



Heat in Western Sydney: Polling Results

Which of the following impacts of really hot days do you or your household experience?

- 60% of people have trouble sleeping
- Almost half of those polled avoided exercise (47%)
- 51% feel uncomfortable at home, work or school
- 23% of people say extreme heat affect their or their family's physical or mental health

What are you concerned or worried about on extremely hot days?

- 79% of people are worried about the increase in their power bills. There were slight differences between those who speak English at home and those who speak another language, with 77% of people who speak only English at home concerned about bills, compared to 86% of people who speak a language other than English at home.
- 76% of people are worried about the health and wellbeing of their pets
- 73% are worried about the affect on health of their elderly family and friends
- 72% are worried about the local environment and wildlife
- 63% are worried about the affect on their own health and that of their household

Would you be supportive of the state government implementing the following initiatives to help cool communities across Western Sydney?

There was overwhelming support (between 83% and 75% support) for our proposed initiatives. Except for instituting minimum energy requirements for landlords, which had 60% support.

- 83% supported fitting out schools with solar panels, air con and energy efficiency devices
- 80% supported grants for energy efficiency upgrades for residences
- 79% supported grants to install solar and batteries on residences
- 79% supported building more green spaces
- 75% supported grants to public spaces to install solar and aircon
- 60% supported minimum energy standards for rentals

Opinions on Climate Change

64% of people say we are already experiencing the affects of climate change. 61% say extreme heat is being made worse by climate change.

Would you consider moving if extremely hot days became even more frequent in your area?

49% of people might consider moving away. This skews young with 62% of people aged 25-34 indicating they might consider moving.

What do you believe are the main barriers to people from having solar panels installed in the area you live?

- 73% of people think cost of installation is a barrier
- 69% of renters identify living in a rental property as a barrier