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Senator Roberts asked:

The Bureau of Meteorology is a partner in the Earth Systems and Climate Change Hub in the National Environmental Science Program.

So any research based on the unreliable BoM forecasts cannot be more credible than the BoM forecasts themselves?

Isn't this contaminating may other disciplines such as ecology, biology, agriculture, ...

Answer:

The BoM publishes verification, accuracy and skill relating to a variety of forecasts—these are available to researchers and the general public.

Information about seasonal outlooks can be found at www.bom.gov.au/climate/ahead/about/.

Information about the Bureau's weather forecast accuracy can be found in the Bureau's Annual Report, beginning on page 29.