

Looking around the bush in my local area I am seeing plants struggling in the hot dry conditions. There is no moisture in the soil whatsoever. The broader leaved shrubs like Pomaderris are particularly stressed, many of the young ones simply baked to death. The conditions are so severe even some of the toughest weeds are carking it. In over three decades work as a bush regenerator I have never before seen metre high fleabanes and cobbler's pegs killed outright by the heat. My friends say the same that this is unprecedented. If this isn't climate change then I would like to know what.