NO. 1 CLIMATE & FIRE - KEY POINTS

The 2019-20 Black Summer megafires burnt more area of forest than ever before and burnt forests which had not previously burnt.

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Climate change has already lengthened the fire season and is driving more extreme fire weather.

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Climate change is estimated to have made the extreme conditions during the 2018 Queensland fires 4.5 times more likely to occur. (Lewis et al 2020).

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Temperature, humidity and wind speed are the key factors in extreme fire weather.

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The worst fires in Australia's history have come after long droughts.

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