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## PEOPLE ARE NOT BUYING THE CLIMATE SCARE

Only a third of Australians think the world is warming and human carbon dioxide emissions are to blame, according to a Galaxy poll commissioned by the Institute of Public Affairs.

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The Galaxy poll asked 1,042 Australians on the weekend of the 18-20<sup>th</sup> February 2011, "Thinking now about global warming. Which one of these statements best matches your view?"

Attitude to global warming	18/20 Feb 2011
The world is warming and man's emissions are to blame	34%
The variation in global temperature is just part of the natural cycle of nature	26%
There is conflicting evidence and I'm not sure what the truth is	38%
None/Don't know	2%

Dr Alan Moran, director of the Institute of Public Affairs' Deregulation Unit said, "The Gillard Government's desperate efforts to sell its carbon tax are failing. It has funded the Tim Flannery headed Climate Commission, the advisory group to the Parliament's 'Multi Party Committee on Climate Change' and the Garnaut review exercise. These come on top of the 600 strong Climate Change Department and taxpayer subsidized think tanks.

"Compounding this, well-publicised claims by climate activists have linked recent floods with man-made global warming.

"Yet, in spite of the abuse of taxpayer funds, last weekend, people gave almost identical responses to the same question eight months ago.

In Senate Estimates on Tuesday Finance Minister Penny Wong likened some of the world's most highly qualified climate scientists who hold sceptical views on global warming with "people who believe the world is flat".

"This poll shows that Minister Wong clearly views the majority of Australians with equal contempt", said Dr Moran.

"Australians are seeing through the self-serving rhetoric the Gillard, is imposing on them."

Full results of the Galaxy poll are available on the IPA website at [www.ipa.org.au](http://www.ipa.org.au)

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