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#### 1. Climate Change Policy in Victoria - Strategic Directions

The paper provides an overview of climate change policy and actions in Victoria and how Victoria can move its policy forward. It puts forward different strategic directions to achieve the Victorian Government's goal of reducing emissions and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

<u>A Climate of Opportunity - Victorian Climate Change Summit Paper</u>, Victorian Climate Change Summit, Victorian Government Department of Premier and Cabinet, Melbourne, Australia, April 2008 [PDF]

## 2. Retrofitting Existing Homes for Climate Change Impacts

The report informs and promotes the adaptation of the existing residential building stock for a future climate. It covers dwellings from private individuals to housing associations with an emphasis on water conservation, drainage, flood risk and ventilation. The report shows that there are practical and affordable measures to achieve substantial adaptation.

Your Home in a Changing Climate - Retrofitting Existing Homes for Climate Change Impact, Three Regions Climate Change Group and ARUP, London, UK, February 2008 [PDF]

#### 3. A Hurdle Race towards a Meaningful Treaty on Climate Change

The paper summarises the recent and current journey of international climate politics. It considers that there are still significant hurdles (mitigation, adaptation, financing and technology) to overcome until we get a really meaningful global agreement on climate change after 2012.

Bali, Poznan, Copenhagen - Triple Jump towards a New Quality of Climate Policy? Christoph Bals, Briefing Paper, Germanwatch, Berlin, Germany, February 2008 [PDF]

#### 4. Climate Change - The Case for Business Adaptation

The report outlines a business approach to adapting to the effects of climate change. It examines a range of risks businesses face from the physical impacts of climate change. The report presents a framework for assessing vulnerability to risks across a company's operations, value chain, and broader commercial environment.

Adapting to Climate Change: A Business Approach, Frances G. Sussman and J. Randall Freed, Pew Center on Global Climate Change, USA, April 2008 [PDF]

### 5. Community Vulnerability Assessment of Taber, Alberta

The report presents findings for one of the objectives of the IACC (Institutional Adaptation to Climate Change) project. It examines the characteristics (location, history, economic forces and population) of the community of Taber, Alberta and discusses the results of their vulnerability assessment.

<u>Institutional Adaptations to Climate Change SSHRC MCRI Project - Report on Community Vulnerability Assessment of Taber, Alberta</u>, Susana Prado, Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative, Canada, March 2008 [PDF]

### 6. Climate Change: Impacts and Responses - Conference

This conference will take place from 09-11 January 2009 in Pune, India. It aims to address (technological, social, ethical and political) a range of critically important themes relating to the vexing question of climate change. Abstracts may be submitted by May 08, 2008.

<u>International Conference on Climate Change: Impacts and Responses</u>, Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Environment Education and Research, Pune, India, January 09-11, 2009

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