More than 95% of Australia by area had spring accumulated FFDI values that were very much above average (highest 10% when compared to all other years of record), including almost 60% of the country that was highest on record.

A draft version of the Statement is attached. The final version of the document, which may feature slight changes to some figures without any impact on the Statement's key points, will be published <a href="here">here</a>.

## **Media Handling**

The Bureau will not undertake any media promotion of the Special Climate Statement.

The Bureau receives daily requests for media comment regarding climate and drought, and continues to receive numerous requests for information about current bushfire conditions and their historical relevance.

The Bureau will continue to facilitate interviews about weather and climate conditions as per standard process.

If you have any questions/feedback, please contact on or 'reply all' to this email.

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