

CLIMATE CHANGE PERCEPTION SURVEY 2013

Many Singaporeans believe climate change would affect them personally

The National Climate Change Secretariat (NCCS) commissioned a survey from Sep to Oct 2013 to gauge public perception on climate change. A random sample of 1000 Singapore residents aged 15 and above were interviewed in this survey. The previous public perception survey on climate change was conducted in 2011.

2. The latest survey found a high level of public interest and awareness on climate change and its impact:

- About 7 in 10 (70.2%) were concerned about climate change. In terms of how Singapore would be affected by climate change, the majority cited frequent and severe extreme weather events (e.g. heavy rainfall and dry spells)
- About 6 in 10 (62.7%) were of the view that climate change will affect them personally. The top concerns of those who hold this view are the health impact and hotter weather that climate change could bring about.

3. The survey response may have been influenced by the severe trans-boundary haze that affected Singapore in Jun 2013. Half of the respondents (50.6%) cited “clearing of forests” as the key contributor to climate change. In response to the question on who they felt was mainly responsible for taking action on climate change, respondents were divided between the government and individuals. Compared with the results from the 2011 survey, the proportion of respondents who felt that individuals had the main responsibility fell from 56.3% to 39.2 %.

4. The majority of respondents indicated that they adopted climate-friendly behaviour. Over 80% indicated that they turn off electrical appliances at the mains when the appliances are not in use, choose appliances which carry an Energy Label, use public transport or car pool when possible and practise the 3Rs i.e. Reduce, Re-use and recycle. They also indicated that their key motivation for doing so was to save money.

5. About 75% of the respondents said that they were willing to pay more to support products and practices that address climate change. The majority were willing to pay up to 10% more.

6. Details of the findings are at [Appendix I](#).