

Recommendations

Recommendation 1

6.6 The committee recommends that the Commonwealth Government commits to providing ongoing adequate funding for climate science and research organisations.

Recommendation 2

6.9 The committee recommends that the Commonwealth Government develop a climate security white paper, or similar planning document, to guide a coordinated whole of government response to climate change risks.

Recommendation 3

6.12 The committee recommends that the Commonwealth Government develop a National Climate, Health and Well-being Plan based on the *Framework for a National Strategy on Climate, Health and Well-being for Australia*.

Recommendation 4

6.15 The committee recommends the Department of Defence consider releasing an unclassified version of the work undertaken by Defence to identify climate risks to its estate.

Recommendation 5

6.20 The committee recommends the National Aerial Firefighting Centre undertake a cost benefit analysis to assess whether leasing arrangements or government ownership of firefighting aircraft will provide the best value and support to firefighters and communities in the future.

Recommendation 6

6.22 The committee recommends that the Commonwealth Government consider the need for a dedicated climate security leadership position in the Home Affairs Portfolio to facilitate coordination on climate resilience issues, including disaster risk reduction, infrastructure planning, community health and well-being, and emergency management.

Recommendation 7

6.24 The committee recommends that the Department of Defence create a dedicated senior leadership position to assist in planning and managing the delivery of domestic and international humanitarian assistance and disaster relief as pressures increase over time.

Recommendation 8

6.26 The committee recommends that national security agencies increase their climate security knowledge and capability by encouraging participation of staff in available courses.

Recommendation 9

6.30 The committee recommends the Commonwealth Government extend the National Partnership Agreement on Natural Disaster Resilience and review after the new funding arrangements are well established and data is available on the funding available for mitigation activities.

Recommendation 10

6.33 The committee recommends that the Department of Defence establish emissions reductions targets across stationary and operational energy use, and report against these in its annual report.

Recommendation 11

6.38 The committee recommends the Commonwealth Government provide further funding for international climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction measures, in addition to the existing aid budget, to the extent that financial circumstances allow.