## **Lesson 2, Part C:** CO2 Saver Choice Cards

Have your household plant 100 young trees this year.

Install a 2 kW rooftop solar system this year.

Cut 2 tumble dryer loads per week this year - hang clothes on the line to dry instead. Reduce your heating and cooling by 1 degree through the year.

(eg. heat the house to 22<sup>0</sup>C in Winter instead of 23<sup>0</sup>C <u>AND</u> cool the house to 23<sup>0</sup>C in the Summer instead of 22<sup>0</sup>C).

Buy and drive an electric vehicle instead of a petrol vehicle.

Cut the electricity used in your household by 20%

(eg. by switching off unused appliance s such as TVs and radios, avoiding such as TVs and radios, avoiding unnecessary heating and cooling, switching off lights when they're not being used)

Have your household eat a vegetarian diet for half the days of the year.

Have your household invest in a seaweed farm this year, which pays for a tenth of an acre of seaweed cultivation.

## **Lesson 2, Part C:** CO2 Saver Fact Cards

1) Planting 100 young trees will absorb 1 200 kg of CO2 in a year.

(http://www.arborenvironmentalalliance.com/carbon-tree-facts.asp)

If your household selected 'Plant Trees', subtract 1200 from your 40000 total.

3) Cutting 2 tumble dryer loads per week for 1 year saves about 180 kg of CO2.

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5) Driving an electric car instead of a petrol vehicle for a year would save 2.5 tonnes (2,500 kg) of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>.

https://www.carbonfootprint.com/electric\_vehicles.html)

If your household selected an electric vehicle, subtract 2500 from your total so far.

2) One 2kW rooftop solar panelsystem saves 2 tonnes (2 000 kg) of CO2 a year.

(Shttps://www.solarmarket.com.au/carbon-reduction-solar-panels/)

If your household selected 'Install rooftop solar', subtract 2000 from your total so far.

4) Reducing your heating (or cooling) by 1 degree saves about 180 kg of CO2 in a year.

https://www.carbonfootprint.com/minimisecfp.html)

If your household chose to reduce heating and cooling by 1°, subtract 180 from your total.

6) Cutting the electricity used for a 3-person household in Australia by 20% (eg. by switching off unused appliances and lights, & avoiding unnecessary heating and cooling saves an average of 800 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> per year.

https://watchmywaste.com.au/food-waste-greenhouse-gas-calculator/)

If your household chose to cut electricity consumption by 20%, subtract 800 from your total.

7) A tenth of an acre of cultivated seaweed (yes - seaweed!) absorbs about 12 tonnes (12 000 kg) of CO2 in a year (about 15 times that of the same area of trees!!)

(https://theconversation.com/how-farming-giant-seaweed-can-feed-fish-and-fix-the-climate-81761)

If your household chose to invest in seaweed farming, subtract 2500 from your total so far.

8) Eating 'vego' half the time, would still save 150 kg of CO2 per year. For a 3 person household, that's 450 kg of saved CO2 per annum!

http://shrinkthatfootprint.com/food-carbon-footprint-diet)

If your household selected a vegetarian diet for half the year, subtract 450 from your total so far.