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**Climate Change Authority**

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Dear Professor Tarun Weeramanthri

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Climate Health WA Inquiry. The Climate Change Authority has not conducted any research into specific issues around the health impacts of climate change. However, we recognise the impacts of climate change on human health are likely to be significant.

The Climate Change Authority has been primarily focused on advising the Australian Government on opportunities to address climate change by lowering emissions. In the long term, the best way to minimise the impacts of climate change on human health will be through mitigating climate change. The Authority is currently preparing a report to Government that will update our previous advice on the policies to meet Australia's commitments under the Paris Agreement. We expect this report to be released toward the end of 2019.

The Authority recognises that climate change impacts are already being felt, and further climate change has been locked in for decades to come. The health impacts of climate change have been well documented by the WHO, UNFCCC and IPCC internationally. In Australia this has been the topic of work by the Australian Academy of Science and the Australian Medical Association and others. Adaptation in the health sector will be essential for minimising the climate change impacts on the wellbeing of Australians. I wish you luck with your Inquiry and look forward to reading the final report next year.

Kind regards



Wendy Craik AM  
Chair

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