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MELB MEDIA ALERT: The Godfather of Australian Climate Science Speaks Up

After issuing the first-ever warning 30 years ago, Australia's godfather of climate and bushfire science has today sounded the alarm about not listening to the science on climate change.

Dr Tom Beer, who wrote the world's first bushfire and climate change paper over three decades ago, has today spoken out, urging the government to take credible climate action.

Dr Beer has issued a joint statement with other climate scientists calling for action.

REPORT LAUNCH DETAILS: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 2020

TIME: 11am (AEDT)

LOCATION: MELBOURNE, Flagstaff Gardens, meet near the Flagstaff Gardens tennis courts.

TALENT:

- **Dr Tom Beer**, author of the world's first bushfire and climate change study in 1988 and former leader of climate variability and change research program, CSIRO.
- **Professor David Bowman**, Professor of Pyrogeography and Fire Science, University of Tasmania.
- **Professor Will Steffen**, Climate Councillor and Emeritus Professor, Australian National University.

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