

To whom it may concern,

As a person living in the hills of perth, i have noticed a steady increase in hot temps over the last 5 years. The threat of bushfires- and not to mention the kelmscott bushfires- put alot of pressure on water supplies in order to fight them. Although most councils have very good preparedness for these events, and other freak accidents, if the heat is to increase as it is, the threat of bushfires over a larger area may occur- putting water supplies in threat. Natural bushland and environments saved from being cleared for housing developments (which increase heat where people are closer together- in citys for example) are under threat of being wiped out from bushfires. As a worker at the city of cockburn, we see alot of people requesting water wise verge treatments as its not economical to have grass on the verge- people are often worried about fire hazards starting from dead grass on the verge- in which increasing temps could dry out green waste quicker etc and cause fire hazards. The storms we had in summer were unheard of previously- and rainfall is less now- but with even more demand for it with a rapidly increasing population such as perth. Coastal vulnerability puts residents houses at risk from damage also. please help stop global warming as best we can for australia- granted its a global issue, every country should be helping equally, but at least we can help reduce what we can. thanks, amber.

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