

“The Climate Crisis is a Child Rights Crisis Report, Introducing the Children’s Climate Risk Index”

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The Children’s Climate Risk Index (CCRI) is a collection and analysis of global data about the likelihood that climate and environmental stresses will lead to detrimental effects on children or vulnerable households and groups:

“While Australia is positioned in the middle in terms of climate related exposures and while most Australian children can access essential services, the impact of climate related events such as the 2020 Bushfires and prolonged drought mean that vulnerable children across the country still need vital support to build resilience and recover. This includes children in regional and rural areas, and First Nations children and young people.”

Here are a few snippets from the report:

1. The report validates the rationale behind **Here Comes the Future** (p 118):

“Every child and young person – 3.5 billion by 2030 – should be protected from the worst impacts of climate change and environmental degradation, as well as being part of the solution and the movement to heal the planet”

2. ... and gives meaningful reasons for educators to engage in climate change education (p 24):

“Urgent action is needed to ‘climate proof’ the education sector and to produce information that is accurate and empowers children to become climate-conscious citizens who are actively involved in climate adaptation and mitigation. According to recent research, if only 16 per cent of high school pupils in high- and middle-income nations received climate change education, carbon dioxide emissions would be reduced by approximately 19 gigatons by 2050. Ensuring that all children receive accurate and appropriate information about climate change, and the skills and training necessary to contribute creatively and find meaningful jobs in the growing green economy, will be crucial to address the climate crisis”.

3. The report also demonstrates the global nature of the need and solutions required to assist youth to face future climate risks (p 25):

Mitzi, from the Philippines. *“Filipino youth are fighting for climate justice, and we have a global youth movement fighting for the same thing. This gives me so much hope, the knowledge that on almost every continent, we have a friend also calling for urgent climate action. We are fighting with the people, leading the way alongside the most marginalized sectors of society, and history has shown us that as long as we fight for justice and peace, we will always win.”*

HERE COMES THE FUTURE!