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Future Earth Australia response to the National Adaptation Plan Issues Paper

Future Earth Australia and the Australian Academy of Science welcome the opportunity to comment on the *National Adaptation Plan Issues Paper*. Future Earth Australia supports the development of a National Adaptation Plan, particularly one that:

- Empowers Indigenous leadership
- Embeds a just adaptation framework across governments and sectors
- Includes the voices and experiences of the full diversity of Australian communities, particularly systemically marginalised and vulnerable peoples
- Supports communities and community groups to drive transformation
- Advances research agendas that promote just adaptation

In 2022, Future Earth Australia and the Australian Academy of Science released a National Strategy for Just Adaption. The Strategy, written by 35 expert researchers and practitioners from various disciplines, is the result of two years of consultations with the adaptation community.

[A National Strategy for Just Adaptation](#) provides frameworks and evidence for delivering just outcomes at reduced government cost while contributing to a happier and healthier society. This framework can inform the development of a National Adaptation Plan.

Transitioning to a well-adapted and resilient economy, society, and population will require concerted and sustained effort and resourcing. As the Issues Paper recognises, the investment and scale of change needed to undertake this transition are large and systemic. Such transitions will not have an enduring effect or support without addressing the social equity issues that underlie the drivers of vulnerability in the first place.

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