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I have experienced extreme events of climate change. Never before have I witnessed hail storms in Perth in summer. Yet, a few years ago we had a very damaging hail storm. And this summer once again I witnessed hail in January. This is disturbing because it is so unusual. I also experienced a summer where there was not one day in the month of January where the temperature was below 35 degrees Celsius. This was a couple of years ago, and the mosquito levels were extreme, because their numbers are normally culled during cool days in summer. Without these cool days their numbers proliferated and proliferated. The cost of this in the future will clearly be the increased spread of disease and dependence on the health system.

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