

Adapting to Climate Change



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Taking stock!

According to the best scientific assessments, some level of climate change is inevitable. It means that we can expect

- Increased global temperatures
- A drier climate
- More frequent extreme weather events such as storms, droughts and related events such as bushfires.

It means that we have to adapt – take deliberate action to change the way we do things to maintain our social and economic wellbeing as well as our environment.

1. Visit the **Australian Government's climate change** website by clicking on the icon to find some ideas on how you can change the way you do things at home to make a difference.

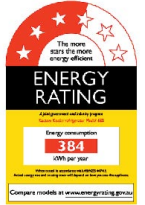


Compile a list of actions that are relatively easy to do at home. Identify the costs and benefits of each action you choose.

At home

Action	Cost	Benefit
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2. Visit the government's **Energy Rating** website by clicking the ENERGY RATING icon.



From the menu select **Energy Programs / The Appliance Energy Label.**

- a. Outline how the star rating system works.

- b. Explain how using energy efficient appliances is a win/win situation for consumers and the environment.

Challenge

Use the information available on the Energy Rating website to audit the energy efficiency of electrical appliances in your home.

Lodge a formal request for a commitment in favor of energy efficient appliances.