

get a job in corporate and vote Liberal? No wonder half the time people were chanting “no more Scomo”.

To further my point, schooling won't matter when the world is ruined. Even now, half a day of school doesn't matter as much as our planet! Our world has warmed by 0.8 degrees Celsius since the industrial revolution, and although that doesn't seem like much, it only took 1-2 degrees for the Earth to drop into an ice age (earthobservatory.nasa.gov). Time is running out before the world can take much more of global warming. The IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) warns that if we don't limit our global temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius by 2030 (12 years from now) the effects of climate change will be irreversible. If we keep the global temperature at 1.5 degrees, we'll still have our reefs, we'll have lower sea levels and we'll have less of a ruined world (Watts, The Guardian). We've all seen the droughts, floods and other natural disasters that are already happening on the news. We need to take action now!

Don't worry, the world is not ending... yet. We still need to roll back carbon emissions, and quickly. We need to cut carbon emissions by 45% by 2030. It seems hard for a very corporate run, greedy, self-involved world, but we can do it. We've already made great progress in the past, we can do it again!

Here's how:

- Invest in renewable energy for houses.

29% of carbon emissions come from non-renewable energy in the United States alone. Imagine what impact fossil fuel powered electricity would have if everyone in the entire world used it. Look at it this way, coal emits between 1.4 - 2.6 pounds of CO₂E/kWh*, whether as wind energy only emits 0.02 - 0.04 pounds of CO₂E/kWh, and solar power only emits 0.07 - 0.2 pounds of CO₂E/kWh (ucsusa.gov).

Pollution from coal and oil powered energy is also dangerous for public health - so if you don't care about climate change, you should care about your own health - whether you die from lung cancer or not.

- Buy energy efficient light bulbs and turn off appliances at the wall.

Keeping appliances on at the wall builds up to cost you more than \$100 a year and contributes more than 1000kg of greenhouse gas emissions. Remember when you leave the house to turn off appliances at the wall, and when shopping for new ones look for the one with the highest energy efficiency rating.

- Walk or ride to work/school. If you live far away, save for a hybrid or electric car or take public transport.

We all know cars are terrible, I don't think you need to know anymore than that.

- Grow your own fruit and vegetables, and start community gardens. Even something as simple as an indoor herb garden can reduce carbon emissions.

Not only is it fun to water your plants and see them blossom into beautiful vegetables, the carbon emissions that come from transporting and growing plants on a farm. It also helps to own chickens for eggs, if you can.

- Support ethical and sustainable fashion and shop at op shops.

One new cotton t-shirt takes 2700 litres of water, and uses heaps of energy in factories. Not to mention the effect fast fashion has on the communities who make the clothes, and the coal emitted from factories and transportation of clothes has an extreme effect on the environment. (WWF)

- Educate yourself and others.

In the words of Nelson Mandela, education is our most powerful weapon. Without information, we have nothing to act on. A majority of those who aren't doing anything about climate change are just uneducated.

And lastly, advocate for climate action, like the people who attended the climate strike. It makes a difference.

* carbon dioxide emissions per kilowatt hour.

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