

Fossil Fuel – Our Precious Resource

At times, we go for a drive for pleasure either with friends or only accompanied with our favourite music. Australia with its vast network of good roads is perfect for such drives. Yet driving a car when it can be avoided is a waste of our precious fossil resource.

Most school kids know cars, whether petrol or diesel, emit carbon dioxide which is detrimental for the environment. From 1990 to 2008, Australian transport sectors' greenhouse gas emissions increased by 29 %. Since then there have been efforts by government and non-governmental organisations to bring emissions down.

There is considerable encouragement now to buy green vehicles. The Australian government initiative called the Green Vehicle Guide helps one choose a greener vehicle by providing information about carbon dioxide emissions of various cars available in the market.

Buying greener vehicles is one method of reducing emissions and using our cars responsibly is another. Bringing these emissions down will be a slow process. It will require all our contributions. We can adopt either one (i.e. use cars responsibly) or both (i.e. buy greener vehicles and use cars responsibly) of these methods to protect the environment and save this crucial resource for future generations.

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