RAC Member Priorities Tracker

Sustainability

In October 2021, 406 of our members¹ took part in a survey telling us their views on a range of topics relating to the environment, vehicle emissions, and electric and hybrid vehicles.

The environment

The top 5² environmental issues Western Australians think need addressing are:

- **1*** Water quality / conservation
- **1** Waste management / recycling
- **3** Extinction of native animals
- 4 Climate change
- **5** Use of non-renewable energy

Climate change

90%



'think³ the world's climate is changing' this is up 5% from last year.

78%



believe4 climate change is caused by human activity.

Vehicle emissions

97%



believe vehicle emissions negatively impact on climate change and human health.

- » 62% say 'a great deal' or 'a lot'.
- » Less than 2% say 'not at all'.

96%



think they have a personal responsibility to help reduce vehicle emissions.

- » 52% say 'a great deal' and 'a lot'.
- » Less than 3% say 'not at all'.

Air quality

Almost 1 in 4

have concerns about their local air quality / air pollution.





When asked about changing travel behaviours⁵: **19%** have changed their travel for climate change and air quality reasons.



^{*}Tie for top environmental issue.

¹ 307 from the Perth and Peel region, 99 from regional WA. Age, gender and location sampling quotas were applied and data has been post-weighted to be representative of RAC's membership (which is broadly consistent with the WA population profile) - the margin of error at total sample level is +/-5% at the 95% confidence level.

 $^{^2}$ This year Number 4 is the only change from last year's member tracker, Number 4 changed from Air quality in last year's survey to Climate change in this year's survey.

³ Those who answered 'yes' to this question.

 $^{^4}$ Respondents who said, a great deal and a lot. 16% said a moderate amount, 3% said a little, 1% said not at all and 2% don't know.

⁵ 45% have not made any changes to their travel and 36% have made changes for other reasons.

Electric and hybrid vehicles

an electric or hybrid vehicle



for their next vehicle purchase, this up 6% from 2020.

14%



'don't know' what vehicle they will buy next.

36%



would consider a 'petrol' or 'diesel' vehicle7.



estimate they'll own an electric vehicle within the next 10 years.

The main barriers to people buying an electric or hybrid vehicle:

say 'the cost is too high'8

10%

say 'access to charging infrastructure'

6%

are worried about 'range anxiety'

5%

'do not know enough about them'

are uncertain about 'running costs /

5%

individually cite 'other' barriers such as towing capacity; rural / regional distances and the need for four-wheel drive capacity.

^{9 22%} are 'Much more positive' and 33% are 'More positive'



For further information please contact advocacy@rac.com.au When asked how they feel about electric vehicles in general, compared to 12 months ago:

55% feel more positive⁹

have had no change in opinion

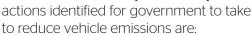
do not have an opinion on electric vehicles

2%

have a more negative view

Government action

Consistent with last year, the top 3





Provide incentives for purchasing low emissions vehicles.

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Regulate emissions through national standards for new vehicles.

Increase the number of low emissions vehicles in the government vehicle fleet.

Only 27%



have confidence in the government to address vehicle emissions (down 14% from 2020).

78%



believe the government should be doing more to reduce vehicle emissions (up 6% from 2020).

 $^{^{\}rm 6}$ 29% said battery electric vehicle and 21% said hybrid electric vehicle.

^{7 21%} would consider a petrol vehicle and 16% would consider a diesel vehicle.

⁸ Up 11% from 2020.