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Climate Change Beliefs, Risk Perceptions, and Understandings

The report examines public risk perceptions, understandings and responses to the threat and unfolding impacts of climate change. It carries out a nationwide survey of 3096 people in Australia. By comparing results with a similar survey conducted in the UK, the report finds that 74% of respondents in Australia believe the world's climate is changing, with 90% accepting some level of human cause.

[Public Risk Perceptions, Understandings, and Responses to Climate Change in Australia and Great Britain: Interim Report](#), Joseph P. Reser et al., Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Griffith University, and Australian National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF), Australia, 2011 [978 KB, PDF]

Improving Access to Climate Financing in the Pacific Islands

This policy brief outlines approaches that could strengthen access to climate finance and improve outcomes for vulnerable communities in the Pacific region. It discusses how climate finance can be used effectively in the region, as Australia faces the challenge of meeting its fair share of the global funding pledge of US\$100 billion a year by 2020.

[Turning the Tide: Improving Access to Climate Financing in the Pacific Islands: Policy Brief](#), Nic Maclellan, Lowy Institute for International Policy, Sydney, Australia, July 2011 [392 KB, PDF]

Extreme Weather, Climate Change, and the Risks

This three-part series examines the link between extreme weather and climate change. It details the impacts of extreme weather events, the science behind extreme weather, global warming and the risks, and how to respond to the increase in extreme weather. Through enterprising reporting, this series provides accessible account of extreme weather affecting communities across America, why it is happening, and what can be done about it.

[Scientific American Series on Extreme Weather, Climate Change, and the Risks: A Three-part Series](#), Pew Center on Global Climate Change, 2011

Preparing Health Services for Climate Change in Australia

The paper provides some guiding principles for preparing health systems to the impacts of climate change in Australian context. It focuses on the responses of the Australian health system to risks from climate change, and in particular how best to prepare health services for predicted risks from heat waves, bushfires, infectious diseases, diminished air quality, and the mental health impacts of climate change.

[Preparing Health Services for Climate Change in Australia](#), Grant Blashki et al., Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health, vol. 23, no. 2, pp. 133S-143S, 2011 [subscription required]

Climate Change, Disaster Risk, and the Urban Poor

This study examines the inter-linkages between climate change, disaster risk, and the urban poor. It emphasizes four key messages: (1) the urban poor are particularly vulnerable to climate change and natural hazards; (2) exposure to risk is exacerbated by overcrowding living conditions, lack of adequate infrastructure and services; (3) city governments are the drivers for addressing risks; and (4) the urban poor need significant financial support.

[Climate Change, Disaster Risk, and the Urban Poor](#), The World Bank, 2011

Workshop: Climate Change Governance in the Asia-Pacific

This workshop (climate change governance in the Asia-Pacific region: agency, accountability and adaptiveness) will take place from 14-16 March 2012 at the Australian National University (ANU), Canberra, Australia. It aims to bring together early-career researchers from the Asia-Pacific region to discuss the challenges of climate governance. Abstracts may be submitted by 30 September 2011.

[Workshop on Climate Change Governance in the Asia-Pacific Region: Agency, Accountability and Adaptiveness](#), Australian National University (ANU), Canberra, Australia, 14-16 March, 2012 [216 KB, PDF]

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