

# Debating The Issues

Debates are great fun and are good ways to brainstorm issues. To be effective it is necessary to research the topic very thoroughly and make sure you keep an open mind to both sides of any debate topic.

Below are some controversial statements that you can debate with your classmates:

1. Australia should take immediate and forceful steps to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions even if it means putting some coal miners out of work.
2. Australia should agree to definite emission reductions and submit to definite timetables.
3. Since the richer, industrial countries of the world are responsible for the most CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and have benefited from them, these countries should now pay poorer countries to help them reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
4. Australia should wait until more definite research has been accumulated before trying to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
5. To reduce our dependence on oil (and thus reduce greenhouse emissions), the Australian government should require automobile companies to produce automobiles that get 100 kilometres per litre.
6. An environment rich in CO<sub>2</sub> would not be harmful to the earth, but actually would be very beneficial. We should be doing nothing at all to discourage CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. If anything, we should encourage them!
7. To discourage people from using petrol, there should be an additional \$0.50 per litre tax on petrol even if this tax hurts low income people more than others.
8. Reducing the world's population growth will have little effect on global warming.