

## **Media Release – New portal provides information about climate change and the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and people**

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The Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet (HealthInfoNet) at Edith Cowan University has added a comprehensive section dedicated to climate change to their well-established Environmental Health Portal. Launched today at the 43rd National Environmental Health Conference in Fremantle, WA, the section will deliver important knowledge to the workforce.

HealthInfoNet Director, Professor Neil Drew, says “We know that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia are especially vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. There is a need for information about the impact that this will have, especially for people in rural and remote areas, so we are pleased to officially launch this section at the National EHA Conference today”.

The Environmental Health Portal, has been established for almost 10 years and is funded by the Department of Health via enHealth. The focus of this portal is to provide comprehensive, plain language information on the environmental health factors that impact on the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia.

<https://healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/learn/determinants-of-health/environmental-health/climate-change/>

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