

Community Protection Pledge

Taking Action on Extreme Weather

As an elected representative I take seriously my obligation to protect my community from worsening extreme weather and commit to supporting policies and using my voice to advocate for:

- 1 Addressing the root cause of the climate crisis and worsening extreme weather** by accelerating Australia's efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Emissions need to plummet this decade, with net zero emissions achieved very soon thereafter. Action should be above politics - all parties should commit to a safer future.
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- 2 Urgently implementing all 80 recommendations of the Royal Commission** into National Natural Disaster Arrangements, including providing the necessary funding.
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- 3 Increasing funding for research into climate change and extreme weather**, including new and more detailed climate projections that better inform risk assessments and the impacts of such disasters on human health.
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- 4 Investing in communities so they are better prepared** when disasters strike and can recover more quickly; recognizing that preparedness saves lives and many dollars in avoided disaster recovery costs.
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- 5 Enhancing Australia's capabilities for responding to extreme weather disasters** in line with advice from State and Territory agencies. This includes better resourcing and coordination so that responses are swift, coordinated, and stop emergencies from escalating into disasters.
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- 6 Improving community engagement, education and support around extreme weather** so that individuals are better informed, prepared and empowered to act. This includes investing in adequate warning systems and locally-led initiatives such as community resilience hubs.
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- 7 Making rapid and comprehensive recovery from extreme weather events a priority** for all levels of government. This requires fast, evidence-based and transparent access to disaster recovery payments for survivors, so help gets to people on the ground quickly.
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- 8 Preparing Australian infrastructure, homes and community facilities, for extreme weather events.** This includes reforming planning and building standards and appropriate rebates or subsidies for retrofitting to ensure solutions are affordable to all.
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- 9 Involving health and family violence experts in disaster planning and response coordination** and ensuring adequate access to health services including mental health and family violence services, and access to telehealth for all those affected by disasters.
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- 10 Providing adequate funding to support the critical role of Local Governments in disaster preparedness and recovery**, so that they have the resources to build resilient communities.

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Emergency Leaders
for Climate Action