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Victoria’s Bushfire Royal Commission Final Report

The report inquires into and reports on the causes and circumstances of the 2009 Victorian bushfires. It looks at what lessons can be learnt from these experiences - how we can reduce the risk and impacts of fire and minimize fire-related loss of life in future. The report includes 67 recommendations to government.

Victoria's Bushfire Royal Commission Final Report, 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission, Australia, July 2010

Ho Chi Minh City: Adaptation to Climate Change

Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) is at serious risk of flooding, both from regular and from extreme climatic events. This study provides projections of HCMC's 2050 exposure in key sectors and areas. It proposes structural and non-structural measures to build climate resilience in the city.

Ho Chi Minh City: Adaptation to Climate Change, Summary Report, Asian Development Bank (ADB), 2010 [1.27 MB, PDF]

Localizing Climate Change: Stepping up Local Climate Action

This paper focuses on local-scale actions to combat the effects of climate change. It argues that local climate action is important and three key aspects could provide effective avenues to step-up local climate action, including: increased attention to local adaptation; the linking of adaptation and mitigation efforts together and with other local ecological concerns; and greater engagement with active community members and grassroots community-initiated climate change actions.

Localizing Climate Change: Stepping up Local Climate Action, Meghan Bond, Griffith University-Australia, Management of Environmental Quality: An International Journal, vol. 21, no. 2, pp. 214-225, 2010 [subscription required]

Built Environment Climate Change Adaptation Wiki

The BECCA Wiki is an online encyclopaedia of topics which focus on climate change impacts and adaptation options for the built environment. It aims to provide practical information about climate change impacts on different types of infrastructure organisations, such as electricity generators and railways, and the various options for adapting efficiently to these impacts.

Built Environment Climate Change Adaptation Wiki (BECCA Wiki), Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, Australian Government, 2010

Responding to Climate Change through Regional Spatial Planning

The paper describes the governance frames for spatial planning and climate change adaptation policy within the South West England and South East Queensland. It identifies how growth is conceptualised and measured in these areas, including an analysis of how urban growth may confound climate change management. The paper assesses the implications of the case studies for the capacity of regional scale planning to achieve the twin objects of urban growth management and climate change adaptation.

Growing Adaptively? Responding to Climate Change through Regional Spatial Planning in England and Australia, Ian Smith et al., Research Paper 31, Urban Research Program, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, July 2010 [1.21 MB, PDF]

Australasian Transport Forum (ATRF) - Canberra, Australia

This research conference will take place from 29 September to 1 October 2010 at the National

Convention Centre, Canberra, Australia. It will bring together researchers, policymakers, advisors and practioners from a range of disciplines to share and build upon the latest research and thinking across a wide range of areas of interest (including climate change) in transport. Early bird registrations are open from 31 August 2010.

Australasian Transport Research Forum (ATRF), Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Canberra, Australia, 29 September - 1 October, 2010

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