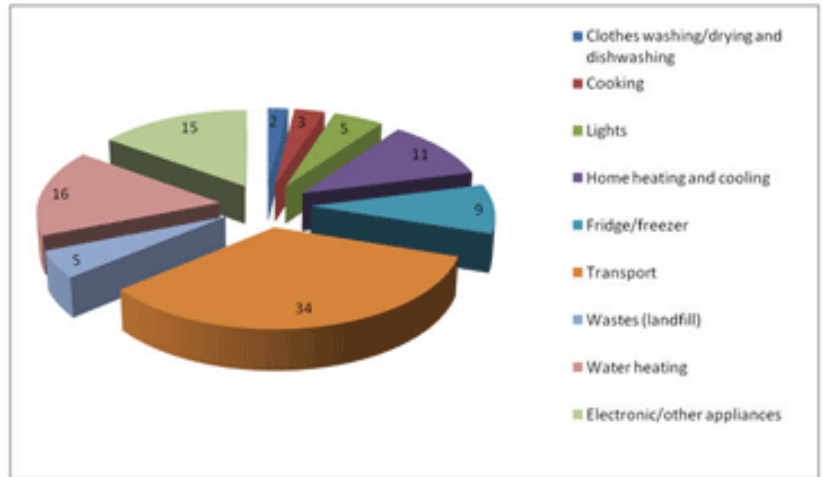


# Carbon Action Project – Week 1

## Energy Smart Actions: Transport

Cars are responsible for nearly half of all transport greenhouse gas emissions in Australia and have grown steadily, 22% since 2005. For individuals and private households, transport represents the greatest proportion of their greenhouse gas emissions.



The following check-list will be useful in our discussions this week and for you into the future. Put a check (✓) in the box if you are already doing the action; put a \* in the box for the actions you intend to start doing. There are blanks at the end for you to add your own ideas or actions.

- Switch to a low-emission or electric vehicle (<https://renew.org.au/renew-magazine/buyers-guides/ending-the-ice-age-an-electric-vehicle-buyers-guide/>)
- ❖ Reduce car use by increasing walking, riding or use of public transport
  - Walk or ride your bike to the café or local shop for minor items rather than driving to the supermarket
  - Plan your activities to combine them where possible to reduce vehicle use
  - Take the bus or ride your bike to work at least once per week (<https://www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/journey-planner>)
  - Ride or walk to school (<https://www.transport.act.gov.au/about-us/schools/ride-or-walk-to-school>)
  - Start a Walking School Bus (<https://www.yourmove.org.au/resources/how-to-start-a-walking-school-bus/>)
  - Plan a weekend bike or bus excursion (<https://www.transport.act.gov.au/about-us/active-travel/active-travel-in-the-community/cycling-and-walking-maps>; <https://www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/find-a-stop-or-map>)
- ❖ Reduce the number of vehicles in the household
  - Take advantage of car-share schemes where you hire a car by the hour (<https://www.goget.com.au/canberra/>; <https://popcar.com.au/>)
  - Replace one with an electric bike (<https://switched-on-cycles.myshopify.com/>; <http://www.cookiescycles.com.au/>)
  - Try an electric bike for two weeks (<https://www.see-change.org.au/cbrebikelibrary>)
- Ensure vehicles are well maintained (oil, tyres, filters) and tyres are sufficiently inflated
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_