

# Student Poll On The Environment

Students are 20 per cent of the public, but their views are not part of public opinion polls. *Landscapes* asked 900 students in 14 Greater Vancouver elementary and secondary schools to participate in an opinion survey on environmental issues. The surveys were administered in the classroom by teachers. These are the results:

**Question:** *Where do you think we have the biggest environmental problem in BC?*



Cities **(48%)**



Forests **(22%)**



Oceans **(19%)**



Rivers **(11%)**

**Question:** *How confident are you that the biggest environmental problem you selected will be solved by those responsible?*

Very Confident **(1%)**

Confident **(20%)**

Barely Confident **(60%)**

Not Confident **(19%)**

**Question:** *Students were given a choice of eight industries and asked which did the best job of protecting the environment and which did the worst. The industries were Farming, Mining, Car Makers, Fishing, Forestry, Oil, Builders and Electricity.*



In the **Best Protector** category, Farming was the clear leader for 35 per cent of students followed by Electricity at 22 per cent and Forestry at 16 per cent. The Oil Industry topped the list of **Worst Protectors** at 26 per cent followed by Car Makers at 22 per cent and Forestry at 20 per cent.

**Question:** *BC plans to preserve 12 per cent of all the land for parks. Do you think this will be?*



More parks than we need **(7%)**



Less parks than we need **(36%)**



Just enough parks **(45%)**



A lot less parks than we need **(12%)**

**Question:** *Today, a large number of jobs in BC are in our natural resources. In your future, how important do you think these kinds of jobs will be?*



Very Important **(26%)**

Important **(47%)**

Less Important **(23%)**

Not Very Important **(4%)**