

#### Climate Change Debate July 2011

"I do not deny that climate change is happening."

> "Scientists don't agree on how much warming there is going to be."

"All the evidence points to 1°C of warming for a doubling of CO2 and not the 3.3°C predicted by the IPCC...or the 5.1°C over the next 90 years predicted by your government."

> \*Let us distinguish between pollution & the emission of carbon dioxide, which is not a pollutant"

Lord Christopher Monckton

"If you really are a green and really want to green the planet, CO2 is the way to go." "Why set your own working people at a huge disadvantage by imposing upon them a carbon tax at a rate which is unmatched anywhere else in the world?"

"There is no need to take any action about carbon dioxide at all." "Please, I beg you, do not merely accept a consensus, think and think again."

\*The likelihood of high climate sensitivity, of any problem whatsoever with the climate, is very small indeed."



"Eminent advisers have all formed an entirely different view from Lord Monkton."

> "Groups that we trust to advise us have uniformly agreed on the conclusion."

#### Green All Respondents

"It's not just the climate scientists that have made these decisions. That well known warmest, John Howard, accepted the science of climate change."

> "Tony Abbott, at least half of the time, seems to support the science of climate change."

"Carbon dioxide is literally a pollutant." "Economists have said for 200 years, when you want to solve a pollution problem, the most efficient way is a price on carbon."



Dr Richard Denniss

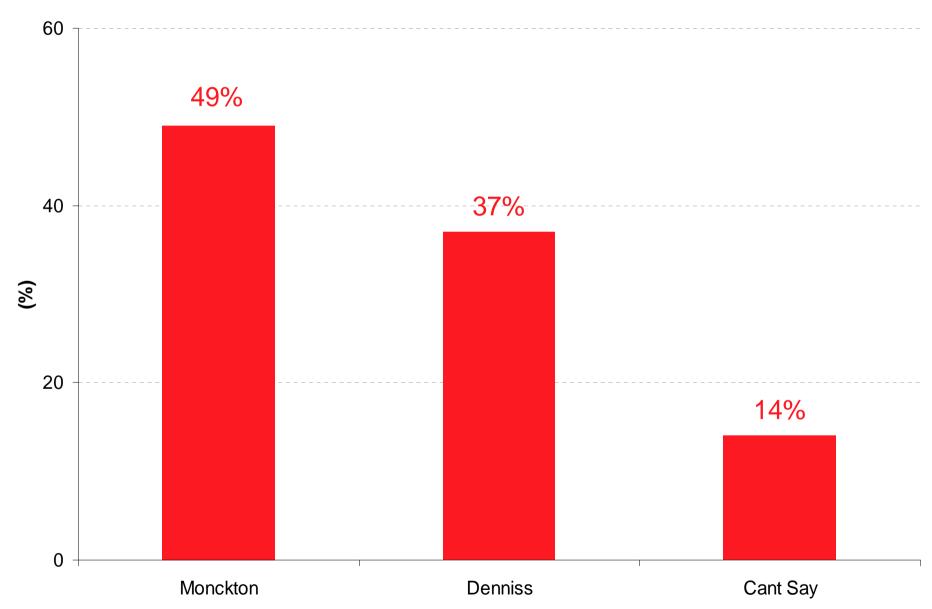
"Why are climate sceptics economic sceptics as well?"

> "Are climate sceptics all in on the conspiracy?"





#### Who won the debate?



Source: Roy Morgan Research



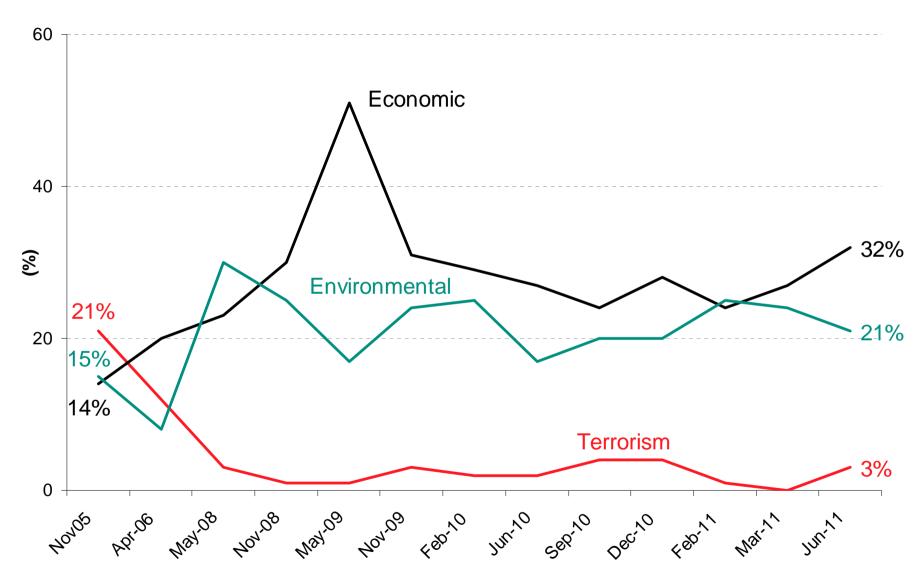
### Lord Monckton persuades 9% more to believe 'Concerns about Global Warming are exaggerated'

## Which of the following is closest to your view about Global Warming?

	<u>Before</u> <u>Debate</u>	<u>After</u> <u>Debate</u>	<u>Change</u>
Concerns are exaggerated	43%	52%	+9%
If we don't act now it will be too late	44%	38%	-6%
It is already too late	10%	7%	-3%
Can't say	<u>3%</u>	3%	-
Total	100%	100%	



#### Issues Facing the World and Australia Most Important Issues Facing Australia

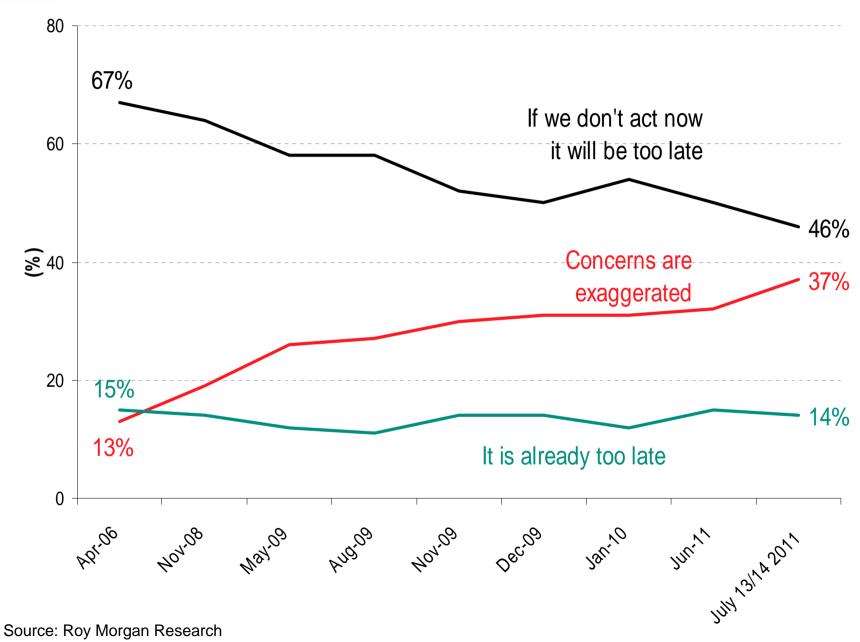


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<sup>\*</sup>Roy Morgan Nationwide telephone poll (n=1,261) June 1-5, 2011; Aust. Population 14+



#### **Global Warming**



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### Only 37% of electors support Carbon Tax

Prime Minister Julia Gillard has announced the Gillard Government's Carbon Tax policy which will charge \$23 per tonne of carbon with 500 companies paying the Carbon Tax. Do you support or oppose the Gillard Government's proposed Carbon Tax legislation?

- 37% SUPPORT LEGISLATION
- 58% OPPOSE LEGISLATION
- 5% CAN'T SAY



# 32% of Australians believe the proposed Carbon Tax is mainly designed to redistribute wealth in Australia

The proposed carbon tax is mainly designed to redistribute wealth in Australia. Do you agree or disagree?

- 32% AGREE
- 63% DISAGREE
- 5% CAN'T SAY



### 75% disagree with a higher Carbon Tax

The \$23 a tonne carbon price should be higher. Do you agree or disagree?

- 15% AGREE
- 75% DISAGREE
- 10% CAN'T SAY



# 52% believe "We should not have a Carbon Tax unless China and the US have a similar tax"

We should not have a Carbon Tax until China and the US have a similar tax. Do you agree or disagree?

- 52% AGREE
- 47% DISAGREE
- 2% CAN'T SAY



## Opinion divided on whether the Carbon Tax will increase the size of the public service

The Carbon Tax will significantly increase the number of people working for the Government. Do you agree or disagree?

- 43% AGREE
- 42% DISAGREE
- 15% CAN'T SAY



# 62% believe the Carbon Tax will have no significant impact on worldwide carbon dioxide emission

The Carbon Tax will have no significant impact on reducing the total world-wide volume of carbon dioxide put into the atmosphere. Do you agree or disagree?

- 62% AGREE
- 34% DISAGREE
- 4% CAN'T SAY



## **POLITICS Federal: Two-Party Preferred**

