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CLIMATE CHANGE: A NEW TEACHING RESOURCE

A new nine-part teaching resource covering key climate change issues was released today by the Australia Institute.

Compiled in conjunction with high school teachers and university academics, the web-based resource covers the environmental, scientific, economic, political and ethical aspects of climate change.

“Climate change is an important but complex area of study that cuts across disciplines,” Institute Research Fellow Christian Downie said.

“This new interactive package is designed to provide teachers and students with accurate information that allows them to consider and analyse some of the critical issues facing Australia, and indeed the world.”

For example, each module raises questions such as, what might the impacts of climate change be in the future? What role can international negotiations play? Who is responsible for the damage caused by climate change? Who will suffer most from its effects? What policies can governments use to reduce our emissions? What are the economic costs? Is nuclear power the answer?

All the modules are available for download free of charge at:

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