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## Climate Change, Extreme Heat and Bushfires in WA

This report describes the background context of extreme heat and bushfires in Western Australia and how climate change is intensifying these events. It explores the impacts of fire and extreme heat on people, property, the environment and ecosystems before considering the future implications of a changing climate for fire managers, planners and emergency services.

[The Heat is On: Climate Change, Extreme Heat and Bushfires in WA](#), Will Steffen, Lesley Hughes and Alix Pearce, Climate Council of Australia Limited, 2015 [12.24 MB, PDF]

## Climate Compatible Development - India

This issue focuses on the theme of climate compatible development in India (namely, the interface between development, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, which strives to initiate short and long term adaptation measures for a resilient future). Its scope ranges from Odisha's efforts to move in the direction of climate smart disaster risk management to the protection of India as a regional energy node from the onslaught of disasters.

[Towards Climate Compatible Development in India](#), All India Disaster Mitigation Institute, India [792 KB, PDF]

## Adaptation to Climate Change in British Local Government

This study examines how local government in Britain is making progress in adaptation to climate change. Comparing new data with similar evidence from 2003, the study shows that local authority officials now have good access to technical climate risk information. However, this knowledge is not translating into adaptation action, because of, it would seem, institutional barriers such as budget cuts and a lack of political support.

[The Right Stuff? Informing Adaptation to Climate Change in British Local Government](#), James J. Porter, David Demeritt and Suraje Dessai, Sustainability Research Institute (SRI), School of Earth and Environment, The University of Leeds, Leeds, United Kingdom [562 KB, PDF]

## **Human Cost of Natural Disasters: A Global Perspective**

This report presents data about natural disasters impacts (human and economic) at a global scale for the last 20 years. The analyses focus on trends and patterns of impacts and how these vary regarding the income level or the geographical location. Based on the analyses, conclusions and action points were drawn to raise the awareness and frame the debate for the next steps that need to be done in Disaster Risk Reduction.

[Human Cost of Natural Disasters: A Global Perspective](#), The Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED), Brussels [6.28 MB, PDF]

## **Australia and Climate Change Negotiations**

The paper focuses on the Australian Government's strength of engagement in international climate change negotiations, rather than its choice of emissions reduction targets, domestic policies and measures, or positions on specific international issues. While substance and process are inevitably informed by, and reflect, the same set of concerns, the paper contends that regardless of its domestic policy settings Australia would benefit from stronger international engagement.

[Australia and Climate Change Negotiations: at the Table, or on the Menu?](#) Lowy Institute for International Policy, March 2015 [901 KB, PDF]

## **NCCARF Climate Adaptation Conference 2016**

Climate Adaptation Conference 2016 is the fifth climate adaptation conference being organized by the NCCARF and CSIRO. It will take place in Australia from 5-7 July 2016. This is Australia's one of the national conferences that will focus on the information needed to ensure Australia is adapting well to climate change. The conference aims to bring together researchers, practitioners and decision makers to share knowledge and research approaches that may inform policy and practice in planning for climate change.

[Climate Adaptation Conference 2016](#), NCCARF and CSIRO, 5-7 July 2016, Australia

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