

How Can You Make An Impact

Topic: Solutions



Households generate one-fifth of Australia's greenhouse gases through everyday activities.

Background Information:

In a first for Australian industry, Alcoa and [Greening Australia](#) have partnered to develop a greenhouse footprint reduction program for Alcoa employees and their families.

If you have a family member that is an employee of Alcoa, get them to log on to the Alcoa website and find the Make an Impact link. Why not get involved with the whole process? Make an Impact online greenhouse calculator will take you from room to room where you will be able to click on all the appliances in a typical household. You will answer questions along the way and at the end you will be given the number of kilograms of CO₂ that are emitted from your household each year. You will then be given an Action Plan as a guide about what to do next.

While living at home, you can share this information with other family members and try to encourage them to look after our planet as well. When you are older and have the opportunity to make more of your own choices, you will have the knowledge to make sure your household is sustainable!

Extension/Alternatives

Jump on the internet and do a search for an eco footprint calculator. Congratulate yourself if your footprint is less than average – AND challenge yourself to reduce your footprint further!

Curriculum Links:

English: Reading

Society and Environment: Investigation, Communication & Participation, Resources

Mathematics: Chance and Data