

Please ensure that different areas of Australia are treated separately. Few, if any, weather conditions are similar across Australia - Eastern floods, NW cyclones, SE fires. Rainfall levels have changed dramatically, recently higher, but in other areas much lower than historically. Even sea level rise is not uniform.

For example, the bush fire risk in Western Australia is only 80% that of VIC/NSW/ACT. In WA very few lives are lost in bush fires - less than 15 in 160 years, and none of those in homes. As a fire fighter and resident, I have seen huge effort, destruction and expense is incurred due to unnecessary precautions, which may be applicable in the SE, but are pointless in the SW of this country.

It is likely that the change in direction to evacuate residents, driven by the Victorian and Canberra fires, has contributed to the increased number of properties lost in fires in the Perth Hills and Margaret River over the last couple of years.

Often regulations from one area or state are applied uniformly with little thought to the consequence. This can be due to Federal control, or one state picking up ideas or legislation from another state and mistakenly applying it.

Yes, extreme weather needs to be seriously considered. But it must be looked at locally. Australia is far too big to be assessed as "one size fits all".

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