Notes

- Due to relatively small populations, caution should be exercised when interpreting data from rural areas. The data for metro areas is relatively more reliable than that for rural areas.

- Even in local government areas with overall better socioeconomic status, there is still a proportion of residents severely affected by heatwave. Thus the health education programs should target all areas.

* Details of the methods used for categorising heatwave impact in different geographical areas can be obtained by contacting dpmu@health.wa.gov.au