

Climate Commission Report on Extreme Weather a Wake-up Call

The latest report from the Climate Commission on extreme weather should be a wake-up call for those living on the Monaro, according to Climate Action Monaro (CAM).

President of CAM, Jenny Goldie, says Monaro residents can expect more heatwaves, heavy rainfall and bushfires and that these will become more intense and frequent.

The report called *The Critical Decade: Extreme weather* was released today. Its main points are:

1. Climate change is already increasing the intensity and frequency of many extreme weather events, adversely affecting Australians.
2. Climate change is making many extreme events worse in terms of their impacts on people, property, communities and the environment.
3. The climate system has shifted, and is continuing to shift, changing the conditions for all weather, including extreme weather events.
4. There is a high risk that extreme weather events like heatwaves, heavy rainfall, bushfires and cyclones will become even more intense in Australia over the coming decades.
5. Only strong preventive action now and in the coming years can stabilise the climate and halt the trend of increasing extreme weather for our children and grandchildren.

"The last point about preventive action is crucial," says Ms Goldie. "We have to not only keep the carbon price but raise it so we can decarbonise the economy as quickly as possible.

"We are going to have to strengthen our Rural Fire Service and ensure that every citizen is mobilised to fight bushfires. We will have to change agricultural practices to minimise soil loss when heavy rainfall events occur. We may have to subsidise the insulation of all houses so people, especially the elderly, can cope with heatwaves without air-conditioners."

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