

### Australia's challenge to meet emissions targets

Global leaders foresaw Anthony Albanese as a climate crisis changer, as mentioned in the first document of this corpus, a **2023 / opinion piece from *BBC News Sydney***. However, a **VOA News report by Phil Mercer, published two months later (document 2)**, suggests Australia must intensify / its efforts. A 2023 **phys.org** article (document 3) emphasizes **citizens' skepticism** about reducing fossil fuel reliance—a dependence vividly illustrated in **Lewis's 2014 political cartoon** (document 4), which underscores the country's challenges. ***Will Australia move from lip service to /decisive action?*** While it is often considered as "the lucky country", its politicians and citizens anxiously but cautiously seek solutions.

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- **Date**
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\*skepticism (US)

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outline

The introduction should be about a hundred words long.

#### I. **Australia, The lucky country**

Doc 4: It relies on coal but also gas and iron-ore which have been intensively dug for decades all over the country (in-depth digging, even in Tasmania, endless queues of tankers)

Doc 2: This soil richness enables Australia to generate electricity while also

Doc 3: ... boosting its economy thanks to exports of coal and gas. The country relies on global exchanges.

Doc 1: This makes Australia one of the greatest polluters

#### II. **Concerns**

**However, Australia has been singled out as being the worst polluter and one of the first victims of climate change.**

Doc 3 & 2: Australia is at the forefront of adverse climate change impacts while also grappling with the awareness of the wealth still lying underground, a factor that has hindered politicians from taking decisive steps.

Doc 1: Since the election of Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, there is a growing expectation among world leaders that Australia will take decisive action to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

Doc 4 & 1: Yet, politicians seem to be paying lip service since the existing companies are still allowed to dig out more fossil fuels, some new plans of fossil fuels have even been signed.

#### III. **Solutions**

Doc 1 & 3: the role of politicians: by incentivizing they may encourage citizens to switch to reduce their energy consumption like by improving energy efficiency in their homes, a green decision taken by a third of them.

Doc 3 & 4: the role of businesses is crucial in offering a solution by transitioning to renewable energies. They could make the most of Australia's sunshine and replace coal and oil by solar energy. Almost a third of Australians have already installed solar panels.

## **UNIT 5 – CORRECTION OF THE SYNTHESIS: introduction and detailed outline**

Doc 1 & 2: Yet, many Australians are getting sceptical, half of them considering they cannot make a difference by acting individually, while others even believe meeting the 2030 zero emission target is a pipe dream.