

SUGGESTED FOCUS TOPICS for PARLIAMENT OF YOUTH ON SUSTAINABILITY

2016 PROJECT QUESTION: What is one action we should take to reduce Canberra's ecological footprint?

TOPIC		NOTES
TRANSPORT		
1	TRANSPORT	Private, public, new technologies (eg electric cars), sharing
URBAN PLANNING		
2	URBAN PLANNING	Urban planning, street lighting
SMARTER BUILDINGS		
3	SMARTER BUILDINGS	Building design – domestic and commercial; building materials
ENERGY		
4	USING LESS ENERGY	Energy – changing how we live to use less
5	RENEWABLE ENERGY	Energy – renewable (new sources of energy)
6	ENERGY EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGY	Energy – making our lives more energy efficient through better technology
FOOD		
7	FOOD	Food production; food miles; seasonality
WATER		
8	WATER	Importance of water, how we use it
WASTE		
9	WASTE	Waste – recycling and creating less; electronic waste; capturing methane and other waste gas
10	DEALING WITH CO ₂	Getting rid of CO ₂ in the atmosphere – eg capturing carbon (urban forestation)
HUMAN SYSTEMS		
11	THE ECONOMY	Making our economic system more responsive to the needs of the planet
12	THE POLITICAL SYSTEM	Making our political system more responsive to the needs of the planet
13	POPULATION	Growth in population, impact on the environment
LIFESTYLE		
14	LIVING MORE SUSTAINABLY	How can we live more sustainably in our communities, in our neighbourhoods, as individuals?
15	CONSUMPTION	Impact of consumption on the environment; what do we really need?
16	HUMAN HEALTH BENEFITS OF CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT	Importance for human health, wellbeing and survival of caring for our environment
OTHER		
17	EDUCATING OTHERS ABOUT THE NEED TO CHANGE	Educating others, in particular adults, about sustainability and possible new ways of living
18	OTHER TOPICS	Topic of your own choice