

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
- **[Climate 'on steroids' drives extreme flood](#)**, The West Australian, 10 March 2022
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