



A CLIMATE FOR *Change*

Climate change is a global issue but there are many things that individuals, businesses and governments can do to help minimise impact on the coastal and marine environment.

There are two main steps that you can take to help the coastal and marine environment in the face of climate change:

The first is to **reduce greenhouse gas emissions**, as increases in their concentrations are responsible for climate change. The greenhouse gas emissions that we produce come from using electricity, from burning fuel in our car and from using products that require fuel and electricity to produce.

The second step is to **reduce the impact** that you have on the coastal and marine environment. A healthy coastal and marine environment is more resilient and can recover quickly from the impacts of climate change, such as coral bleaching.

Some things you can do at home to reduce greenhouse gas emissions are:

- Switch to 'green' electricity produced from renewable sources by contacting your energy provider
- Use energy efficient lights
- Choose energy efficient products
- Turn off electrical devices such as televisions
- Turn off lights around the house
- Refuse, reduce, re-use and recycle
- Use less hot water
- Dry your clothes the natural way, not in the dryer
- Plant trees which take up carbon dioxide as they grow
- Heat and cool your house efficiently
- Drive less: car pool, use public transport, walk or cycle
- Spread the word to others
- Offset or neutralise your greenhouse gas emissions