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Senator Urquhart asked:

1. The key findings of the 2011 State of the Environment Report were unambiguous in identifying climate change and climate variability as the first of the three principal drivers with a direct impact Australia's environment and its future condition, and that Australia's exposure to climate change is dependent on global greenhouse gas emissions. What key drivers are emerging during the development of next year's report, and is climate change one of them?

Answer:

The State of the Environment 2016 process is currently in its initial scoping phase. Climate change and climate variability as a key driver with a direct impact on Australia's environment and its future condition will be discussed in the report.