



# Climate and Growth: An OECD perspective on the future we need 19 March 2018

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## Summary

On the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018, Anthony Cox, Acting Director of the OECD Environment Directorate, was hosted by CCI to what governments can do boost economic growth and enhance productivity without locking the world into a high-emissions future. Prof Mark Howden chaired the event, which included a panel of experts to discuss their perspectives of the project. The panellists were Dr Emma Aisbett (University of Hamburg and Crawford, ANU) and Prof Robert Costanza (Crawford, ANU). The event closed with an audience Q&A session.

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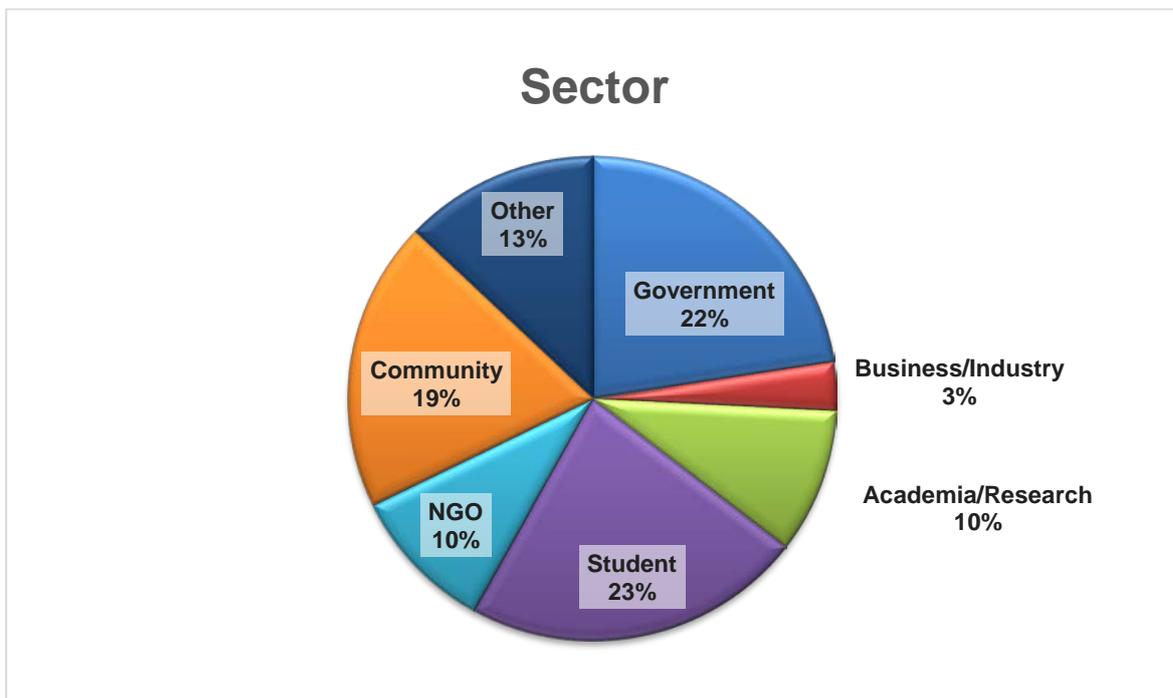
## Methodology

Event participants were asked to fill out a one page questionnaire (questionnaire is attached at the end). Sample size was 31 participants.

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## Audience breakdown

The event attracted a diverse mix of people. Of the survey respondents, most were students (23%) or government workers (22%) followed by individuals from the community (19%).



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## Number of CCI Events attended

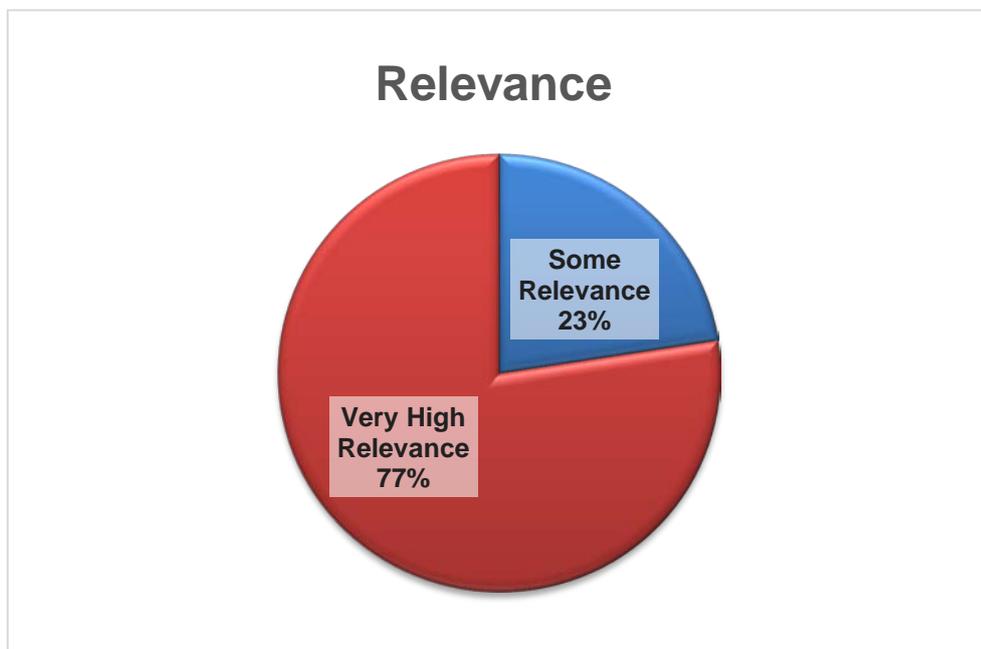
For more than a third of the respondents (37%) this was their first ANU Climate Change institute event.



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## Relevance

The large majority of respondents (77%) indicated the event had 'Very high relevance' to them, the remainder all indicated it had 'Some relevance' (23%).



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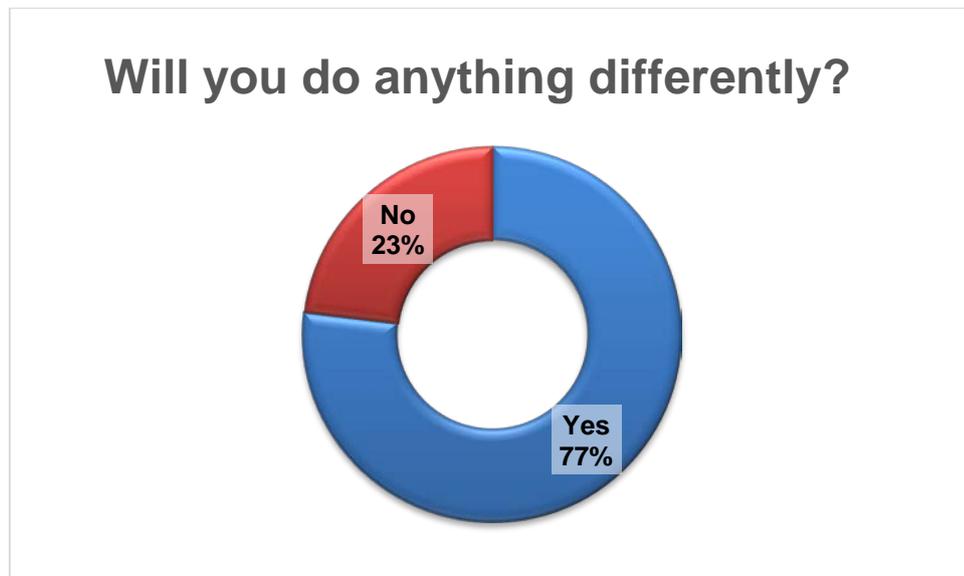
## Will respondents do things differently

Majority of respondents (77%) said that they would do things differently after attending the event.

### Comments left by respondents:

Renewed attention across policy goals and integration - and what political opportunities there are for this

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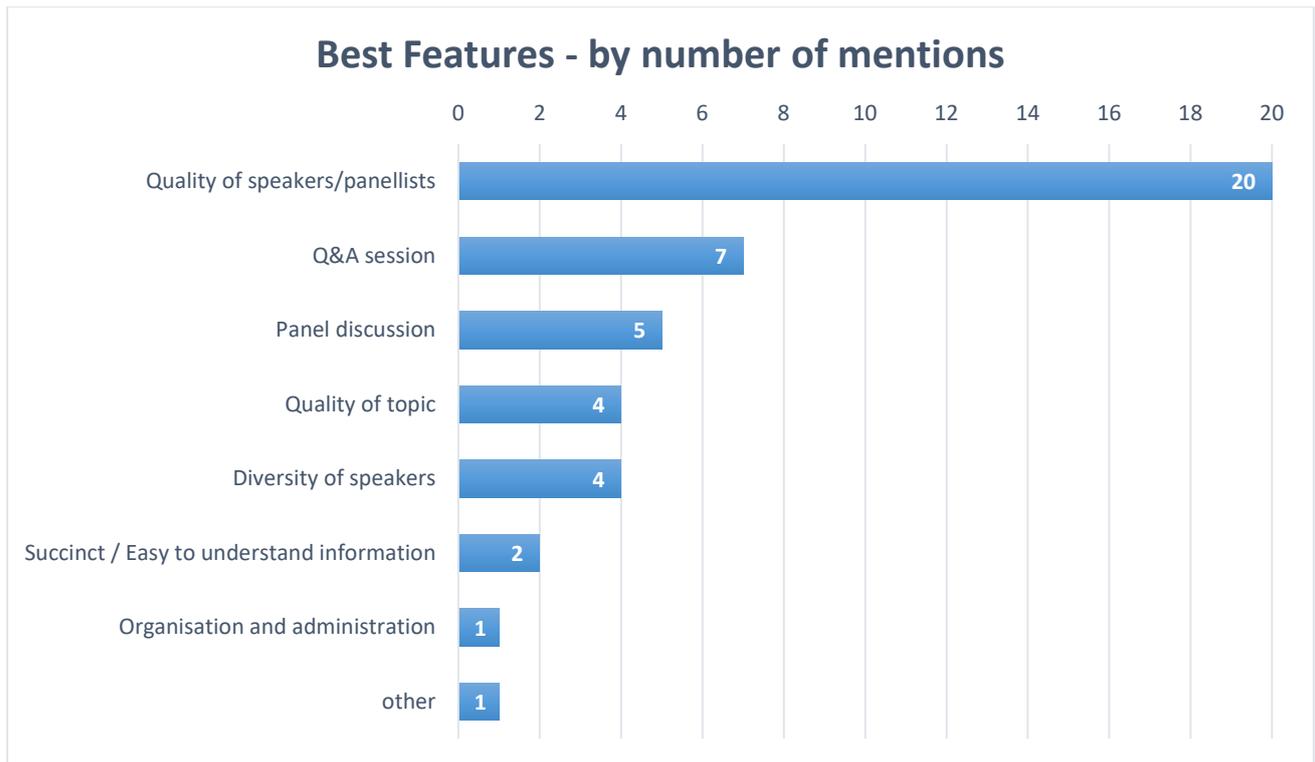
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## Best Features

Attendees enjoyed many different aspects of the event, with the speaker and panellists (individuals or on the whole) leading the list (38%). the next highly rated features were the content of the talks (17%) and the Q&A session (13%) and many people enjoyed the panel discussion (9%). Respondents were also complimentary on the quality of the topic (8%) and the diversity of speakers (8%). The ease of understanding from the presenters was also mentioned, as was the organisation of the event.

### Some specific comments were:

- ~ The amount of information and data shown in support of climate change
- ~ Comprehensive integrated analysis and the critique of different perspectives
- ~ Panel discussion and Bob Costanza's speech
- ~ The critical second and third speakers putting main presentation under critical review
- ~ Calibre of speakers and the quality of Q&A discussion
- ~ Good speakers and a Good chairman
- ~ Format of event
- ~ Addressing issues in an integrated, evidence based way and recognition of Australia's political inefficiency
- ~ Anthony Cox's proposal of strategies and Bob Costanza's insight into the issues of GDP



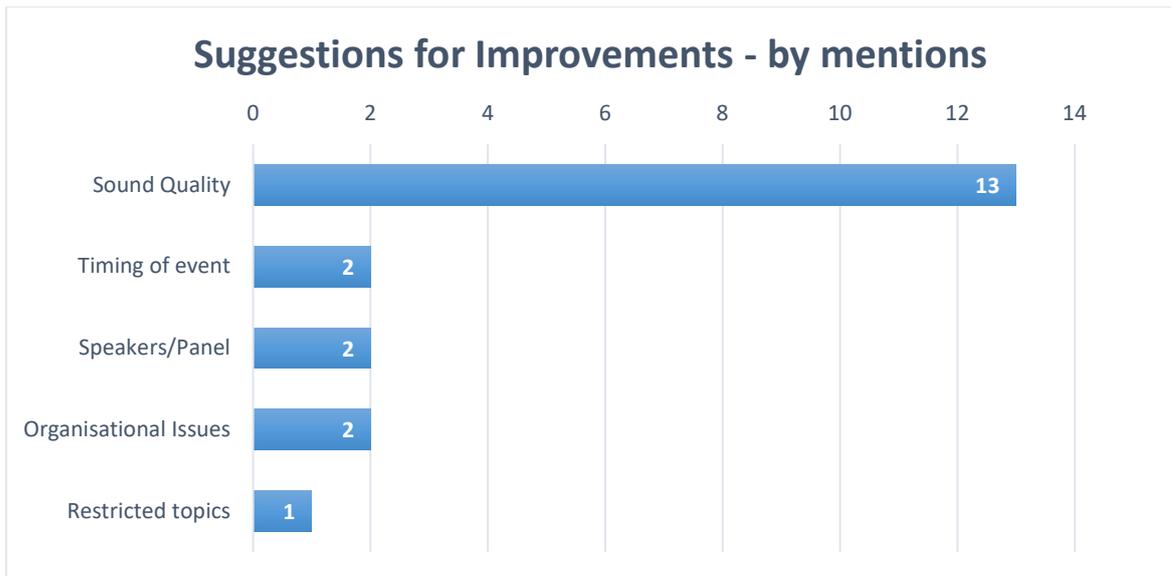

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## Improvements

The vast majority of respondents (65%) were disappointed with the sound quality or technical issues surrounding the AV system. Others wished there was more time for the different sessions or felt that the event was rushed, some were not satisfied with various organisational aspects of the event. Others felt that the topic was too restricted (5%).

### See some comments below:

- ~ Microphone fixed
- ~ Working sound system
- ~ Audio (not your fault!)
- ~ Audio often lets you down - often not enough amplification
- ~ Improved technology
- ~ Give microphones to panellists
- ~ More balance allowed in airtime for females/males
- ~ Making sure all panellists had a chance to speak - I felt sometimes they were speaking over the top of one another and made unequal contributions to the discussion, despite that all had useful contributions to make
- ~ Better microphones - some of the panellists and audience question often difficult to hear
- ~ Tighter management of questions
- ~ Try bringing a state/federal politician
- ~ Sound system speakers speaking up and speaking clearly during the discussion




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## Suggested Topics

Respondents had the following requests for future topics or speakers:

- ~ Dr Greg Fry and other Pacific Island speakers to discuss the cost of climate change and impacts
- ~ Discuss how biodiversity is considered under climate change measures
- ~ Some focus on the technology and resource implications of the transition - limits as well as opportunities
- ~ climate change and the circular economy
- ~ climate change and the National food waste strategy
- ~ modelling discussion
- ~ regenerative agriculture
- ~ Australian climate policy or private sector in climate change
- ~ Jeffery Sachs
- ~ The intersection of climate policy and the political economy
- ~ Effect of climate change on health - financial - social
- ~ Minister for environment/energy
- ~ How are NGOs tackling climate change - are they more effective than government?
- ~ Risks and benefits of radical public interventions

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## Additional comments

A few respondents left additional comments, most of which were saying thanks for the great event.

# Event evaluation

The ANU Climate Change Institute (CCI) is seeking your feedback on this event. We'd like to learn from you so that we can improve the value of future events for attendees.

**By voluntarily completing this evaluation, you provide your informed consent to participate:** *I have read and understood the Information Sheet you have given me about the research project, and I have had any questions and concerns about the project addressed to my satisfaction.*

Please complete the questions below, then return to event organisers.

**1. What sector are you from? (Please tick the sector which best represents you at this event.)**

Government

Business / industry

Academia / research

Student

NGO

Community

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Approximately how many CCI events have you attended prior? \_\_\_\_ or tick if this is the first one:**

**3. How relevant was this event to you?**

No relevance       Some relevance       High relevance

**4. What were the best two features of this event?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**5. What are two ways this event could have been improved?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Will you discuss what you've learnt from the event with others?**

Yes     No     Maybe

**7. Will you do anything different?  Yes       No**

**8. Do you have any suggestions for topics, themes, or speakers you would like included in future ANU Climate Change Institute events?**

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**9. Please provide any additional comments here.**

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**Thank you** for participating in today's event, and for taking the time to complete this evaluation. We really appreciate you sharing your perspectives with us. If you haven't left your form at the event, please email to [climate@anu.edu.au](mailto:climate@anu.edu.au)