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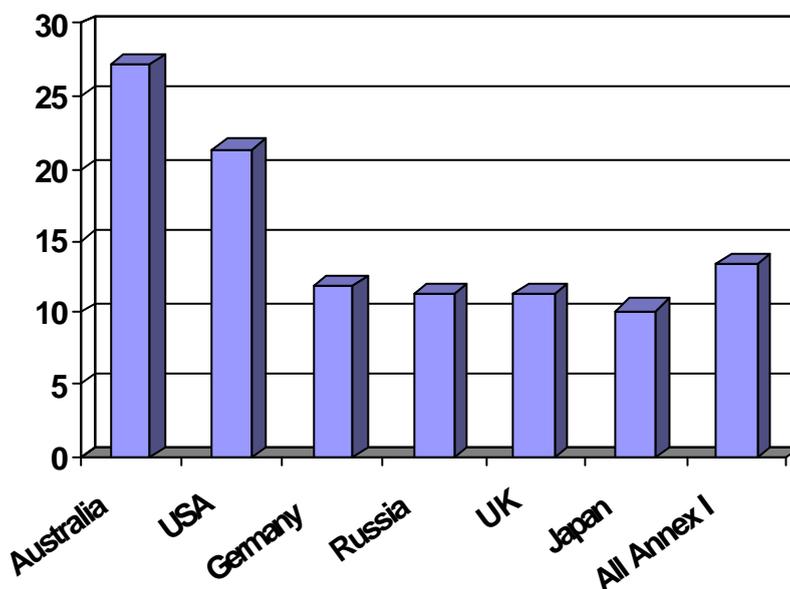
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### AUSTRALIA WORST PER CAPITA POLLUTER

Australians have the highest greenhouse emissions per person of all industrial countries according to research conducted for The Australia Institute. The Institute's latest study shows that per capita emissions by Australians are 27 per cent higher than those of US citizens and more than double the average for industrialised countries.

The study was undertaken by Hal Turton, a researcher in Environmentally Compatible Energy Strategies at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis in Laxenburg, Austria. Mr Turton said that, when measured on a comprehensive basis, the Australian per capita emission was 27.2 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent. In comparison the figure for the next big polluter, the USA, was 21.4 tonnes. The main culprits are Australia's electricity generation mix, road transportation and aluminium production.

**Greenhouse gas emissions per capita for selected Annex I countries, 2001 (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)**



The Institute's report can be read under What's New on its website - [www.tai.org.au](http://www.tai.org.au)

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