

## Federal Election Issues 2019

*Try out some of these activities to get thinking about this year's election.*

- The Federal Election is held every 3 years. This year there are many big issues that the Australian voters will be considering when they make their choices.
- How concerned are you?** Use this key to number your level of concern for these issues in Australia.

1	<i>Extreme Concern</i>	<i>Immediate and radical change is needed.</i>
2	<i>Moderate Concern</i>	<i>Australia can do much more to tackle this issue</i>
3	<i>Slight concern</i>	<i>Gradual change might need to happen, however, no alarm bells.</i>
4	<i>No concern</i>	<i>We are fine, no change needed.</i>

- Road safety
- Domestic violence against women
- Human Rights of Asylum Seekers
- Hate speech
- Equal opportunity for men and women
- Racism
- Plastic pollution in the ocean
- Extinction of animals
- Poverty
- Radicalisation of young people
- Global warming and climate change

### **Debate with a mate:**

- Here are some of the big issues in Australia. In pairs, choose a statement. Chose a stance – for or against, and research your perspective. Present your findings to the class in a short talk.
- Hold a class debate on your favourite topic.

- EVERYONE SHOULD CONDEMN AND REJECT "HATE SPEECH", AND DEFEND "FREEDOM OF SPEECH".*
- ALL BUSINESSES AND ORGANISATIONS SHOULD HAVE 50% WOMEN AND 50% MEN IN LEADERSHIP ROLES.*
- SEXISM (SEXIST VALUES AND ATTITUDES) IS RIFE IN THE REST OF THE WORLD, BUT NOT IN AUSTRALIA.*
- POKIE MACHINES ARE ADDICTIVE AND THE CAUSE OF POVERTY IN AUSTRALIA. THEY SHOULD BE BANNED.*
- THE BEST SOLUTION TO STOP RACISM IN AUSTRALIA IS TO IGNORE IT.*
- AUSTRALIA NEEDS TO BAN SINGLE USE PLASTICS (E.G. BAGS, STRAWS, CUTLERY, AND COTTON BUDS), TO HELP SAVE THE OCEANS AND MARINE LIFE.*
- STOP NATIONAL DE-FORESTATION AND BROAD SCALE LAND CLEARING, TO HELP CUT GREEN-HOUSE GASSES.*
- WHITE SUPREMACY IN AUSTRALIA IS ON THE RISE.*
- REDUCE THE ELIGIBLE VOTING AGE TO 16 YEARS OLD IN AUSTRALIA.*
- CLEAN ENERGY AND RENEWABLES ARE THE FUTURE.*