

Statement on Australia's first National Climate Risk Assessment and Adaptation Plan



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Statement from Director, Planetary Health Equity Hothouse, Professor Sharon Friel:

"Yesterday's launch of Australia's first National Climate Risk Assessment and National Adaptation Plan makes clear what we already knew – climate change is directly impacting Planetary Health Equity.

"According to the Assessment, *'As climate hazards change in frequency and increase in severity, it is likely we will experience more compounding, cascading and concurrent hazards in the future.* That means that under the well-guarded status quo, health and equity outcomes are certain to worsen for current and future generations.

"This is a stark reminder that we have little time to lose in acting ambitiously on climate.

"The means net-zero by 2035. That means a moratorium on new fossil fuel projects and the expansion of existing projects. That means a paradigm shift in economic and consumptogenic norms, for the whole of society.

"Upon its re-election, [we wrote](#) the Albanese Government had a clear mandate to prepare Australia for a net-zero future. Coupled with the authority provided by the Assessment, there can be no more equivocations on climate policy. There is far too much at stake.

"We welcome the delivery of the National Climate Risk Assessment and accompanying National Adaptation Plan and look forward to working with the Albanese Government on ambitious climate mitigation and adaptation policy."

To read the full National Climate Risk Assessment, [click here](#).

To read the accompanying National Adaptation Plan, [click here](#).

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