RAC Member Priorities Tracker Sustainability

In October 2020, 487 of our members¹ took part in a survey telling us about their views on a range of topics relating to the environment, vehicle emissions, and electric and hybrid vehicles.

Climate change





When asked about changing travel behaviours4:



The environment

The top 5 environmental issues Western Australians think need addressing are:



Vehicle emissions



the margin of error at total sample level is +/-5% at the 95% confidence level. $^{\rm 2}$ Based on respondents who answered 'yes'.



¹ 358 from the Perth and Peel region, 123 from regional WA and 6 outside of Western Australia. Age, gender and location sampling quotas were applied, and data has been post-weighted to be representative of RAC's membership (which is broadly consistent with the WA population profile) –

Based on respondents who said 'a great deal' and 'a lot'.
42% have not made any changes to their travel and 38% have made changes for other reasons.

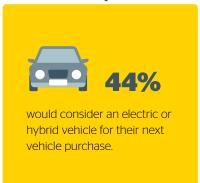
 $^{^5}$ 33% say 'a great deal'; 31% say 'a lot'; 24% say 'a moderate amount'; 7% say 'a little'; 2% say 'not at all'; and 3% 'don't know'.

^{6 28%} say 'a great deal', 29% say 'a lot'; 25% say 'a moderate amount'; 13% say 'a little'; 2% say 'not at all; and 3% 'don't know'.

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Sustainability

Electric and hybrid vehicles



21%

would consider a petrol vehicle.

20%

'don't know'⁷ what vehicle they will buy next.

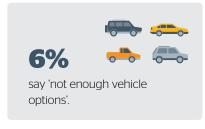
would consider a diesel vehicle.

The main barriers to buying an electric or hybrid vehicle are:











Others (8%) individually cite 'other' barriers such as insufficient towing power / impact on range when towing; long charging times; or utilising alternative modes of transport such as walking and cycling to a personal vehicle.

Local air quality

When it comes to changes in air quality and air pollution in their local areas over recent years:

55% say its the 'same as before'.

20% 'don't know'.

19% say its **'become worse'**.

say **'it has improved**'.

Government action

72%

believe the government should be doing more to address vehicle emissions.

41%

have confidence in the government to address vehicle emissions.

Top 3 actions⁸ identified for government to take to reduce vehicle emissions are:

- 1. Provide incentives for purchasing low emissions vehicles.
- 2. Regulate emissions through national standards for new vehicles.
- 3. Increase the number of low emissions vehicles in the government vehicle fleet.

720% 'don't know' or 'not applicable'.

8 110 member respondents answered this question, margin of error ±4.5% at a 95% Confidence interval



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