

GROWING UP IN QUEENSLAND 2020: ENVIRONMENT

12%

of children¹ said the **environment** is the **biggest issue**

7%

of young people² said the **environment** is the **biggest issue**

27%

of children said adults needed to take the environment **more seriously**

Participants living in **major cities** were more **concerned about the environment**, compared to participants in **regional and remote areas**

They talked about **climate change, habitat loss and pollution**

Being worried that there won't be a future for us due to climate change and the over exhaustion of the planets resources.

GENDER-DIVERSE PARTICIPANT, 18 YEARS, NORTH COAST

The fact that adults are forcing children to continue to clean up the mess that they make etc. Global warming and nuclear waste as well as plastic waste.

MALE, 13 YEARS, METROPOLITAN

IN THEIR WORDS:
WHAT IS IMPORTANT

Being a young person today means you have no choice but to be very aware and conscious of what we consume, how we consume and how we act as a collective.

ABORIGINAL FEMALE, 17 YEARS, SOUTH EAST

I think that environmental awareness is a very important issue. Kids should be able to grow up having the same things as the kids before us, we shouldn't have to live in this world where trees are always getting cut down and natural resources destroyed.

FEMALE, 12 YEARS, SOUTH EAST

Saving the environment by implementing small things that could grow to become big things such as schools having different types of bins and recycling programs.

FEMALE, 16 YEARS, SOUTH EAST

Involving youth in activities that allow us to take care of the world around us e.g. tree planting and beach clean ups.

FEMALE, 13 YEARS, NORTH COAST

IN THEIR WORDS:
WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

I think leaders need to make more brave decisions on climate change policies.

FEMALE, 15 YEARS, SOUTH EAST

Protecting the climate and keeping people safe so I have a future.

MALE, 9 YEARS, NORTH COAST

Sustainable practices and educating our youth of the traditional ways of our Indigenous peoples.

FEMALE, 17 YEARS, CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and acting on climate change.

FEMALE, 16 YEARS, NORTH COAST