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## 1. Human Health Impacts of Climate Change for Australia

The report summarises recent research on health risks and effective responses with a focus on minimizing human health impacts of climate change in Australia in 2020 and beyond. It emphasizes expected changes in medical practice and how patients will come to their doctors in future years with illness due to climate change.

[Climate Change Health Check 2020](#), Graeme Horton and Tony McMichael, Doctors for the Environment, Australia (DEA), Climate Institute of Australia, April 2008 [PDF]

## 2. Philanthropy's Role in the Fight against Global Warming

The report, sponsored by six US foundations, explores how philanthropic investment can turn the tide against global warming. It estimates that foundations now make about \$200-million in grants annually to fight global warming which is not enough. The report estimates that at least \$800-million per year is needed for this purpose.

[Design to Win - Philanthropy's Role in the Fight against Global Warming](#), California Environmental Associates, San Francisco, USA, August 2007 [PDF]

### **3. Climate Change Adaptation in Post-2012 Architecture**

The climate regime beyond 2012 will require an agreement on reduction in global emissions, appropriate adaptation measures, and the required financial resources to be effective. The paper reviews key proposals on the future architecture of climate change with a special focus on the adaptation component.

[Climate Change Adaptation in Post-2012 Architecture](#), Saleemul Huq and Mozaharul Alam, Progressive Governance Papers, Policy Network, London, UK, April 2008 [PDF]

### **4. Can New Nuclear Power Strengthen Energy Security?**

The paper considers that UK Government's overall security case for new nuclear power is unconvincing due to its neglect of key aspects of energy security. It stresses the need to analyse different dimensions of energy security. This briefing note explores the implications of different dimensions for the UK Government's stance on new nuclear power.

[Can New Nuclear Power Strengthen Energy Security?](#) Jim Watson, Sussex Energy Group-Policy Briefing, No. 2, December 2007 [PDF]

### **5. Mainstreaming Adaptation into Official Development Assistance**

The paper describes the horizontal, vertical and international dimensions of mainstreaming climate change adaptation into official development assistance (ODA). It identifies the challenges associated with each dimension. The paper outlines four complementary approaches (procedural, organizational, normative and reframing) to mainstreaming adaptation into ODA.

[Mainstreaming Adaptation to Climate Change into Official Development Assistance: Integration of Long-Term Climate Concerns and Short-Term Development Needs](#), Asa Persson and Richard J.T. Klein, Stockholm Environment Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, 2008 [PDF]

### **6. Conference on Oceans, Coasts and Islands-Hanoi, Vietnam**

This conference took place in Hanoi, Vietnam from 8-11 April 2008. The event brought together 430 ocean and coastal leaders from 71 countries. The conference provided a review of progress/lack thereof in attaining the goals adopted by the leaders at the 2002 WSSD relating to oceans management and conservation in the context of climate change.

[Fourth Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands: Advancing Ecosystem Management and Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management by 2010 in the Context of Climate Change - Overview and Outcomes](#), Hanoi, Vietnam, April 10, 2008

### **AdaptNet Special Report: Systems Approach to Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in Metropolises**

Tim Smith, associate professor at University of Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Geoff Withycombe, Beth Beveridge and Craig Morrison of Sydney Coastal Council Group Inc., Benjamin Preston, Kathleen McInnes and Deborah Abbs of CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research, Cassandra Brooke, manager climate change adaptation science at WWF-Australia, Russell Gorddard and Tom

G. Measham of CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems, write,

“The Systems Approach to Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in Metropolises project is developing and testing an integrated, systems approach to assisting the fifteen Sydney Coastal Councils Group (SCCG) member councils in assessing their vulnerability to climate change and the barriers and opportunities associated with adaptation at the Local Government scale. One of the exciting aspects of the SCCG project is the way it has incorporated a top-down approach to vulnerability assessment with a bottom-up, stakeholder-led narrative process. As the project has progressed, there has been considerable interest in the project’s methods and outcomes on behalf of media and stakeholders outside the SCCG member councils and the project partners.”

[Systems Approach to Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in Metropolises](#), Tim Smith, Geoff Withycombe, Beth Beveridge, Craig Morrison, Benjamin Preston, Kathleen McInnes, Deborah Abbs, Cassandra Brooke, Russell Gorddard and Tom G. Measham, AdaptNet special report, May 2008

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