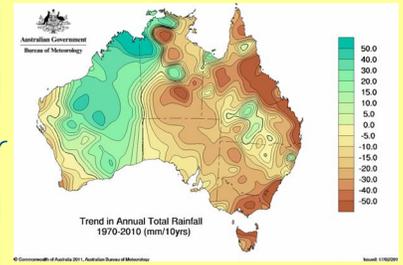
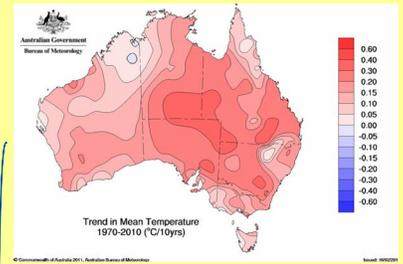


**Local Government & Climate Change**

**Local Government in Australian & Victoria**



recent changes, state government  
local government and climate change  
ICLEI in Australia, Victoria  
Local Government Sustainability Accord  
overarching drivers, key parameters, carbon price

**Liveable and Just Project**

overview  
informed policy response at local govt. level  
focus on social justice, equity and fairness  
enable and build more resilient communities  
contribute to the reduction of carbon emissions  
adaptation rather than mitigation

heatwaves  
bushfires  
water  
energy

heightened vulnerability  
unemployed  
mentally ill  
aged  
homeless  
mentally ill  
...?

Mitigation refers to implementing policies or strategies to reduce the impact of the demographic challenge on the whole community. Mitigation reduces impact by reducing the rate of change.

Adaptation refers to adjustment in natural or human systems in response to actual or expected demographic change effects, which moderates harm or exploits beneficial opportunities.

Adaptation measures can be anticipatory, autonomous or planned and increase the ability of a system to cope with a changing structures.

**addressing social and equity impacts of climate change**

examples of impact...  
physical & mental health  
food  
water  
housing  
energy

Impact of cc and adaptation: local government responsibility and business  
principle of subsidiarity

**building resilience**

within the local government sphere and across a range of council activities including sustainability, health and wellbeing, economic and community development, and planning community organisations working alongside or in direct partnership with local governments.  
LG as - funder, initiator, facilitator, broker, advocate, educator

Who is it for?

**engaging communities**

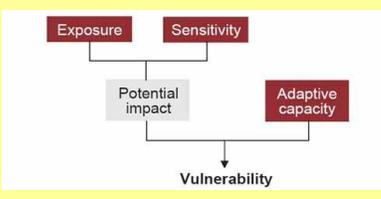
engagement: "a planned process, working with identified groups of people, to enable informed discussion and action to meet the challenge of climate change"

process  
seeking community input  
helping citizens understand  
helping local understand  
providing inspiration and involving citizens

challenge  
intrinsic & extrinsic values, "perception"  
cc is a "bigger-than-self-problem"  
conceptual framing of message (accessing 'deep frames')  
protection of 'self-interest'

outcomes, e.g.  
promotion of trust  
contribution to informed considerations of cc at the local level  
broadening and deepening input into council policies and plans  
encouraging social innovation and skill sharing at local level

**reducing vulnerability**



focus on "human vulnerability", i.e. social, not natural systems  
understanding of vulnerability underpins adaptation response

complexity of nexus b/w human vulnerability and cc

case studies  
Western Port Greenhouse Alliance: coastal areas  
Darwin City Council: insulation for elderly  
Hobson's Bay City Council: heatwaves & most vulnerable communities  
Southern Grampians Primary Care Partnership  
VLGA food security network