Climate action day

On September 21 people from all around the world rallied to draw attention to the need for on-going action from all governments to address climate change.

Catherine Moore organised the Braidwood event.

CATHERINE

It is appalling is that the government has the attitude that it does to climate change and to renewables.

I went to the renewable energy target solidarity meeting in Queanbeyan a week ago and the local member didn't even turn up. There were hundreds of people there from industry including farmers, solar and wind installers — and they were all really worried about their futures because of the government's attitude.

And here we are, now lagging behind the rest of the world where once we

were leading. It's utterly appalling. This event today is happening all over the world but I didn't want to drive all the way to Canberra so I thought let's do something locally. I rang Alex to get an ad in the paper, a little bit on Facebook, a few posters round town all in the hope a few people would come here today. It's to show solidarity on this issue and for Braidwood to be part of the global movement in support of action on climate change.

Catherine Moore

This is a very important issue that needs to be supported; it's a global day. I think the idea that people are getting out globally is very important. The sort of financial power that some

of the deniers have gives them a disproportionate voice which upsets things. I think it is important that people come from rural areas because I think often the farming community, or some of them, have a slightly paranoid view on notions of climate change. Whereas they as a group will be most affected over a period of time by these changes.

So I think to have these meetings, all around the world to make this point, as a collection of people is most important.

Robin Wallace-Crabbe

Solidarity with the rest of the world that's the point.

Gilles Bonin

ROBIN

GILLES

FROGS IN A SAUCEPAN COMING TO THE BOIL

I'm here today because I believe in clean energy and I'm committed to climate change action. There are lots of things we can do at an individual level; you can insulate your house, you can wear clothes that suit the weather conditions. You can wear a jumper in winter so you don't have to have the heater up so high. You can keep the house closed-up during hot summer days so you don't have to run the air conditioner so much.

At a society level, at the Australian level, we should certainly be keeping the renewable energy target and we should continue to be world leaders in climate change mitigation rather than the world laggards we are in danger of becoming.

In terms of lifters and leaners we are becoming one of the world's greatest leaners on climate change; and I think that's appalling.

Su Wild River

HARRY

We have to show solidarity for the cause. We got to do something, that's blatantly obvious and politicians need to listen. My message for the current government is this:

You shall be judged by your actions and frankly everything you are doing is taking us backwards. You can't even maintain the status quo and people are not very impressed. You know there is a majority, over 60% of the public, who want strong action on climate change and yet you seem to be dead set on winding it back. Various leaders have lost their positions through inaction on climate change and I would advise you to do something about it now.

Harry Laing

I think it's fairly clear what we want to say: it's a beautiful day and we don't want it to get any hotter. [Interjection: it's at least 3° above average.]
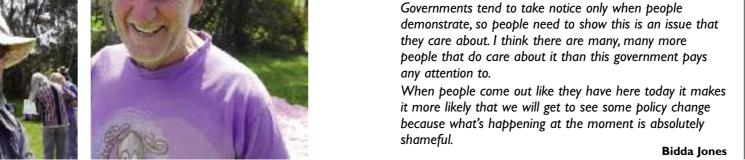
Sue Fisher

TIM, SU AND FORBES

JAY, HADDIE AND BIDDA

I think it's important that people come out on a day like today to show the rest of Australia that we care about this issue.

Jay Davies

Governments tend to take notice only when people demonstrate, so people need to show this is an issue that they care about. I think there are many, many more people that do care about it than this government pays any attention to.

When people come out like they have here today it makes it more likely that we will get to see some policy change because what's happening at the moment is absolutely shameful.

Bidda Jones