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## ONLY 1/3 OF AUSTRALIANS BELIEVE HUMANS ARE TO BLAME FOR GLOBAL WARMING

Only a third of Australians think the world is warming and humans are to blame, according to a Galaxy poll commissioned by the free market think tank the Institute of Public Affairs.

The Galaxy poll asked 1,051 Australians on the weekend of 23-25 March 2012, "Thinking now about global warming. Which one of these statements best matches your view?"

This is the third year in which the Institute of Public Affairs has commissioned Galaxy to poll this question.

|   | 23-25 Mar 2012 | 18-20 Feb 2011 | April/May 2010 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| The variation in global temperature is just part of the natural cycle of nature | 29%            | 26%            | 26%            |
| There is conflicting evidence and I'm not sure what the truth is                | 36%            | 38%            | 38%            |
| The world is warming and man's emissions are to blame                           | 34%            | 34%            | 35%            |
| None/Don't know   | 1%             | 2%             | 1%             |

"These findings are similar to the results of the 2010 and 2011 surveys, but this year shows a modest increase in climate scepticism", said Alan Moran, Director of the Institute of Public Affairs Deregulation Unit.

"Yet the Gillard government is spending considerable resources to support its Clean Energy Future package.

"The Garnaut report and the Climate Commission headed by Tim Flannery have spearheaded the agenda's development and its propagation. The agenda is supported by thousands of bureaucrats, including 1,027 staff at the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change.

"Despite years of debate and significant expenditure of taxpayers' resources, most Australians do not agree with the government that humans are solely responsible for global warming," Dr Moran said.

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