

## Study says majority believe in climate change

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**A national survey reveals most Australians believe in, and are concerned about, climate change.**

The study by Queensland's Griffith University surveyed more than 3,000 Australians across the country and found 74 per cent believe the world's climate is changing and 90 per cent believe human activities are playing a role.

The research found less than 6 per cent of Australians are true climate change sceptics.

Griffith University Professor Joseph Reser says the results show public opinion has been greatly misrepresented in the media.

"An accurate reading of what the science is, and an accurate reading of where the public is at, are really both very, very important," he said.

The study also found more than half of respondents believe they are already experiencing the effects of climate change and around two thirds have strong concerns about it.

Professor Reser says the psychological impact of climate change needs to be given more consideration.

He says climate research should not just focus on environmental adaptation.

"Equal attention has to be paid to psychological adaptation, that is how people are coming to terms with this and adjusting their view of the world. Because the world's going to be a very different place," he said.

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