

1.5°C = No Fossil Fuels

IPCC Report Delivery Guide

Deliver the most recent report on climate change to your local member as part of a week of action from the **9th -12th October**.

 [Watch the webinar where we discussed how to prepare for your action!](#)

We talked about everything you need to know about the report and getting it to your MP.

Overview

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is about to put out a report on the global efforts to keep global warming below 1.5°C. The IPCC is an international body made up of scientific experts who have been assessing the science related to climate change since 1988.

Spoiler alert: the results are not good. We are not working fast enough towards our global goal to reduce carbon emissions and time is running out. Right now, Australia is on track to exceed 3°C of warming. The fossil fuel industry is causing this crisis and if we want to keep global warming below 1.5°C, coal, oil and gas needs to stay in the ground.

The Federal Government has the power to stop new fossil fuel projects around Australia, like the Adani coal mine and fracking developments in the Northern Territory. But our MPs are in bed with the fossil fuel industry – and it's up to us to break that relationship.

That's why we will be hand delivering the 1.5°C report straight to our politicians. To make them aware of the consequences facing us all and ask them to fix the current federal inaction on climate change.

We're working hard to deliver the report to as many federal MPs as we can. But we need people across the country to put their hands up to be a part of this national push. Adopt an MP or Senator near you and commit to meeting with them and delivering this report.

By putting pressure on our federal politicians to cut ties with the fossil fuel industry we are one step closer to creating a safe climate future. A future with no new fossil fuel projects. A future with 100% renewable energy. A future below 1.5°.

Step 1: Find your local MP/Senator and ask for a meeting

Because you are a resident of their electorate, your MP is obliged to meet with you.

Setting up a meeting is as easy as calling their office and saying, "I am a resident of your electorate, and I would like to come meet with you to discuss the most recent report done

from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.” The meeting would only take approximately 15 minutes.

To find out who your local MP is go [here](#), and to find where they are located follow this [link](#).

[Register your report delivery by creating an event](#), and remember to include your MP or Senator’s name in the event name for your action. Once you’ve registered a report delivery, click on the email you receive to confirm your action.

We want as many federal politicians to see this report as possible. **If someone has already registered for your electorate you could always convince a friend in another electorate to organise a report delivery and go with them.**

Step 2: Prepare for the meeting

- Get some information on your local MP so you can appeal to their interests when talking to them. Their leaning would be clear in their Maiden speech or on their social media feeds.
- Prepare a talking agenda for the conversation. We have provided a template below.
- Do not feel like you have to be the expert on climate change or the report. Connect with your politician on a personal level and let them know your concern and anger with how our politicians are not acting on climate change.
- Stay on topic, be respectful and keep calm. It’s unlikely that you and your MP will agree on all aspects of every issue, and that’s okay. Remember that it’s more important to make your concerns heard than to convince your MP.
- Bring a mate for moral support if you are feeling nervous.
- If you are looking to learn more about communicating climate change take our online skill-up tutorial [here](#).

Important: 350.org Australia is non-partisan charity. This means that we do not endorse any particular candidates or political parties and we never tell people who they should vote for. We want all political parties to take a strong stand on climate change. Be mindful of this in your Facebook posts or conversations with MPs. e.g. not saying things like “vote for candidate/party xxx to Stop Adani”.

What you will need for the meeting

- ☐ [Printed copy of the IPCC reports ‘Summary for Policy Makers’ and ‘Headline Statements’](#). [34 pages and 3 pages - BW, double-sided]
- ☐ [Printed copy of ‘1.5c in Oceania’ from 350.org](#). [2 pages - BW, double-sided]
- ☐ [Printed copy of the ‘1.5c = #StopAdani poster’](#) or other variant. [1 page]
- ☐ [If delivering without a meeting] A handwritten note introducing yourself, explaining why the report is important, and what you expect from them as your representative.

The full copy of the report will be sent through in your follow-up email to the target. The report is quite large so we have opted to deliver just the summaries in-person.

Template Agenda

Section 1 - Introductions (5 mins)

- Introduce yourself. Each person should introduce who they are and why they have come today.
- This is when you should present your MP with the IPCC report, and draw their attention to some of the most important parts.

- The impacts of 1.5 degree of warming are going to be worse than expected.
- Current commitments to the Paris Agreement would lead to warming of at least 3 degrees.
- We need to cut all fossil fuel use by half in 15 years and completely within 30.
- Meeting our commitments requires urgent action. This means no new fossil fuels can be developed.

Section 2 - What we stand for (5 mins)

- The science is clear, we have the momentum, the technology for the energy transition is ready and we demand bold action now to protect the climate from dangerous global warming.
- Furthermore anyone who supports new fossil fuel projects in any way, is knowingly contributing to untold suffering around the world, disproportionately experienced by people of colour, those who live in poverty and in the global south.
- Talk about how climate change will affect voters in this electorate. E.g. sea level rise putting at risk beachside homes.
- You should also say a few sentences about why you personally care about the issue. It is always great to personalise the message with a story from your personal life. If you're stuck, have a look at the Stop Adani [resources](#), or there is a lot of information available on the [website](#).

Section 3 - What we want (5mins)

- Explain to the MP why the Federal Government must put a stop to all future fossil fuel projects based on the report.

- We are demanding no new fossil fuel projects, a fast and fair transition to 100% renewable energy for all, and not a dollar more to dirty energy. That includes stopping the Adani mine from going ahead.
- We are calling on you to back the views of most your constituents, including those who voted for you in the last election. We are calling on you to do this both in public, and in private.
 1. Write to the Prime Minister stating your opposition to on the Adani project and all future fossil fuel projects
 2. Make a statement in Parliament stating your opposition to the Adani project and all future fossil fuel projects

If yes: “Fantastic and thank you. We are very happy to provide you with the key statements in the IPCC Report and how it relates to Australia. If there is anything else you need from us we are happy to help and, of course, we are happy to tell others about your leadership.”

If no: “That is a shame. As our local member (or Senator) we feel that Australia’s commitment to the Paris Agreement means we should do everything we can to minimise climate change to 1.5°C of warming and that means projects like the Adani coal mine should not go ahead.”

If no response or ‘I will consider it’: “Thank you for your consideration. If there is any further information you need please do not hesitate to ask. As our local member (or Senator) we feel it is important for you to work to ensure we achieve the Paris commitment to no more than 1.5°C of warming.”

Get a photo, and email it to us at community@350.org.au. If your MP doesn’t want to get a picture with you, get a photo without them outside, next to their office sign and the poster above.

Say thank you and goodbye!

What to do if you can’t get a meeting or they don’t get back to you

If you can not get a meeting in the week of action still take a later meeting but then also set a day and time in the week of action and visit them to deliver the report. When you arrive you will be greeted by the receptionist where you will simply state your purpose of delivering a report to the MP and that you want them to come out against all future fossil fuels projects, in particular the Adani Coal mine.

Step 3: Take a great photo and send it to us

Getting a great photo to document your delivery will help us to show just how many people across the country are taking part in this week of action. It's important that you get it to us quickly and take a good quality image. Here are a few tips for creating the strongest possible photo:

PLAN YOUR PHOTO: Make sure you plan your photo with the MP. If you can not get a photo with the MP make sure you take a photo of handing this report to the office's receptionist or just outside the office making sure it is clear where you are and what you are doing.

FRAMING: Make sure your photo is tight and centred on the MP and the person holding the report. Focus on capturing people from their torso up. Don't leave lots of empty space around the sides, unless it's an important backdrop. Take a landscape and a portrait photo.

LIGHT: Make sure light is coming from the front and there are no lamps or windows behind the shot. Be aware of other sources of light -- again ideally coming in front.

BACKDROP and POSITIONING: Is there a sign for the politicians' offices or a recognisable building or feature that will explain where you are and help tell the story? Make sure the report and a stop Adani sign is visible

PHOTOGRAPHER: Try to arrange for at least one reliable person who can take good photos and has either a camera or a good phone.

[See more photo and video tips!](#)

Sending the photos to us

Please send your 3 best photos to us ASAP! It's really important that you share the photos you have as soon as possible after they are taken on the day. Send them before you leave the office. This will allow us to share it widely across Australia on social media and provide it to journalists covering the story.

Send it to the email community@350.org.au with the subject "1.5 DEGREES - [LOCATION]"

Step 4: Following up after the meeting

1. Send your photos to us! **We can't stress enough how important it is to send your photo to us!** To send a strong, united and diverse message to local leaders all over the country (and the world!) we want to amplify as many different local meetings as possible. **This is about showing our people power.**
2. Send a follow-up email to the electorate office thanking the MP for meeting with you, restating any commitments they made and link them to the full copy of the report. We have provided a template email below that you can adapt.
3. Debrief on what went well, or what could have gone better and what you would do differently next time.

Example follow-up email

Dear _____,

Thank you for meeting with us on [date] to discuss the importance of acting on climate change. As we discussed the latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change shows that if we are to stay below 1.5°C of warming then no new fossil fuel projects can be built anywhere.

We welcome your commitment to _____

OR

We understand your position on this issue but encourage you to think deeply about how climate change will affect us as constituents of your electorate.

You can [find the full report we discussed here](#).

We look forward to speaking with you further in the future.

Sincerely,

[Your name]

Further help or questions

If you need anything else or have further questions not covered in the above guide feel free to get in contact at community@350.org.au.