

# About this Report

The *Bureau of Meteorology Annual Report 2008-09* is provided to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts. This document reports on the performance of the Bureau in accordance with the Requirements for *Annual Reports for Departments, Executive Agencies and FMA Act Bodies* (June 2009) as prepared by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and approved by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit.

## Report Structure

The report includes two introductory chapters comprising a review by the Director of Meteorology and an overview of the agency.

Subsequent chapters report on the achievements of each of the Output Groups of the Bureau of Meteorology against the measures set out in the *Portfolio Budget Statements 2008-09 for the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts Portfolio (Budget Related Paper No. 1.6)*. Within each chapter, output performance is considered in terms of actual achievement against these measures, and in terms of the major developments for the year including their contribution towards the planned Outcome for the Bureau of Meteorology.

The final chapters contain information on matters of corporate governance, a summary of the issues associated with corporate resource management and a review of Bureau corporate communication activities as well as the audited financial statements for 2008-09.

Appendices to the report provide supplementary information, some of which is required under specific legislation. These include details on:

- staff numbers and remuneration;
- total resources;
- occupational health and safety;
- Commonwealth disability strategy;
- freedom of information;
- advertising and market research;
- ecologically sustainable development and environmental performance;
- consultancies;
- grant programs;
- acronyms used in the report; and
- compliance with Annual Report guidelines.

The 2008-09 Annual Report of the Bureau of Meteorology Advisory Board is included as an Annex.

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The *Bureau of Meteorology Annual Report 2008-09* is located at [www.bom.gov.au/inside/eiab/reports/ar08-09/index.shtml](http://www.bom.gov.au/inside/eiab/reports/ar08-09/index.shtml).