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Submission to Senate Inquiry Recent trends in and preparedness for extreme weather events

Senators -

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) is central to our economy and ways of living. I ask that BoM maintain its' agnosticism regarding theories that seek to make connections between Climate Change and the weather. Recent appearances by BoM scientists and spokespersons on the national broadcaster have been exemplary in that regard.

I commend BoM for introducing the additional colour band for higher land temperatures, and for their explanations at the time. It was an excellent instance of how to present factual knowledge without an overlay of speculative commentary.

Could BoM review its' charter to see if additional clauses, or re-wording, may be necessary to maintain that objectivity?

Yours sincerely