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# Climate change in Western Australia - Issues paper

Submission summary:

'Bushfire Threat' campaign (source unknown)

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A total of 59 submissions were received via email and hardcopy. The following template response was submitted by respondents:

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the WA government's climate change discussion paper. I am deeply concerned about climate change and extreme weather events like bushfires currently raging across the Australian continent.

We have the whole summer ahead of us. We're now more vulnerable to fires as hotter and drier weather becomes the new normal because of climate change. The south-west of Western Australia is one of the most fire prone regions in the world. The number of days of severe fire danger weather is projected to almost double in south west Western Australia by 2090, with a

Some of Western Australia's most fire-prone regions may become unlivable as the risks to lives and property caused by bushfires continue to increase.

Without effective action on climate change, there will be 20 times the number of dangerous days for outdoor workers by 2070, reducing productivity.

We are in a climate emergency and new fossil fuel projects like thermal coal and LNG production make the problem much worse for

Western Australians. Here in WA our carbon pollution is rising out of control, but we can do so much better. Real action on climate change will deliver thousands of new jobs and opportunities as we become part of the global solution.

I call for a comprehensive state-wide policy on climate change that includes the following at a minimum:

1. Immediately reduce WA's carbon pollution and achieve zero net emissions as soon as possible. Legislate to deliver science-based interim targets and an emissions reduction pathway in line with a fair and equitable contribution to limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees.
2. Deliver a billion-dollar Clean State Jobs program to unlock thousands of new jobs in clean industries and support a just transition for affected workers and communities.
3. Completely repower WA with renewable energy, phase out climate damaging fossil fuels, and prevent any new or expanded coal, oil or gas developments in WA including LNG and fracking.
4. Hold WA's biggest polluters to account. Require companies to reduce emissions and offset their climate damage by investing a portion of profits in clean industries, carbon farming and renewable energy.
5. Permanently protect natural carbon stores in WA's forests and other ecosystems, and rapidly transition away from native forest logging and clearing.
6. Support climate adaptation programs and partnerships, including with Aboriginal people and communities, farmers, local governments, businesses and other sectors.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Please note that duplicate names have not been moderated as the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation could not verify respondent details.

Alison Hood

Amy Butler

The table below lists respondents who have modified the content of the pro forma submission. All text is verbatim and therefore has not been corrected for spelling or grammar.

	<p>YEAR or at the very least every second year. I believe they burn every six years that is just way too long, only got to use your eyes and see the burns they do are to hot and it scorches the trees because there is way too much trash on the ground, and when you get a out of control fire it gets up in the trees because of the high fuel loads. If it was burnt every year or every second year the fire would stay down on the ground and not harm the tree tops. These massive fires we have today have only been happening the last 200 years since European settlement, when the aboriginals were stopped from regularly burning the country.</p>
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