

# Australia's Environment Under Pressure: Bushfires, Coral Bleaching, and Pollution

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**1. According to the Bureau of Meteorology and AFAC, what is the general outlook for bushfire risk in many parts of Australia for the upcoming season (late 2024 - early 2025)?**

- A) Below-average risk due to increased rainfall.
- B) Above-average risk in many areas due to higher temperatures and drier conditions.
- C) No significant change from previous years.
- D) Risk is limited to only the most remote northern areas.

**2. The Great Barrier Reef experienced mass coral bleaching events in 2024 and 2025. What is identified as the primary cause of these widespread bleaching events?**

- A) Increased stormwater runoff from coastal development.
- B) Ocean acidification due to industrial pollution.
- C) Heat stress from rising sea temperatures driven by climate change.
- D) Overfishing and excessive tourism activities.

**3. In which Australian state are specific single-use plastic items, including thick supermarket bags and plastic barrier bags for produce, being banned from September 1, 2024?**

- A) Queensland
- B) New South Wales
- C) Victoria
- D) South Australia

**4. What significant environmental report, released in 2024, highlighted that Australia's weather and climate have continued to change, with an increase in extreme heat events and longer fire seasons?**

- A) The Great Barrier Reef Outlook Report.
- B) The State of the Climate Report.
- C) Australia's Environment Action Plan.
- D) The National Bushfire Preparedness Strategy.

**5. A report by the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) revealed that in 2025, a record amount of threatened species habitat was approved for destruction. What was the primary driver for this land clearing?**

- A) Expansion of national parks.
- B) Agricultural development.
- C) Mining operations.
- D) Urban residential development.

**6. The Australian government has a Renewable Energy Target (RET). What is the target for additional renewable energy generation annually between 2020 and 2030?**

- A) 15,000 gigawatt hours
- B) 33,000 gigawatt hours
- C) 50,000 gigawatt hours
- D) 75,000 gigawatt hours

**7. Which Australian state has been significantly impacted by the largest and longest-lasting harmful algal bloom in the country's history, starting in early 2025?**

- A) Western Australia
- B) Queensland
- C) New South Wales
- D) South Australia

**8. According to the 2025 Australia's Environment Report, what trend has been observed in the number of species listed as threatened under federal law in Australia?**

- A) The number has decreased significantly.
- B) The number has remained stable.
- C) The number has increased by 54% since 2000.
- D) The number has decreased slightly due to conservation efforts.