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For awareness,

This Wednesday December 18, the Bureau is releasing a Special Climate Statement about the fire weather experienced during spring across parts of eastern Australia.

Special Climate Statements are semi-regular products which are routinely produced by the Bureau to document significant meteorological events that are unusual in the context of the climate for the affected region. They serve as a historical record, provide analysis of broader historical and climatological context for events, and are used by other agencies including emergency services and health departments to inform their future planning.

Key points from the *Special Climate Statement No. 72: Dangerous bushfire weather and heat in spring 2019*, are below:

- Spring 2019 was Australia's driest spring on record, adding to the serious to severe long-term rainfall deficiencies that exist in some areas of all States and Territories, and setting in place the necessary preconditions for dangerous fire weather.