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Australian Attitudes to Climate Change

This report presents the basic findings of a survey undertaken in July and August of 2013 with 5219 Australians. It forms part of a longitudinal research program investigating the ways in which Australians think about climate change. Similar to the three previous surveys, this survey finds that most people agree that climate change is happening, and overestimate the proportion of the Australian population who think that climate change is not happening.

[Fourth Annual Survey of Australian Attitudes to Climate Change: Interim Report](#), Leviston, Z., Price, J., Malkin, S., & McCrea, R., Climate Adaptation Flagship, CSIRO: Perth, Australia, 2014 [1.37 MB, PDF]

The Risk of Disaster-induced Displacement

The paper assesses the risk of disaster-induced displacement in 21 island states in the South Pacific. It reflects emerging awareness of the need to see disasters as primarily social, rather than natural, phenomena. The paper argues that humans can act and take decisions to reduce the likelihood of a disaster occurring or, at the very least, to reduce their impacts and the levels of loss and damage associated with them.

[Technical Paper: The Risk of Disaster-induced Displacement - South Pacific Island States](#), Chris Lavell and Justin Ginnetti, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre & Norwegian Refugee Council, Switzerland, January 2014 [5.15 MB, PDF]

Climate Change Threatens Winter Olympics

The study suggests that climate change could have an important influence on the selection of future host cities for the winter Olympics. By adding projected climate change to historical baselines for locations that have previously hosted the Olympics, it evaluates whether those locations would have sufficiently reliable weather to host a future games. The study provides an opportunity for reflection on the long-term implications of global climate change for the world of sport.

[The Future of the Winter Olympics in a Warmer World](#), University of Waterloo and MCI Management Center, Canada, 2014

CCASTs - Climate Change Adaptation Support Tools

The paper reviews climate change adaptation support tools (CCASTs) currently in use, or in development, in Australia in order to identify those most used, the areas covered and the key knowledge gaps where development of new support tools is required. It identifies a total of 85 CCASTs, 65 in Australia and 20 selected international examples. The paper finds that the majority of Australian CCASTs were developed at State and local government levels.

[Climate Change Adaptation Support Tools in Australia](#), Regional Environmental Change, N. Aldum, J. Duggie and B. J. Robson, vol. 14, issue 1, pp. 401-411, 2014 [subscription required]

Towards a Resilient Future: Children and Disasters

This issue explores the challenges and constraints of building the resilience of children to disasters and emergencies in South Asia. It advocates some policies and practices that protect and promote the rights of children against the exigencies of disasters. The issue also addresses the key area of "building community resilience" of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (HFA2) process.

[Towards a Resilient Future: Children and Disasters](#), Special Issue No. 104, All India Disaster Mitigation Institute, Ahmadabad, India, 2014 [1.01 MB, PDF]

VCCCAR Annual Forum 2014 - Melbourne, Australia

The 2014 Victorian Adaptation Forum will take place in Melbourne, Australia on 19-20 March 2014. The forum will focus on various issues and activities, including: the benefits of Victorian adaptation research for local and state governments and non-government decision-makers; future research and information needs; and how researchers are responding to the information needs identified as priority areas in the Victorian Climate Change Adaptation Plan.

[2014 Victorian Adaptation Forum](#), Victorian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation Research-VCCCAR, CSIRO, and Bureau of Meteorology, Australian Government, Carlton, Melbourne, Australia, March 19-20, 2014

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