

TALENT ALERT: GLOBAL CLIMATE REPORT TO BE RELEASED TOMORROW

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is set to release its *Annual Global Climate Report* at 3am (AEST) tomorrow Thursday January 16. The Climate Council and other organisations have a range of talent for journalists to interview.

It's highly likely that 2019 will be confirmed as one of the hottest years on record.

TALENT AVAILABLE:

- **Professor Will Steffen, Climate Councillor and leading Australian climate scientist.** *Location: Canberra*
- **Dr Martin Rice, Climate Council head of research.** *Location: Brisbane*
- **Ken Thompson, Former Deputy Commissioner of Fire & Rescue in NSW and member of the Firefighters for Climate Alliance.** *Location: Sydney*
- **John Hamparsum, Liverpool Plains farmer and member of Farmers for Climate Action.** *Location: Liverpool Plains, north-west NSW.*
- **Dean Miller, Science and Media Director, Great Barrier Reef Legacy.** *Location: Port Douglas*

The news follows the announcement from the Bureau of Meteorology last week, that 2019 was not only Australia's hottest, but also its driest year on record. These hot and dry conditions have been driven by climate change, and have contributed to the 2019-20 bushfire crisis, which is shaping up to be Australia's worst bushfire season on record.

The 2019 records are part of a relentless long-term upswing in global temperatures because of the burning of coal, oil and gas, which is supercharging extreme weather events.

For interviews please contact Senior Communications Officer, Lisa Upton on 0438 972 260 or Media Advisor, Fiona Ivits on 0487 003 872.

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