



**SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER IS**

**'SAY YES' FAITH COMMUNITY  
MORNING TEA DAY**

As people of faith we are called to respond to climate change as a moral issue that affects the whole of a created order that we do not own.

When we look at this crucial issue we know that we must do so in the context of prayer, reflection and respectful discussion. That's what these morning teas are all about.

By hosting a morning tea you'll be joining with other faith communities who are informing themselves about climate change, sharing the facts about the carbon price and considering this issue in the light of their faith.

And you don't need to be an expert or know all the details about the carbon price, coming to a morning tea is a way for people who might not otherwise engage on this issue to do so with a trusted person like you in a relaxed way. So just being able to share why you think its important and what it has to do with your faith is enough to get the ball rolling.

**MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER YOUR  
MORNING TEA WITH US SO WE  
KNOW IT'S HAPPENING!**

Register by visiting:  
[www.sayyesaustralia.org.au/events](http://www.sayyesaustralia.org.au/events)

Need some help?  
**Contact Devett O'Brien on 0420 311 271 or  
devett@sayyesaustralia.org.au.**

We can talk you through, offer tips or organise guest presenters.

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# MORNING TEA

# SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER

To help we've put together two simple resources designed to help you host a morning tea in your church or faith community.

## 1 SAY YES MORNING TEA KIT

**This kit includes:**

- ▶ Instructions on how to put it all together
- ▶ A script outline
- ▶ A link to a short DVD you can show
- ▶ Yummy cake and ginger bread recipes!
- ▶ "7 Reasons to Say Yes to Climate Action" poster/flyer to hand out at the tea
- ▶ An event location poster
- ▶ "I Say Yes Because..." poster

## 2 COMMON BELIEF: AUSTRALIA'S FAITH COMMUNITIES ON CLIMATE CHANGE

This booklet was prepared by The Climate Institute and has contributions from 16 religions in Australia about their views and teachings on climate change.

These contributions provide an excellent starting point for any discussion in your own faith community.

**You can access this and other resources here?**

### Why is this important now?

Our politicians are going to vote on the carbon price package during the 2nd week of October in the House of Representatives. Over the past few months there has been a massive misinformation and scare campaign from self-interested industries, radio shock jocks and some politicians.

Many people have switched off, are confused, or can't see past the politics. Now is your chance to give people the facts, remind them why this deal is important to Australia, for our economy, jobs, health and our environment. We need people to get behind this action so it is passed and we can build on it.

### What does it involve?

Hosting a morning tea simply involves gathering members of your faith community at morning tea time, showing them the video and engaging them in a discussion about why you support the price on pollution. Many faith communities are doing this during their normal cup of tea following their service.

## What do I need?

Not much! With the guide below you are pretty well set. The kit contains talking points, a poster and a flier to hand out. Additional materials can be downloaded at [www.sayyesaustralia.org.au](http://www.sayyesaustralia.org.au)

So come along armed with your smile; and with the help of the video you can feel confident that you are sharing an interesting chat over a cuppa like any other morning.

## What do I need to do beforehand and how do I get people to come?

- ▶ Familiarise yourself with the information in the kit
- ▶ Download and print materials to hand out from [www.sayyesaustralia.org.au](http://www.sayyesaustralia.org.au). Ask everyone to fill out an "I Say Yes Because..." poster (available on the website) and post it on a board or a wall during the tea. Then snap a photo of the result and send it to us!
- ▶ Put up our Morning Tea poster in a prominent place in your church/mosque/synagogue/hall or other building.
- ▶ If you are holding a discussion within a regularly scheduled meeting, talk to the host and pick a time on the agenda.
- ▶ If you are hosting the tea, pick and book a venue.
- ▶ Organise for a computer monitor, TV, laptop, or screen of some sort to show the video
- ▶ Make sure you think about how many people you are expecting, what other facilities you might need, how easy it is to get to, what your catering needs will be.
- ▶ Place a notice in your communities bulletin the week before (sample version on right).
- ▶ Send out a reminder the afternoon before that it's on and say just how excited you are about it.

## SUGGESTED TEXT FOR A BULLETIN NOTICE

### Say Yes to Climate Action

**INSERT NAME OF COMMUNITY** is holding a Say Yes morning tea on Sunday 9th October. Morning Teas will be happening around the country to provide an opportunity to share information and let people ask questions in a non-confrontational environment.

Join us for a cuppa, some cake and talk about what a carbon price means for our families, our land, our future.

**INSERT DETAILS** Where, when, what, why, where you'll put up the poster.

Contact **INSERT YOUR NAME** for more information on **INSERT YOUR CONTACT DETAILS**.

**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR MORNING TEA**

by visiting [www.sayyesaustralia.org.au/events](http://www.sayyesaustralia.org.au/events)

Got any questions?

Email us: [action@sayyesaustralia.org.au](mailto:action@sayyesaustralia.org.au)

# HOW DO I ENGAGE

## PEOPLE IN THIS ISSUE OVER MORNING TEA?

The most important thing is to do what you are comfortable with. If all you want to do is show the video, hand out the pamphlet and then chat amongst yourselves, go for it.

If you think people are supportive ask them to log on to [www.sayyesaustralia.org.au](http://www.sayyesaustralia.org.au) and make a "I Say Yes Because..." poster. You can email everyone the link after the morning tea.

If you want to be more engaging here are some ideas.

You might start out with something like the script below. But most importantly talk about why you personally are engaged in this important issue.

*Thanks for coming along today to our Say Yes Morning Tea. It's great to see so many here who want to find out more about what carbon pricing means for them and for our environment. I know that many of you have been talking about this a fair bit lately, there has definitely been a lot in the news lately. It's understandable that people might want to switch off from the whole 'carbon tax' issue. Whilst this has been happening, the urgency to act to cut pollution in Australia has increased, and it's only going to get harder if we don't get cracking now.*

## LAST MINUTE PREPARATIONS

- ▶ Have a chat to people before your service and give with a friendly reminder about the morning tea and that you're excited to see them there.
- ▶ Try to make an announcement/notice at the end of your service if this is an acceptable part of how your community does things.
- ▶ Rock up to the room early to see if there are any last minute issues, get some help from a mate to move things to sort out the numbers.
- ▶ Think of your "I Say Yes Because..." reasons so you can get it started in your morning tea.
- ▶ If you're using any technology get in early and see if everything is running smoothly. Check this a day before as well.

Get in there and get it happening! Don't forget to take a photo of your morning tea and email your photo to [action@sayyesaustralia.org.au](mailto:action@sayyesaustralia.org.au).

Share your story about why you think this is important for you and important enough for you to organise this morning tea and why they matter as well and how it makes you feel. It's your story that will resonate with them, as somebody they know, it is your story that gives your colleagues. You might want to think about what motivates you? What do you think this action means for Australian families and our kids futures?

Give people a bit of background so they know what you are talking about. See the "7 Reasons to Say Yes to Climate Action" (page 11).

*We're here today to talk today about the recent plan to cut pollution and build a clean energy Australia. What have you heard about the recent announcement?*

Acknowledge any responses about the 'carbon tax.' Talk about what it all means. Explore their responses. Check out the talking points that you have with your kit.



## VIDEOSCREENING

*It seems like there are still some big questions that people have about what this means for them. That's why I've brought along this 5 minute video that will hopefully explain that for all of us. So I'll put the video on for us to have a listen to and then we can continue our discussion afterwards and I'd love to hear what you think about what it means and also about anything you didn't know before you saw the video.*

You can view the video by clicking the link on [www.sayyesaustralia.org.au/events](http://www.sayyesaustralia.org.au/events).

*What did everybody think? What questions did that answer for you? What do you think it's going to take to make this happen now?*

Some questions that might be useful when exploring what your colleagues are really saying:

- ▶ I can understand what you're saying. We know that households and many faith groups have been getting on with reducing their environmental impact. Why do you think it's important that our big polluters get on with cutting their pollution and invest in clean energy?
- ▶ How important do you think it is that Australia gets on with the job of sticking up for the things we value? Like our Great Barrier Reef, good secure jobs, our farms and our kids future.
- ▶ Who do you think benefits if we keep delaying? Why do you think those big polluters might be saying those sorts of things?

## How do I get others engaged at the end of the discussion?

Ask people to help spread the word!

Below are some suggestions about what you can say to the group gathered or you may want to talk only to those who you think would be interested one on one after the morning tea.

*It's really been great to hear your thoughts on what it all means and to discuss these first steps our country is close to embarking on after all of these years of delay and putting at risk the things that are important to many Australians.*

*It's been hard work to be in this position, due to the efforts of thousands of Australians just like you and I.*

*Now we need to think about what we do next. Right now this plan is out there and about to be voted on. It's critical that they get the message from people like us and not just from the people who can make the most noise. There are several options for us to add our voices to these efforts and other actions that are being taken by other supporters to make sure Australia takes this climate action that delivers value for working Australians and their families.*



## What can you do?

There are many reasons why people, like me, have gotten involved to Say Yes. Now is your chance to add your voice and tell us why you Say Yes. For me, I Say Yes because...

Let's all add our statements on the board and get a picture.

Some things you can do that others have been doing to help spread the word

- ▶ Go online and create a "I Say Yes Because..." poster
- ▶ Leaflet your street
- ▶ Call your MP and let them know how you feel
- ▶ Talk to your friends, family and workmates
- ▶ Share your thoughts and your stories on your local media outlets.

Anything else that you think will be exciting, visual and perhaps even a bit of fun for you and your colleagues.

Be sure to take note of those people who want to become more involved and get their details so we can help you keep them up to date on the campaign.

Pass out the materials we send you and ask that people post a flyer or a poster at their workplace.

Congratulations on a job well done, it's been great hearing what you've all had to say and I'm excited about the next steps! Don't forget to finish off the cake. Together we are building a community for action.

## AFTER THE MORNING TEA

- ▶ Pack up the room, don't leave anything behind.
- ▶ Thank everybody again for coming along and encourage them to stay involved and sign up to Say Yes list.
- ▶ Send through any pictures you got from your event to **action@sayyesaustralia.org.au**. Particularly of your group and their "I Say Yes Because..." statements.
- ▶ Let us know any issues you had holding the morning tea, any themes that came up and how you think we can make sure this package becomes a reality over the next month.
- ▶ Give yourself a pat on the back, it's because of you that Australia is as close as it's ever been to passing a package that will mean more support for households, a clean energy future and finally making big polluters pay. Keep up the good work!

# GINGERBREAD MEN

(15 MINS PREP AND 10 MINS COOKING)

## INGREDIENTS

- ▶ Melted butter, to grease
- ▶ 125g butter, at room temperature
- ▶ 100g (½ cup, firmly packed) brown sugar
- ▶ 125ml (½ cup) golden syrup
- ▶ 1 egg, separated
- ▶ 375g (2½ cups) plain flour (can use wholemeal)
- ▶ 1 tbs ground ginger
- ▶ 1 tsp mixed spice
- ▶ 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- ▶ Plain flour, to dust
- ▶ 150g (1 cup) pure icing sugar, sifted
- ▶ 8-10 drops blue (or any other colour) liquid food colouring



## METHOD

- 1** Preheat oven to 180°C. Brush 2 baking trays with melted butter to lightly grease.
- 2** Use an electric beater to beat the butter and sugar in a bowl until pale and creamy. Add the golden syrup and egg yolk and beat until combined. Stir in the flour, ginger, mixed spice and bicarbonate of soda. Turn onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth. Press dough into a disc. Cover with plastic wrap and place in the fridge for 30 minutes to rest.
- 3** Meanwhile, place egg white in a clean, dry bowl. Use an electric beater to beat until soft peaks form. Gradually add icing sugar and beat until stiff peaks form. Divide icing among 3 bowls. Cover 1 bowl with plastic wrap and place in the fridge. Add blue colouring to 1 bowl and stir until combined. Cover with plastic wrap and place in the fridge.
- 4** Place the dough between 2 sheets of baking paper and roll out until about 4mm thick. Use a 9cm gingerbread man cutter to cut out shapes. Place on trays about 3cm apart. Repeat with any excess dough.
- 5** Bake in oven for 10 minutes or until brown. Remove from oven. Transfer to a rack to cool.
- 6** Place prepared icings in small plastic bags. Cut a small hole in a corner of each bag. Pipe icing over gingerbread men to decorate with "I SAY YES" (or whatever you would like to put on your ginger bread)

**QUICK!**

## CHOCOLATE CAKE

### INGREDIENTS

- ▶ 3 tablespoons butter (melted)
- ▶ 1 cup sugar
- ▶ 2 eggs (beaten)
- ▶ 1 cup self raising flour
- ▶ 2 tablespoons cocoa
- ▶ Dash of vanilla
- ▶ ½ cup of milk

### METHOD

- 1** Break eggs into cup, beat lightly and mix with milk.
- 2** Put all dry ingredients in a bowl, add melted butter, eggs and milk. Beat for approx. 3 mins
- 3** Bake for 30–45 minutes at 175 degrees.



## APPLE TEA CAKE

### INGREDIENTS

- ▶ ¼ cup butter
- ▶ ½ cup sugar
- ▶ 1 egg (beaten)
- ▶ ½ cup milk
- ▶ 1 ¼ cup self raising flour
- ▶ 1–2 apples (sliced)
- ▶ Cinnamon and sugar for dusting

### METHOD

- 1** Cream butter and sugar
- 2** Add egg
- 3** Add sifted flour and milk
- 4** Mix lightly
- 5** Place in cake tin, add sliced apple and sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon.
- 6** Bake for 25–30 minutes at 190 degrees

# CLIMATE CHANGE MYTH BUSTERS!

## 1

**MYTH:** Taking action on climate change will make my household bills go through the roof.

**FACT:** The pollution price proposed by the Government is not a tax on households, it won't appear on your tax return. It's a price on the top 500 polluting business and only on the carbon pollution they release.

Any costs passed through to households are expected to be small – around \$9.90 a week – and 9 out of 10 households will receive financial support to help them make ends meet.

For most, the support will come in the form of a tax cut, for others, it will be an increase in pension or benefits. To find out what difference the price on pollution will make to your household, you can visit the Australian Government's website at [www.cleanenergyfuture.gov.au](http://www.cleanenergyfuture.gov.au)

Importantly, wages will grow as will our ability to buy the things we need.

## 2

**MYTH:** Australia does not create much pollution.

**FACT:** Australians create the most pollution, per person, in the developed world – mainly because we burn heavy-polluting coal to create most of our electricity. Our economy compared with other major economies is the 15th biggest polluter in the world (out of nearly 200). And our pollution is continuing to rise.

## 3

**MYTH:** Cutting Australia's pollution will not have any effect on global pollution levels.

**FACT:** Australia's pollution levels might look small compared with China or the US, but in fact they are similar in size to the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Spain, South Korea and a range of other mid-sized countries. Acting together, our countries can cut up to a 35% of global pollution – and that's the point: we all have to act together to make it effective.

As a big polluter, other countries take note of Australia's actions.

## 4

**MYTH:** Other countries are not doing anything about climate change.

**FACT:** All major economies are acting on climate change. More than 100 have renewable energy policies and many are developing clean energy industries worth billions of dollars. More than 30 have emissions trading schemes including all of Europe, the UK, New Zealand, a number of US states and, by 2015, a pilot scheme in China too.

The danger for Australia is falling behind the rest of the world.

## 5

**MYTH:** Scientists don't agree climate change is really happening.

**FACT:** A vast majority of working climate scientists (97%) agree that climate change is happening and human activity is largely responsible.

All the scientific academies and associations around the world, including the Australian Academy of Science and CSIRO, support this majority scientific view and agree that prompt action is necessary to avoid dangerous climate change, with scientific evidence growing stronger every year.

This includes the leading economies in 19 of the world's most powerful developed and developing countries such as the US, Japan, the UK, Germany, Canada, China, Russia and India.

# 6

**MYTH:** A price on pollution will just churn money through the economy and will not do anything to help the environment.

**FACT:** A price on pollution or pollution tax will make clean energy like solar and wind power relatively cheaper than older, dirtier electricity sources. It will also encourage business and households to become more efficient, and encourage innovation in new energy efficient products and technologies.

As products and services made from cleaner energy sources become cheaper and more energy efficient, businesses and households will switch over to save money. This will drive our economy to use even more clean energy and drive more efficiency, this, in time, will cut the amount of carbon pollution going into our atmosphere.

The Government will invest over \$10 billion of the revenue raised on more renewable energy.

# 7

**MYTH:** A price on pollution will result in job losses

**FACT:** The reports that there will be massive job losses are false and misleading. All Treasury and independent reports show that jobs will continue to grow in Australia. In some industries jobs will continue to grow (including in the mining and coal industries) they just won't grow as much (which is where the claims of job losses come from). INSTEAD they will grow more in other industries.

Treasury estimates 1.6 billion new jobs by 2030. The jobs identified are not just "clean energy" jobs, but new jobs in traditional industries such as agriculture, mining, manufacturing and the services sector.

# 8

**MYTH:** Australia's has the world's biggest carbon tax

**FACT:** The advertisements by the trade and Industry alliance are misleading.

The ad claims \$71 billion will be raised, The Climate Institute finds that while the total value of permits over the first six years of the Australian scheme would reach approximately \$61 Billion, around \$26 Billion of this potential revenue will be foregone through the allocation of free permits to Australian industry. Actual revenue raised would be in the order of \$35 Billion, most of which will go to Australians as tax cuts and cash payments, or invested in clean energy.

Furthermore, the ad does not compare Australia's scheme with others over the same time frames. It compares EU revenue for the last 6 years and Australia's revenue for the next 6 years. Over the next 6 years European governments are expected to raise between \$143 Billion and \$296 Billion through the sale of pollution permits. Far greater than what will be raised in Australia for the same time period.

# 9

**MYTH:** The carbon price will not reduce pollution or help the environment

**FACT:** Under the package, Australia's yearly output of carbon pollution will be reduced by at least 160 million tonnes by 2020 – that's equivalent to taking forty five million cars off the road!

This package will mean we can meet Australia's 2020 pollution reduction commitments, and for the first time we will also have a legislated target of reducing our pollution 80 per cent by 2050. The sort of cuts that we need to build a better future and insure ourselves against the risks of an insecure future fuelled by dangerous climate change.



Our political leaders have proposed new laws to cut carbon pollution and promote investment in clean energy and other low pollution technologies.

## 7 REASONS TO



## BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

Join the growing number of Australians who say YES to putting a price on pollution, YES to a cleaner Australia.



### 1 IT WOULD MEAN MAKING THE BIG POLLUTERS PAY FOR WHAT THEY PUMP INTO OUR SKIES...

Approximately 500 of Australia's biggest polluting companies will be required to pay for the carbon pollution they pump into our skies.

### 2 ...INSTEAD OF YOU

**A price on pollution is NOT a tax on you.** This is about changing the actions of the biggest polluters – not you.

### 3 AND NEW INDUSTRIES POWERED BY THE WIND AND THE SUN...

Australia has some of the best and most abundant clean energy resources in the world at its fingertips. Money from the price on pollution will go into direct investment in renewables. A price on pollution will make clean energy sources like wind and solar competitive and unlock billions of dollars of investment in regional areas.

### 4 CREATING SECURE AND REWARDING JOBS FOR AUSTRALIAN WORKERS

Action to reduce pollution can go hand-in-hand with job creation and prosperity. The Australian Council of Trade Unions supports a price on pollution and they represent 2 million Australian workers.

### 5 CLEANER AIR AND BETTER HEALTH FOR EVERYONE

Cutting carbon pollution will protect our health, especially kids and older Australians who are most at risk. Less carbon pollution in our skies will help protect our natural resources, like the Great Barrier Reef and Kakadu.

### 6 WE SHOW THE WORLD THAT WE DON'T SIT BACK AND DO NOTHING WHEN FACED WITH A CHALLENGE

Per person, Australia already produces more carbon pollution than any other developed country. 31 other countries have already stepped up and taken action on pricing pollution and we risk being left behind – costing us jobs and hurting our economy.

### 7 IT WOULD MEAN FINALLY DOING SOMETHING ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

Australians can achieve great things when we put our minds to it. If we decide to cut pollution and build clean energy we'll make a success of it and make our kids proud to be Australian.

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FOR A  
CHAT AND A CUPPA!**

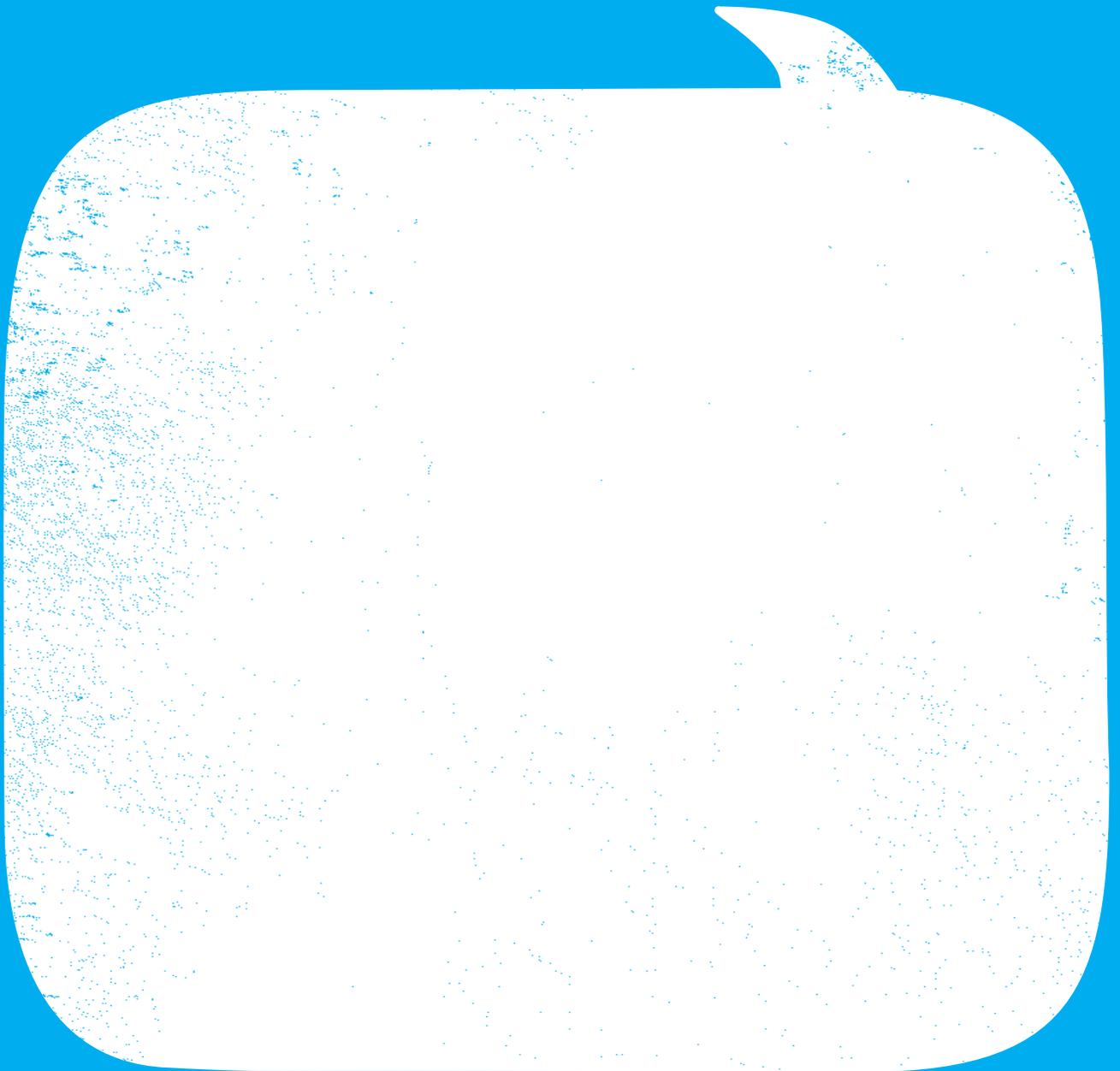
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