



COLLEGE OF INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Climate Change Statement

The Board of The College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand, in line with other medical specialty colleges, considers the health impact of climate change to constitute a public health emergency. This has been manifest in the current bushfire crisis in Australia.

As indicated in our recently published IC30 Statement on Sustainability¹, the College recognises that wildfires are an anticipatable consequence of climate change that has been directly linked to human activity.

As a medical specialty group responsible for the acute management of patients whose health is most severely affected by wildfires (by respiratory failure and burns, for example), we are aware of the need for urgent action to mitigate the adverse health effects of climate change.

In support of our colleagues at both ACEM² and the RACP³ we call on governments at all levels to take immediate and sustained action to address the causes and hence the impacts of climate change.

1. https://www.cicm.org.au/CICM_Media/CICMSite/CICM-Website/Resources/Professional%20Documents/IC-30-Statement-on-Sustainability.pdf
2. https://acem.org.au/getmedia/d37965ca-42ee-4a65-a979-ae1a13bcbf31/S68-Position-Statement-on-Climate-Change_R2
3. <https://www.racp.edu.au/news-and-events/media-releases/leading-medical-group-declares-public-health-emergency-and-calls-for-national-strategy-to-tackle-climate-change>