



2010 Australian Climate Highlights

Northern Australia

- Wettest dry season (May-Oct) on record for top half of continent

NT

- Wettest year on record with 927mm rain

Southwest WA

- Driest year on record with 392mm rain

SA

- 3rd wettest year on record with 362mm rain

Australia

- Third wettest year on record with 690mm rain
- 10 years ending 2010 warmest decade on record
- Sea surface temperatures 0.54° C above average and warmest on record
- Sea surface temperatures warmest decade on record by 0.15° C
- Wettest spring on record for NSW, QLD and NT



Northern Tropics

- Spring 2010 has the warmest sea surface temperatures on record

QLD

- Wettest year on record with 1110mm rain
- Major flooding in southern & inland areas

Murray-Darling Basin

- Wettest year on record
- Water storages up to 80% from 27% one year ago

NSW

- 3rd wettest year on record with 805mm rain
- Major flooding in inland areas

VIC

- Major flooding in northern area
- 5th wettest year on record with 858mm rain

TAS

- Near average rainfall