



Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications  
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Dear Committee

**Submission - Recent trends in and preparedness for extreme weather events**

Please accept this submission from the federally registered Australian Stable Population Party:

Recent trends on the frequency of extreme weather events, including but not limited to drought, bushfires, heatwaves, floods and storm surges indicate that deliberate rapid population growth policies are irresponsible and ultimately exacerbate negative impacts of extreme weather events.

Higher population densities not only exacerbate the impacts of events like the Brisbane floods and Victorian bushfires, they dramatically increase the taxpayer-funded costs to rebuild.

It is disappointing that the Liberal/National Coalition, Labor Party and Australian Greens either directly support or comply with rapid population growth policies that add over one million people to the population of Australia every three years – the size of Adelaide!

A stable population will help create a more resilient Australia in the face of more extreme weather events, and protect our food, water and energy security relative to the population explosion we are now undemocratically forced to endure.

**We therefore implore the committee to accept and recommend the following stable population policies in order to help Australia prepare for extreme weather events:**

- 1. Limit the baby bonus and paid parental leave to each woman's first two children**
- 2. Adopt a 'balanced migration' program** - Permanent immigration would be equivalent to permanent emigration (also known as 'zero net migration').

Population stabilisation is clearly Australia's sustainable choice. We won't resolve any of our major Australian or global problems until we first resolve 'the everything issue' – population.

Yours sincerely

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