



## ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY

**Climate change represents a serious threat to the health and well-being of rural and remote people, and the industries on which these communities rely. Addressing climate change is therefore a key priority for the Foundation.**

The Foundation believes that where you live and your circumstances should not cause you to suffer disadvantages from the effects of climate change, or in dealing with environmental hazards, disasters, or pollution. The Foundation is committed to taking tangible steps to reduce its environmental footprint, and to advocate for disadvantaged people to ensure they do not bear disproportionate responsibility for the impacts of climate change caused by others

Disadvantaged communities are at higher risk from adverse effects of climate change. Climate change has the potential to further exacerbate many of the unique health challenges in rural and remote Australia.

Extreme weather events and rising temperatures affect not only the physical and mental health of the community but also the health workforce and infrastructure that these communities rely on.

Climate change also impacts on the sustainability of industries on which many rural and remote communities, in particular agriculture.

The potential for increased weather extremes in rural and remote communities may make them less attractive places for people to live, reducing the workforce available for agriculture and contributing to population decline.

Climate changes also poses risks for food and water security, which are vital for the health and wellbeing of everyone, but particularly the vulnerable in rural and remote communities in Australia.

The Foundation is committed to a sustainability agenda to reduce the impact of climate change on our communities and promote improved health and wellness.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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