

State Planning Policy 1/03:

Mitigating the Adverse Impacts of Flood, Bushfire and Landslide

Frequently Asked Questions CLIMATE CHANGE

ISSUE	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Climate Change	How can the potential impacts of climate change be incorporated into natural hazard assessments?	<p>The likely impacts of climate change on natural hazards can be incorporated in hazard assessment studies through the adoption of reasonable assumptions about likely changes to relevant factors such as rainfall intensity and duration, temperature changes, sea level changes and the like. At this stage it does not appear feasible to include climate change impacts in bushfire assessments, and this is acknowledged in the SPP Guideline (Appendix 3, para A3.7).</p> <p>Any such assumptions should be made by appropriately qualified people on the basis of the best scientific information available at the particular time. The SPP Guideline provides links to suitable data sources (see Appendix 11).</p>