# Climate Change & Local Government

## Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action

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#### Overview



### The Climate Council and our work

An update on what the latest climate science is telling us

The important role that local government can play in combatting climate change

#### The Climate Council





#### **Key Reports**

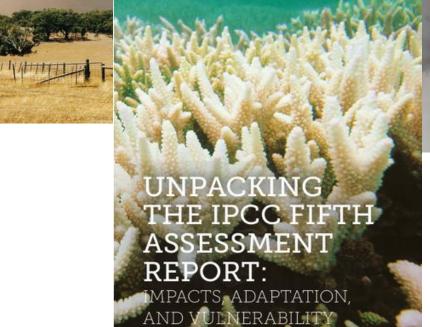
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AUSTRALIA'S
ELECTRICITY
SECTOR: AGEING,
INEFFICIENT AND
UNPREPARED





(WORKING GROUP II)

CLIMATE COUNCIL SEASONAL UPDATE: ABNORMAL AUTUMN 2014

## Climate Science in the Headlines

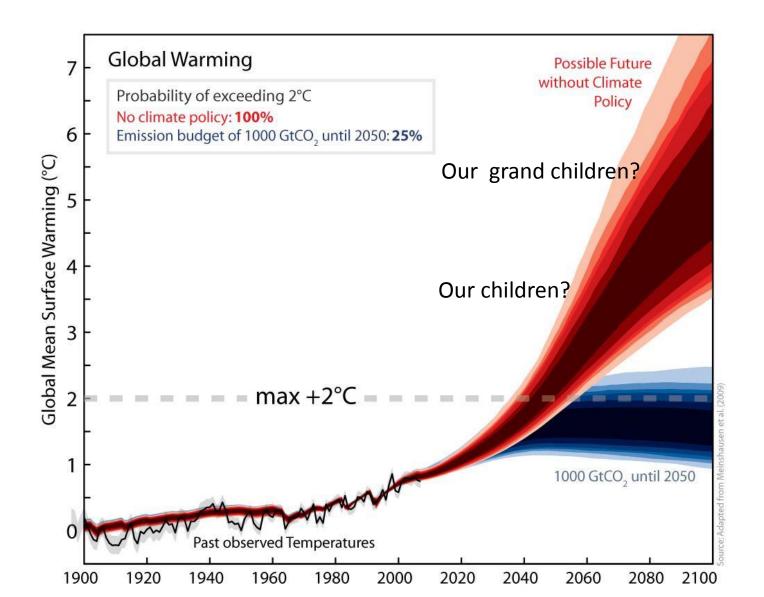




getting hotter and more frequent

### Climate change is happening now



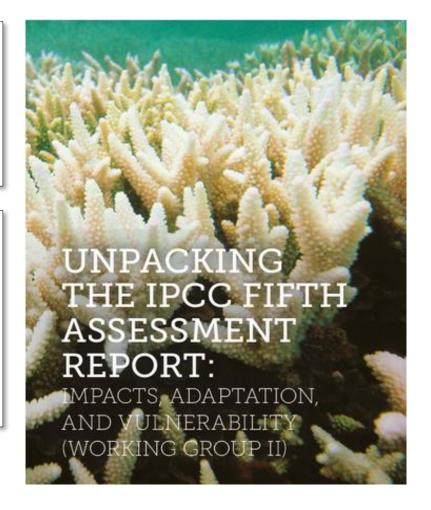


# The Latest Climate Science: The IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5 WGII)



Climate Change is occurring as a result of human activity

There is more evidence than ever before that climate change presents serious risks to the world



#### Climate Change Impacts: Australia





Declines in agricultural production

Increased bushfire risk



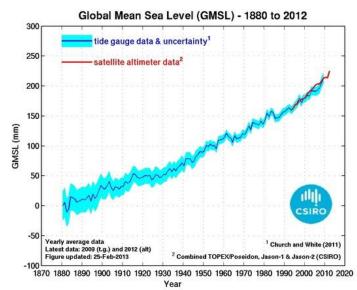
Heatwaves are hotter and longer

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Increased Frequency of Drought



Sea Level Rise

Conference of leading scientists reports a danger of rapid and serious global climate change caused by humans, calls for an organized research effort.

#### NOW

Scientists are more certain than ever that the warming since 1950 has been primarily caused by humans.

Strong global warming since mid-1970s is reported, with 1981 the warmest year on record.

#### NOW

The period 2001-2010 was the hottest decade on record.



Scientists have known for decades. They've warned us. And changes are well underway.

## CLIMATE **CHANGE IS** NOW

Leading scientists point out the chaotic nature of the climate system and the possibility of sudden shifts.

#### NOW

A warming climate is increasing the frequency and severity of many extreme weather events.

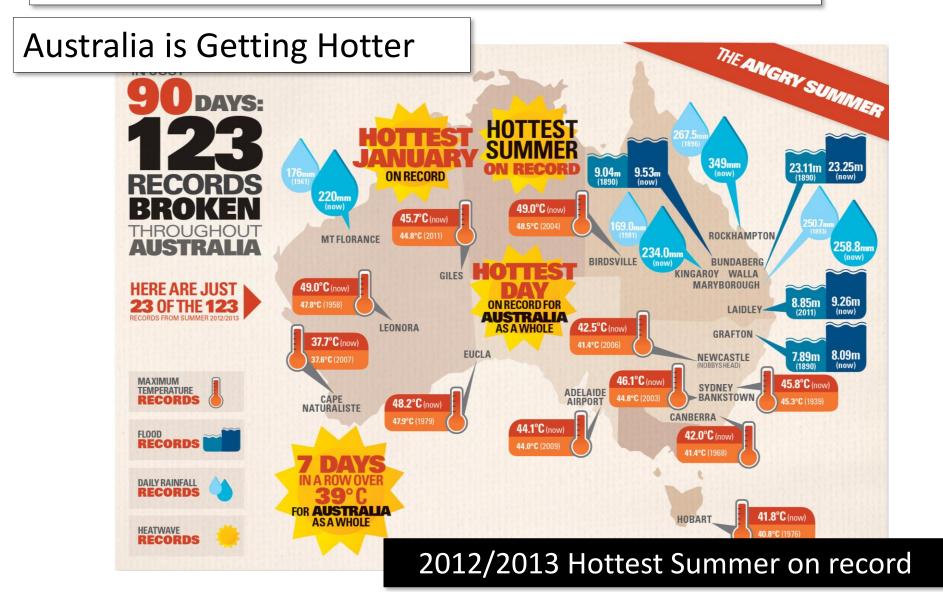
IPCC First Assessment Report finds global warming is likely to increase heatwaves in summer.

#### NOW

Many regions including Australia have experienced longer and more intense heatwaves.

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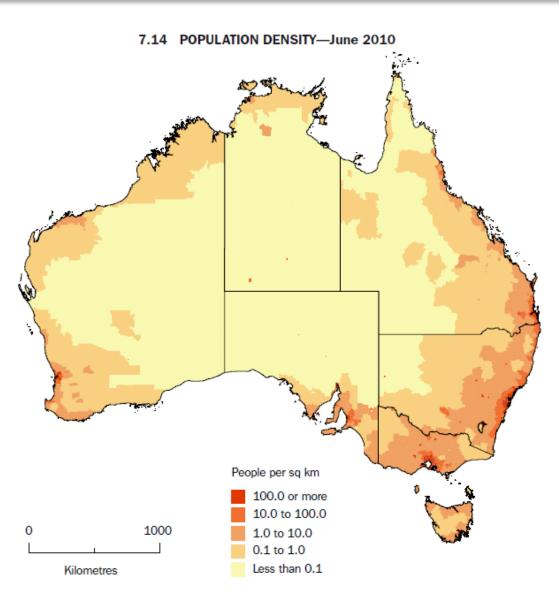
Our Oceans are Warming

Extreme Fire Weather is Increasing

Heatwaves are getting hotter, lasting longer







Source: Regional Population Growth, Australia (3218.0).





**Eco Driver** 

Street Light Change Over

**Solar Suburbs** 



New South Wales: The City of Sydney

# The City of Sydney: reduce carbon emissions from the local government area by 70% by 2030

City Farm

Street Lights

Solar Panel Project

**Energy Efficient Retrofit** 



## New South Wales: Chippendale



Source: sustainablechippendale.com



#### New South Wales: Lismore City Council





#### New South Wales: Byron Shire Council





#### Queensland: Brisbane City Council

 Brisbane City wants restore 40% of mainland Brisbane's natural habitat, reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 50% and reuse 100% of wastewater.





## South Australia: The City of Adelaide





#### Northern Territory: City of Darwin



ACF: Darwin, Australia's most sustainable city



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