

# Unprecedented is no reason to be unprepared

As people up and down the east coast of Australia are left reeling after **yet another "unprecedented" climate-fuelled disaster**, many are rightly asking: *where are our leaders?*

Emergency services are stretched beyond their limits, clean up and recovery efforts are being organised by local communities, while **some politicians claim that this emergency could not have been predicted, or prepared for (1).**

**That is not true.** Scientists have been warning us for decades that climate change – driven by the burning of coal, oil and gas – **will worsen all extreme weather events in Australia (2).**

**So "unprecedented" is no reason to be unprepared.**

The Morrison Government's record on climate action is dangerous, and weak – **so we're calling it out.** Join us, and thousands of Australians, in [telling the Morrison Government that the time for inaction is over by sharing this video message](#) with your friends and family.





Today, the Climate Council [released a rapid response report](#) that outlines the sheer intensity and magnitude of the flooding emergencies in NSW and QLD – and shows how all extreme weather events are taking place in an atmosphere supercharged by climate change (3).

We've also been out in the media (4), [launching a public statement](#) on Monday urging all Federal political parties and candidates to:

1. **Outline what concrete steps will be taken to prepare and equip emergency services** and communities for inevitable climate-fuelled disasters.
2. **Actively acknowledge the destructive role that climate change is playing** in driving worsening extreme weather, including these megafloods.
3. **Explain to the public how they plan to get national emissions plummeting** by rapidly scaling up readily available renewable energy and building an economy that is free from fossil fuels.
4. **Ensure that towns, cities and communities are rebuilt** in a way that takes into account the inevitable future changes in climate and makes them more resilient.

**Australians are paying a high price for the lack of meaningful national action to tackle climate change.** Our elected leaders cannot claim to care for the battered communities being hit again and again by climate-fuelled disasters, while justifying policies that unlock fossil fuels, accelerate climate change, and worsen extreme weather. **We must hold them accountable.**

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**[Morrison Government's failure to respond to climate change, and help advocate for a complete reset of the way Australia addresses the climate challenge.](#)**

Australians deserve a Federal Government that will finally take responsibility for climate action and protect people from catastrophic climate impacts. And if enough people like you amplify our call, **we can build a wave of support for bold climate leadership** that will be impossible to ignore.

**The time for inaction is over. The time for leadership is now.**



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**P.S. The Climate Council is catapulting climate change to the top of the national conversation** around these megafloods. But we can only do so with the support of people like you. **[Chip in a tax deductible donation](#)** to fund our reports, campaigns and media impact today.

**Or check out some of our work in action:**

- **[NSW, Queensland floods on track to be among country's worst-ever natural disasters, Climate Council says](#)**, ABC News, 10 March 2022
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