

“No One is Too Small to Make a Difference”

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A climate and environmental catastrophe is now unfolding on the planet.

HUMAN INDUCED GLOBAL WARMING IS REAL

- 2019 was our hottest and driest year since records commenced
- Average annual rainfall in southern Australia is steadily falling
- Droughts are now becoming more frequent and more severe
- **The current bushfire crisis is without precedent. These colossal fires have cost over 26 lives directly, burnt over 10 million hectares of farmland and forests, destroyed over 2100 homes, killed thousands of livestock, and over one billion native creatures, with a number of species now at the point of extinction.**
- For decades, climate scientists have been warning us about the dangerous consequences of climate change, **and yet our governments keep ignoring them.**
- Australia has one of the highest per person emission rates in the developed world! **We are not too small to make a difference!**

THE BENALLA SUSTAINABLE FUTURE GROUP seeks to promote policies and actions that protect our environment, and the future wellbeing and livelihoods of people in our community, and on our planet. You may be familiar with our Food Co-op, Plasticwise Benalla group, Building efficiency workshops, and renewable energy work through Renewable Energy Benalla.

WHAT CAN YOU DO RIGHT NOW?

- We in Australia burn too much fuel, clear too much land, consume too much stuff, and throw out too much! **It is pivotal that we change to a more modest lifestyle right now.**
- Business as usual will kill our planet. **Solutions are available.**
- Contact your local elected representatives (local, State and Federal) now.
- Demand they support an end to the mining of coal, oil and gas, and **replace these with clean renewable energy and storage facilities**
- Make a constructive difference every time you vote. **It's true, your vote can help save the planet!**

FURTHER INFORMATION Check our website <https://www.bsfg.org.au> for numerous authoritative articles and links and email the BSFG link to friends and family. Also follow us on Facebook. **The website has up to date news on all BSFG activities, including when our General Meetings are held - we usually have interesting and informative guest speakers and/or short films, followed by a light supper.**

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