what needs to be done so that it actually is.

Do more.

Do more.

Do more to help. Invest our money wisely so that I have a future.

Do more to save our planet. I don't believe humans are a virus or anything but we should try to be a little better.

Do MORE!! The science shows the rate of natural disasters is only going to increase. We've experienced one of the worst summers/ years ever in Australia, the earth is saying something and it's time to listen. Renewable energy should be perceived as the cure the same way we are searching for one for COVID right now. Climate change is the biggest issue we will face, ever.

Do something.

Do something.

Do something.

Do something useful instead of not putting out a fire to build a railway.

Do something. Every day on the news, leaders of the government are still denying that climate change is real. Climate change is very real and it affects everyone. The bush fires this summer in Australia were horrific. They happened because of climate change. I don't know how people are still denying this fact, even though the evidence is all right here. These catastrophic natural disasters aren't going to stop. In fact, they are only going to get worse as time progresses without action being taken. It is the responsibility of every single person to do everything they can to reduce the impact of climate change. People with power need to realise this and take action. Everyday people are trying their hardest to do their best, but until huge corporations and governments all around the world take action, this crisis will only get worse. Responsibility to fix this global crisis is falling on youth, because we are the ones growing up with this as our reality. How come children understand the graveness of this situation, but whole governments are still denying its very existence? It makes me angry. It makes me anxious. I am tired of being angry and anxious about this huge problem, especially when I feel so small and powerless. Please, do something.

Do something. The lack of decisions being made and improvements within governments is disgraceful as currently kids are having better opinions and making better judgments than our leaders. Quite horrendous that we haven't got a majority of our population believing in this very real issue.

Don't cave in to green lobby policies and do things that actually prevent natural disasters rather than blaming everything on climate change.

Don't forget about some communities, just because they don't 'always flood' etc; doesn't mean they aren't at risk of danger.

Don't just think about your time here on earth. Think about the generations yet to come. If you had to be born now, what would you be telling the Australian government to do?

Don't just meet world expectations. Exceed them at a faster rate.

Don't just say you'll do something, actually help!

Don't listen to the Greens and allow backburning like the Aboriginal peoples have done for centuries.

Don't treat agreements and targets (e.g. the Paris agreement) as a limit - treat it as the bare minimum. Everyone should be striving to beat those targets by as much as possible.

Eco-friendly farming.

Educate!!!! Awareness is the best medicine. People are not educated about the effects of their actions and what causes climate change

Educate all young people on all natural disasters.

Educate based on each area, make people are understand what they need to do.

Educate communities.

Educate communities on ways to adapt to climate change.

Educate people.

Educate people and encourage acting on it.

Educate people on the cause and effects of disasters and climate change, don't always do the cheapest option or the option that seems best because its costs a lot of money, research more and understand the situation more. put your perspective into the eyes of your citizens, instead of focusing on yourself.

Educate people, explain how the disasters occur, what disasters may occur in their area and teach them what to do and how to protect themselves in a disaster.

Educate the community more.

Educate them on what they should do to prepare for natural hazards and educate them on what to do when a natural hazard occurs like evacuation areas.

Educate young people about natural disasters and how what they can do to prevent it.

Educate yourself with an understanding of the science regarding climate change in addition to the basic principles of science. This will assist in understanding the necessity to future-proof Australian community from the potential risks.

Education

Education

Education and safety measures

Education and waste control

Education is key however it is hard for people to properly learn without personal experience. Therefore, while the extremity of this year's bushfires is still fresh in everyone's minds, this is the time to push hard and make sure people are prepared for next time.

Education is one way to empower people with appropriate knowledge for pretty much anything, including but not limited to natural disaster hazard and its management. Although, it's equally, if not, more important for all to take action following the educational period to reduce the level of disaster hazard, whether it's in a form of small acts by individuals or big gestures by higher authorities. Australian government plays a pivotal role in supporting each and every residents of this country and to make sure that everyone's protected from whatever danger that is approaching, therefore, we put a lot of hopes for the government to initiate any action necessary for the sake of climate change and the future.

Education with children and starting to implement teaching of natural disasters in the curriculum to start off with. Then education for communities. Consider high risk natural disaster regions i.e. high bushfire prone landscapes, consider once they are lost from a disaster, rebuilding will not recommence in that area. More needs to be placed in for mitigation of impacts from disasters.

Education would be a vital tool in reducing the effects of climate change and other natural disasters. Raising community awareness for future generations would raise the necessary precautions to prevent future implications.

Effects after a natural disaster are long-lasting and people still need help after the immediate danger has ceased.

Empty your pockets of mining execs' money and regulate the hell out of them and bring back the carbon tax. Implement legislation to reduce the amount of cars on the road, most people don't need to drive at all. Increase science funding so that our bright minds can better help accelerate the development of cleaner energy technologies.

Enact sustainable solutions to counteract the impacts of climate change hopefully reducing the volume of natural hazards and disasters experienced. Ensure communities are adequately educated on the management of natural hazards/disasters that they are susceptible to and how to plan accordingly.

Encourage learning about natural disasters and protecting yourself and those around you.

Encourage people to protect both themselves and others to any circumstances that could raise.

Encourage public transportation.

Encourage the people to use eco-friendly items.

End coal. Stop tracking. Go renewable. Listen to the science.

Ensure people are well educated and aware of the risks of natural disasters.

Ensure that all people are aware of what can be done and are safe, including people from disadvantaged backgrounds who would be otherwise particularly vulnerable.

Ensure that communities are aware of natural hazards. Make sure equipment and facilities used to respond to these disasters are easily accessible and up to date. Don't wait until it is too late to respond to a disaster, start making little changes and put systems in place now.

Ensure that people know the proper evacuation procedures, do not allow people to dangerously try and stay to protect their belongings.
Teach communities about the cause of natural disasters sometimes linking to climate change and how everyday actions can reduce the chance of them happening.

Ensure that the community of Australia are well aware of any potential dangers due to natural disasters and equip those with a well thought out plan if things do go south. Ensure that there are adequate buildings or environments that a community can head to and control the amount of panic instilled by a natural disaster.

Establish a station where research could take place all the time.

FIGHT BACK AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE.

Find the places that need the most help, like traditional Indigenous sights and places that have unfixed damages and get people to help support and prevent any and/or damage.

Find ways for bush fires to be stopped before they can spread massively.

Find ways of cleaning the air pollution.

Find ways to be more prepared for disaster for all people.

First and foremost, I think Australia needs to make the shift to renewables as soon as possible to reduced human induced climate change. The next priority would be moving Australia to sustainable resource management practices. Once this is in place, it's important to educate the next generation on these issues.

First of all, listen to scientists about climate change.
Second, listen to the Aboriginal peoples (they've been managing this land far longer than us).
Third, actually acknowledge disasters/ potential disasters and ask for help when we need it.

First of all. They should start off by communicating to small country Towns in Australia and make sure that they are connected and well. Then they should supply them with the essentials. After that they should be funding many different corporations to be teaching kids and everyone about the disasters and the cause we have made to it and educate us on how to stop this so we can have a nice and beautiful not climate change.

First step would be to ensure that everyone understands and agrees with what climate change is, its effects on natural hazards and disasters, and management strategies. Next step would be to educate the youth of today. Instilling this knowledge and understanding into their minds from an early age will ensure that our future is in the safest hands. Current problems that we are facing need to be addressed, e.g. non-renewable energy sources. Making reasonable and reachable goals for the future (which will be carried on by current youths) will allow our society to move forward into a safer environment for every organism to live.

First thing is we must love the environment.

Focus more on the future generations than the one living now because future generations might not have a world to live in.

Focus not only on financial and economic impacts and protecting communities from disasters but also on educating and supporting Australians in what they can do to reduce their impact on the climate and environment to minimise and prevent future disasters. It is also clear that certain communities and areas are mainly impacted by disasters and they are mainly supported financially during these times but there are more things Australians and the government can provide than just money which includes educational, emotional and housing support.

Focus on climate change.

Focus on the most disaster-prone areas, e.g. North Queensland, and the most important facilities there. Also make sure people know what to do in these situations.

Follow the advice of leading scientists.

Following safety measures that will help people to be safe.

For everyone to have a plan for natural hazards.

Get in early. Evacuate people before it happens not when the fire/ flood/ whatever is right at their doorstep.

Get off your high horses and listen to your scientists, listen to the people who study and work every day in their field and act on what they say. Bushfires could have been prevented if you didn't cut their budget and listened to the experts more than 12 months before the disaster. Blood is on our governments hands and they don't seem to mind at all. Please just listen to the experts and act on it quicker.

Get your act together.

Give classes.

Give farmers more money, send it to the right spot… stop panicking.

Give more information about these disasters, and prepare enclosures to protect the people who can't live during these disasters.

Give natural climate change the highest priority regardless of anything!

Give people a nice place to stay if they have no family or no home to go to, pay for people's house that has been destroyed due to natural disasters and online make a professional website regarding of any dangers, ways to protect property and self during a natural hazard or disaster for every suburb around the world or in Australia.

Give people money.

Give them funding and help them figure out what the main hazards are/will be and help figure out what to do about it.

Good morning government, I think you should give more funding to bushfire regeneration, pay the RFS volunteers and make sure enough is done for bushfire/natural disaster survivors.

Government has to reduce environmental pollution, reduce consumption of fuels.

Government should be more careful about the environmental change, people who don't obey the rules and making harm to the nature should be punished.

Governments don't have the answers. The scientists do, young people want the government to hear what is being said.

Governments need to listen to the people that the disasters affect. Long-term infrastructure and plans should be put in place, for instance, in a drought, water restrictions are not enough, dams and other infrastructure must be changed to prevent the same even in the future. Short-term solutions are not enough.

Have a better before action.

Have a more extensive plan in place, with funds and services at the ready.

Have an action plan in place.

Have emergency centres accessible for anyone.

Have more available services to help families in need in the event of natural disasters.

Have more people educate with the knowledge of nature.

Have people in government that listen to scientists and do something for climate change.

Have plans in place to protect people.

Hello Government, can you please help keep us safe?

Help farmers with the bushfires.

Help inform people of the importance of reducing your carbon footprint.

Help people in need, give money to affected areas. Help the farmers and drought and actually give food for their animals too.

Help people that can't help themselves help the people that don't have access to emergency services.

Help people when they request it. Also try to limit how much people are mining or using fossil fuels.

Help poor.

Help the fires.

Help them get through bushfires.

Help them set up their homes safely.

Help those in need. Make sure everyone is prepared if there were to be a natural disaster. Spread the news of how to prepare and ensure everyone has safety plan. Spend some money trying to educate everyone. Making people trust you and know they will be safe.

Help to get rid of unnecessary plastic for food wrapping.

Help us understand what can hurt us more.

Help, listen and support. Stop worrying about if your government is going to stay in power and actually do something.

Higher houses more nearby evacuation centre's house cleaning like gutters e.g. for the elderly.

Home visits and describing impacts and minimising them..

Homeless shelter.

Honestly, I think we are doing a great job at keeping our country safe.

Honestly, I'm not too sure. Perhaps that it is, and will always remain, a priority to protect civilians from disasters, and the best way to do that is to help them help themselves. There is only so much a government can do for you, and if everyone did their part to prepare for disasters, then disasters would not be too disastrous at all.

Hurry up and do something about all this and it's so annoying not having a voice in Australian society. I hope that you finally wake up and relies what is happening you have the power and the money make things happen.

I believe that Australia should lower the amount of carbon emissions emitted and move to more sustainable options.

I believe that the Australian government should educate communities on how to prevent natural disasters as much as they can. Also how to prepare their properties/homes in the event of an emergency.

I believe that the Australian Government should invest more into education schemes and make sure that everyone is aware of the hazards in their area, and how to prepare for disasters.

I didn't learn much about natural hazards and disasters whilst I was in primary school, I am starting to wish I did, because building up habits from my childhood with the rubbish has affected the way we affect nature right now.

I do not believe climate change exists

I don't feel that I know enough about the topic to give strong and helpful advice. Talking with family about these issues, money is always the issue.
Why aren't there more plastic recycling bins and centres? Plastic can be turned into fuel, so we aren't we utilising this? Why can't we use more paper substitutes e.g. at grocery stores for collecting and weighing fruit? If the government introduced and helped the communities to help plant trees or allocated 'paper forests' we could have a more sustainable lifestyle.

I don't think there is a problem with the protection of communities. I live in Townsville and when it flooded, it was handled reasonably well. Many people lost their houses, but they were accommodated for by the community and funded for by the government. My message to the government would be to prioritise preventing climate change above any other problems, as opposed to learning how to recover from its consequences. Not just to the Australian government, but to most political figures; their ideologies and economic matters (in their lifetime) are blatantly more of concern to them than the extinction of their entire species, along with many others. It is a daunting and monumental issue but rather than shirking from it a strategy must be formulated. The majority of the general population is aware of this, yet powerful figures are hiding their head in the sand.

I genuinely believe the education system is good regarding natural disasters. I personally, learnt a lot about them in grade six. But I don't believe the community, as a whole, are educated well enough. I think there should be more knowledge spread about what to do during a disaster. Where to look for warnings. Things like that.

I have not been taught a lot in what to do in multiple events. I wouldn't know where to go, it would be great if they could tell us where would possibly need to go and what to bring in the 'survival kit'

I honestly don't know. Make sure people are aware and make sure you invest money in communities that need it.

I know that these kinds of disasters will only impact you for a small part of your life, and for a lot of you, these disasters don't even affect you - you have safe homes waiting for you. But for a lot of people, after a disaster, they lose everything. You need to start caring more and thinking about how you would feel were the roles reversed. I am sure that you would want all the help you could get to help people be more aware and cautious of natural disasters, as well as the impacts they have on our community. You literally have a whole country in your hands, and we have all placed our trust in you to keep us safe.

I know that transitioning from fossil fuels to renewable energy is not easy but we need to make a start to this commitment.

I know you're doing your best, but we need more help from other communities.

I personally don't believe in climate change I think it's the movement of the tectonic plates with all the countries and land colliding making Pangea again as an example: Australia is moving about 10 cm per year towards Asia.

I talk with ecologist groups.

I think clearer plans and communication about information regarding prevention of, and emergency plans for, natural hazards and disasters. If everyone knows what to do, and how to do it then that should help to minimize the danger to the people.

I think it's about education and informing people and this needs to start from a young age to help create a different perception around these things.

I think that all communities (new villages, towns etc) should be built in an area that has low records of disasters.
Every member of the community should have access to the same necessities other people can access in a disaster.
Hospitals should be very close to residential areas that are commonly affected by disasters.

I think that in schools teachers should be talking more to students about the news, in the way of climate change and natural disasters, to create awareness as well as generate a useful discussion on the topic.

I think that the Australian Government should enact policies that encourage a quick transition to cleaner energy, such as biofuels, wind and solar energy. Another idea that is extremely controversial is to put a tax or fee on carbon, which definitely has its pros and cons. Building codes and regulations could be strengthened to make homes and various structures more resilient to flooding and fires.
However, this is a global problem that requires a global solution, it requires co-operation.

I think that the Government could share the issue on social media such as Instagram and TikTok (which are widely used by teenagers) so that teenagers can be informed on the issue. More ads on the T.V could also be dedicated to educating people who watch T.V about the impacts and how to act upon the issues caused by climate change and natural disasters.

I think that they are doing a great job but are being put under too much pressure to find a solution in such a short period of time.

I think that we should all apply tools to households that will save hazards from coming, and everyone should be provided either funding/resources to implement in their household e.g. solar panels, water flows that saves water, dishwashers, bins etc.

I think that you should pay more attention and invest money into these issues.

I think the most important thing to be doing is to reduce our emission of greenhouse gases.

I think they are doing pretty well considering how hard it is to control nature, but I think we need more funding especially to people who live rurally who are not farmers e.g. Indigenous peoples, to keep them safe from fires.

I think they should have a good way to tackle disaster or something like that.

I think we are a society need to come together and provide people of all economic status with support and not keep pushing the issue under water and forgetting about it.

I think we should protect communities from natural hazards and disasters because than everyone can be safe and if we do this no one's property will get damaged   .

I think you should work on actually talking to the community about their problems and asking them how they would like to resolve it.

I think it is necessary to teach to children how to save water, light and other necessary things. If we don't take action quickly this will be getting worse.

I understand you are very busy most of the time. Please be more vigilant towards farmers in remote areas growing crops for nearby communities.

I want the government to please promote a plant-based diet! Science has proved that this will be the most effective way to reduce climate change!!!!

I want you to make sure everyone knows what to do and if there home gets wrecked, help them and their community.

I will ask the Australian Government to protect the communities by providing them support and equal funds that could help them in bad times.

I will say get bigger building things.

I would appreciate if it was made more public what was actually being done to support climate change, as I don't go out of my way to find info on what the government is doing. So from my knowledge I have assume that they are doing the best that they can do.

I would ask that they think about the rural areas. The people in those communities are most likely to get cut off from the world in the event of a natural disaster. They will run out of food and other sanitary resources; ultimately, they will be the most impacted. The government should also make sure that each community has a safe place to go - it is kind of sad that I don't even know if my community has one.

I would ask the government to invest more in emergency management at a national level - it seems the states are very good at emergency management (e.g. Qld, NSW and Vic in the NSW fires 2019-2020) however national seems misguided and blindly contributing.

I would ask them to help build flood walls in flood prone areas and have shelters for people who have lost homes and shelters in a natural disaster.

I would ask them to increase spending on educating young people on the impacts and causes of natural disasters, provide more evacuation centres that can be easily accessed by those who are poor or homeless and reduce carbon emissions around Australia.

I would ask them to start a project which minimises the use of non-renewable resources and start preserving the forests and wildlife.

I would just say that I would like them to put more money towards protecting communities in Australia from natural hazards and disasters and I'd also like them to make accessible emergency centres across Australia and in reach of every family in Australia.

I would like the Australian Government to act now before it's too late on this issue with climate change, hazards and disasters. Doing little things like being sustainable and spending a bit of money from people's tax to further improve issues like poverty and homelessness can go a long way between now and in the future. Whatever we do, we can't take it back, so we need to think smart and further develop our understanding about these issues. Climate change is happening right now, and it is an issue no one can ignore, not even the Government.

I would like the Australian government to consider all the CO2 in the sky that are attributed by animal farming, also I would like to consider removing away from fossil fuel and look at investing in renewable energy.

I would like the Australian Government to help children adults everyone in need for help in a disaster.

I would like the Australian government to invest more money in diversifying the Australian economy in sectors other than natural gas, coal and other unsustainable exports. The Australian government should cooperate more globally and utilise our vast renewable natural resources (i.e. land for solar panels, wind turbines) to create a completely renewable energy economy. They should also seek to improve infrastructure and invest in contingency plans for severe natural disasters such as bushfires.

I would like The Australian Government to provide places for the homeless people during the night-time and/or during natural disasters. (We could turn parking lots into sleeping places at night).

I would like the awareness of natural disasters and their impact to be spread across Australia.

I would like the federal government to take responsibility and stop living with their head in the sand. We need to take action now. We have the worst track record for becoming more sustainable and it's disheartening. The Australian people deserve better.

I would like the government to care more about it. I just want them to listen to everyone, I can't put it into words as well as other people.

I would like the government to inform people of their impact on the Great Barrier reef in order to ensure that it survives.

I would like the government to make sure people who are vulnerable to have the same education and disaster relief as the rest of the community

I would like the government to take more action on helping people in remote areas, to many farmers have lost property due to the lack of help from the government and rural services.

I would like them to be as prepared as possible for future natural hazards and disasters. This can be achieved through looking a past trends related to natural hazards and disasters and listening to experts within the field for what to do in future in regard to natural hazards and disasters. By being as prepared as possible, it gives the community more warning of a potential risk and therefore, more time to act.

I would like them to contact the people that their decisions will affect and see what they have to say about it. This would help as it will have a higher chance of giving the people what they want and also because the last thing people want is to be ignored/ brushed off and forgotten about.

I would like them to educate the younger generation and set up more evacuation centres. Also to take climate change more seriously and to start doing something now instead of waiting!

I would like them to improve the education of both children and adults concerning the cause, effect and prevention factors of natural disasters. I would like them to listen to their constituents about these issues and ensure communication with the general populace is transparent and frequent. I would like them to be conscientious of the region's history with natural disasters and prepare contingencies for such events, whilst also considering these risk factors when designing infrastructure and disaster plans.

I would like them to prioritise educating children and the general population about natural hazards and disasters, and what to do to protect against them and to mitigate their impacts.

I would like them to provide shelters for people and families who are, or will be, affected by natural hazards and disasters. I would also like them to make renewable resources (e.g. electric cars instead of fuel powered cars) cheaper so that people can actually afford to make a difference.

I would like to look at the following factors to protect communities from natural hazards and disasters:
1. All new schools and hospitals should be located and constructed to ensure that high-hazard areas are avoided and that special provisions are made to reduce the potential for damage by natural hazards.
2. A national training program, supported by the government and fully integrated with the preparedness training proposed here, should be developed for this purpose. Its curriculum would include land-use planning, zoning, building codes and regulations, tax incentives, and non-structural mitigation measures. Case studies from throughout the nation and around the world should be included.
3. Local jurisdictions should ensure that new development is located, designed, and constructed to withstand natural hazards. They should use information from hazard and risk assessments, land-use plans, and zoning regulations to limit development of hazard-prone areas.

I would like to say they need to make actions plans for mitigate the possible disaster like to protect the environmental or organise the days for cut the grass in this way will try to avoid the future bushfire.

I would like to tell them that we need to prepare communities better for natural disaster, and fund more rural and remote communities for when disaster strikes. I also believe that we need to educate all communities that are prone to bushfires on what to do and prepare these areas for fire.

I would like to tell them to hear more what people have to say.

I would like to tell them to invest more money into protecting communities from natural hazards and disasters. Not only that I feel that the government are doing a poor job at trying to stop the issue before it expands into bigger, harder to manage problem that impact and effect many people in society. For example, the government will invest money and help communities after there has been a death or toll or after a significant number of houses/people have been affected. Instead, they should be doing something (stopping the issue and protecting the communities) before there is a death or before many people have been impacted. They need to target the problem when it is small and manageable before it is large, unmanageable and harder to deal with. They also need to listen to younger people's ideas. Many leaders in the government, I feel, have failed and are failing to accept other people's ideas (especially the younger generations). Our generations are full of ideas which can greatly impact society, yet the allowance of that communication is not accepted/is harder to be accepted. The government leaders are not really concerned with these issues as they will 'not be around to face them'. But we will. Our generations will be left with the major issue of climate change as it is going to directly affect us. We will be left with the storm that is climate change, and the government will not. That is why I feel they need to take these matters more seriously, as future generations are going to suffer from decisions made by the government in the present time.

I would like to tell them to stop sticking their heads in the sand and start doing something about this.

I would like you to forget all the political sides of things. Don't think about how this may affect your seat in government or how many people support you or what other countries may think. The government needs to stop focusing on all the political nonsense and focus on the important parts, the people. It is crucial that the environment is saved, there is no use pretending its fine just because it may not be the best decision politically. We must focus on the safety of ALL Australians, as well as the environment, the fauna and flora. Work WITH Australians, listen to people, listen to the scientists and most importantly listen to the Indigenous Australians as they will be key to restoring our land to its natural beauty. Set an example to other countries, don't stay stuck in the political side of things, there is so much more to focus on.

I would like you to increase awareness about natural hazards and disasters and make sure that communities are prepared for these things.

I would like you to protect communities from natural disasters especially the less fortunate such as people who are struggling e.g. elderly, homeless, poor etc

I would like you to reduce waste, reduce carbon emissions and use more renewable energy. They need to create laws/bans for more products and things that are affecting climate change. Also it would be good if they could put more money into making public transport more comfortable and more frequent. This would include improving the facilities of trains and buses and making sure that there are buses/trains available in every area of the city as there are some places where no public transport is available. Also if they reduced the amount of plastic in packaging and were more forceful of business owners to use environmentally friendly ways of producing their products.

I would personally like to at least attempt to reduce carbon emissions and the use of fossil fuels. There are plenty of activists out there but the current governments can't seem to even understand. The impact the elders and adults are making on the only planet that we can inhabitant is immense. The introduction of machinery wasn't backed up enough by the fact that later it would bring the earth to its brink of extinction, given enough time. The effect is crazy, and the governments of the earth are one of the only groups that can have a main world impact of what is happening today. In my opinion, these websites are made to be able to back up the real thing in existence but this will only make a small difference to acting now. The word revolves around one thing to the next, like a gossip column in a magazine. It's crazy. The education in first world countries needs to support the lower world countries to give them the right education on how to change this and then with the world all, on one hand, we might be able to do something. Hundreds of people die a year from natural disasters and the overall effect of climate change. This can be dealt with if we get on and do something. The older and adult generations need to accept that the world is changing and isn't what it was used to be. And I'm not talking about people around the ages of 40 and younger I'm talking about people like the prime minister who can't accept this world at this time. The reason for this is that the world of humanity is advancing faster than the world can adapt to it or some certain groups of humanity. We needed to fix our initial first problems before making new ones, but that too late. We had so many things that the people with the resources can fix. If every multi-millionaire gives money each year to world hunger and problems every year that would be moving forward so quickly that if it happened in 2000 I doubt anyone would be hungry or in poor health. But the problems we created for ourselves need to be solved instead of ignored. This is one of the essential attributes. Us as humanity need to fix ourselves before anything else.

I would say just try to do your best to save others and make sure people are aware about it, but they are not scared about climate change or hazardous disasters because bad things happen when good people do nothing.

I would say that Scott Morrison can't predict the future and didn't do anything wrong by going to Hawaii. However, there needs to be more safety networks from people suffering due to natural hazards to fall back onto.

I would say that the current stock markets are at such an all-time high that the money the Australian government gets from all the major investments such as the transportation of coal and other goods not transported by private fright companies that do not participate with the Australian government such as Toll, DHL and Qantas Fright should get them enough money to invest in climate change and better renewable Englert forms instead of just fossil fuel or coal power because Australia parliament can afford renewable energy forms.

I would say that the government should provide more education to children about natural disasters and what they should do if they are in one because I don't really understand what to do if one really does happen.

I would say that they need to give more help to the people more in need.

I would say that they should pay more attention to young children and teaching them how to cooperate with hazards.

I would say that they would need to try and look after each and every Australian and the environment.

I would say that we need to be realistic about our climate and local community and have better management programs, prevention and reaction process that are adapted to the Australian context. Also having this in light of climate change and acknowledging that these disasters will become more serve. In acknowledging we can begin formulating effective and efficient policies.

I would say that we need to listen to experts and stop denying that we are killing the earth and that one day it will be too late.

I would say that we need to prioritise the people of Australia. We need to focus on their health and well-being, especially towards those who have no shelter or have lost their homes due to these disasters. We also need to provide more funding for those who have to suffer because they were simply 'unlucky'.

I would say that we should have a conversation with young people to improve that situation.

I would say to be more informative and make swifter decisions, like with the recent virus they could've taken better precautions at the start of the outbreak rather than waiting until now to start putting people in lockdown.

I would say to the government that reducing our waste and fossil fuels is vital in reducing the danger.

I would say to them that they need to focus more on climate change influencing the frequency and severity of natural disasters, and look at how Australia is contributing to climate change and how we can reduce our carbon footprint.

I would say to them that they need to listen and respond to people who are trying to tell them what they need to do to help the Earth instead of avoiding it all. They need to put more funds into areas affected by natural disasters. I believe they need to take control in the environment, rubbish and animals because animals are just as important as people.

On the matter of natural hazards and disasters, I would say that we desperately need to focus on meeting the Paris agreement targets, and drastically lowering emissions

I would say, you need to open your eyes and find that climate change is real. It's affecting everyone, everything. The world is dying and you still don't care or want to realise that it is happening. The future is going to end, all animals will become extinct, and plastic will fill the fast high-rising oceans. Unless you and every leader in the world ban plastic or create another substance made from plants, find another way to run cars and electricity. Children have no future for their grandchildren. BECAUSE YOU DONT CARE!!!!!

I would say. Hello, I want you guys to stop. Stop all of the coal. Stop. Stop all the waste you have made just stop.

I would simply tell them that as a child this is my future that they aren't looking after and it's my life I'm going to have to struggle with in the future.

I would strongly encourage the government to start listening to the science about climate change and its effects on natural disasters.

I would suggest the government ensure that there are proper measures to limit damage from natural disasters. By ensuring the impact of the disasters are reduced the clean-up and re-establishing communities will be easier.

I would suggest them to take a proper action at a time to be prepared for upcoming climate change.

I would tell the Australian government that they need to ensure that if there is an oncoming natural disaster, everyone in the area needs to know about it and how to protect themselves, their family and their home. This can be through television broadcasts, radio, and news articles. Emergency care packages should be provided to people who need them most, such as the elderly and the homeless. This package could include a radio, batteries, water and packaged food.

I would tell the Australian Government that we need to lower our effect on climate change by lowering our carbon emissions and becoming more sustainable. They need to listen to everything the scientists are saying and instead of just promising that they will do something, DO SOMETHING!

I would tell the Australian Government to actually fund people affected by natural disasters.

I would tell the Australian government to provide information regarding the disasters to all communities and make sure children are sure of what to do in an unfortunate event.

I would tell the Australian government to reduce coal emission and immediately move to more renewable sources of energy. Whilst it may have impacts on people now it must be done to ensure a good future.

I would tell the government to ensure that all evacuation centres are accessible to everyone and to ensure that everyone knows what procedures they need to take to protect themselves.

I would tell the government to provide more funding towards keeping the essential services going during the event of a disaster and to start thinking about the impacts all of the mining, and production lines have on the earth and how this contributes to these hazards. Therefore, to make a change!

I would tell them that it's vital that we make sure people who don't have easy access to, or knowledge of shelter/protection are helped. I think we should educate people about different natural hazards and disasters, and the steps we can take to prevent them or protect ourselves. I think that the link between climate change and natural disasters needs to be acknowledged, so that they can then take steps to try and prevent it from going any further.

I would tell them that we should concentrate more on preventing natural disasters rather than focusing so much on how we can protect communities after they have hit. It is still important to help communities affected because natural disasters will always happen, but if we put more effort into preventing them, we won't have to worry so much about the care after wards. Reducing our carbon footprint is a good step in the right direction. Also more awareness on how the public can help.

I would tell them to all of the people who thinks that it not a big deal, to actual research and look at how much of a major problem it is, People think that it won't affect them but if we don't act or make a major difference now, we'll regret it.

I would tell them to become educated on climate change and the effects it has on natural disasters. I would recommend that they have strategic plans in place for businesses, homes, and communities before it's too late.

I would tell them to divest completely from fossil fuels and other climate change inducing industries.

I would tell them to invest in seminars and free workshops for communities who are living in regions where natural hazards are most prevalent. It is important for communities to have access to more resources in the coming years because even if we addressed climate change today, the effects will still be seen for decades to come. People need access to working resources such as, water, food and in some cases money for situations where the hazards have ravaged their communities. Likewise, education regarding how these communities could prepare their homes would be beneficial.

I would tell them to legislate net zero emissions by 2050 and begin reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions immediately.

I would tell them to listen to the young people of Australia.

I would tell them to make a change on changing to more sustainable things in order to not cause climate change, which won't cause any natural disasters.

I would tell them to pay attention to the world around us. Climate change is real and is affecting everyone and affecting the patterns and frequencies of natural disasters. The government needs to provide housing/support for those who have lost their homes due to natural disasters. They also need to provide more sustainable options and need to look to those who will be running the Earth in 20-30 years, as they will bear the consequences of choices made today.

I would tell them to start investing money in natural disaster businesses, build emergency centres and invest in equipment to help people during these times.

I would tell them to teach more to kids and help with rubbish.

I would tell them to upgrade unsafe or unprotected buildings and to create a place that is safe for homeless people to shelter in.

I would urge the Australian Government to spend time with the community. If valuable time is spent, communities will understand all procedures in the event of a natural hazard, this would prevent communities freaking out and causing havoc among all ages. If the government talks to the communities, it will help with specific issues occurring in the specific places of natural disasters.

If they were willing to listen, I would explain the economic benefits and expanding market of renewable energy and sustainable planning for metro and rural communities. I'd also tell them to implement policies like the national fire-fighting fleet *before* the disaster is upon us.

I'd like you to help find ways to protect themselves e.g. work with them and come help them find places to stay, talk to them face to face and help them prepare their properties (get hands on), be part of the community. Listen to scientists, children who spend hours doing research on these things and the adults that want to make sure future generations can live life and not have to worry about what other generations have made their world to be. I'd like them to not try and cover it over, say that the NSW bushfires had nothing to do with climate change. Millions of people just lost their homes from some freak accident. Even if climate change isn't the only cause for things like this, it still contributes even if it's just a little bit and that they should come and talk to people to help protect them and their lives. Protect their kids and their children and their children. I hope they listen even if it's just a little.

I'd personally like them to train the military to act as an emergency force for disasters because I don't foresee us going to war anytime soon. Having the extra manpower to help might be the difference maker in people's lives after disasters.

If I had the opportunity to tell the Australian government what I would like them to do to protect communities from natural hazards and disasters, I would ask them to take charge in reducing their contribution to climate change which is ultimately leading to the rise of all the natural disasters Australia has experienced in the past year and is still experiencing. I would also ask them to put into the practice more educational programs on natural disasters within communities; how they occur, what to do during it, how to prepare for one, where evacuation centres are and how to stay updated during one. Also aiding communities after they've been affected by a natural disaster.

If I were to tell the Australian Government what I would like them to do in regards to protecting communities from disasters, I would say that they should support local communities and help them through and ensure that youth and children are aware of the potential hazards that may come to them.

If natural disasters occur in a country or town, I think we need to be more prepared for things to happen because you never know when something is going to hit.

If the Australian Government had the welfare of all Australians, they would do more to limit carbon emissions which are intensifying the severity of these natural disasters.

If we are going to help our state, country and earth from humans we have to stop using plastic, stop smoking, limiting fossil fuels and properly take care of the bush and back burn whilst whether is still damp.

If we are going to make a difference, we need to act IMMEDIATELY. We aren't working hard enough. If we put more strategies in place to reforest areas than we can help wildlife.
At the moment, even in Morton Bay Region, there is a koala belt being lost to development. What was the point in it being a koala crossing if it doesn't provide any protection?
Stop deforesting because it is getting ridiculous.

If we get too much water and are worried that there will be a flood then we could give the farmers who don't have any water the water we don't need. This could help all of us.

If you are going to do nothing to reduce our contributions to climate change, you should at the very minimum help the communities that will be impacted. We NEED better education on natural disasters. We NEED better support for communities that suffer from natural disasters. We NEED leadership who support people in their times of need, listen to the people affected, and take steps to help communities recover.

If you know what has happened before and you know what went wrong, what are you going to do now to prepare better so the outcome isn't as bad as before?

If you want Australia to be able to sing the line of our national anthem that reads; "Our land abounds, in nature's gifts, of beauty rich and rare..." I say to you, that you need to educate and empower Australian citizens with the resources and knowledge on how to protect their land and lives. Also, STOP ADANI. If Adani proceeds, you are literally handing the Earth a fast pass to destroy our homes due to the rise on CO2 levels. I don't need to tell you this. You know this. Please, please try and make a difference.

Immediate climate change action.

Implement a carbon tax to dissuade people and businesses from causing too much emission and transition from fossil fuels as the main energy source to renewable energy to prevent climate change; therefore, preventing further natural disasters.

Implement fact-based, science-based programs teaching children from a young age, as well as society as a whole, how to deal with the impacts of such hazards.

Implement more strategies on keeping vulnerable communities safer.

In Australia, we have a climate that produces extreme weather and a lifestyle that means we want to live next to the bush, or close to the coast, in areas vulnerable to extreme weather. One in four Australians lives within three kilometres of the coast and four out of five are within 50 kilometres - many in areas exposed to tropical cyclones, storm surges, and coastal river flooding. In dealing with natural disasters, our Government, like many governments worldwide, has focused on post disaster relief – writing cheques for disaster recovery rather than investing in preventative measures. The average annual government spend on post-disaster recovery measures is $560 million, 10 times more than is spent on investing in preventative infrastructure, like flood levees which are relatively easy to put in place, to reduce the impact. I'm sure I'm not alone in thinking that prevention is better than cure - we would be better spending more to prevent the loss of life and property in the first place than repairing the damage afterward. Natural disasters in Australia cost an average of $6.3 billion per year. That's expected to increase to $23 billion by 2050 because of population growth and internal migration to areas that are more prone to natural disasters. Outside of Melbourne and Sydney, coastal Queensland will see the fastest population growth.

In my opinion I think Australia needs a kick. Because we are letting our climate kill the beautiful creature and coral of sea and land.it is appalling.

In order to live in a nation that is always advancing we need to protect the people which make it great.

Increase awareness and communicate more openly about the issue with the public.

Increase awareness and funding.

Increase awareness of who is most vulnerable in cases of climate change and what can be done to support them in terms of resources, relocation etc. Furthermore, I would like the Australian government to help limit the effects of climate change by reducing carbon emissions and switching to renewable energy sources.

Increase education and awareness.

Increase educational programs and established programs that prepare people for likely disasters in their area. Establish a policy which restricts the amount of administration fees that NGOs or fundraisers are allowed to charge for disaster relief donations. establish stricter policies that ensures transparency of funds and where they are going.

Increase plantation, reduce pollution.

Inform Communities about climate change and visit communities with that is the most problematic.

Inform community about natural disaster escape plans and potential ways to prevent the risk of future hazards.

Inform more people about precautions.

Inform us.

Invest in educating people more on their individual impact.

Invest in emissions reduction schemes and policies which work to limit the effects of climate change, as rising temperatures will only make natural disasters more frequent and devastating. ensure all communities have plans in place and resources available to deal with large scale disasters like the recent bushfires, and have national emergency measures ready to be activated if needed- so many disasters could be better dealt with if there was a quicker national response.

Invest in plans to avoid major damages to businesses and property.

Invest in prevention and protection measures now; be proactive instead of reactive. Commit to fossil fuel reductions and put the future of the world and our lives before profit and greed.

Invest in your people's safety before you invest in coal.

Invest money.

Invest money into remote areas and protect those most at risk.

Invest more in community education and involvement programs, encouraging young people to take ownership of the issue and actively participate in solutions through roundtable discussions, grant initiatives and volunteering.

Invest more into nature, planting trees and making this earth more greener.

Invest more money in this.

Invest more money on it.

It is not only about protecting communities, but it is also about preventing the ability for that to happen in the first place. Protecting is of course necessary, but if climate change is contributing to the disaster and you don't do anything to prevent or help that then technically, you're a part of why the disaster is occurring...we all are.

It is very important.

It needs to be emphasised that we are all accountable to reduce waste, air pollution and reduce our footprint - it's not just up to the government. Education around over consumption is key to limit damage to our planet.

Just give awareness programs.

Just help us and worry about us and not just you if you want to look after us then listen please.

Just keep our country safe please.

Just listen things from everyone and implement them.

Just make sure everyone knows how to be safe and everyone has access to facilities to reduce the risk of natural disasters.

Just needs to be more precautions in place for extreme weather and disasters and should try and fix the bigger problem which is climate change.

Just stop being dumb and make some proper goals and actually try to transition from coal to renewable energy. You shouldn't have to protect Australian communities from something that is preventable.

Just to inform everyone over all media platforms about etc..

Keep the well addressed BOM radar updated regularly with appropriate information about every possible disaster. Have people aware that BOM can help.

Keep them informed.

Keep us informed.

Know what you're talking about.

Learn about more sustainable practices and better management of resources.

Less talk, more action, listen to what people are saying.

Limit our emissions so these disasters don't get worse, and to fund plenty disaster relief.

Listen and take advice from scientists.

Listen to all views and consider global climate change activity in preparing and educating Australians from a younger age.

Listen to both the experts but also the all of the people in all of the communities you are trying to protect from natural hazards and disasters (particularly Indigenous people) - they are experts on the land they live on too.

Listen to climate scientists and make actual steps in reducing our emissions and creating an environmentally sustainable Australia. Ensure that our emergency services teams are given everything they need to work as hard as they can and support them financially in this difficult time.

Listen to community members regarding what actually happens rather than just communicating with local governments who have agendas.

Listen to experts, not children.

Listen to Indigenous Australians and how they managed the land. Make sure you know all the risks and how big of an impact a decision may have on everyone in Australia.

Listen to science and what they are telling you.

Listen to scientists and actually take their advice on board so we can avoid the worst of our climate disaster!

Listen to scientists and use their research to make laws that counter climate change. Reduce carbon emission before the Paris Climate Agreement.

Listen to scientists on climate change, ensure that resources/facilities needed during natural disasters (food, shelter, water) are accessible for EVERYONE affected, prioritising the poor, disabled, very young and very old.

Listen to scientists, tell the truth, protect our community. They can and should be leading in renewable energy and we need to have a just transition to renewables from coal and gas!

Listen to the experts.

LISTEN TO THE EXPERTS.

Listen to the Indigenous Australian communities. Listen to the scientists. Take on their advice. Be determined and driven to make each Australian live eco-friendly lives. No more discussion of whether climate change exists - it is outdated and harmful. Rather, work towards introducing new legislation and use renewable energy to reduce the effects of climate change. Consult with children regularly and ensure they are doing well mentally with the natural hazards occurring.

Listen to the Indigenous Australians that own this land because they have been here longer than the first fleet.

Listen to the Indigenous Elders of how to protect the land, listen to the kids of today because it's our lives that are impacted in the future, don't say things and not uphold them. Remove all plastic and use other things to keep our land from not dying due to climate change because it is a real-life thing.

Listen to the influential youth across the world that are trying their hardest to knock some sense into you.

Listen to the issues about climate change and compare the rise in carbon emissions. Also at the same time allowing for more funding to be funnelled into communities especially rural in order to prepare and aid in relation to natural disasters.

Listen to the needs of the people, don't abandon the country in times of need, make changes that are good.

Listen to the professionals, and act on what they suggest.

Listen to the public opinion is the first priority

Listen to the public, all calls for money are useless and we need to face this together in a global effort.

Listen to the science and spend the money.

Listen to the science, and work with the education system to provide communities with the tools and funding required to not only adapt to climate change, but to mitigate it.

Listen to the scientists.

Listen to the scientists and do what they say because they're the experts and we are a democracy and so we are all meant to work together and use our strengths.

Listen to the scientists and just have some common sense, climate change is happening so let's act! It's not only for the environment but also economically makes sense (potential loss of business activity from natural disasters).

Listen to the scientists and prepare for more natural disasters.

Listen to the scientists stop being stupid. stop worrying about money right now, if we're all dead because of climate change well there won't be any money to worry about ever again.

Listen to the scientists!!!!

Listen to the young people and switch to renewable energy sources now.

Listen to the younger generation, it's their life in your hands.

Listen to the younger people more and for our opinions to help our society.

Listen to us more and help the people who are actually in need.

Listen to what other people are saying not what you're saying and there are some many ways to prevent this by ...

Listen to what people are saying.

Listen to what the community is protesting about and take into consideration scientists' opinions and takes on how climate change will affect the Earth.

Listen.

Look after our earth.

Look after the animals.

Look at other countries, we are fortunate, we can afford the change, it is a reasonable request.

Look at the bigger picture, investing your money on safety and preparation for natural disasters isn't going to stop them from happening. You don't need to protect us if it just doesn't happen in the first place. Climate change is the biggest threat to Australia's society, so maybe taking action on climate change will reduce the likelihood of a natural disaster even occurring. I want the government to invest in solutions that will actually save people's lives from the beginning, instead of letting people die then going "oh we better do something now". The bushfires in 2019-20 were a natural disaster that, in my opinion, could have been prevented if action was taken earlier.

Look at the people and how you can help them not what's going on in the media. Try to help the people who are affected by the disaster.

Make all the preparations.

Make an effort to at least tell people about what is happening with climate change and help those affected by natural disaster.

Make Australia carbon neutral. Stop contributing to climate change.

Make buildings fireproof and let civilians have cheap access to emergency supplies and resources.

Make effective plans that help to keep environmental balance.

Make information accessible for all and make sure it reaches everyone!

Make information and resources equally accessible to EVERYONE that is in Australia. (e.g. culturally and linguistically diverse, homeless, elderly, rural, first nations) Understand how different disasters have different effects and cater to the needs of specific groups, as opposed to catering to the population as a majority and not a minority.

Make it fair and equitable for all.

Make more information available for the wider public.

Make more information available to the community and people. Therefore, help people to be able to prepare and learn about the implications of natural disasters.

Make people literate about how to react when disasters occur. Do not get panic, don't spread rumours.

Make people more aware of climate change and the impact that it has on natural disasters and ways of reducing this impact.

Make places that aren't as affected more accessible or known to places that are for the purposes of relocation.

Make prevention the priority. Rather than waiting until a disaster occurs and determining how to deal with it at this point in time, ensure that the potential for disasters is minimized as much as is humanly possible.

Make serious laws to follow or be punished severely.

MAKE SOME strict rules we need to follow.

Make sure all people now what is happening and are able to find a safe place to go. Also you should have a way for people to check on the elderly or injured that might not be able to escape.

Make sure before these things happen that they are safe and that they have food and water to last them however long and if old people are living along that are 70 or older have someone with them to make sure that they will be ok.

Make sure everyone is aware of the situation and know where they can get to a safe spot safely. And improve flood water systems, on the roads near my school clogged. Additionally, the building around where I live are all low lying and old so in a disaster, they are prone to damage.

Make sure everyone is prepared and able to get to a safe spot before it happens and get everyone informed.

Make sure everyone is safe first.

Make sure people are aware of possible disasters and verify that there is no risk in their homes that could affect them.

Make sure people are more aware and prepared.

Make sure people aren't located in places that are prone to get really bad natural disasters.

Make sure that all people who are homeless have a place to go in case of a natural disaster.

Make sure that before we try and educate the young people on the subject, educate the current adults on how to deal with it as they will be the ones that can actually drive to emergency centres and whatnot rather than spend money on educating the young people as they most likely will not have access to these facilities alone.

Make sure that communication services (e.g. internet service) are always accessible or it could put people's lives at risk.

Make sure that everyone has access to support, before and after natural disasters. Provide supplies to help them manage and educate everyone on the risks and how to prepare and survive.

Make sure the homeless and the less fortunate are looked after.

Make sure to have emergency people or ambulance accessible to people in case of disaster. Make sure to have a good hospital.

Make the quality of building better.

Making sure the people who've been affected by a disaster have shelter, food and funds to survive and rebuild their life. To ensure total prevention of a disaster in the first place, carbon emissions need to be lowered, coal mining needs to stop, cutting out plastics and the burning of plastics, promote green energy and reduction of household pollution such as cleaning products, packaging, coal and wood fires. Last of all, SHOW COMMITMENT AND URGENCY WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A CLIMATE CRISIS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE OTHERWISE WE ALL WILL SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES!

Maybe have fines that push people to make changes.

More action needs to be taken to protect future generations.

More awareness needs to be brought about in communities. We need to teach everyone how to save the environment as its us younger generation who are going to be impacted the most by people's actions. More solutions need to be thought and planned out to save our future!

More burning off to protect from bushfires. More money pumped into improved firefighting methods and procedures.

More education.

More education needs to be readily available with clearer instructions on protocols and preparations.

More education surrounding natural hazards/disasters.

More funding for emergency services, fast-tracked crisis period training for volunteer firefighters.
Ideally, focussing on the long term (climate change) would be fantastic.

More information and funding to emergency services.

More information on weather patterns, even if they're in other regions so support can be offered to people in the affected regions.

More needs to be done. Not just from an immediate funding point, but long-term sustainable goals to ensure better preparation and better resources for those in need (from communities to the emergency services). Finally, more time and money needs to be spent looking at the root cause, global warming and the steps to reduce our carbon emissions.

More realistically and closely evaluate the risk of these things happening and act accordingly.

More resources for emergency services.

More support.

More support and education
Tailored plans for each community !!

Natural disasters have always been around, but climate change is making them greater significantly. I think it's time for more education and safety plans on them and how we can reduce our impact on the planet making them less severe and less tragic.

Natural disasters impact us all and we cannot control them, but we can prepare and prevent. We need to offer more things like the give a bottle to get 10c program. It is good so we reduce waste and homeless people can get money. We could do it for plastic bags or packaging. Lower the standards on fruit and vegetables so we are not wasting as much. Make sure every school has a safety plan and every city has working facilities during a natural disaster.

Natural disasters will always continue to happen, there's nothing we can do about that, but we can prepare our country more. The recent bush fires in early 2020 has wiped out thousands and thousands of homes and animals (some of which I am sure have gone extinct) because back burning did not happen. I do not doubt that the bush fires would have still happened, but they would not have been as big as they were and now everyone suffers. We just recently had cyclone Damien come through my home Karratha, my family was very lucky and only had water come through our house but many of my friends were not as lucky. I really just wish there was more support in the event on natural disasters where everyone suffers.

Natural hazards are not "natural". It is caused by climate change due to our irresponsible behaviours to our environment. We have to stand out, take action and protect our environment for ourselves.

Need to take a more proactive approach in ensuring our rural areas are more equipped and prepared. Need to also ensure they do not feel alone and are supported.

News every day.

No one thinks that natural disasters are affected by climate change.

Not one for mathematics but I'm 100% going to ethos-pathos-logos my way into a speech. I know climate change protesters make it pretty hard to want to help if they're going to block the roads or CUFF THEMSELVES to people's cars, but their message still stands. There is not enough being done about climate change fast enough. It's caught up with us so much to the point half the country was on fire for like three months. This is the first survey of its kind I've ever seen. How often does political participation extend to those of us who cannot vote? An opportunity like this is pretty epic and I think we should do this more often. I don't know how many of these words can even get through with how many people are going to complete this survey, or even if my response is just another statistic. However, I'm not sure why every other age group was excluded from this conversation. This is not just young people's problem. I understand we'll be caught in the fray but literally everyone will be affected by it. I understand that surveys like these allow us to 'have a say' but even so, apart from rallies and protests, I truly doubt youth have the power to change much. We can recycle more or take shorter showers but that won't change the fact that with such a rapidly increasing population - clearing land and getting more foodstuffs is inescapable. Surely there are some ways to make renewable sources more affordable. If we're going to get the youth involved, get more school-based activities because that's where we spend most of our time. Millennial, boomer, gen x or zoomer we all have to do something. 'Grown ups' have the resources, so can we please ask them to use them wisely?? Not sure we've forgotten the Brazilian president but the Amazon forest hasn't. Money laundering?? This is not okie dokie. Not a conspiracy theorist or edgy teen waiting to blurt everything wrong about the world but can people in positions of power not be dunderheads? Please? It's not a good combination. What's worse is that there are still people denying the existence of climate change. The point I'm making is, we're slow. Things take time. Things take work. We are not going to abolish the use of coal within the next week because we know it's bad for the environment. The world is not going to go vegan overnight because it works better climate-wise. If we're really going to protect communities from natural hazards and disasters - get more people more access to information. More knowledge of everything that goes wrong on account of climate change. Make factors that contribute to it more difficult to come by. Ban smoking please oh my gosh. Maybe try and help more people gain awareness of career opportunities that look into climate change, geography sort of things. Keep in mind, I'm only a child. Compared to what power I have currently - an opinion - someone higher up can definitely make the real differences.

Notify communities at the first sign of natural hazards and disasters to ensure the best evacuation plans for families and individuals.

Open the Entrance Channel. Put more funds into prevention.

Operate a nationwide emergency bail-out fund for every adult that is affected by natural hazards to ensure that people can buy the essentials.

Our contribution to climate change through mining and carbon emissions is outrageous. Why should my future and the millions of other teenagers in today's generation pay the price of your actions?? is it too much to ask for, to live in a world where I'll be assured a stable and safe future environment.

Our planet is dying, and you are rejecting a problem that won't be solved because you think it's difficult. But people put you in this position so you can do something to make a difference. rejecting this problem is like rejecting life itself.

People need to be educated on natural disasters and climate change, while students are learning about these things, they're not learning what they and we can do to help stop climate change. There needs to be a big change in the ways Australia is currently managing waste. We need to get rid of plastic and other degradable materials that don't break down and destroy our eco system.

People need to be well aware about the impact of natural calamities.

Plant more trees.

Plant more trees.

Plant trees and save trees.

Play closer attention the scientific research and experts and what they have to say on the matter.

Please be leaders in the world that work towards positive sustainability. We cannot use fossil fuels for ever. They will run out. Openly accept climate change and follow the scientist's suggestions on mitigation, protection, preparation and regeneration. 2040 documentary leads the way.

Please be prepared for the worse. Have places where those who are affected can stay.

Please believe in science and implement that knowledge into the school syllabus so children are prepared and understand both the cause and extent of climate change.

Please build dams.

Please consider more aggressive investment in the technology industry to develop technologies that can allow us to mine without severe environmental effects. Also invest aggressively in solar technology and hydroelectricity.

Please consider the risk of continual climate change before it's too late.

Please consider those who are more at risk or more disadvantaged and prioritise them over the general public.

Please control big factories and support farmers.

Please could you try and give out free sandbags in case of flooding and help poor families pay for air con fees.

Please do more.

Please do more to combat the climate change.

Please do something about climate change, if you don't it's your responsibility for everyone's death.

Please do something or anything to help instead of ignoring the problem. Change laws and policies to reduce climate change so these communities don't worsen.

Please educate people and make sure that everybody is aware of the risks, the causes and the things they can do to protect themselves. Please acknowledge that climate change has, even by a little bit, made the natural disasters worse and provide people with the information and tools they need to help reduce them. Please ensure that there are safe places available for people when they have nowhere to go because of the effect that the disasters have had on them. Please protect the vulnerable people in our community, including the elderly. My own grandparents got trapped in their town in the recent bushfires because they were not made aware of what was going on even when the fire was backing up onto their property. Please take preventative measures to ensure that we see less disasters.

Please give rural communities funding and resources before, during or after a natural disaster. My hometown of 300 almost burnt because of a bushfire. It was so dry and if there hadn't been fire trucks from nearby towns it would have been destroyed. The fire was two metres away from my cousin's house who lives on the outskirt of town. The town is surrounded by bushland (hectares of trees and scrub) and apart from a local pool, there is nowhere for a fire truck to refill its tank. They would have to drive many kilometres away to refill and by then the fire would have been uncontrollable. I think there needs to be water tanks and even a shipping container placed in remote towns so fire trucks and helicopters can refill. These tanks could also provide drinking water for people who have been displaced due to other natural disasters.

Please help our community prepare for any disasters in our area.

Please help people that are unable to prepare for natural disasters and find a way to warn everyone what is coming.

Please improve education system and provide info about hazard.

Please just be ready with support when things like this happens. Thanks!

Please just help people recover from these disasters as quickly as possible.

Please just listen to the scientists and do what they tell you. If you can listen about COVID-19 you can listen about this. Also look at the drop in Co2 emissions since we were all forced to stop work and stay home. Think about the reasons why.

Please let every group of people from this society learn more about the risk that natural hazards and disasters bring to us and teach them how to safeguard it.

Please listen to the advice of scientists instead of relying on the mining industry to fund Australia. Grow up and think about how it is affecting us all; if we simply introduced solar panels in every home and in remote areas of Australia, we could power entire cities. Not only this, but if we implemented a nationwide blackout in suburban areas after certain hours it would reduce our energy usage and thus would improve our nation's ecosystem. This would reduce the amount of greenhouse gasses emitted by our country, and this might reduce the amount of natural disasters that have been rapidly increasing over the past ten years. Also, actually do burn offs in the winter, not doing so is reckless and the results - as you have seen - are catastrophic. We NEED to do BETTER.

Please listen to the people who have lived their lives on the land and who know what could help and do your best to provide the means for them to do what they have to do.

Please listen to the scientists and prepare and work accordingly!

Please listen to the scientists, not children.

Please listen to us. We can't vote but need our voices heard. Please.

Please make a better education plan to educate young students/adults about the effect of climate change.

Please make an effort to help stop climate change so that life can go on as was before. We desperately need to consider the impact we are having on the environment so that we are no longer at risk of losing life's and our ecosystem because without it we will cease to exist.

Please make natural disasters/learning about the impacts apart of the school curriculum so that all students are aware of possible dangers and how to prevent them and how to act during them. Please act on climate change, it is very real, and it does affect our future. for example, where I live in March we get heaps of march flies so much that you cannot go outside without being eaten alive and I think I have only seen 10 march flies last year and this year combined due to the change in climate... the Great Barrier Reef, one of Australia's biggest attractions, is dying due to climate change! Please help and reduce emissions and make Australia more sustainable!

Please make sure we have enough supplies for people who are panic buying.

Please make sure you're smart.

Please make the actual community more safe and make emergency hideouts obvious, especially for schools.

Please not harm anymore the planet.

Please prepare more and listen to those who know what they are talking about (scientists).

Please protect trees and land.

Please protect us Australians and more parts of the world. I think we should start picking up rubbish groups on every single beach! And countless picking up trash groups in the park. I think this will make a big change on the world that we live on. Maybe even make it compulsory to not be in a park and not pick up rubbish. I think another idea is to stop EVEN USING PLASTIC it hurts the TURTLES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please reduce your emissions and declare a country wide climate emergency, introducing laws on waste & restrictions for larger disruptive companies.

Please start helping the farmers in drought by providing them with animal food and water to sustain their crops and animals. I believe the Australian government is not doing enough for the poor farmers even if they say they are.

Please stop blaming and avoiding the issues, which is causing serious harm to our environment, people and animals - and implement what the research has been telling us for years. Otherwise we will not have a healthy planet to live on.

Please stop just sending out 'prayers and condolences', you have the means to make change, now please go and actually DO something. Switch to renewable energy, prepare communities for the impacts of varying environmental disasters, and LISTEN TO SCIENTISTS. Wake UP. All the profits you make off consistently backing up unsustainable practices won't mean anything if you basically live in an inhospitable environment. The people are angry. Make change, right now.

Please stop making our world a terrifying place to live in. Make sure we are protecting the people who need the protection the most and help explain to them that this or that natural disaster is about to happen in the community. It is also needed for you to give money to the farmers so they can protect their home, crops and animals for when the series of natural disaster hit the world that never deserved to end.

Please stop pointing the finger and take responsibility. Please stop shutting down conversations about climate change and start taking action following the advice of scientists. Please stop taking money from fossil fuels to lie to the community about these issues. Please stop building coal mines and start building solar farms.

PLEASE SUPPORT THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO HELP THEMSELVES IN NATURAL HAZARDS AND DISASTERS.

Please take a proactive approach rather than a reactive one.

Please take climate change seriously it's dangerous.

Please take climate change seriously and recognise the long-lasting impacts that natural hazards and disasters have on our communities. They disproportionately affect marginalised people in our communities, and this must be addressed as a top priority.

Please take the advice of scientists, they're a lot smarter than politicians and please also listen to the public, it's our country not yours.

Please think about our future as well as yours.

Please understand that the knowledge that our planet will be unliveable in our lifetime to terrifying and when we are trying to make the change and the adults don't support us it hurts and scares us even more but we will still stand for what is right.

Please work on mitigation of climate change as well as adaption. Help the farmers that are struggling in drought affected areas to transition to more sustainable practices. We can't do without them. #2040

Please, just once, try to plan and act for the wellbeing of the Australian people - current and future - rather than solely your own. Listen to climate scientists who have been trying to warn Australian politicians of these dangers for years. Know that being able to change one's opinion based on new information is not a sign of weakness, it's an admirable trait.

Precautions are better than cure.

Prepare a plan for areas at risk and make sure everyone is aware.

Prepare community for the worst situation rather than waiting for it to be too late.

Prevent the problem at the cause - climate change. Divest from fossil fuels, ban ALL fossil fuel related projects (fracking, coal mining, coal-fired power plants etc), and invest in a just transition to renewable energy like solar and wind. Provide more opportunity for individuals to contribute to climate change mitigation by subsidising solar panels, batteries, electric vehicles, and encouraging more charging stations for electric vehicles.
Ensure the public know where to receive accurate climate change and natural disaster updates for their area and the country.

Prevention is better than cure. Take steps to stop our impact on climate change. It is real and it's happening whether we like it or not. Have solid plans in place for natural disasters.

Prevention versus fixing problems after they've occurred. Reduce the effects of climate change and you will see a decline in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events and natural disasters exacerbated by human activity.

Proactive action rather than reactive policies.

Promote more sustainable lifestyle to reach more people and provide people tools to do so.

Protect the environment.

Protect the farm.

Protect them from bushfires and floods and any other disasters.

Provide a place for everyone.

Provide education.

Provide essentials (water, food, clothing) ability to escape.

Provide financial aid.

Provide free medical service during pandemic, for example.

Provide funding for the scientists and services that can help prevent or reduce these natural disasters.

Provide information that is easy for people of all ages to understand and follow. Make it more interactive.

Provide money to help with aftermath of events and education.

Provide more education for the community.

Provide more education to the general population and begin using more renewable energy sources.

Provide more free education sessions within the community on how to prepare for natural disasters. How to prepare your family to evacuate or keep your home safe. Clear indications of where safe havens of refuge are in these situations and where to source help.

Provide more funding to assist the people in need.

Provide more funding towards climate change and help those who are most affected.

Provide more money so people are educated and can reduce their impact which will assist in preventing climate change.

Provide more money to farmers and work on using renewable energy to power Australia, instead of using coal power.

Provide more money when in need e.g. Australian fires.

Provide more support than a handshake and a tin of pineapple slices. Provide actual food and resources that are needed and educate communities beforehand.

Provide more to the communities in need and more emergency evacuation centres.

Provide people with the resources to protect themselves. Listen to the advice of Indigenous Australians especially since they know the land and have been here for 60,000 years more than us.

Provide proper guidance to the community by awareness camps how to react when any natural hazard comes. Tell the community about all do's and don'ts when any disaster unfortunately comes.

Provide the tools, recourses and training and let local experts and professionals handle their area rather than taking command over an area and thereby slowing down proactive measures and quick reactive measures.

Provide information about natural hazards and how to protect the planet.

Public Awareness

Pull yourselves together. This isn't just YOUR country. It's OUR country too. You are putting our generation at risk because all you want is money!

Put big amounts of money to the communities at risk of natural disasters to teach and prepare the people for them.

Put in action plans for the instance of hazards and disasters.

Put into place effective plans.

Put money into rural areas not just big cities. Don't sugar coat it helps us in a time of need.

Put more money in.

Put more money in trying to reduce pollution.

Put more money into research for safer, more eco-friendly ways to build and buildings to be built. Learn to prevent while protecting our homes and businesses.

Put the environment first before $$, stop deforestation, protect the native flora and fauna, encourage a plant-based diet, reduce our emissions, stop mining unsustainable resources, encourage communities to support their local farmers.

Raise proper awareness and required funds.

Reduce carbon emissions and do drastic action on climate change. No logging of forests as they are carbon sinks.

Reduce carbon emissions as soon as possible, not in ten years' time. Be more water wise in agriculture and farming instead of telling the metropolitan area to reduce their water consumption.

Reduce carbon emissions, stop using fossil fuels and learn from Indigenous communities about bushfire risk reduction.

Reduce carbon footprint as a nation.

Reduce climate change.

Reduce limits on CO2 emissions.

Reduce mining related emissions.

Reduce plastics and non-degradable products in the community.

Reduce the emission of carbon, plant more trees.

Act on converting the national grid to a more renewable energy-based on a large scale. Another major thing to act upon is to support farmers and agriculturalists around Australia and work on making agriculture more sustainable. One way to do this is to convert the methane that is given out from cows and other livestock and turn it into the energy of some sort. Or just remove the meat industry, however, I feel as though baby steps are required in order to achieve that.

RENEWABLES

Reserve more trees and mining.

Respect and listen to opinions!

Saving the people is really important.

Saying you'll help won't do anything, doing it will. Take action. Going around shaking people's hands won't help. Step up and actually get something done, make sure these things don't happen in the first place. Look at other countries, e.g.: Germany, they have completely cut all Black Coal and they are doing fine. Forget about your precious economy, it won't even be there if we don't change now.

Do something.

Send books off to schools to make kids learn more about natural disasters so they have a fair idea.

Set harsher penalties for littering and polluting.

Significantly increase the amount spent on prevention and preparation strategies. Better equip emergency services to respond to natural disasters.

Since I did not know much about what exactly to do if there is a natural disaster or how to prepare for one, maybe do some sort of program, or put on TV or social media what to do as I think that is important.

Social media is an amazing way of communicating, using things like Instagram, or Twitter rather than just Facebook could protect millions just by keeping a loop of information so that in an emergency people can find information fast. Radio is also really good because those in their cars don't need to look at their phones. Simply keeping updated on what people use and like to do, and staying with trends can help.

Speak with economists, philosophers and scientists to make realistic and achievable actions against climate change.

Spend more money education and innovative approaches.

Spend more money on bushfires prevention.

Spend time looking into past methods of prevention for natural disasters such as bush fires. Back burning and fire breaks are highly effective.
Yes, we contribute to global warming and need to address the issue through planning, interventions and strategic use of resources.
Offer support to rural regions as they are often most effected due to lack of resources.

Spread awareness and make people aware as they don't take it seriously.

Start accepting that climate change and natural disasters are related, in order to be prepared to support Australian's as the occurrence of natural disasters increases. Work with other countries to meet goals to reduce carbon emissions.

Start acting sooner when a natural disaster happens.

Start bioengineering crops to last.

Start doing something! Our mines need to start being either closed or made more sustainable. I understand that we make lots of jobs through mining and our economy depends on it, but if we want to survive, we need to start looking at different options. The government needs to donate lots of money towards changing our energy consumption policies and helping those who have been affected by natural disasters. Australia gets a lot of sun, go solar, we get wind, get turbines, we have a lot of water, go hydro.

Start in the places that are most needed, the changes will take time, but they are possible. Said changes are beneficial for the widespread community and therefore are worth both the funding and time of the Government - whether Federal or Local.

Start listening to the people, it's blindingly obvious that the country wants far more action on climate change. Thoughts and prayers don't do anything.

Start listening to the science and accept that climate change is actually an issue. There are feasible measures that can be implemented to reduce the effects.

Start major renewable energy plants now.

Start making people do more.

Start paying more attention to our generation's future.

Start realising that climate change is a significant issue and start putting money into organisations that can help people, communities and the environment.

Start spending more time investigating the number one cause of climate change which is animal agriculture. Raising livestock produces more greenhouse gasses than the entire transportation sector, methane gas from livestock is 86x more destructive than carbon dioxide from vehicles. Raising livestock in the US alone consumes 34 trillion gallons of water per year, and to put this into perspective, one hamburger is the equivalent of showering for two entire months. Raising animals for food is consuming 30% of the worlds water consumption, and 45% of the earths land. Animal agriculture is responsible for 91% of Amazon rainforest destruction, it's the leading cause of ocean dead zones, habitat destruction, species extinction and world hunger. yet the government is doing nothing about this because of how much money the agricultural industry is making. If that's not corrupt, I don't know what is.

Start to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to prevent some natural disasters in the first place. We need to protect our planet!

Step down from government and let someone who cares about our future and our lives/ livelihood be in charge.

Stop Adani! And stop making more fires.

Stop allowing foreign interest to trump the well-being of Australians and the planet.

Look at all the research and understand that climate change is a real thing. Protection and prevention against natural disasters is needed.

Stop bush fires.

Stop choosing wilful ignorance over protecting your citizens.

Stop climate change such as renewable energy to help stop natural disasters.

Stop cutting down the surround bush land as that is what has been allowing the ecosystem to thrive for millions of years and because of us we have destroyed it and the balance in it.

Stop denying the facts about climate change and its increasing impact on our one source of living - the earth. Take on projects and solutions other countries have successfully implemented to battle an issue.

Stop destroying our country, stop selling all the water to people from overseas. Stop letting international companies do whatever they want here. Listen to and care for the people who put you in power, not your own greed. Our governments are leaving nothing for the future - no industry with manufacturing and now tourism and agriculture has been destroyed.

Stop fighting a culture war around climate change like you have for the past couple of decades. Accept the facts and act.

Stop focusing on the whole of Australia and focus more on smaller groups that don't live in the big cities.

Stop ignoring climate change. you are the ones with power. You have a voice. DO SOMETHING, please. For our future.

Stop ignoring the people who are educated on the subject of climate change. I live in an area where people DIED due to bushfires. A family friend lost their life, which may have been avoided if the issue was addressed long ago.

Stop letting people blame the Greens and the Labour party for everything. Educate people properly. Stop the spreading of misinformation. The only way to stop more natural disasters from occurring is to stop climate change from occurring, and not nearly enough action is being taken in order to stop it. This isn't about politics anymore. It is a very real threat.

Stop living life too scared to hurt anybody's feelings. There are people dying out here! We need to make people more aware of how to stay safe in natural disasters and help them be more prepared! Please!

Stop making climate change a political game and make serious commitments to help decrease risk.

Stop mining.

Stop mining coal and live off the sun.

Stop people from wasting fossil fuels and stop people from littering. Maybe use reusable bags instead of plastic. Or use metal straws instead of plastic.

Stop polluting.

Stop putting money into training more people and give it to those who actually need it.

Stop the mining of lithium!

Stop the rubbish waste, less animals in the shops.

Stop the use of carbon emissions into the atmosphere, change what we put our money into.

Stop using coal like cavemen. This is 2020 and we can do better.

Stop using fossil fuels and improve public transport nationwide to reduce our carbon emissions.

Stop worrying about the economic impacts of renewables and emission reducing changes, and instead listen and act on what your constituents and the future generation of Australians, who you're meant to serve, are saying.

Supply us with emergency kits and educate us more about natural hazards.

Support affected animals in disasters.

Support the communities and fund-raising groups so they can continue to help Australia.

Support them via money.

Switch to renewables.

Tackle the issue from the source and be proactive rather than reactive.

Take action early before it gets worse.

Take action on climate change.

Take action on climate change. Do not make matters worse. Help the people in vulnerable areas in which are impacted by natural hazards and disasters - but at the same time, transition to renewable energy sources, stop using coal.

Take action on climate change. Listen to the experts. Provide emergency services with adequate funding and resources.

Take correct decisions.

Take faster action towards natural disasters.

Take immediate action on climate change, and listen to young people, rural and regional Australians and First Nations people on how to best prepare for the increase in risk of natural disasters.

Take immediate and decisive action to combat the climate crisis.

Take meaningful action on climate change now!

Take more precaution.

Take more time in educating EVERYONE in the procedures to get to safety, how to best prevent this and what to do.

Take necessary steps earlier.

Take our environment seriously, because our country is nothing without its land. You need to be talking and focusing about natural disasters and climate change all the time. It should be all over the news and social media every day, students should know about it, adults should understand it, and old people should be prepared for it! Generating awareness, creating sustainable facilities and generating safe behaviours is needed! And it's needed right now!

Take preventive measures before summertime.

Take real action on climate change - meet the Paris Climate agreement standards. Transition from coal to renewable energy. Do something! Our country is suffering. Our world is suffering.

Take serious climate action - transition from fossil fuels to renewables by 2030, don't build any new coal mines.

Taking weeks and even months to pass bills in parliament is unacceptable. With the unprecedented, rapid change that is occurring with our climate it is necessary to make significant change to our climate policies.

Teach about of the better ways to protect yourself of natural hazards and disasters.

Teach children the impacts climate change has on their future!!!

Teach community more about fire and how fires are so dangerous.

Teach individuals and workplaces how to reduce emissions.

Teach it in school, in younger year groups.

Teach people how to protect themselves.

Teach people what to do to protect themselves and reduce the risk.

Teach the community what they need to do to protect themselves.

Teach the correct way to manage an unexpected natural hazard.

Tell the people where to go so then they know and to tell the people what to bring as well as to tell people as soon as possible even if it could miss so that the everyone on that area knows and can be prepared.

Tell the truth about the reason environmental disasters are getting worse, dividing our nation with misinformation is not the answer. we need to work together as a united cause to help lessen the impact of these disasters and make sure all beings are safe, including animals and ecosystems.

Tell them to forget about their egos and where they live. They have very little understanding on how it is to live like the majority of Australians.

That everyone needs to be educated about these disasters and what to do if any of this happens so everyone is prepared with the needed resources.

That they actually need to do something and help others.

That they need to start listening to everyone such as scientists because we have the technology to reverse and or reduce emissions the only thing stopping us is our governments.

That they should start taking this matter more seriously as it might be late when they do.

That this is my future and I won't have the same opportunities you have had due to our crisis.

That we desperately need to start changing our actions e.g. stop mining, introduce more solar, make Australia 100% function on renewable resources, ban toxic plastics, chemicals etc. that are hurting the environment, provide environmental haven for the creatures that have been displaced and injured in the natural disasters, provide safe houses for people who have been injured and displaced by natural disasters such as floods, regularly update emergency warning sites, better advertise what is going on e.g. hazards, what to do etc. STOP ignoring the scientists THEY ARE RIGHT! better educate people about what is happening, stop lying to the people of Australia, put more funding into services that protect people e.g. RFS, CFS, fire services, evac centres etc.

That we need to improve on the way we prepare for natural hazards and disasters and allow emergency services the funds they need to protect those at risk and those that have been affected by these disasters.

That you need to do more.

The Australian government MUST take care of climate change. I feel very annoyed that they don't do anything, and people don't respect the fact that the world is worse.

The Australian Government should provide an education program which is accessible to anyone, including those who live in rural towns. They should be specified to the types of natural disasters that occur in their communities and should be clear about the steps which should be taken to prevent these events, as well as how to react during and after. They should also include a kid-friendly session that engages them and makes them aware of what can happen. The Australian Government should also create a friendly service or platform that allows communities to voice their concerns about natural disasters, get answers to questions from qualified professionals and expand their knowledge. If they wanted to get to the children's level on the digital programs, they could create a game that can be played online or downloaded that lets children have fun whilst still learning and interacting.

The Australian Government should recognise that natural disasters are becoming more frequent and that more support/education needs to be provided to those who are most vulnerable. Even if it seems like there is no risk of a disaster, always be prepared anyway.

The biggest power you can give the community is knowledge, the more the community knows and is aware of the risks the more they can prepare and be ready in case of disasters. Also to prepare the community better to reduce the risk of disaster and the consequences. *cough* bushfires and backburning

The communities of Australia are more vulnerable to be affected by natural disasters that happen frequently (e.g. bushfire, cyclone, flood etc) so the Australian government need to inform them on what to do and evacuation plan when disasters happen.

The environment of the earth is more important than the benefit of killing it.

The government does implement programs about the natural disasters in the schools.

The government does nothing step up.

The government needs to provide as much money and assistance as possible to help those affected by the disaster rebuild their homes and lives.

The government needs to step up, there are so many people vying for more attention on this very important subject and yet the government are doing nothing. They need to provide more information on natural disasters and how to prepare for them, climate change is absolutely real and should be taken seriously.

The government should be trying to prevent these disasters (that are caused by climate change), by following the advice of the United Nations and international climate change scientists, as well as abiding by the international agreements to which we have signed, such as the Paris Climate Agreement. As these disasters have already started occurring, and will continue to occur, then the government needs to take the advice from the experts in the fields, and actually act rather than just debate or shift the blame. We are in the midst of a global pandemic, to which the government has responded; it should do the same in natural disasters.

The government should spend more money in climate change and natural disasters. Climate change can cause natural disasters which kill more people every year. If the government, doesn't take action the world is more or less, doomed.

The inaction you take now will deeply affect my future. In doing nothing you are denying me a right to a future and saying that is doesn't matter. Please invest in renewables, as it actually does help to economy in the long run, stop caring about the surplus and back pocket and rather people's future and actual people. Think with your heart, not your bank.

The main thing is awareness, making sure people know exactly what they should do and are prepared if one occurs. It would also be helpful if the government worked on keeping people calm and informed. People are much more likely to either be helpful or stay where they are safe if they know what is going on and what is being done to help the situation. After the disaster or hazard has occurred the quicker the community can rebuild better, but the first priority should always be people and their livelihoods.

There are many foreigners in Australia, so when you prepare for some of natural hazards, you should make for some kinds of languages.

There are many places affected by dangerous natural disasters. It is extremely important to protect the places in the most danger, in fact all places should be protected. Please help those people that need it.

There are people who live in rural areas too. All the funding shouldn't go to the big cities.

There must be proper implementation of strict rules and regulations regarding the energy use and waste management.

There needs to be immediate development of a plan to reduce carbon emissions so that global warning doesn't keep getting worse.

There needs to be more help and assistance to people who are homeless, lost their homes during the natural disaster, or are generally affected by the natural disaster. There needs to be a safety cushion for those who are affected.

They need to do better in supporting the communities.

They need to make companies responsible for their emissions and communities need to know what is causing the rise in natural hazards and disasters.

they need to provide adequate funding for emergency services.

They should be more open minded about listening to environmental concerns and they should listen to scientists about the facts on climate change.

They should be working with scientists on how to prevent climate change, not just mitigate its effects.

They should listen to the younger generation, as it seems that government priorities aren't which they should be.

Think green.

Think of people and make decisions rather than the economy.

This bushfire season has devastated communities all across Australia. change needs to happen and a little isn't enough. Jobs need to be created in the sustainability of our country to help prevent natural hazards ASAP. Get on board for a healthy future for everyone and everything living on earth.

Thoroughly educate the public on the warnings and procedures to follow when a natural disaster occurs.

To actually listen to scientists and act on behalf of what they say, not just what the government thinks is right. Have plans set out for the case of a natural disaster but also plans to prevent natural disasters from even happening.

To address natural hazards and disasters, it is not enough to simply deal with them as they happen. We must prevent natural hazards and disasters by addressing the major cause of their exacerbation: climate change.

To avoid plastic.

To declare a climate emergency.

to educate communities on the effects of these hazards and disasters and educate the people on how to reduce these hazards from happening

To educate the people on how to prepare and act in certain cases, and where they can go. Also to provide some funding to the communities so they can secure their essential buildings where people could all gather in certain situations.

To focus on reducing waste.

To get on top of it and stop worrying about unnecessary things.

To have proper recycling plants and to have more renewable energy.

To help encourage natural disaster plans.

To help make children's opinions matter and to be heard better.

To listen to Indigenous leaders in regards of bushfire prevention.

To listen to the community's advice so that they can help with making the community a safe place.

To listen to the experts and follow their advice.

To listen to the science behind the changing world in regards to its climate.

To make the evacuation plans more accessible and ensure more people know them.

To minimise air pollution.

To pay more attention to the smaller communities, and to invest more supply's into emergency services and supplies.

To potentially provide shelter, water and food for those effected. Also prior to the natural disaster potentially figure out a way to make it not as extreme.

To protect the people and their jobs if the switch between coal mining and more sustainable energy sources continue to happen, so that they could still support themselves and their families in a disaster or emergency.

To provide more essential necessities and to help the people who are more vulnerable to the hazards and disasters to make sure they are equipped to protect themselves.

To reduce the causes of these disasters.

To remember that we are all still human, we are not dolls that you can move around to stay out of your way. We have feelings and you need to listen to those who you have previously shut out. I know that money doesn't grow on trees and that you can't devote your life to us but at least try.

To slow down on fuel emissions.

To stop global warming.

To reduce electricity usage and to make sure farmers don't cut too many trees down when trying to gather land.

To take immediate, lawful action. To put the environment and future before human rights. The government needs to reduce the freedom of people if it means the environment can benefit.

To treat every natural hazard as if you (the government) were about to lose millions of dollars. Because what I have gathered is that you all believe that keeping your money safe is more important than keeping your country and people safe.

To try harder to come up with better ideas on single use plastic and ways to stop plastic pollution.

To understand the impact and contribute towards it.

Transition to clean energy. Deny capitalism. Listen to scientists. Remove corruption in all levels and parties in government. Provide shire- and council seat-based emergency kit templates, funding, and plans. Increase the budget and grants to our firefighters, health services, and the NDIS (so that service providers can support disabled people in natural disasters).

Try harder.

Try to encourage people to buy electric cars or more fuel-efficient cars like hybrids. Also could possibly only sell cars that have a fuel economy of 13 and under for everyday use like SUV's and Utes but for car like sport cars that could possibly be a bit higher.

Try to save the environmental issues by growing and sustaining the trees.

Try to use recyclable materials other than one-off materials.
An efficient waste-solving system should be established.

Turn to electric vehicles, use renewable energy and start taking steps against climate change.

Use money for people in the country and protect them and put right info on the social media doesn't make people confused.

Use more renewable resources of energy than fossil fuels and there should be tree plantation campaign every week.

Use more sustainable recourses.

Use past responses to natural disasters such as floods & bush fires as a guideline. Evaluate what was done wrong, what could be done better & use that to create evacuation centres that are able to be opened up asap during a disaster. Also work to mitigate climate change to prevent more frequent & more intense events.

Wake up, listen to the scientists and start making serious change.

Warn people and send more text alerts to surrounding areas about natural hazards and disasters in advance. The "if it's flooded, forget it" campaign is very useful, but there needs to be more. In schools we need to be taught more about what to do in a disaster.

We have talked and read a lot about natural disasters and what to do if they occur, and we also are informed why they happen, if we know this why can't the Government make it a priority to act against climate change and actually do something to prevent natural disasters instead of just talking about what could happen can't we decide how to may sure it won't happen.

We need to accept the science and research behind climate change and the effect it is having already on Australia and the environment. We need to stand aside from political lobbying from private multi-billion-dollar companies and act as a nation, not a company for revenue and protect our precious land.

We need to be more aware that natural disaster does occur every year in Australia. The Government needs to be alert and prepared to assist in any way that is needed during that time and do everything we can to eliminate the risk before the hazards occur, as we know what sort of disasters occur.

we need to do everything we can to protect ourselves and our communities from climate change and natural hazards and disasters.

We need to do our part in helping the world be a better place for everyone. we need to ban single use plastic, lower meet consumption and stop mass farming of animals (methane). we need to use clean power and electric cars are also effective (put more charging points around) possibly even lower public transport costs as more people will use it if it was cheaper.

We need to do something about climate change and reduce the risk of natural hazards. help us educate everyone on how to avoid natural hazards and how to be safe is a disaster occurs. Help us participate in global climate change strikes and help us save our planet.

We need to educate everyone about these things, how to prepare for it and how to prevent it.

We need to fix the cause: reduce emissions to help curb global warming!

We need to implement ways to stop global warming and deforestation.

We need to make a change.

We need to recycle more and make sure we have a healthy environment.

We need to support our communities more and firstly get them prepared to help save their homes and lives.

We need to work a lot more. We're using too many things causing more and more climate change and then you leave it to the future generations. We need new creations. We need to work together. Soon the planet will be unhealthy.

We should all of us drive to a community shelter where we can stay safe and definitely bring all our belongings with us.
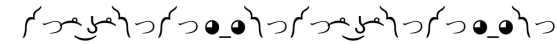
We should try our best to prevent from natural hazards than being able to retreat if possible.

I am 14 and I have been striking for my future since I was 12. At 12 you should be learning about the world and worrying about the next sleepover and my birthday party but no I was worried about my future thanks to you! So get your head out of the sand and do what is needed!

Whilst people need protecting, animals do too. I believe our ecosystems need more attention in disasters than capable humans do, and species should be protected at all costs.

Work as a team and keep the community informed and trained for this.

Work harder! Climate change is real, and we need to something about it. Not for us, but future generations to come! Us kids don't want to inherit a half dead world that the adults have had a party on and left it for us! You guys need to do more. I'm serious.

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Work on reducing our carbon emissions.

Work on reducing our footprint.

Work with communities to ensure that individuals are better prepared for natural disasters and have an evacuation procedure and back up options available. Make sure that they are aware that the community that they live in is prone to natural disasters.

You are not doing enough to anticipate and prevent current/future natural hazards and disasters. The denial of climate change and the unwillingness to commit to any concrete climate action is pathetic and it greatly disappoints me that our country has fallen to this level, due to the needs of the few who are unwilling to lose some of their privilege and wealthy lifestyles.

You are not doing enough! You need to do regular controlled back burns and the fires at the start of the year would not have been so extreme, so many people would still have their homes if you had prepared better throughout the year.

You could help the farmers that are in drought by donating money to them. You could also help the elderly who live alone and have been in a drought or hailstorm etc.

You don't have a country to run if you are letting things like natural hazards and disasters destroy the communities. You are only disadvantaging yourself by then having to play for people's communities to be built back up due to the actions of natural hazards.

You have better things to spend our money on, there is always days that were hotter "since" or colder "since". I don't believe in climate change because the climate will always change naturally since the day the earth was formed. All this climate change It's all about money not the people or the earth it's just a business at the end of the day. Take a look at the wind turbines At least with coal there's nothing left after it's burned. But the wind turbines they are fibreglass and that does not degrade for a very long time. So maybe the government needs to put a stop to people making stuff up for money.

Start governing this country responsibly and start doing things instead of point scoring and raving and protecting your jobs while you still got them.

You need to make sure that children are informed as to how to deal with a natural hazard and disaster in the case that one would happen.

We need your help. It's simple, build more dams to catch the rain to save water! make sure everyone knows how to contact 000 and to know what to do in an emergency! Take situations seriously!

You should definitely get everybody to raise money for everything.

You should listen to what has happened and help recover the areas that are affected. Especially in Shoalhaven Areas and Sussex and Nowra.

You should reduce carbon emissions from your power plants by switching to more sustainable energy production tactics as fossil fuels are now way out of date and unsustainable. Change public transport buses to a more sustainable electric powered alternative.

You should stop climate change and build floodwalls and houses with better disaster proof materials.

You're doing mostly fine. I'm uneducated in the matter, but I personally would like it if you started a new organisation that encourages children to value education more. Or if you started funding universities, or changing policies so that doctors, nurses and other medical professionals would receive a greater education. Or perhaps you could focus on providing better opportunities for school children in both public and private schools, to be sponsored or encouraged to head for which ever goal they wish to achieve in life (such as art help for young artists, design tutoring or clubs for architects and so on).

Supporting organisations of the #OurWorldOurSay national youth survey on climate change and disaster risk

The Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience

The Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience (AIDR) develops, maintains and shares knowledge and learning to support a disaster resilient Australia. AIDR is supported by its partners: the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs, AFAC and the Australian Red Cross.

World Vision Australia

World Vision is Australia's largest humanitarian organisation, assisting more than 100 million people in over 90 countries. We go where children's needs are greatest and make a positive impact through development, relief and advocacy work.

Oaktree

With over 250,000 supporters, Oaktree are Australia's largest youth-run international development organisation. We are volunteers, alumni, campaigners, student ambassadors, donors, and everyday Australians who believe in a world where all people have the opportunity to thrive.

UNICEF Australia

Children's charity, UNICEF Australia, has been a champion of children since 1966. We fund lifechanging programs for children and work with governments and civil society partners to protect and provide a fair chance for children.

Plan International Australia

Put simply, we're the charity for girls' equality. We tackle the root causes of poverty, support communities through crisis, campaign for gender equality, and help governments do what's right for children and particularly for girls. We believe a better world is possible. An equal world; a world where all children can live happy and healthy lives, and where girls can take their rightful place as equals.

Save the Children Australia

Here in Australia and around the world, Save the Children gives a powerful voice to children and champions their rights. As a global organisation, in 2018 Save the Children directly reached more than 40 million children in 116 countries.

Australian Red Cross

Australian Red Cross works to reduce suffering across Australia and internationally through mobilising the power of humanity. We are part of the International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, the largest humanitarian movement in the world.