

Activity 3.5 MP – Small changes made by many

The message of ‘small individual changes made by many’ is probably the best way that you can make your personal contribution to improving the quality of the air you breathe.



1. Refer to the table below.

Consider each of the possible actions and decide your view on each, based on whether it is an action that you:

- already do
- could take
- could not take
- can see your family or friends taking.

* Actions to reduce air pollution	Actions I take now	Actions I could take	Actions I could not take	Actions my family could take
1. Plant trees and shrubs to reduce carbon dioxide levels				
2. Educate others about problems related to air pollution				
3. Save energy around the home for example, turn off lights when not needed, use electrical appliances as little as possible				
4. Walk or cycle rather than use a car				
5. Use public transport whenever possible				
6. Keep car engine or motor cycle tuned				
7. Use unleaded petrol if possible				
8. Recycle materials				
9. Plan your travel in advance				
10. Observe bans on/avoid backyard burning				
11. Write letters to people in your local neighbourhood advising them of ways to improve the local environment				



2. Discuss your responses with other students in a small group. Give reasons for the choices you've made.

What changes would need to happen to help you to follow up some of these actions?

* Table adapted from Keep Australia Beautiful Council (NSW) Environment Resource Kit (1991)