

THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY

Goals

All of the activities of the Bureau of Meteorology are directed ultimately at the following national goals:

- Reduction of the social and economic impact of natural disasters;
- Economic development and prosperity of primary, secondary and tertiary industry;
- Safety of life and property;
- National security;
- Preservation and enhancement of the quality of the environment;
- Community health, recreation and quality of life;
- Efficient planning, management and operation of Government and community affairs;
- Provision for the needs of future generations;
- Advancement of knowledge and understanding of our part of the world;
- Fulfilment of Australia's international obligations; and
- Promotion of Australia's interests in the world.

Objectives

Overall Objective

To meet the needs of all Australians for the meteorological information, understanding and services that are essential for their safety, security and general well-being and to

ensure that meteorological data and knowledge are effectively applied to Australia's national and international goals.

Basic Objectives

- *Climate record.* To meet the needs of future generations for reliable homogeneous climatological data.
- *Scientific understanding.* To advance the science of meteorology and develop an integrated comprehensive description and scientific understanding of Australia's weather and climate.
- *Community welfare.* To contribute effectively to:
 - reduction of the social and economic impact of natural disasters;
 - economic development and prosperity of primary, secondary and tertiary industry;
 - safety of life and property;
 - national security;
 - preservation and enhancement of the quality of the environment;
 - community health, recreation and quality of life; and
 - efficient planning, management and operation of Government and community affairs;through the development and provision of meteorological and related services.
- *International cooperation.* To meet Australia's international obligations and advance Australia's interests in and through international meteorology.