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Save Our Planet; Send Donald Trump to Space Says Friends of the Earth

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Friends of the Earth Australia is asking for your help to send the world's worst climate change sceptic [@realdonaldtrump](https://twitter.com/realdonaldtrump) to space so he can experience 'The Overview Effect' and come back down to earth a more environmentally ethical person.

'The Overview Effect' is a phenomenon that is experienced by astronauts who view the earth from orbit, see the effects of human impact, and have an epiphany – we are destroying our only home. But astronauts aren't the ones who need a new perspective. Our politicians do. They create the policies that can protect our planet.

Earlier this year Friends of the Earth launched an initiative to identify the world's most dangerous climate change denier. In just one month, people from over 120 countries visited www.sendasceptictospace.com to show their support, and vote on Twitter.

[@realdonaldtrump](https://twitter.com/realdonaldtrump) received four times as many votes as any other candidates, including former Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott and other key political figures George Christensen and Jim Inhofe. Despite 97 per cent of climate scientists * agreeing climate change is real, Donald Trump's unwavering defiance of it is frightening for our planet.

"Record setting freezing temperatures throughout the country and beyond. Global warming is an expensive hoax," – [@realdonaldtrump](https://twitter.com/realdonaldtrump), January 29th 2014.

"The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make US manufacturing non-competitive," – [@realdonaldtrump](https://twitter.com/realdonaldtrump), November 6th 2012.

As the Republican Party's front-runner in the US Federal Election, Friends of the Earth says now is the time to act and save [@realdonaldtrump](https://twitter.com/realdonaldtrump) a seat on one of the first Virgin Galactic space flights. It's why the activist group has set up a crowd funding campaign to raise \$250,000 to pay for his ticket in this final attempt to change his mind.

How you can help:

- Donate to the sendasceptictospace fund @ <https://www.generosity.com/fundraising/save-our-planet-send-donald-trump-to-space/x/13926737>

- [Tweet a message of support using #sendasceptictospace](#)

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* NASA, <http://climate.nasa.gov/scientific-consensus/>

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About Friends of the Earth

Friends of the Earth Australia (FoEA) is a federation of independent local groups working for a socially equitable and environmentally sustainable future. Friends of the Earth International is the world's largest federation of national environmental organisations. The network is now active in 71 countries, with more than 5,000 local branches.

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While we will use reasonable efforts to convince Donald Trump take the space flight, individuals should acknowledge that we cannot force him to take the space flight. To take the space flight we must first apply and we cannot guarantee that the application will be accepted. If we cannot obtain an agreement of Donald Trump, or his or her application is rejected or we are unable to purchase a Virgin Galactic ticket for any particular reason, all money will go towards protecting the environment and creating a better future through supporting Friends Of The Earth as a tax-deductible (for Australian residents only) charitable donation.

For more information and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit www.sendasceptictospace.com.

