

Most Australians, as individuals, insure their homes and possessions against fire, flood, acts of god, etc., although the chance of these things occurring is quite low, but collectively, as a nation, we are failing miserably to insure ourselves against a far more serious situation.

Climate scientists are overwhelmingly convinced that global warming is an indisputable consequence of the burning of fossil fuels, and yet, as a nation, we seem unable to grasp the seriousness of the situation we are in. The devastating fires of the past few summers are a warning of what is to become the norm if we don't act now!

It is imperative that the Senate Extreme Weather Inquiry recognise the dire consequences of not acting on climate change. This is the greatest challenge ever to face any government. We can no longer allow 'business as usual'. We must curb the power of the coal industry, and invest in alternative renewable energy as fast as possible.

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