



# COVID-19 and Climate Change: Parallels and disconnects 11 June 2020

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## Summary

This webinar is the first episode of an event series on COVID-19 and Climate Change hosted by the ANU Climate Change Institute. This event looked at the parallels and disconnects between the two global challenges that require immediate action based upon scientific evidence. The main speaker for the event was Prof Mark Howden, Director, ANU Climate Change Institute and moderated by Clare de Castella, Business Manager, ANU Climate Change Institute. For more information on this event and the series, visit the website at <https://climate.anu.edu.au/news-events/events/covid-19-and-climate-change-event-series>

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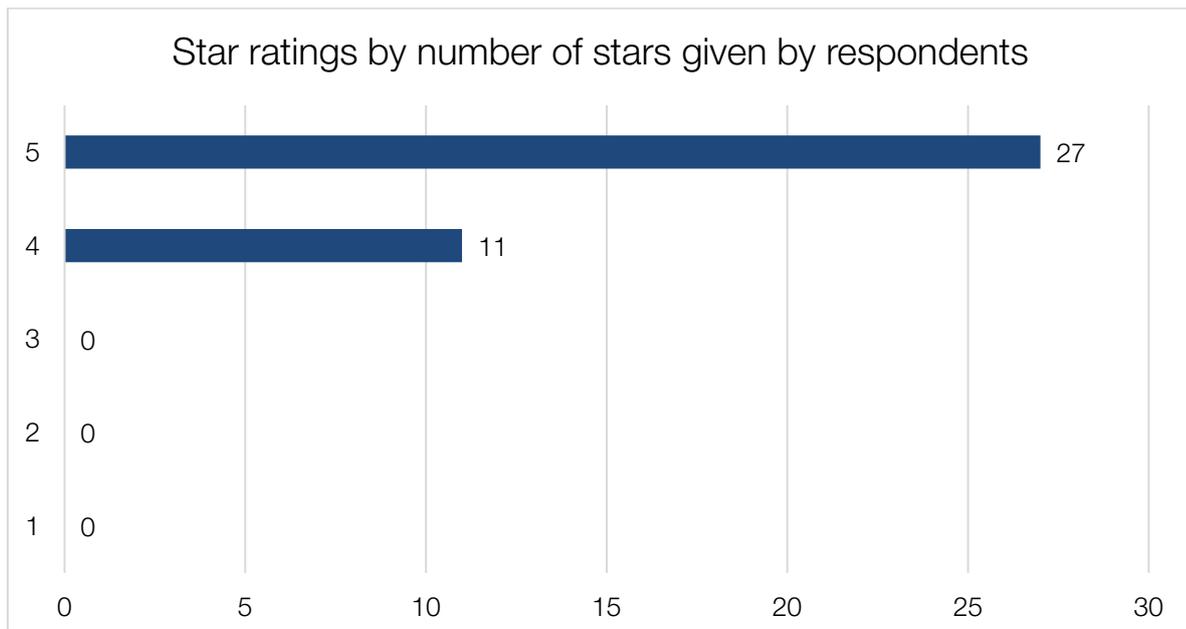
## Methodology

The event sold 377 tickets and 185 people turned up to the event. Of the participants, 40 people (22%) responded to the online survey that was sent to them via email (copy at the end of this report). The information below is a summary of their feedback.

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## Star Rating

The survey form began with a chance for respondents to give the event a star rating out of a possible 5 stars. This question was also available on the email and acted as a link to the rest of the survey online. The event was given a weighted average of 4.71 stars overall.



*Based on 93% of respondents who answered this question*

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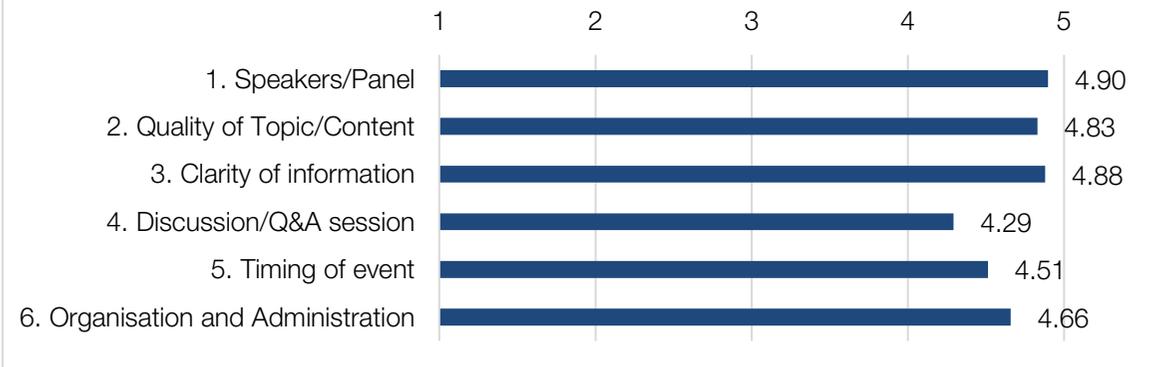
## Satisfaction Ratings by category

Participants were asked how satisfied they were with particular aspects of the event. They were given a choice between Very Satisfied, Satisfied, Neutral, Dissatisfied and Very Dissatisfied. Each ranking was given a weighting of 5 (very satisfied) to 1 (very dissatisfied). Below are two graphs, one showing the weighted averages and the other the counts of each rating within each category. Respondents were also given the opportunity to comment on their ratings. These are listed below.

### Comments left by respondents:

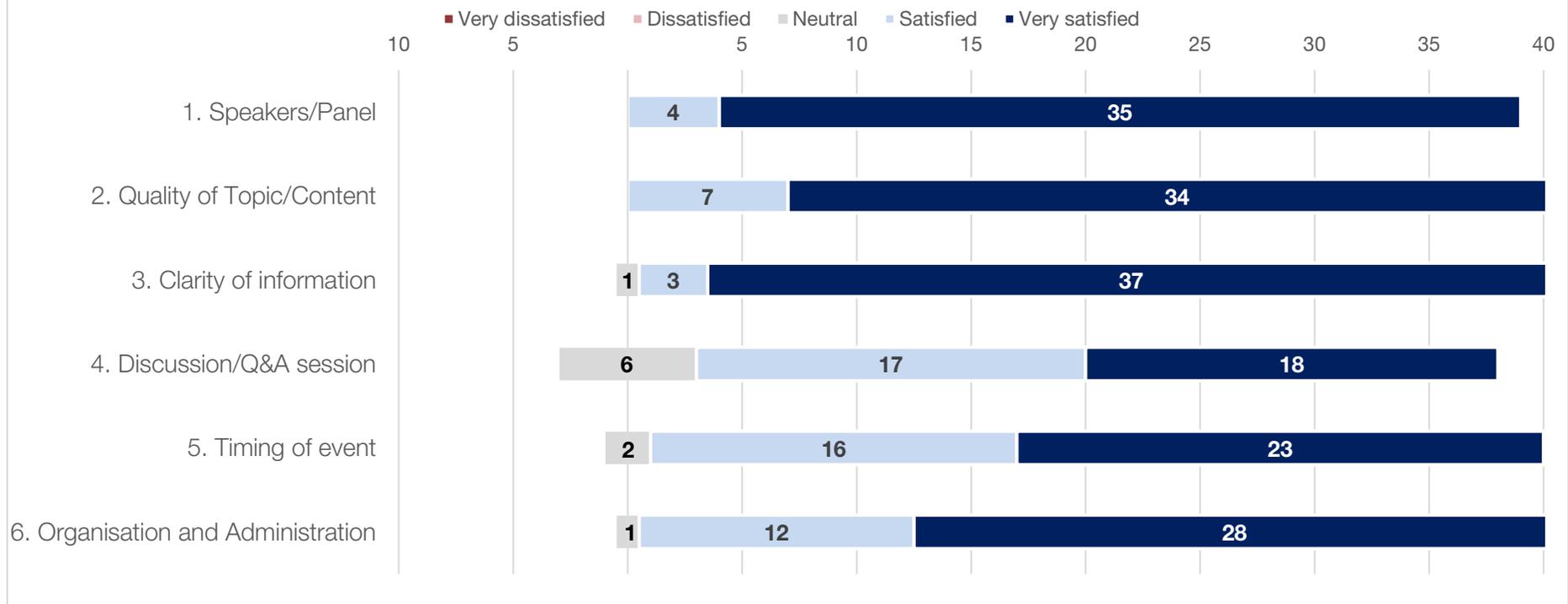
- This was a great "lunch and learn" session. Key points were clear and a good balance of presentation and Q&A. Well facilitated. I liked the Q&A feature in the platform and the ability to vote so that the most popular questions were prioritised. Well done.
- Outstandingly creative and stimulating analysis offered by Mark Howden
- Fantastic session
- Easy to access, clear information
- A well thought out presentation.
- An excellent result given the difficult circumstances
- Such clarity on a complex topic
- The only issue was the presenter sometimes cut out - but very rarely. It was extremely well organised & easy to access. Logical, concise & hopefully can be distributed more broadly. Thanks for the opportunity to be a much better-informed citizen!
- A very well-run session with good information.
- Great that you are offering these seminars on zoom. Appreciate that the talk finished at 12.30 to allow sufficient time for questions.
- It is so valuable to offer the webinar series; it's a pity that online always has its inherent limits in terms of engagement and momentum.
- A bit more time for Q&A would have been ideal - so many interesting questions!
- Q/A session overly curtailed. Bite sized presentation plus slides pithy, rich, professional and erudite
- Q&A time was limited so could have been more structured. But the topic was very well presented given the time constraints!
- I believe some more time is necessary for the discussion session. Perhaps some interactive tools could help additional interaction between participants and the speaker and moderator.
- Please allow more time for Q&A session
- Q and A was too short. Another expert for the discussion would have been interesting.
- The quality of sound wasn't good at times, otherwise I would have given it 5 stars.

### How satisfied were you with each of the following:



Based on 95-100% of respondents who answered this question

### Satisfaction rating per instance

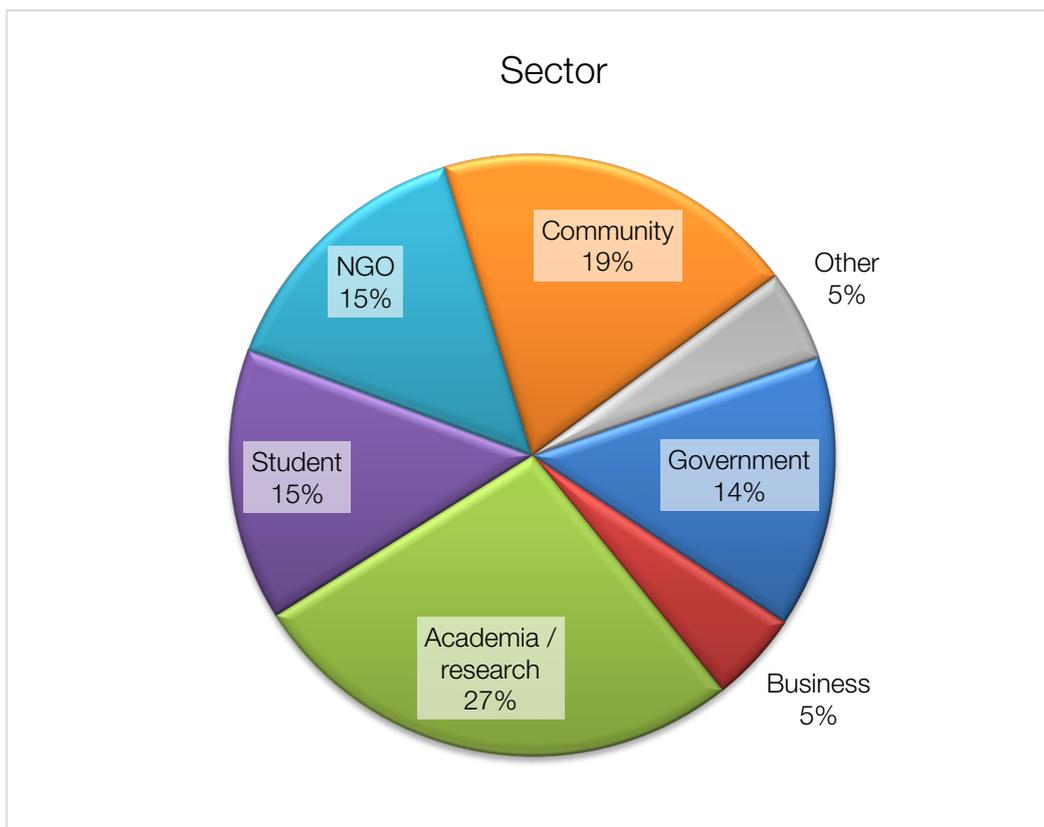


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## Sector

Participants were asked what sector they best represent at the event.

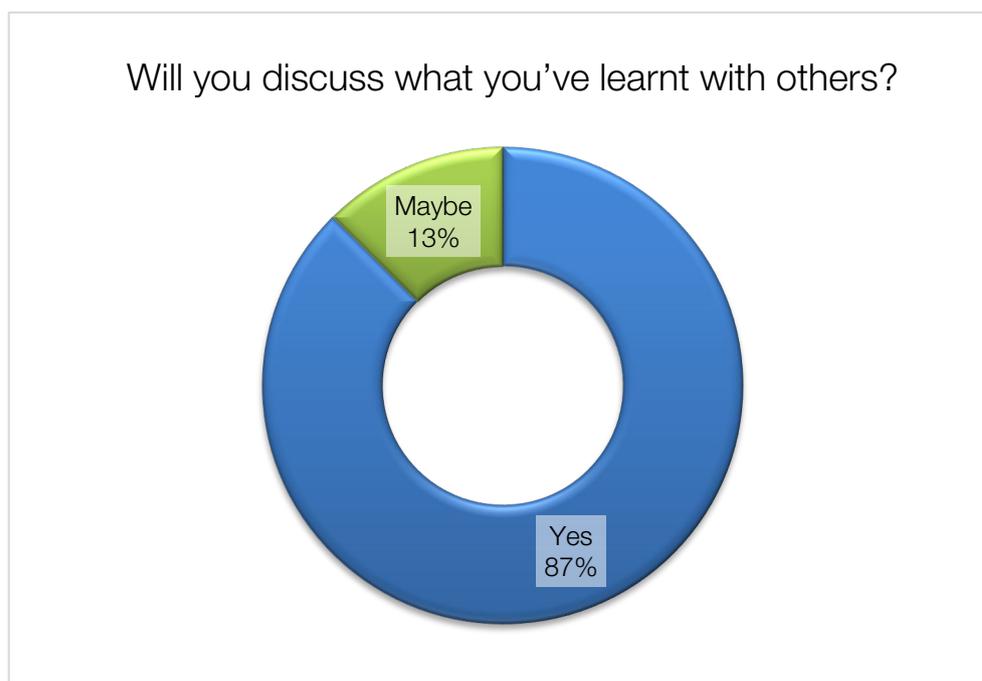


*Based on 100% of respondents who answered this question*

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## Impact: Discuss event content with others

A majority of respondents (87%) said they would.



*Based on 98% of respondents who answered this question*

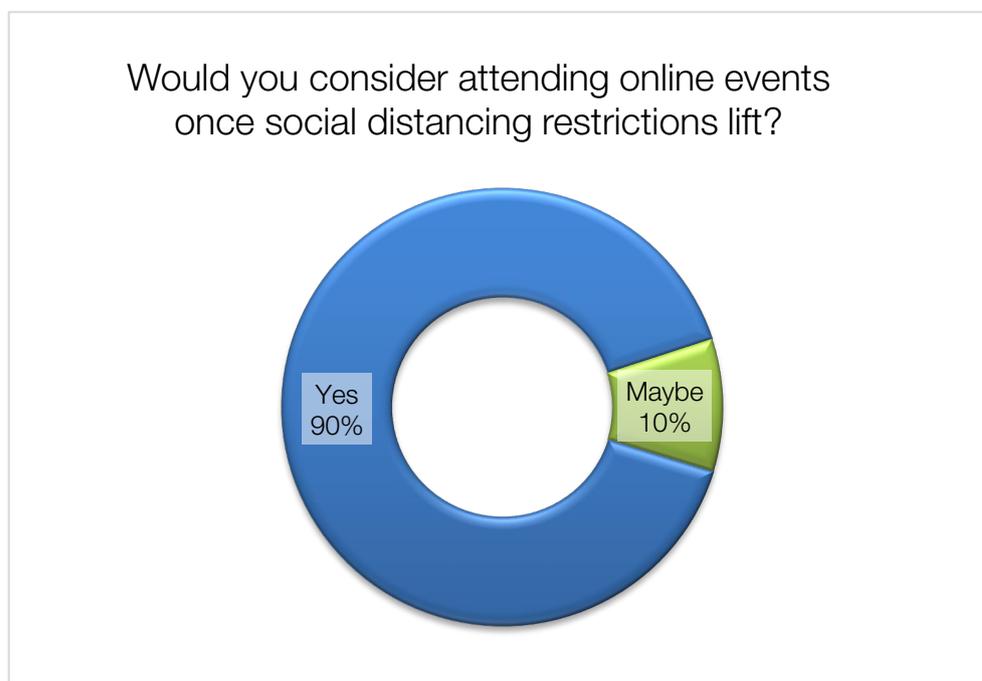
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## Perspective on online events

When asked if they like to attend online events after COVID-19 restriction lift, a vast majority of respondents (90%) said yes. They were asked to explain their answer and some of these comments are included below:

### Comments left by respondents:

- This is a great opportunity for me to get access to the experts. I am not in Canberra so find it difficult to get to the face to face seminars.
- Online events have a lower carbon footprint than face to face meetings.
- It's much more convenient
- I live in a regional town and it's convenient.
- Nice adjunct to flesh out live modes and access online subsequently a great way to revisit digest and reflect. But please don't abandon real live immediate events
- Prefer face-to-face, but would consider both
- This was such an easy event to access & well worth attending. Length, content & presentation within a manageable timeframe
- They are convenient in reducing traffic and travel time. The Q&A allows for interaction.
- I enjoyed the ease of attending sessions online with a busy business. And I also like to connect with people.
- online is easier for me. If events are during the day I may need to battle parking and/or buses. If in the evening I can't attend at all as I have small children. Also, online means no travel time so the event has no 'cost' only benefit.
- Don't live in Canberra so online a plus.
- If I am distant from where the event is taking place, then yes.
- Your question is ambiguous. I can attend online events which are not affected by social distancing but I cannot physically attend events in Australia as I live in NZ
- ANU climate change institute provides great events
- It is a topic I am very interested in and so will continue attending such events.



*Based on 100% of respondents who answered this question*

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## Additional comments

Additional comments were mostly to say thanks for the great event.

- Very useful to discuss the implications of COVID-19 for climate change developments.
- Initiate an action-oriented campaign to get traction from Governments!
- Thought provoking ideas and information - it would be good if ways to disseminate it even more widely were found.
- Keep up the great work!
- Grateful for timely trustworthy learned authoritative accounts and online technical delivery with finesse
- Thanks for your efforts
- Well done!
- Looking forward to the next ones. Appreciate Mark sharing his insights with a broad audience.
- Thank you for continuing to share your organisational intelligence and commitment through these times.
- Multilateral v unilateral responses may differ but would be lessons re WHO, China v US etc
- It would be useful to have a permanent link to the presentation and also to Mark's slides.

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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.*

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Please complete the questions below and select submit when done.

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 have any questions about this or future events, please email [climate@anu.edu.au](mailto:climate@anu.edu.au)

1. How would you rate this event?

1 star

2 stars

3 stars

4 stars

5 stars



2. How satisfied were you with each of the following:

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Speakers/Panel	<input type="radio"/>				
Quality of Topic/Content	<input type="radio"/>				
Clarity of information	<input type="radio"/>				
Discussion/Q&A session	<input type="radio"/>				
Timing of event	<input type="radio"/>				
Organisation and Administration	<input type="radio"/>				

Please comment about your ratings.

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

- Government
- Business
- Academia / research
- Student
- NGO
- Community
- Other (please specify)

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

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

5. Would you consider attending online events once social distancing restrictions lift?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Please comment about your rating.

6. Please provide any additional comments here.