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Our country Australia is the largest country in [Oceania](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oceania) and the world's [sixth-largest country](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_and_dependencies_by_area), which is also a continent between the [Pacific](https://www.britannica.com/place/Pacific-Ocean) and [Indian](https://www.britannica.com/place/Indian-Ocean) oceans. New Zealand,Papua New Guinea and Indonesia are some of Australia's neighboring countries. It has a population around 25 million people, which makes Australia one of the countries with the most population.Australians have a basic nice life ,in which they can access clean water, healthcare and education. It is a [megadiverse country](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Megadiverse_countries), and it has various beauties such as landscapes and climates, with [tropical rainforests](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forests_of_Australia) and savannas in the north, [deserts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deserts_of_Australia) in the center, and mountains in the south. Australia also has a lot of animal species like: kangaroos, koalas, and the Tasmanian devil.

Climate change means long-term shifts in temperatures and weathers. Such natural events can happen. However, since the 1800s, [human activities have been the main reason for climate change](https://www.ipcc.ch/2021/08/09/ar6-wg1-20210809-pr/).[The temperature of the Earth’s surface is about 1°C warmer](https://wmo.int/news/media-centre/climate-change-indicators-reached-record-levels-2023-wmo) than it was in the late 1800s. Over 70% of Australians are worried about climate change and its effects. There are already various results of climate change that Australia is experiencing, such as intense bushfires, droughts, and heat waves, all of which can affect the country's economy.

In response to these challenges, it is important for Australia to embrace sustainable development strategies that focus on decreasing carbon emissions, using renewable energy, and protecting the environment. This can involve changing to cleaner energy sources like solar, wind, and hydropower, and supporting industries and agriculture that lessen environmental harm. Sustainable development not only helps to reduce the effects of climate change but can also create new jobs and increase economic strength. With climate change threatening both the environment and the economy, bold choices are important to protect Australia's future.

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