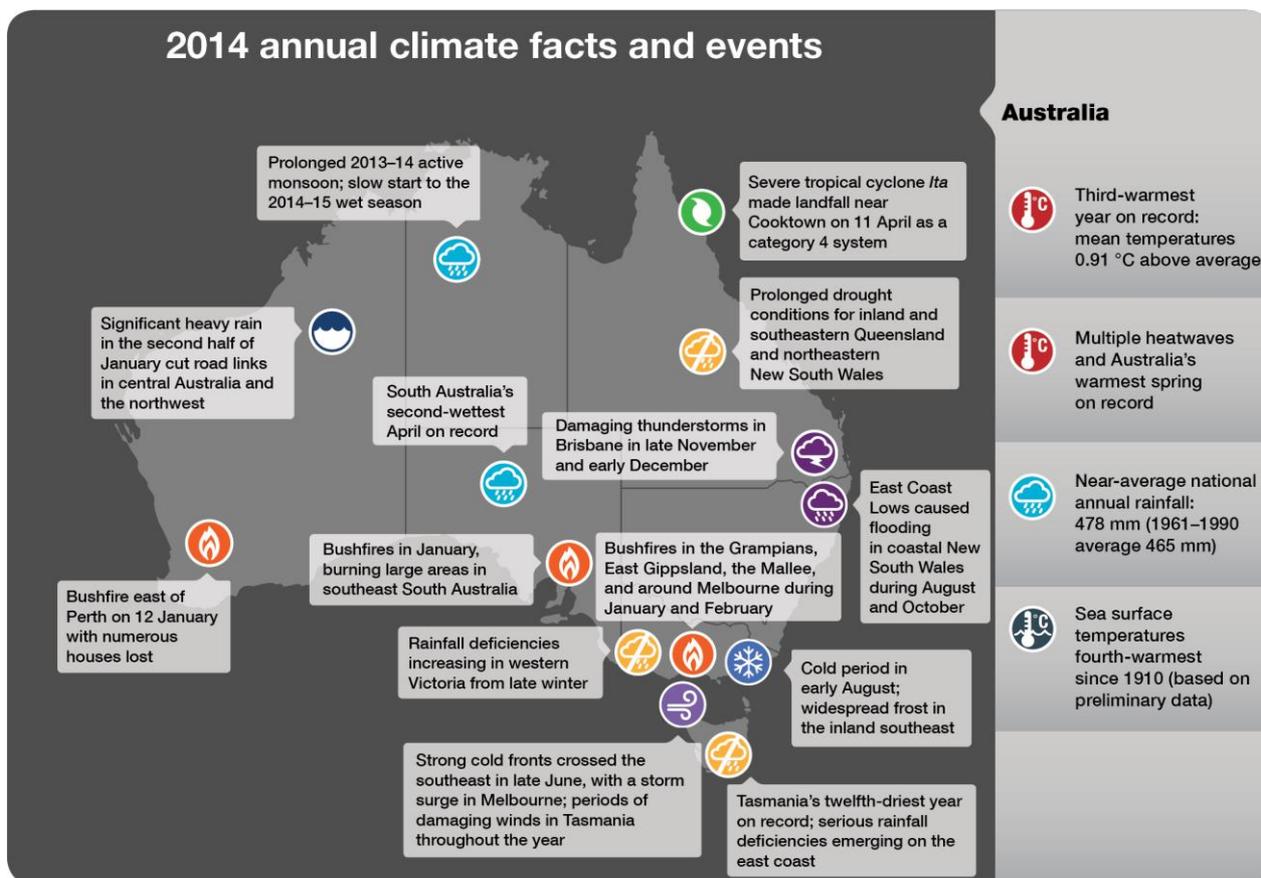


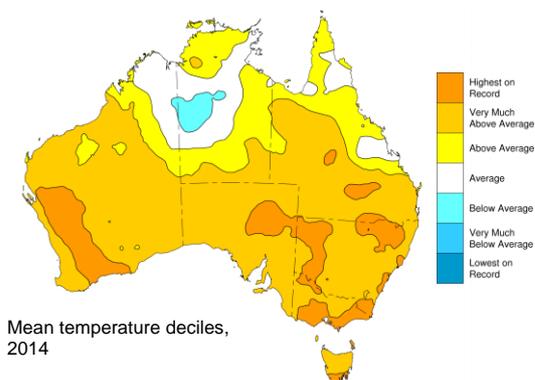
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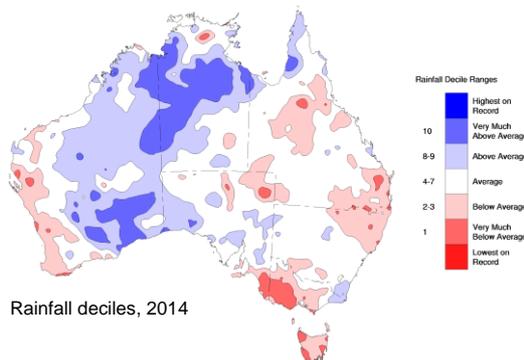


- Australia's mean temperatures ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> warmest on record in 2014; Spring was warmest on record



- National rainfall was near average for the year—masking extreme wet and dry conditions experienced at some locations

- Long-term rainfall deficiencies persist largely in inland Queensland and western Victoria



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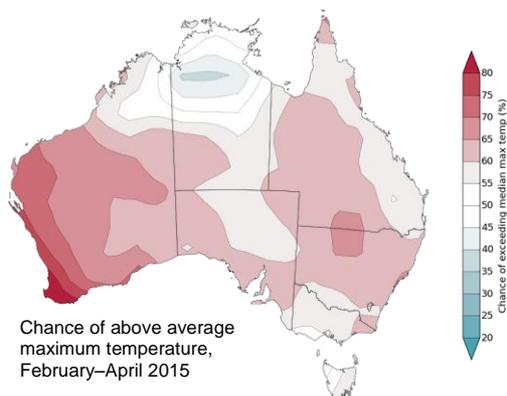
## El Niño–Southern Oscillation

- Most ENSO indicators have eased from near-El Niño thresholds in late 2014
- ENSO Tracker has been reset to NEUTRAL and we continue monitoring conditions

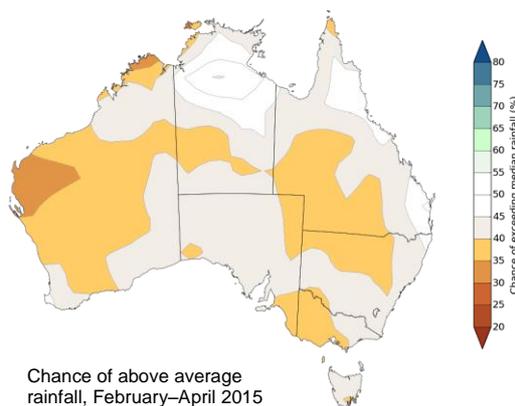
## Climate outlook

### February–April 2015

- Chance of warmer than normal temperatures, particularly in the southwest and east



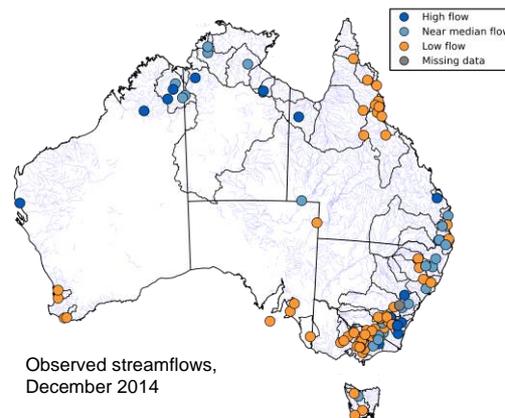
- Chance of drier than normal conditions over much of the country



## Streamflow conditions and outlook

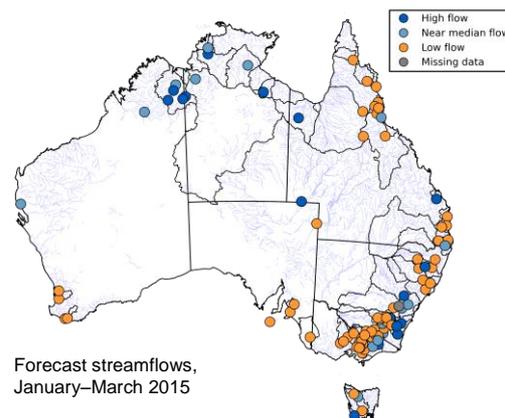
### Observed streamflows

- Number of locations with low flows peaked in November; fewer in December
- Low flows recorded at 61 locations in December near median at 26, and high flows at 17 locations



### Outlook January–March 2015

- Low flows more likely at 70 forecast locations, near median flows at 22 forecast locations, high flows forecast at 19 locations



## More information

Rainfall and temperature outlook  
[www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks](http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks)

Seasonal streamflow forecasts and water storage  
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