

Climate Change in the Asia-Pacific Region: Lessons for Mitigation and Adaptation



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High tides surround home on Tuvalu, Pacific

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- Climate change endangers the health, lives, livelihoods, and homes of millions of people in the region, and some critical things Australians value
- Australia has a common, but differentiated responsibility
 - more capacity to mitigate
 - more capacity to assist in adaptation
 - particular responsibilities, and capabilities, in the region
- Mitigation: 2°C is too high
- Adaptation: must happen, and assistance is required

