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### **Engagement of Tim Cotter to assist Climate Connect Project**

Waterworks Sustainable Community, in conjunction with EcoTasmania Inc successfully won a project grant from the Tasmanian Climate Change Office in mid 2009.

The broad aim of the one year project is to communicate with a demographic area in Hobart environs to determine the barriers that inhibit people from responding to the climate change issue, and then to find out ways to overcome those various barriers.

As part of the project the project team undertook a major online survey and to this end we are greatly indebted to **Environmental Psychologist (AWAKE) Tim Cotter** for his perceptive assistance in the construction of the survey, taking into account his learned experiences of human behaviour and the appropriate construction of such surveys.

The first round of respondents have provided the team with incisive information and the responses are now being used to modify the online survey for use at a statewide level.

Interim results can be viewed at: <http://waterworksvalley.com/barriers-to-sustainable-living/>

The online surveys are being coupled with focus groups and house visits in an effort to develop a real life picture of barriers that are influencing people's lifestyle and life choice responses to climate change.

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