

# What Do You Think?

NOWADAYS, THERE ARE MANY ISSUES FORMING AROUND WATER AND HOW WE USE IT, AND THESE ISSUES ARE VERY CONTROVERSIAL.

Water issues are the cause of a lot of debate. For example, while some people insist that we must make water conservation a priority, others believe that we must take advantage of what water can do for us. It is a source of energy for industry, which gives people jobs and income.

Water – we can't live without it, and yet, we waste it. Many people in richer countries around the world use as much water to flush<sup>14</sup> the toilet daily (as much as 20 liters) as people in poorer countries use for drinking, washing, and cooking each day. What can we do to stop wasting water?

<sup>14</sup>flush: clean something, especially a toilet, by sending water through it



Australia has recently suffered from a severe drought. A solution that the Australians have thought of to help save water is one that can easily be done at home – the shower timer! Instead of spending a long time in the shower, many people now set a shower timer to exactly four minutes. Even this small change has dramatically contributed to people's awareness of the need to save water.

Modern dishwashers also now use less water than washing dishes by hand, and modern toilets have a low-flush system that dramatically reduces the water wasted with each flush. What are some other ways people can save water at home? How many can you think of?