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POLL: AUSSIES WON'T PAY FOR CLIMATE SCHEMES

A new poll conducted for the Institute of Public Affairs by Galaxy Research shows an increasing number of Australians are unwilling to pay to fight global warming. The poll also shows stable attitudes towards the science of climate change.

1,059 Australians were polled by Galaxy Research from 28 to 30 March 2014. This poll was first taken for the IPA by Galaxy in 2010, and has been regularly conducted since.

The key findings of the poll are:

- A record 41 per cent of Australians are not willing to pay anything to fight global warming, up from 35 per cent in 2010
- Just 4 per cent of Australians say they are willing to pay over \$1,000 a year to fight global warming, down from 6 per cent in 2010
- There has been a slight increase in the number of Australians who believe global warming is happening and humans are to blame, 37 per cent compared to 35 per cent in 2010. The number of Australians who believe climate change is natural is down slightly to 24 per cent, from 26 per cent in 2010. The number of Australians who believe the evidence is conflicting remains steady at 38 per cent

Full results including detailed tabular findings and data from previous polls is available [here](#).

Alan Moran, director of the deregulation unit at the IPA, says: "Even when they see a need for emission reductions, people are unwilling to pay the costs. Research by the OECD in collaboration with Treasury released in September 2013 indicated that to meet its carbon emission goals the average Australian would need to pay a tax of approximately \$2000 per year by 2020.

"The growing resistance of people around the world to increased energy taxes is resulting in the collapse of plans to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide. That resistance is bringing the vast apparatus of politically committed scientists to engage in increasingly shrill rhetoric, like what we are hearing from the recent IPCC meeting in Yokohama. This rhetoric is in stark contrast to the evidence which shows that temperatures have been stable for the past 17 years," said Alan Moran.

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