

# Summer Readiness Industry Briefing



Friday 16 November 2018

# Welcome

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# Agenda

Welcome and introductions

Weatherzone briefing

Overview of AEMO's Summer Readiness program

Enacting of RERT

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# SUMMER OUTLOOK

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**Josh Fisher – Account Manager/Meteorologist**



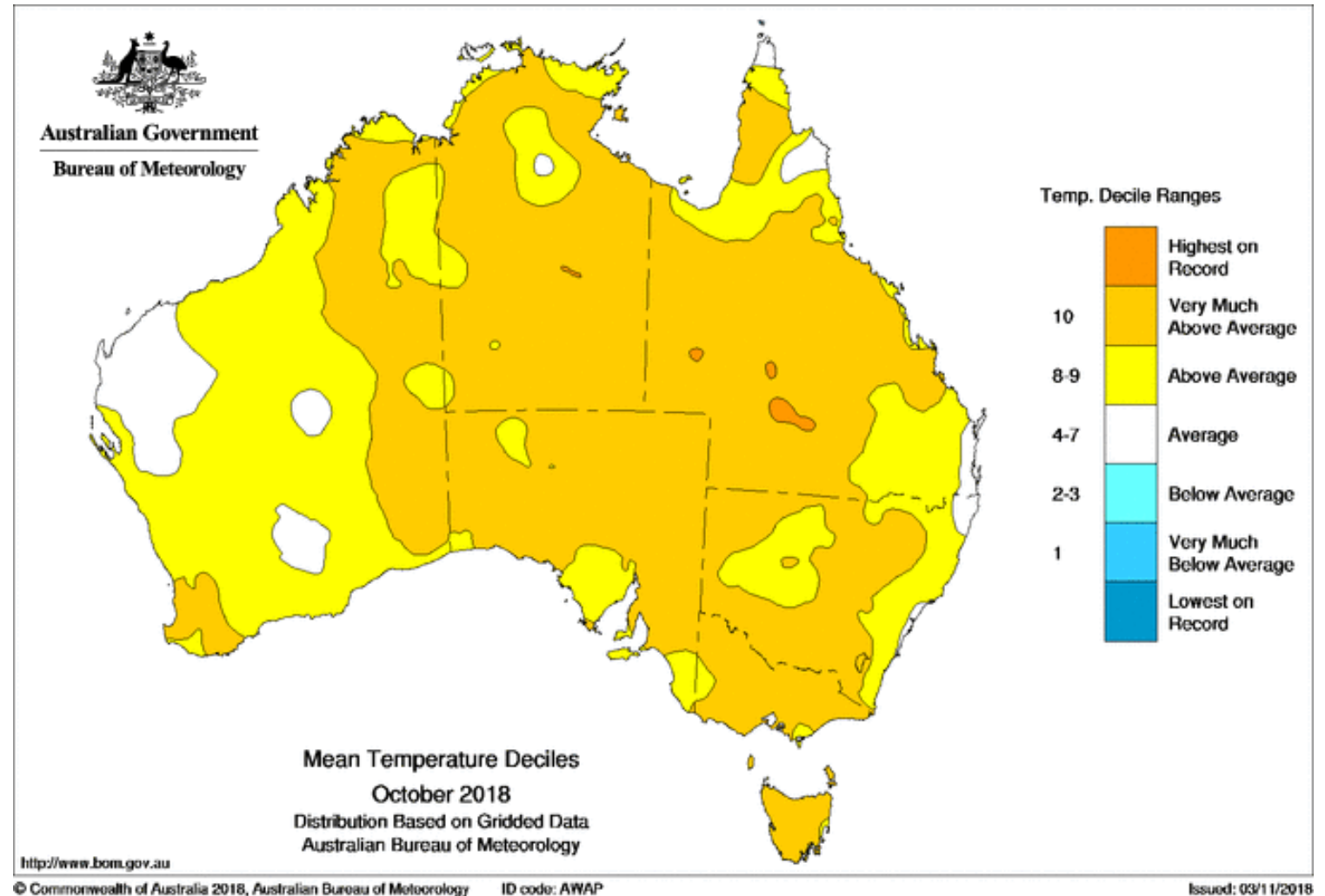
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- Outlook



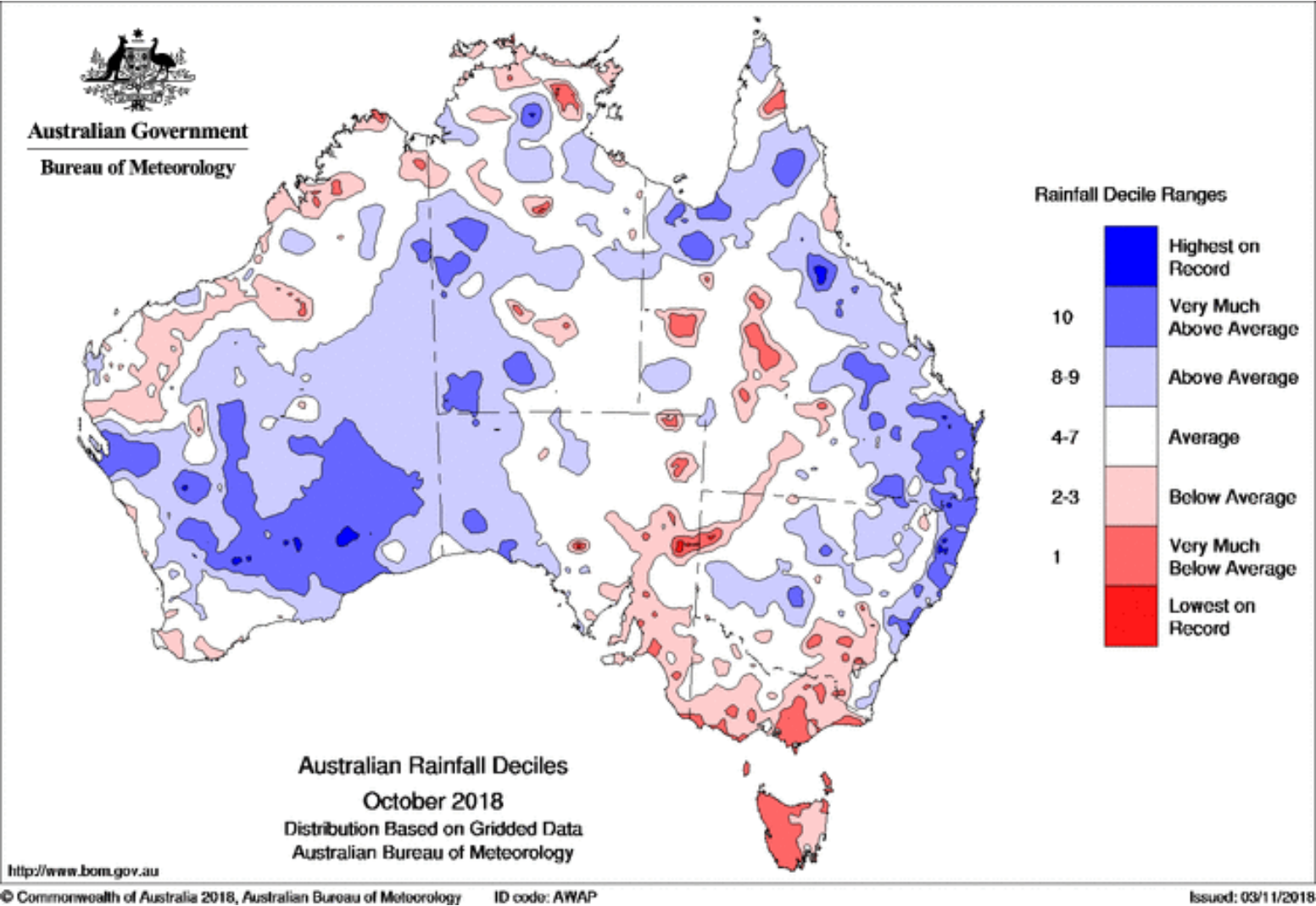
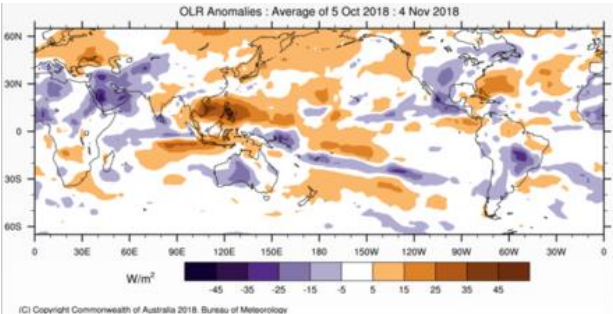


# OCTOBER 2018 – Mean Temperature

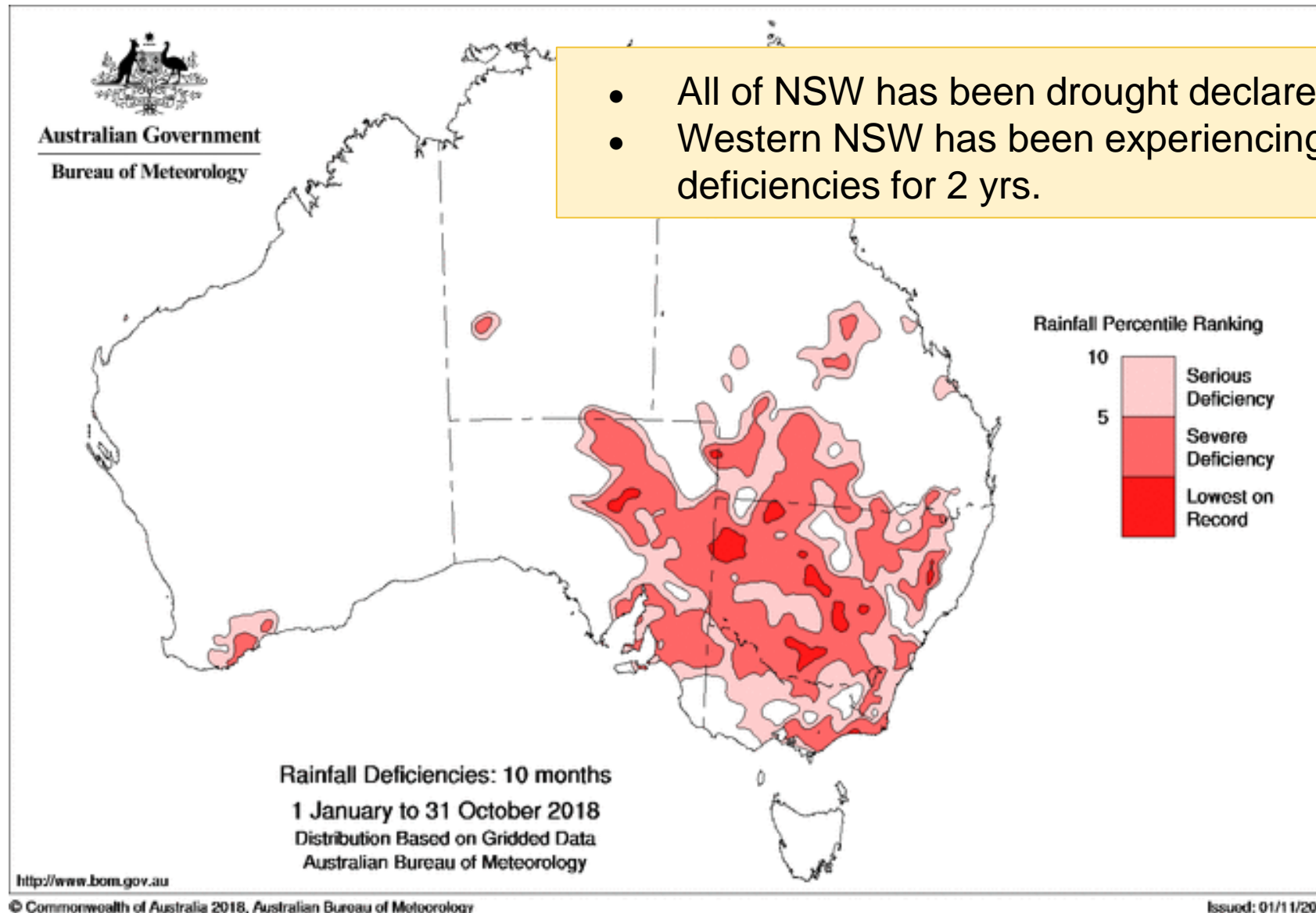
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# OCTOBER 2018 - Rainfall



# 2018 Rainfall Deficiencies





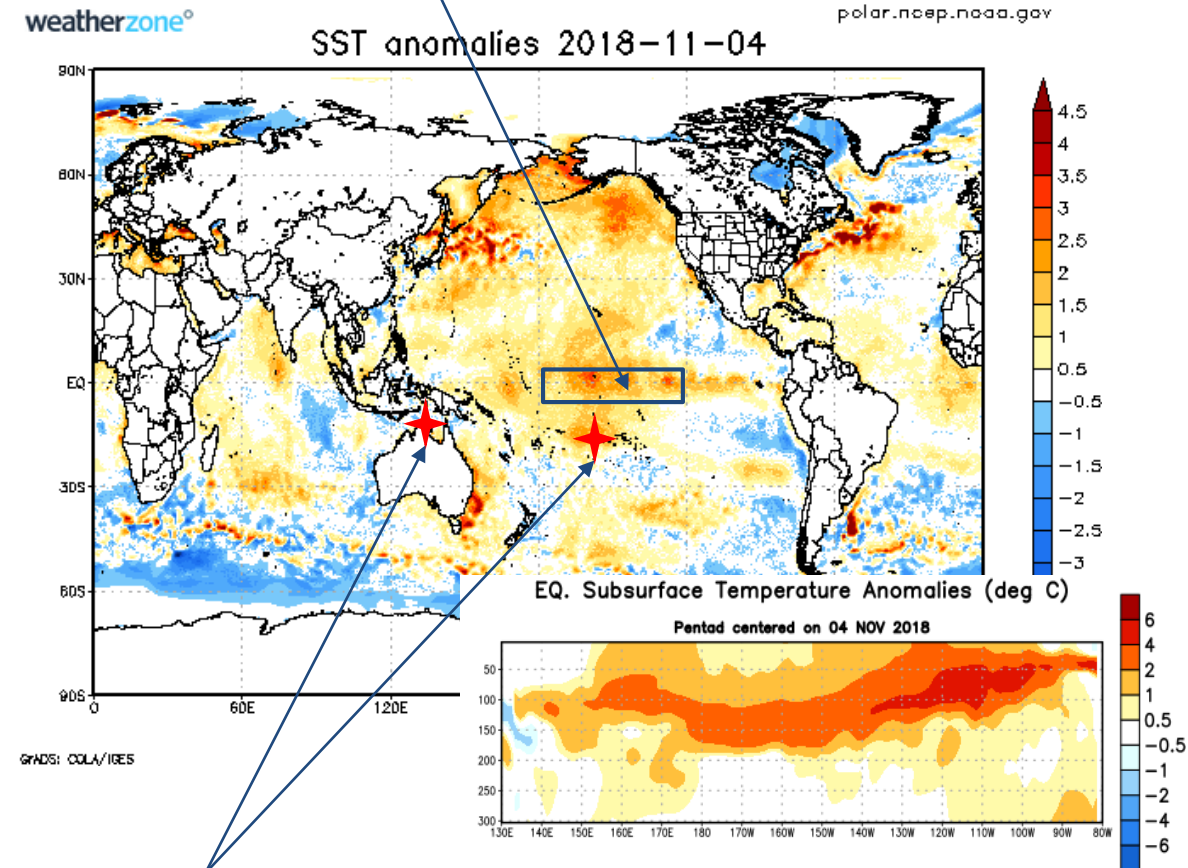
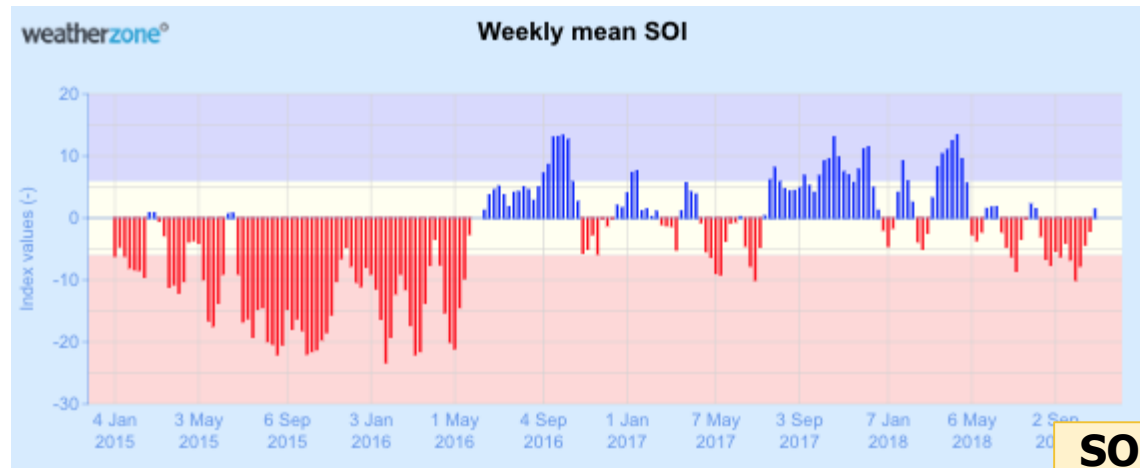
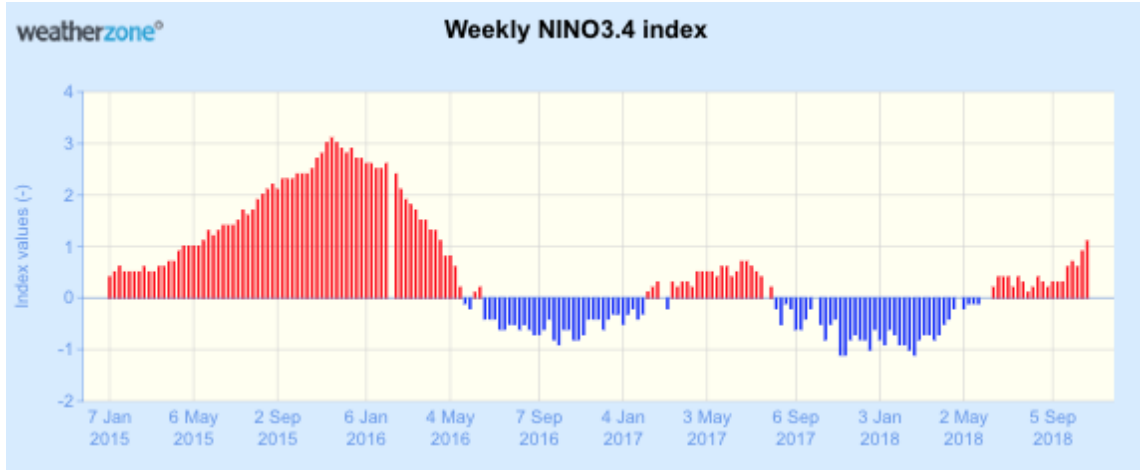
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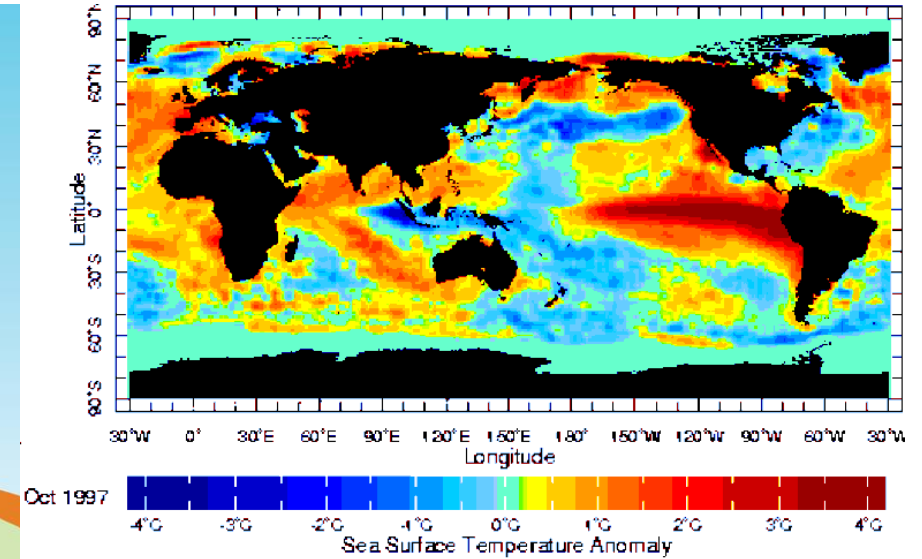
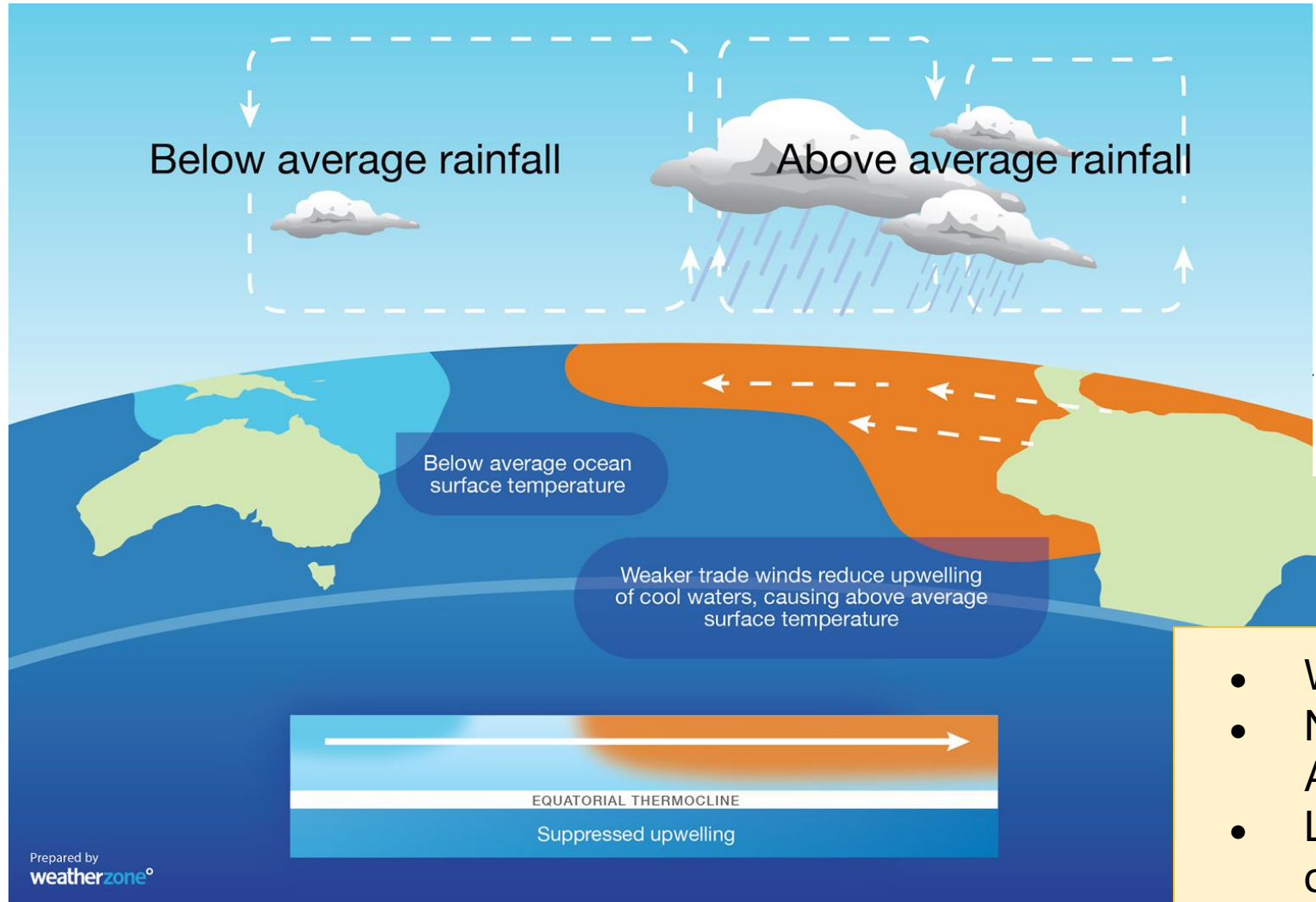
# ENSO Indices

**NINO3.4 Index** = Average SSTs across the 3.4 region



**SOI** = Atmospheric pressure difference between Darwin and Tahiti

# El Nino - Southern Oscillation (ENSO) weatherzone°



- Weaker Trade winds.
- No “piling” of water across northern AUS.
- Little to no upwelling of colder seas off S. America
- No every El Nino is the same

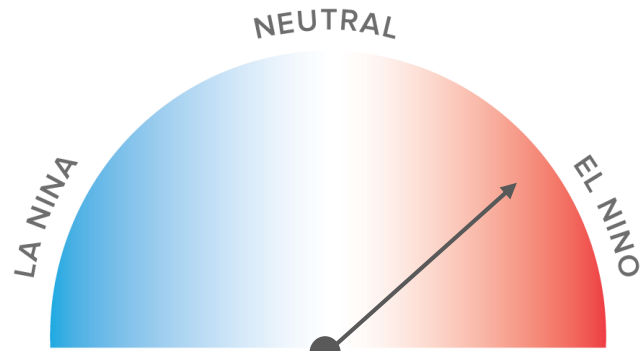
**EL NINO**



# ENSO Outlook - NINO3.4 Index

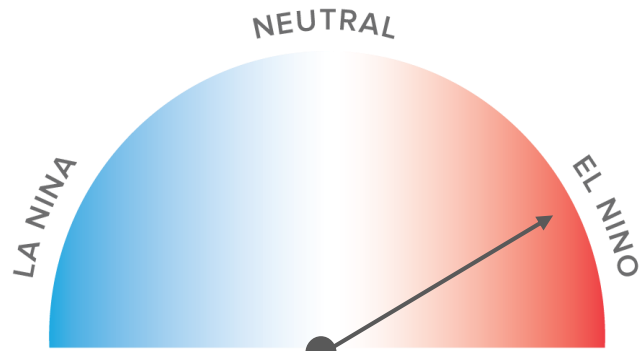
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## Current International Consensus



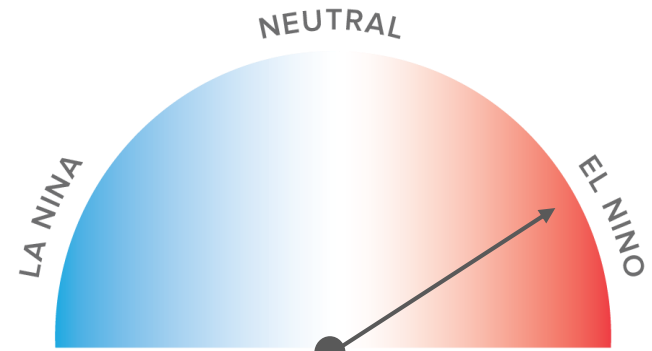
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NINO3.4 Index: 0.9



January

NINO3.4 Index: 1.0

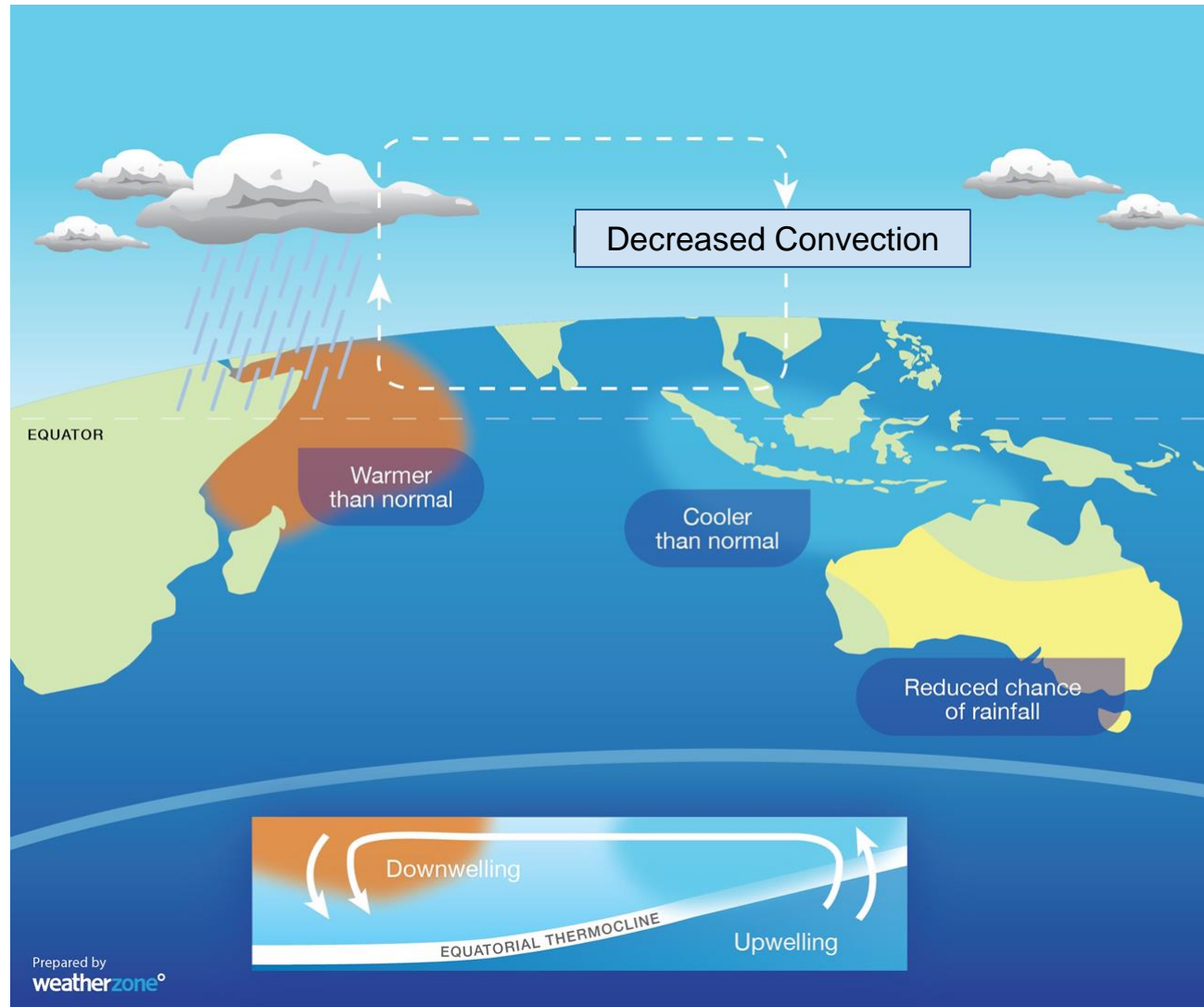


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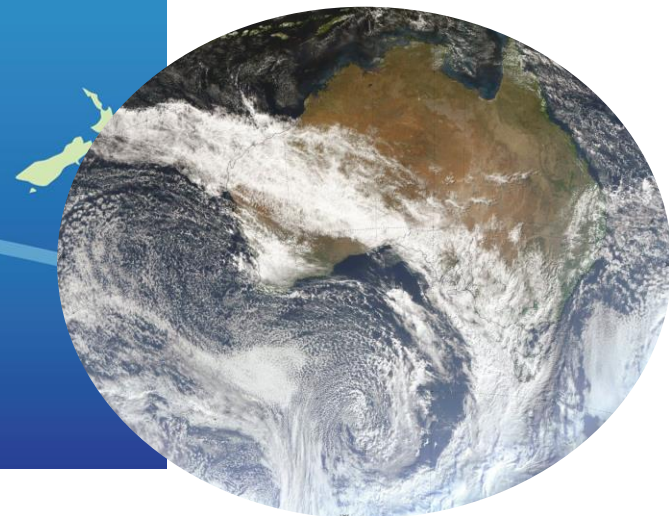
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# Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD)

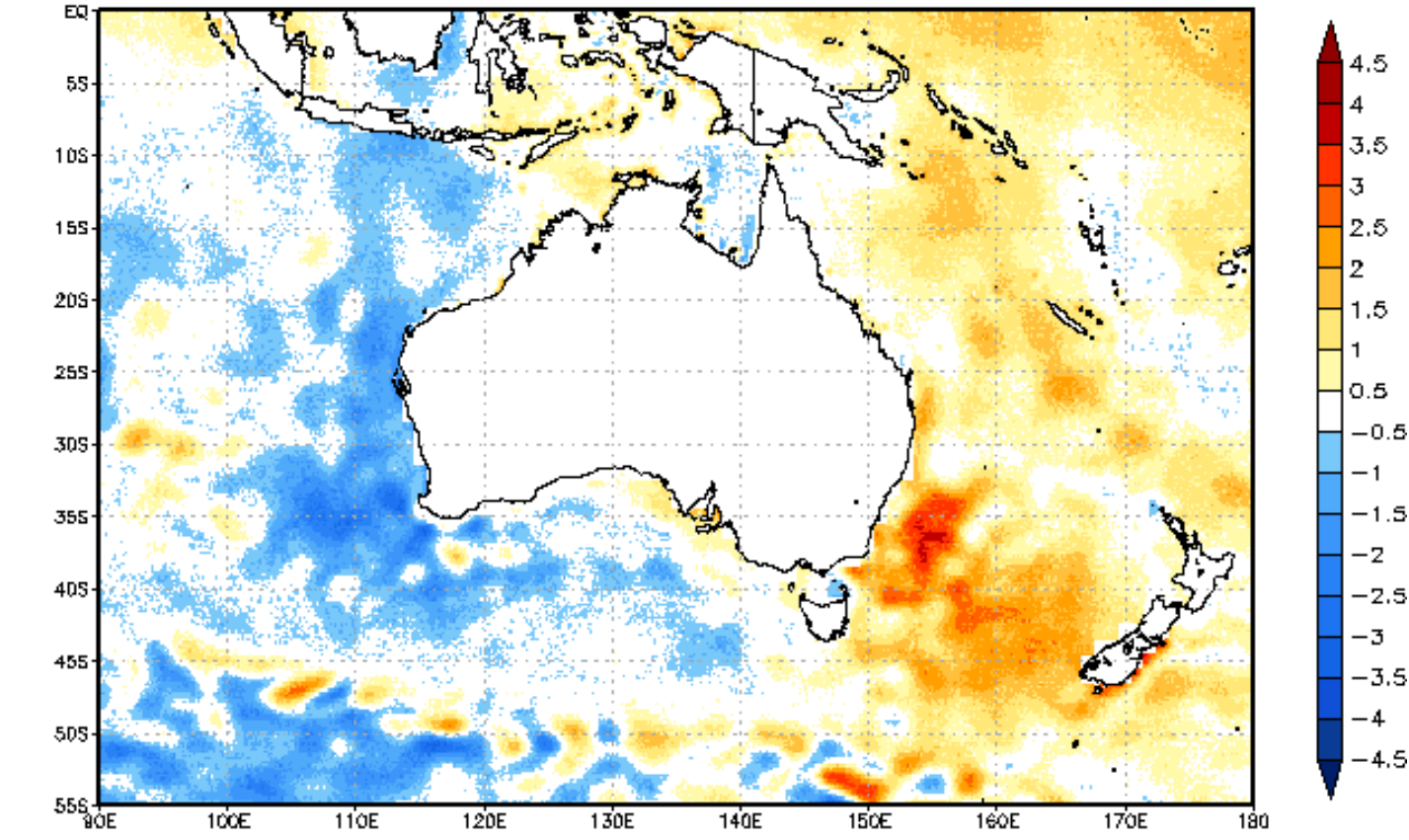


- Similar system to ENSO in the Indian Ocean.
- Positive IOD brings cooler SSTs to NW AUS.
- Decreasing moisture advection to central and SE AUS through North West Cloudbands.
- Positive IOD also tends to favour colder nights and warmer days.



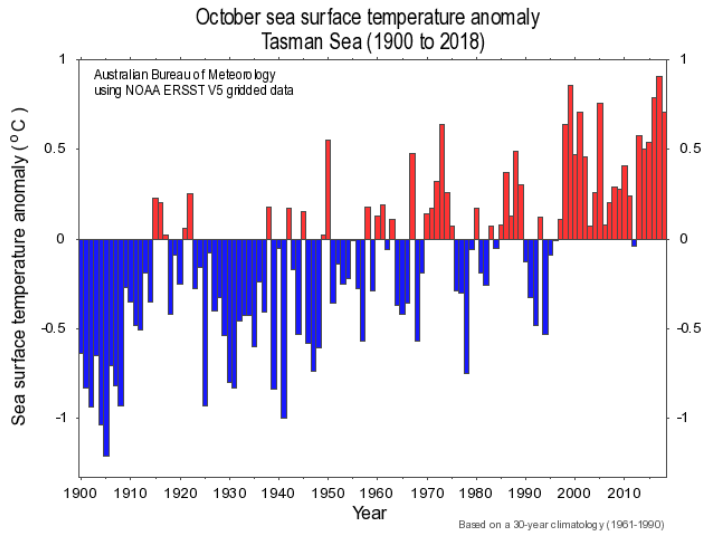
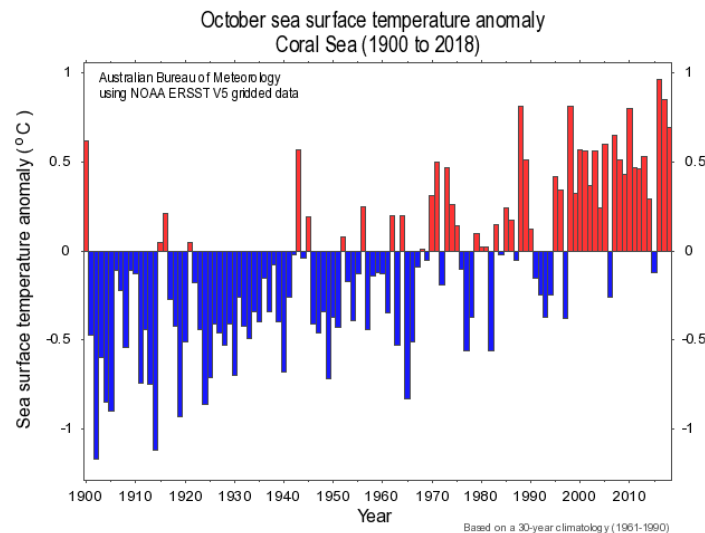
# Sea Surface Temperatures (SSTs)

SST anomalies 2018-11-12



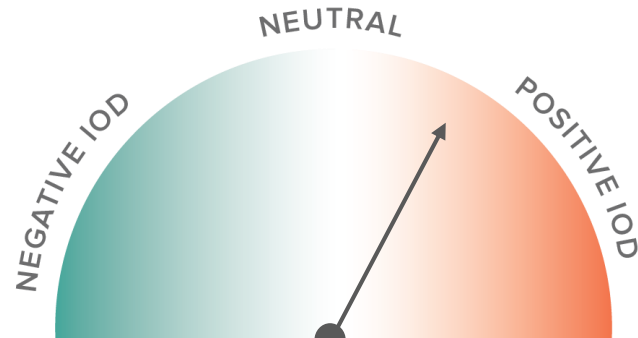
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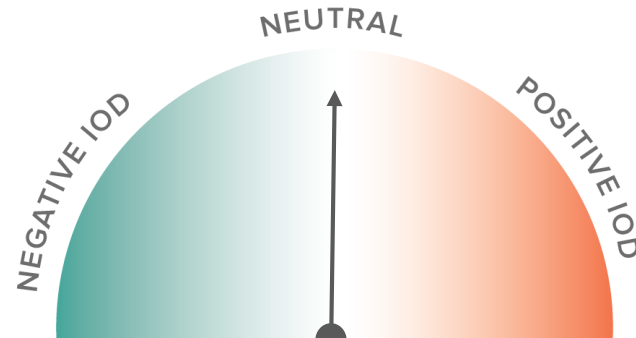


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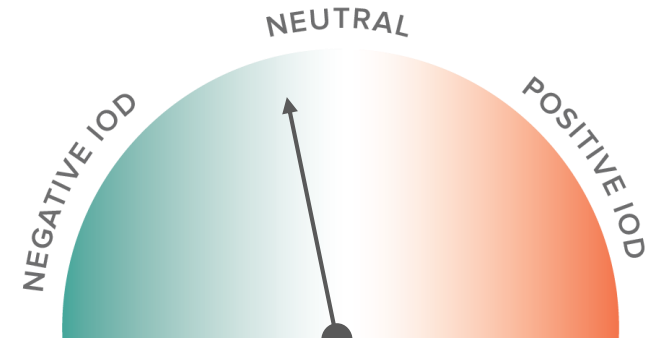
**November**

DMI Index: 0.2



**December**

DMI Index: 0.0

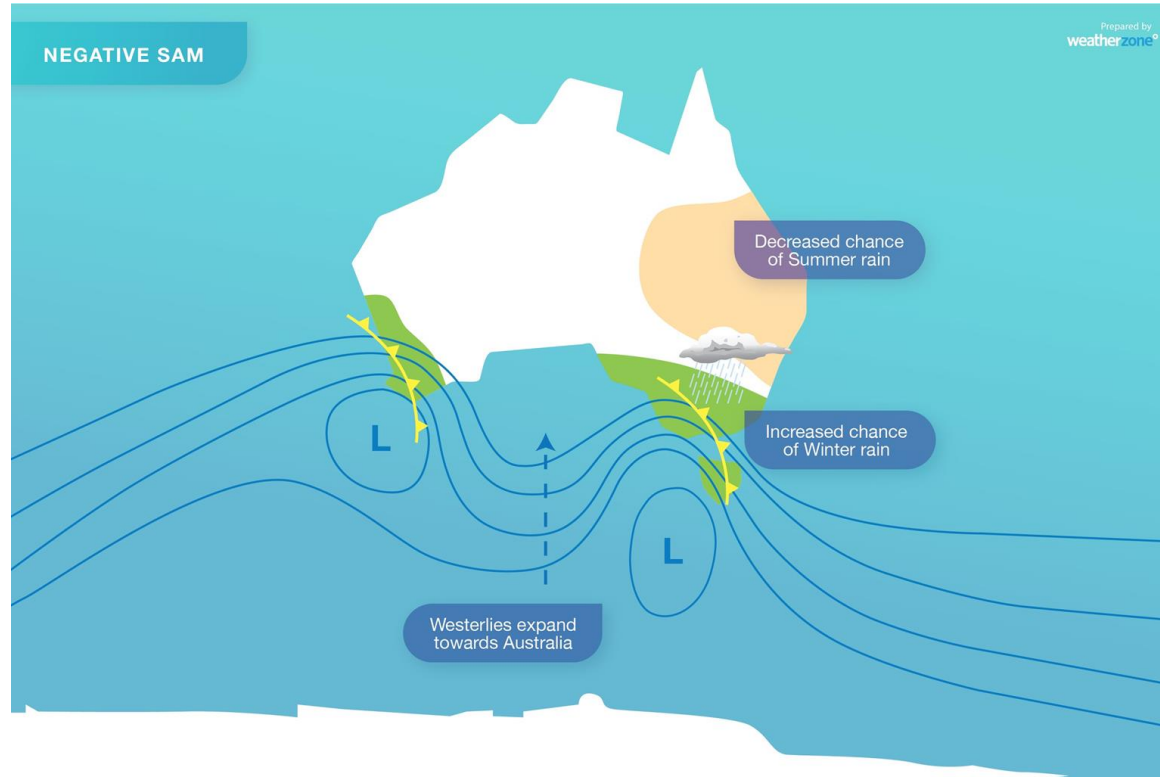


**February**

DMI Index: -0.1

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# Southern Annular Mode - SAM



→ El Nino tends to promote higher prevalence of Negative SAM events

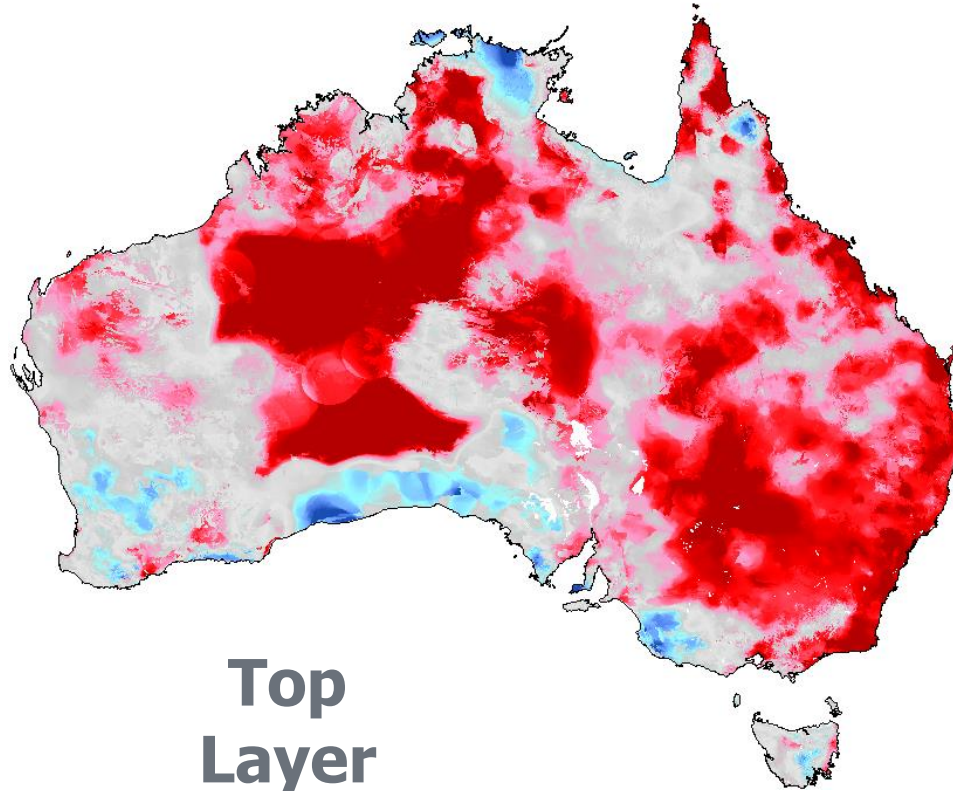
# Soil Moisture

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## August 2018

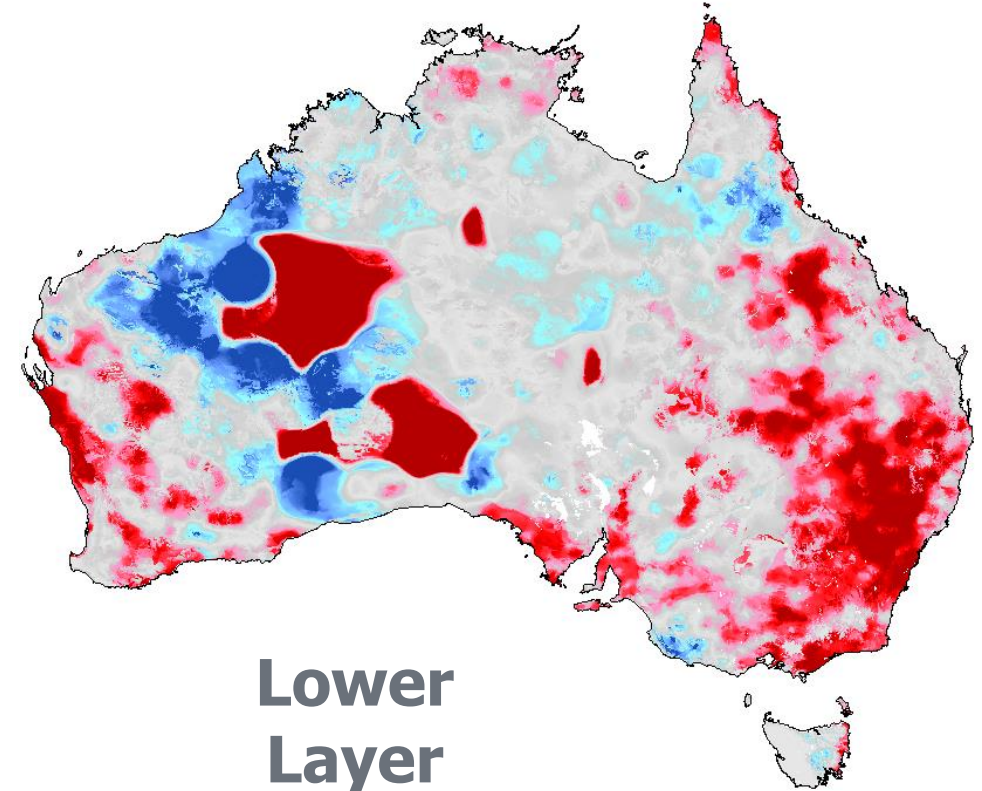
Percent Rank Relative Soil Moisture (Upper Layer) [%]

2018/08/01 to 2018/08/31



Percent Rank Relative Soil Moisture (Lower Layer) [%]

2018/08/01 to 2018/08/31



***"Top Layer: Top 20 cm / Bottom Layer: 0.2 to 1.5 m "***

***Very dry soils across central and southeastern AUS Increase risk of Heat Waves early in the season***





## Climate Summary

**ENSO** conditions = Neutral (El Nino Alert)

**IOD** = Positive IOD gradually decaying

**SAM** = Negative favoured for summer

**SSTs** = Significant warming off the east coast

**Most models** are favouring an El Nino by the start of summer



- Analysis of October 2018
- State of the climate
- **Outlook**

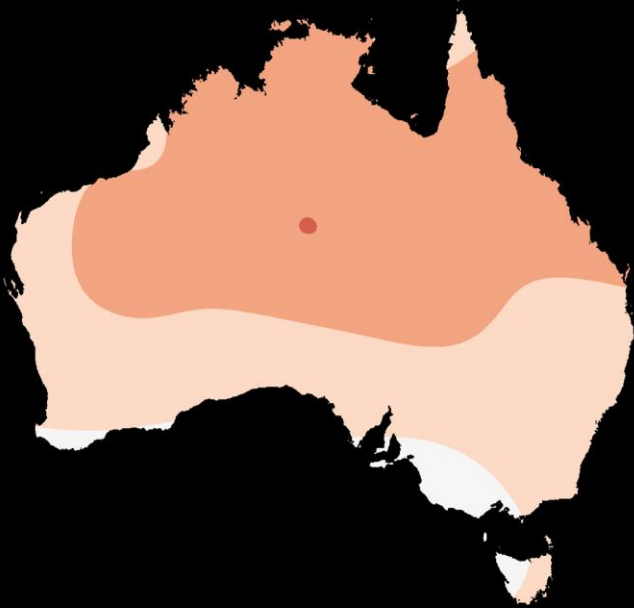




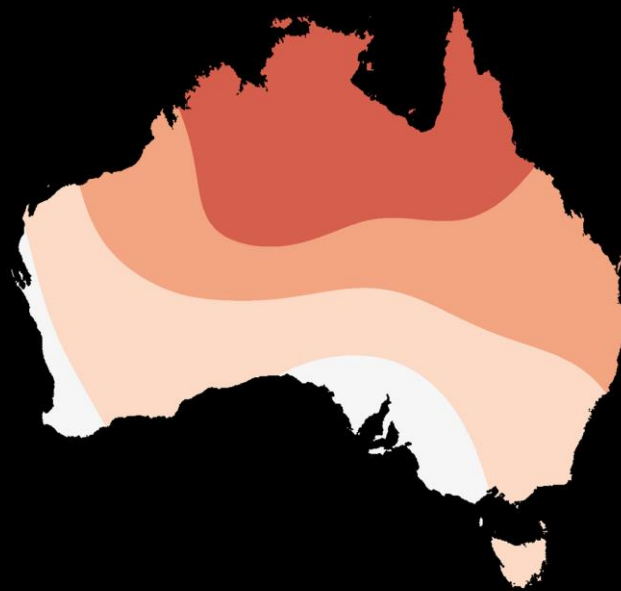
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## Minimum



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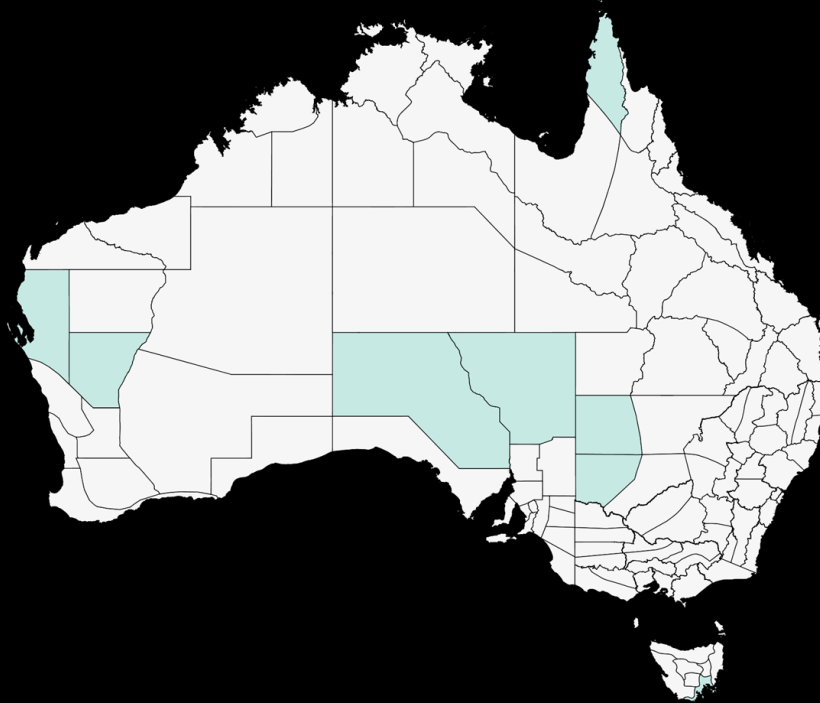




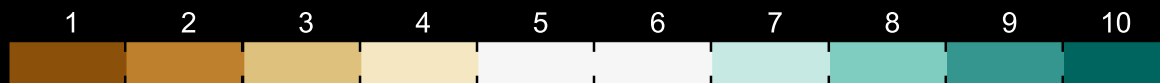
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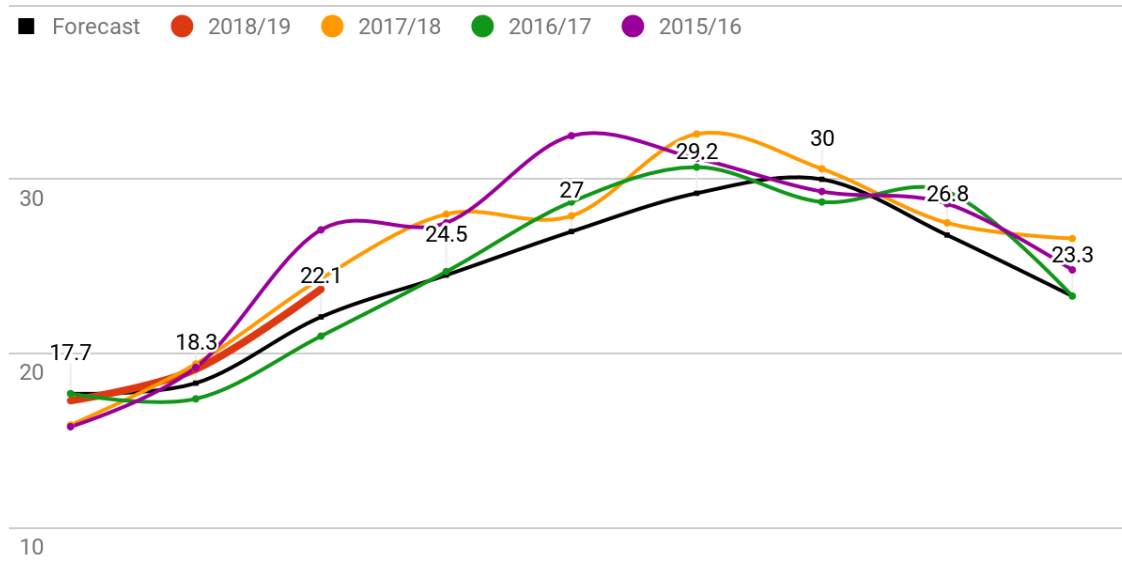
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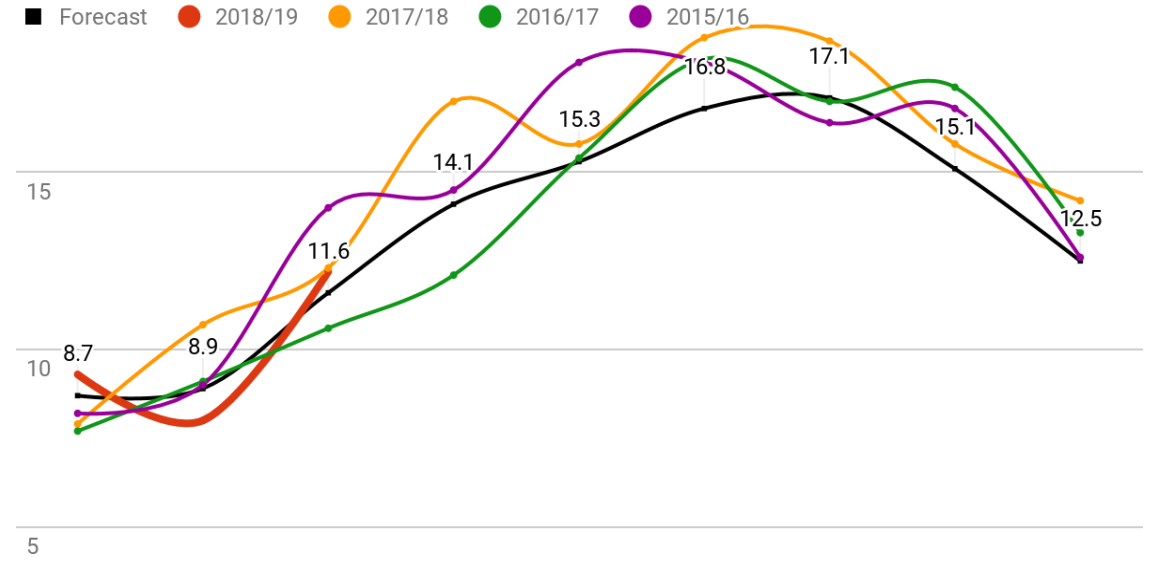
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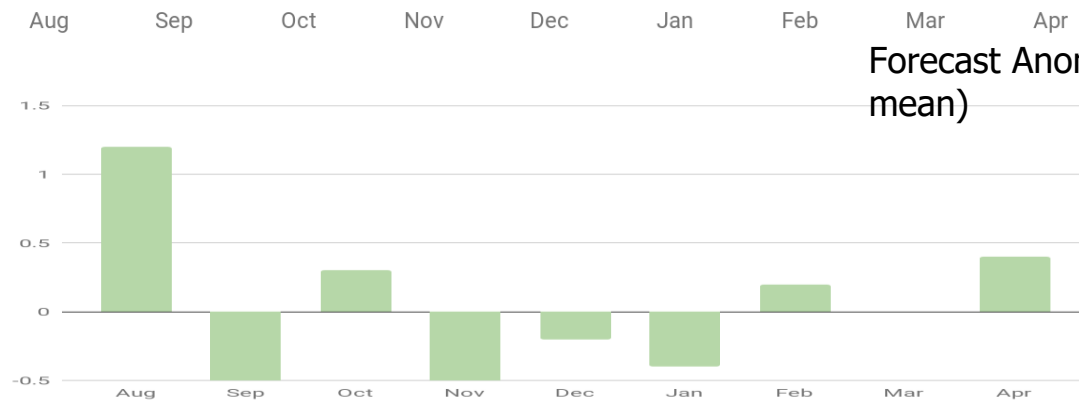
## Maximums



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## Forecast Anomaly (1981-2010 mean)

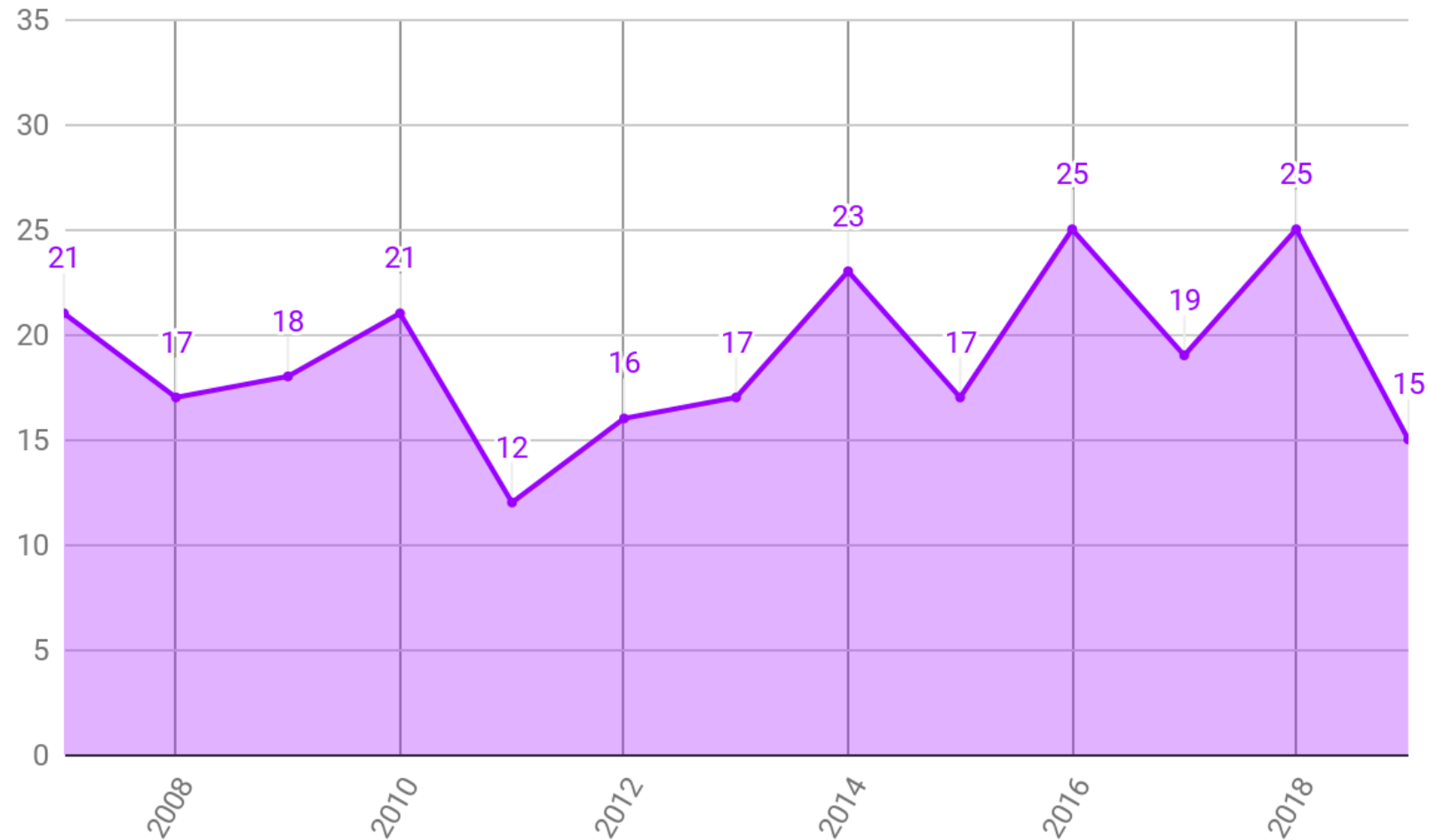




# ADELAIDE - Hot Days

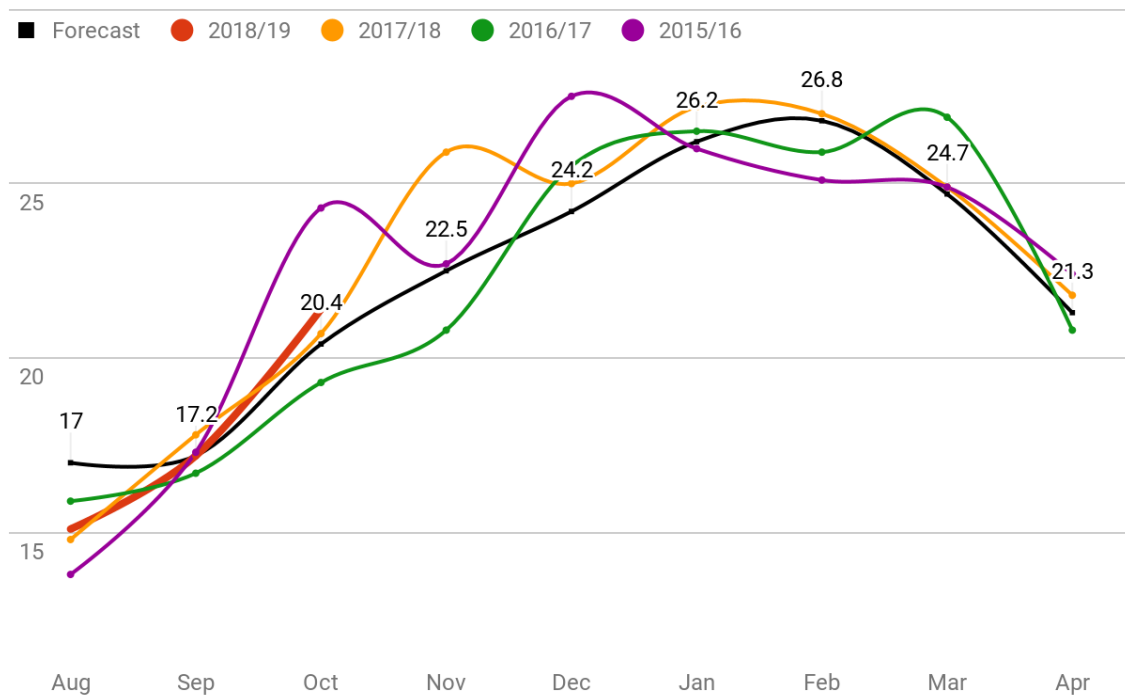
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## Days >35 DJF

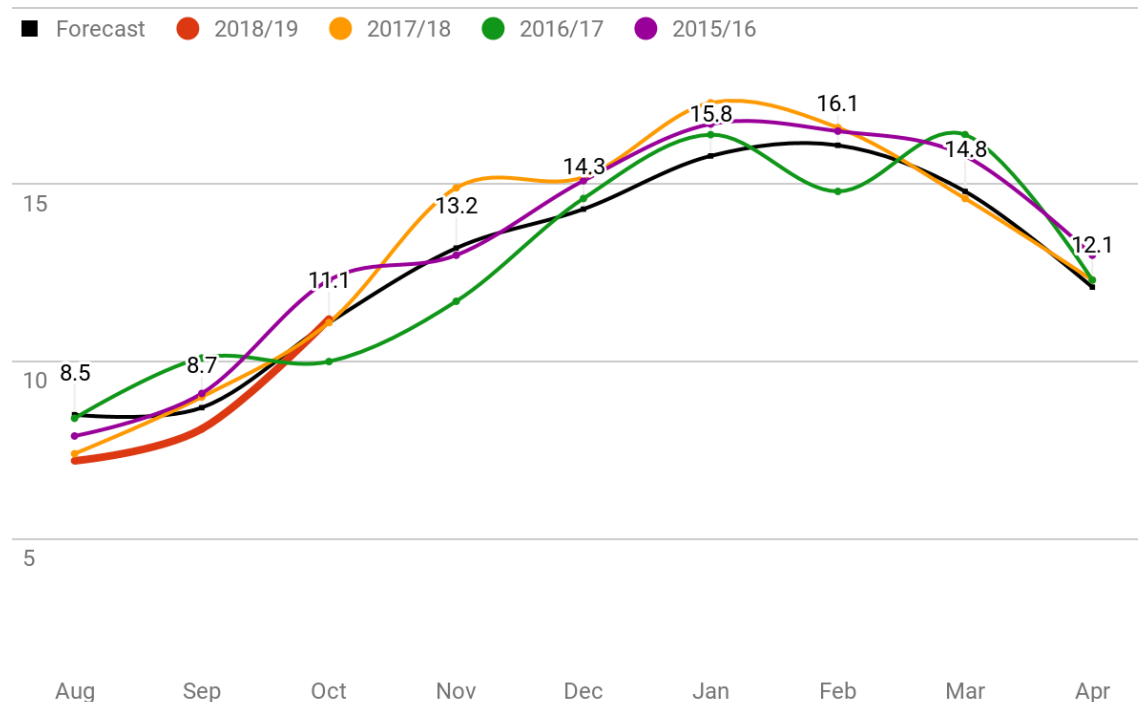


Forecast  
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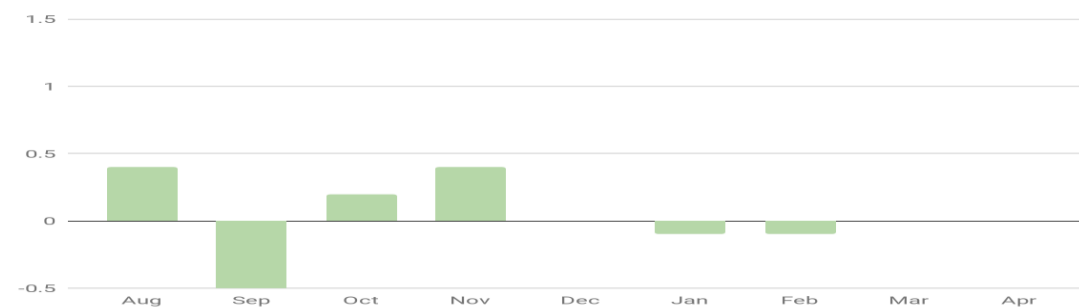
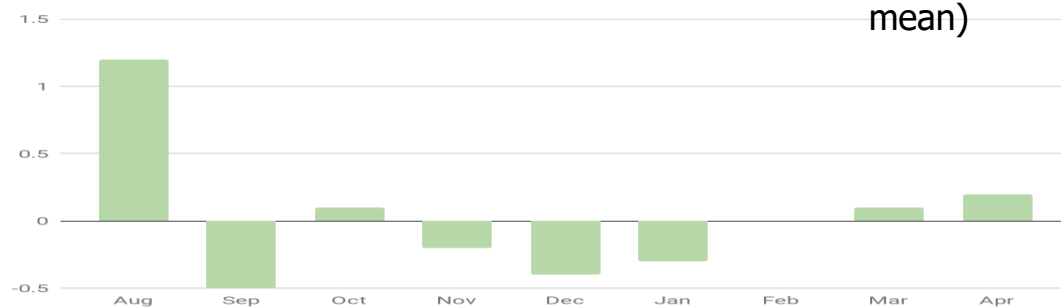
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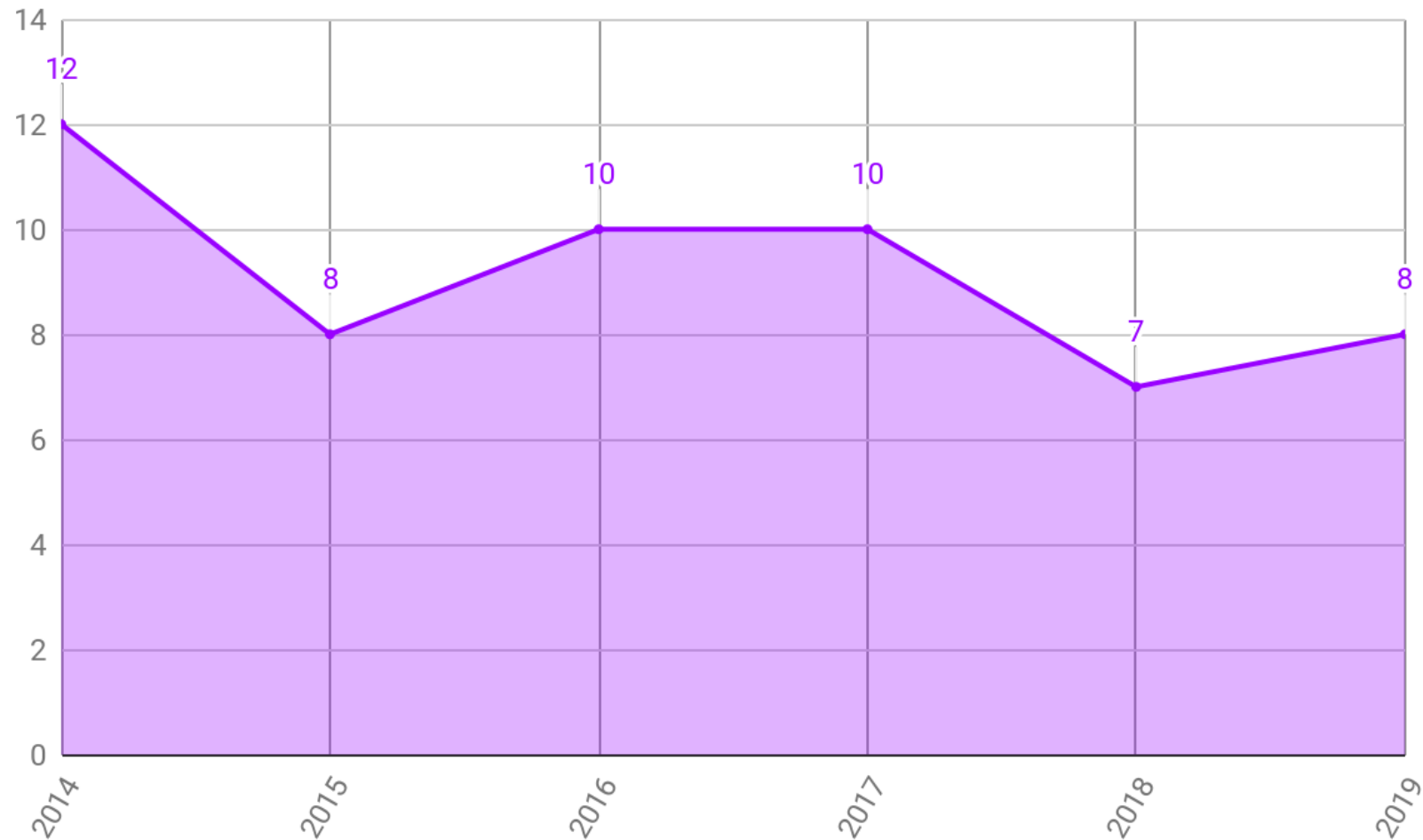




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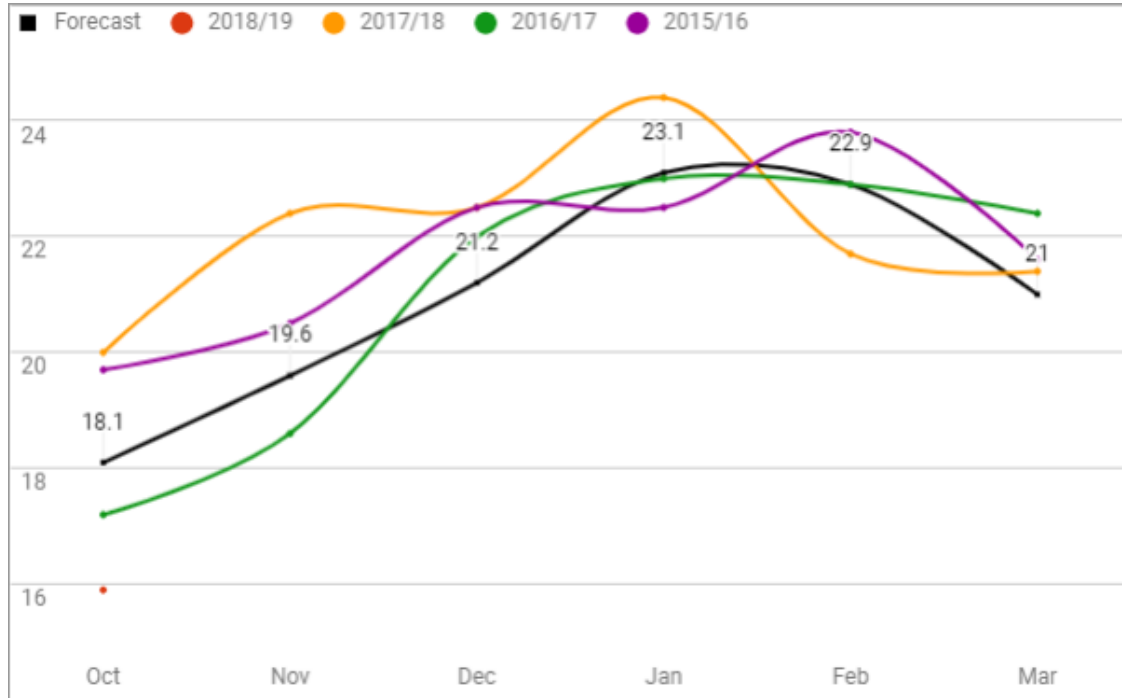
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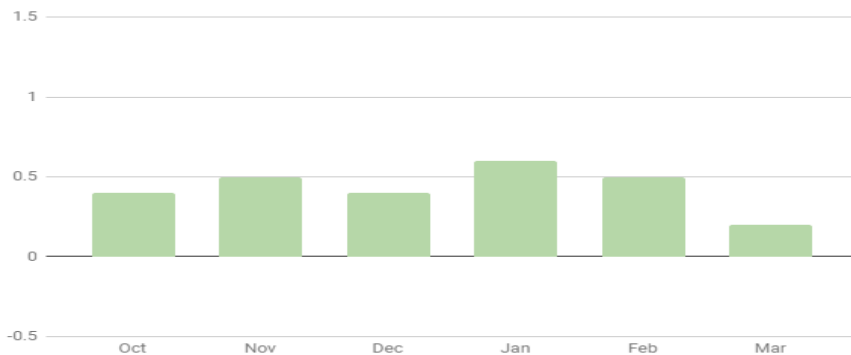


Forecast  
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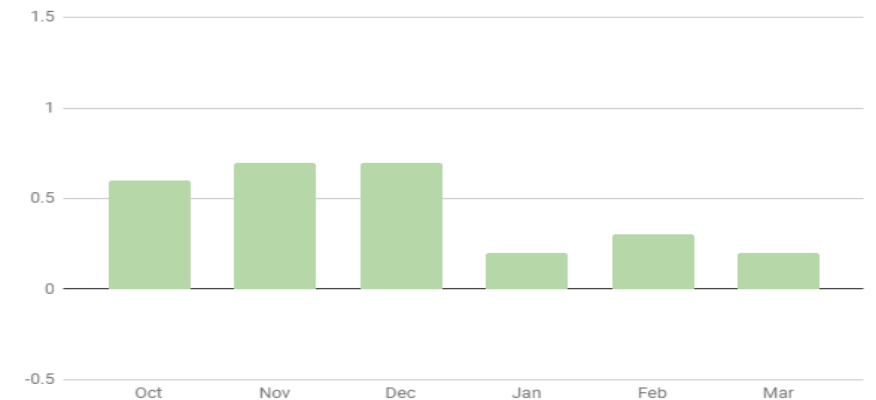
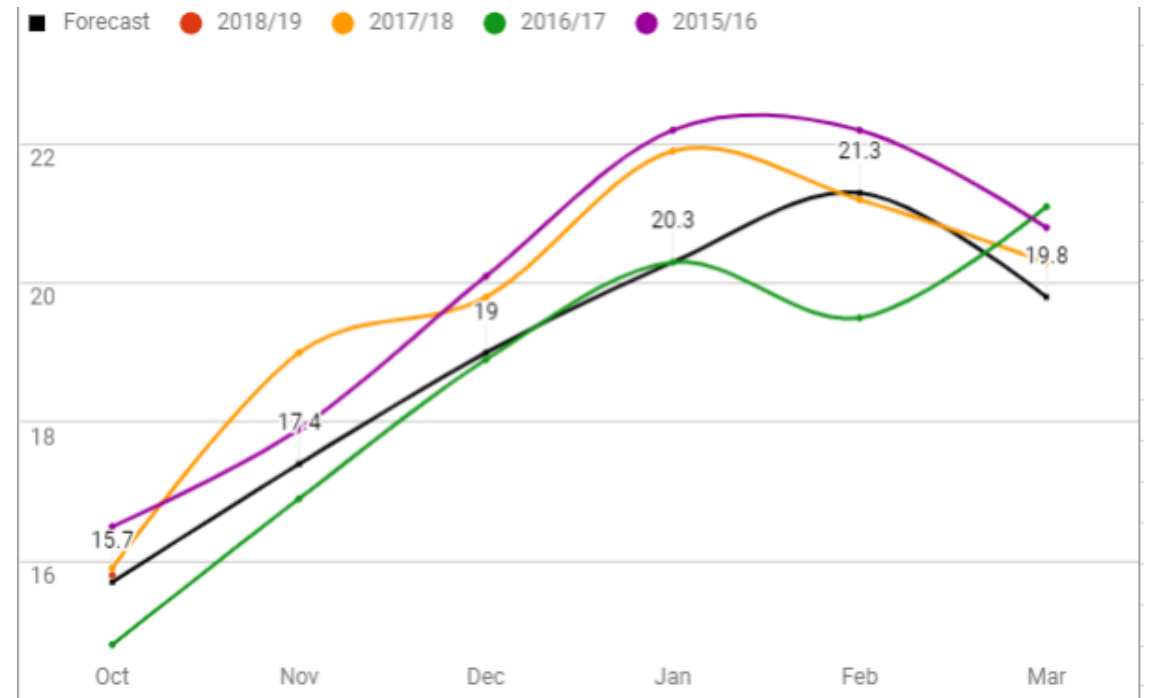
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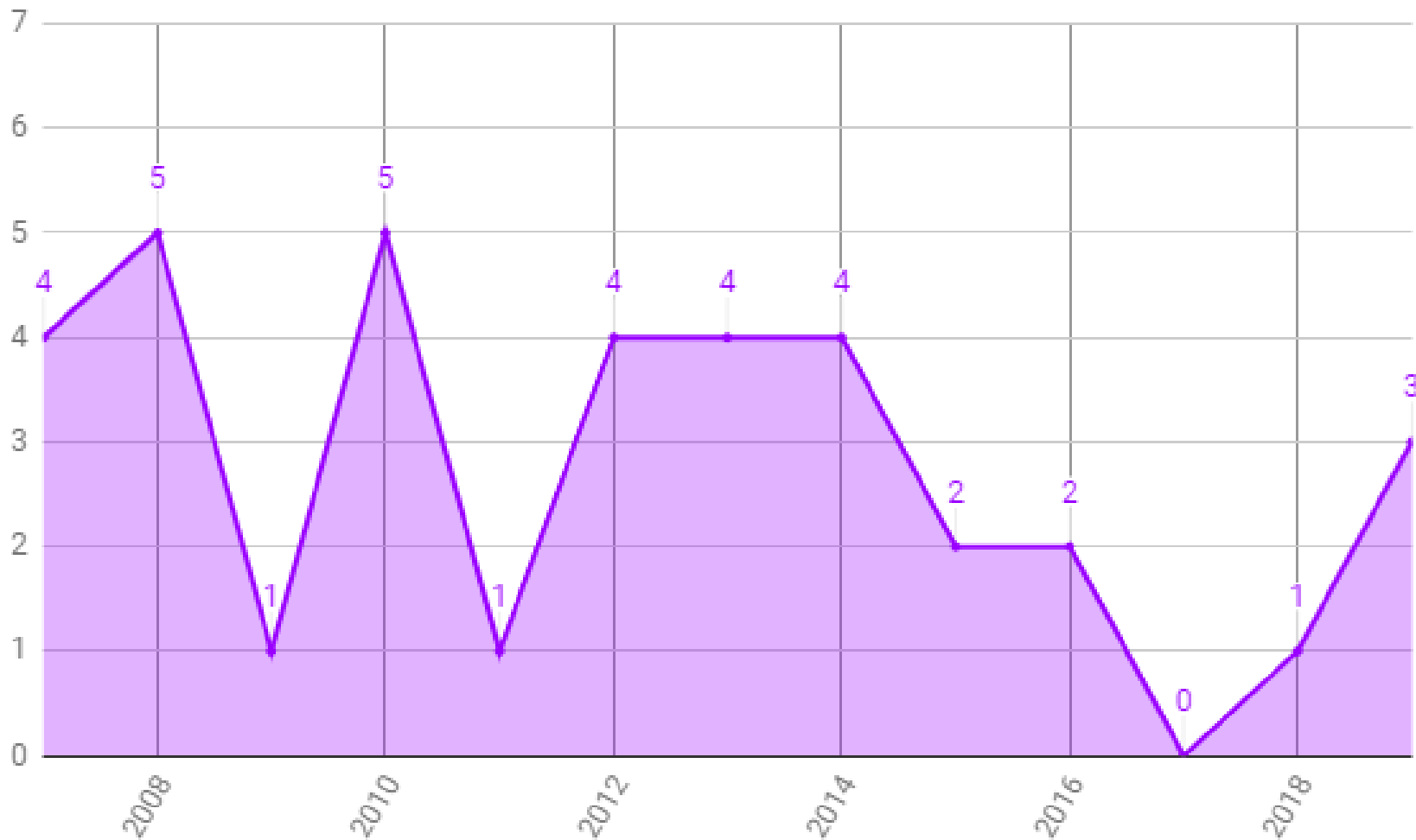
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# HOBART - Hot Days

Days >33 DJF



Forecast  
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A brown leather satchel with two straps and buckles sits on a grassy field. The background is a soft-focus landscape with green grass and a blue sky with white clouds.

# Summer Outlook SA, VIC and TAS

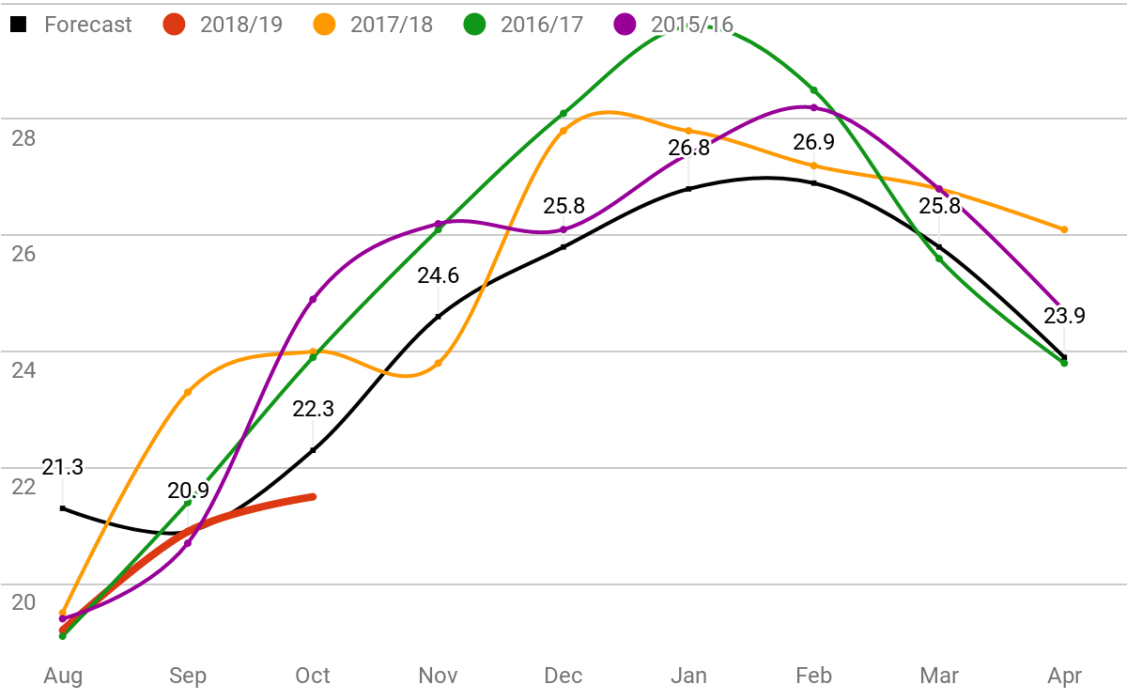
## Climate Background:

- **A**ffects of Positive IOD decaying
- **F**ar south not affected by ENSO as it is by a Negative SAM.
- **I**ncreased frontal activity for SA and VIC

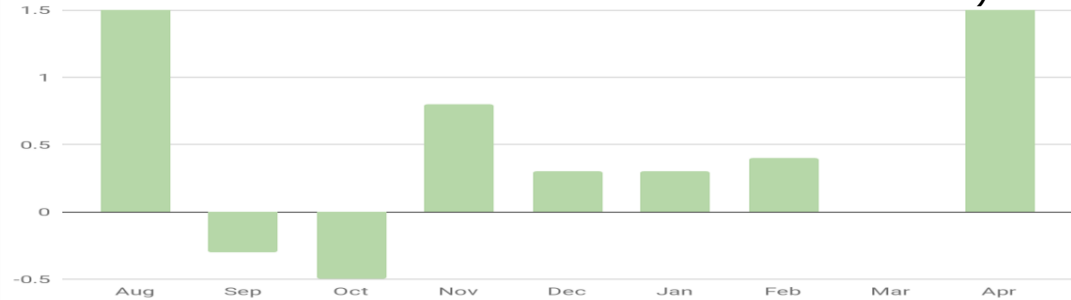
## Summer Features:

- **A**verage to below average rainfall is expected for southeast Australia
- **O**verall, temperatures close to or below average for summer
- **I**ncreased risk of short duration, more intense extreme heat events
- **S**harp contrast between hot and cool days.
- **P**otential for stronger winds during heat events

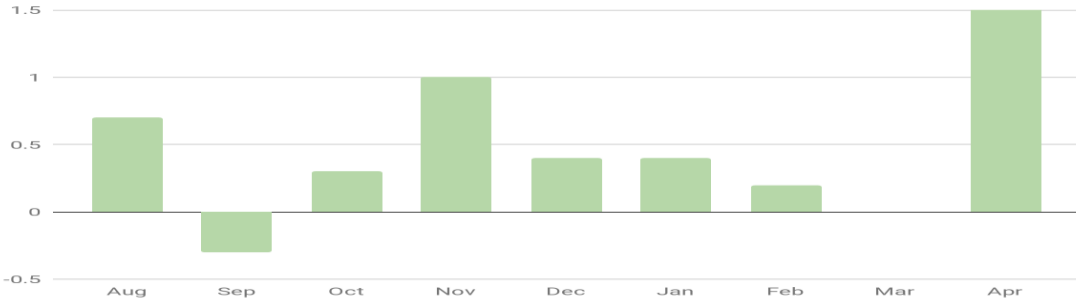
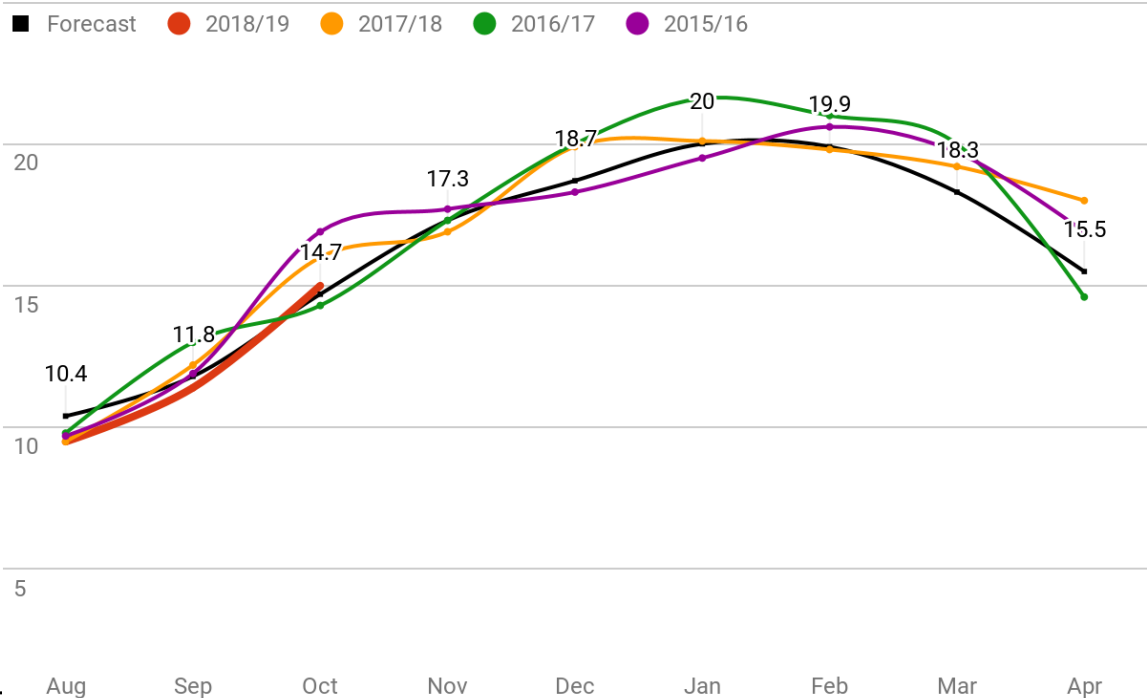
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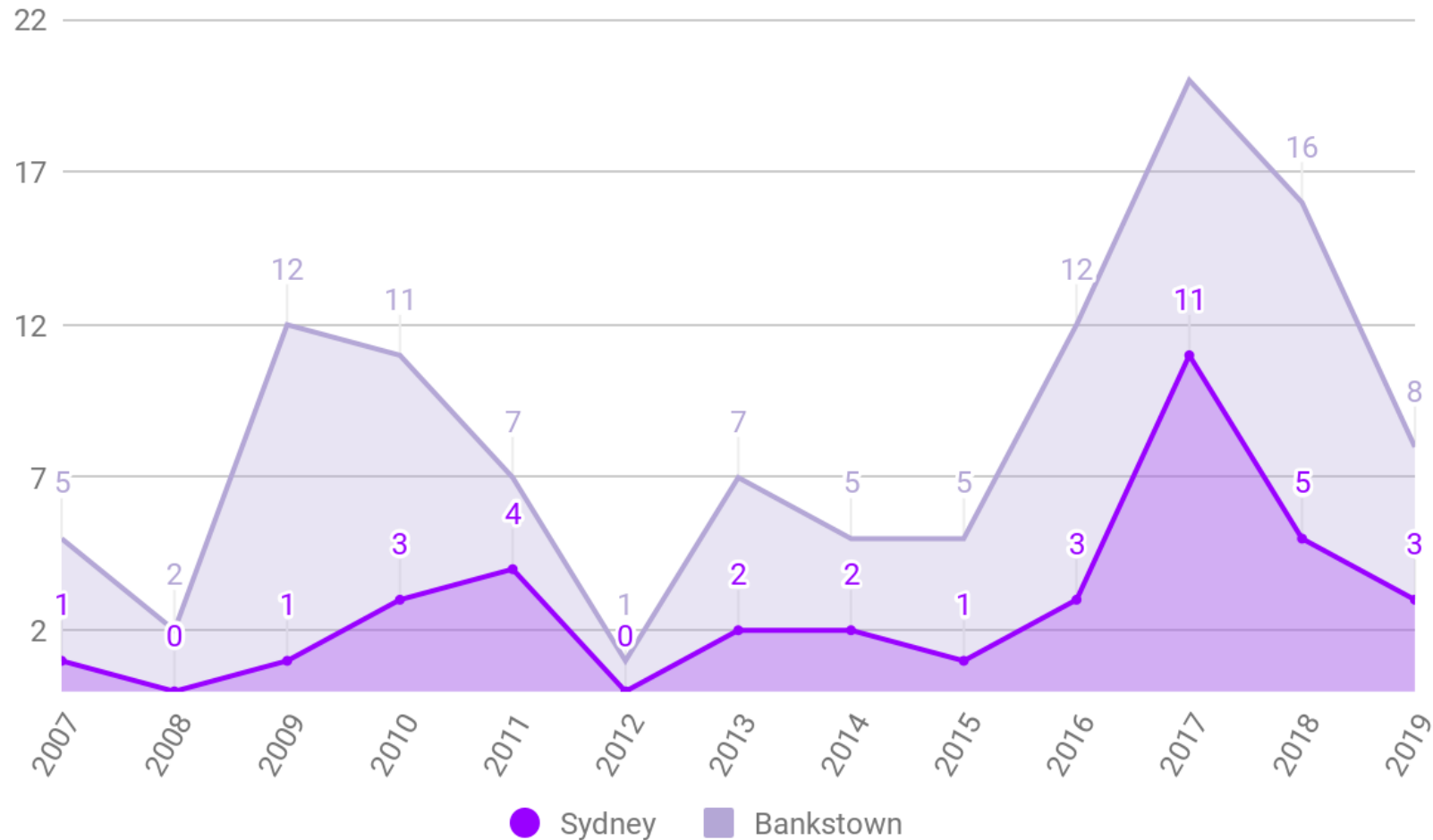
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# SYDNEY - Hot Days

## Days >35 DJF

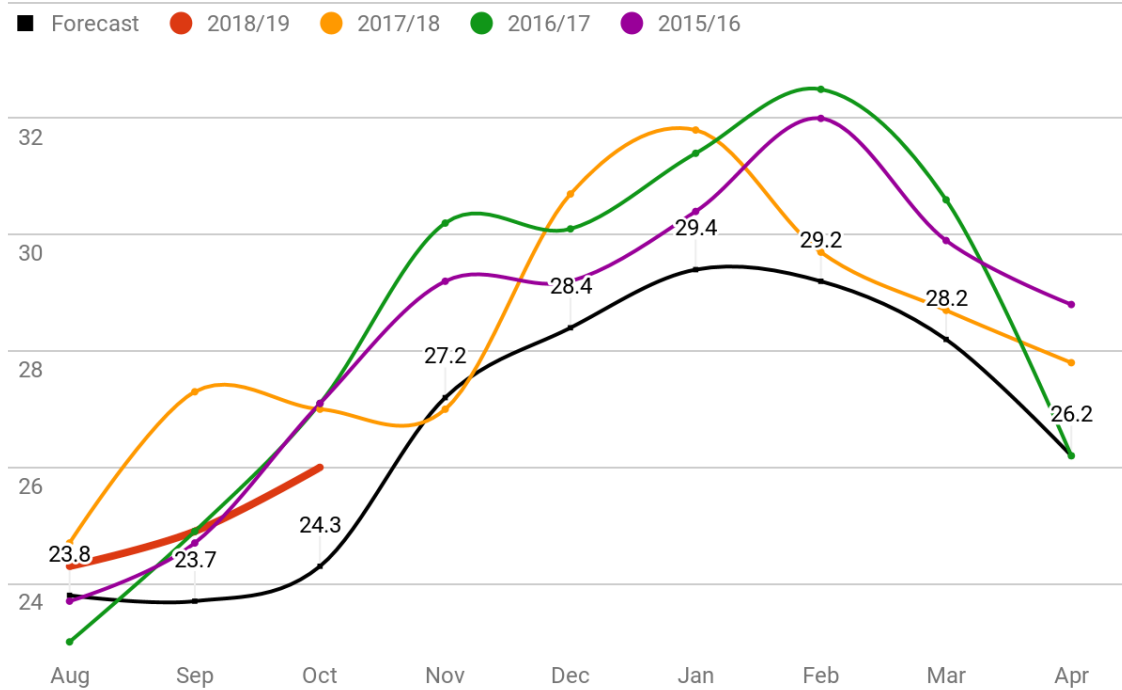


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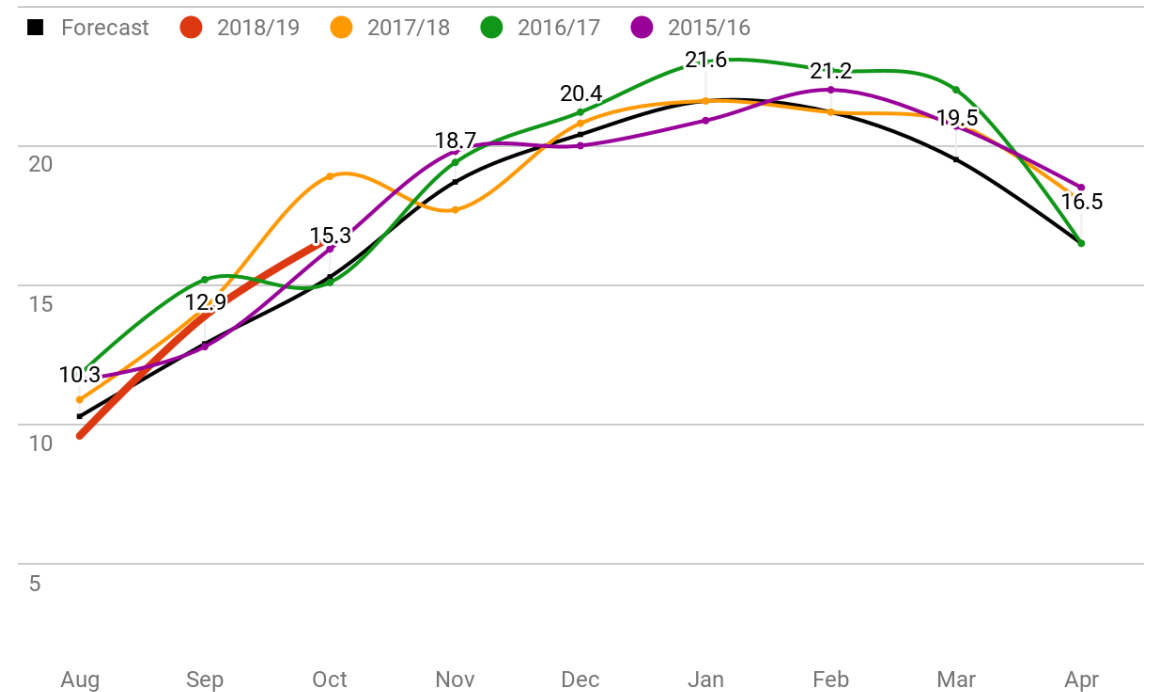
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\*8-10 Bankstown

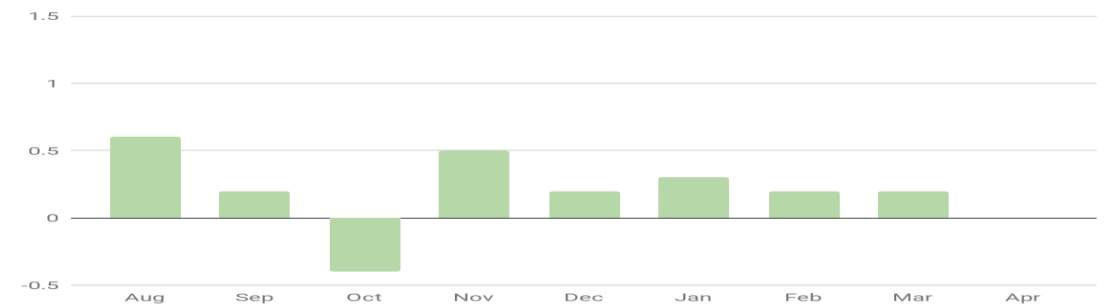
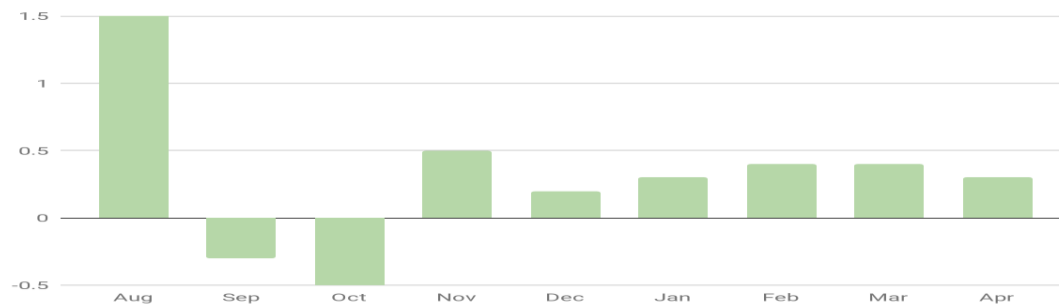
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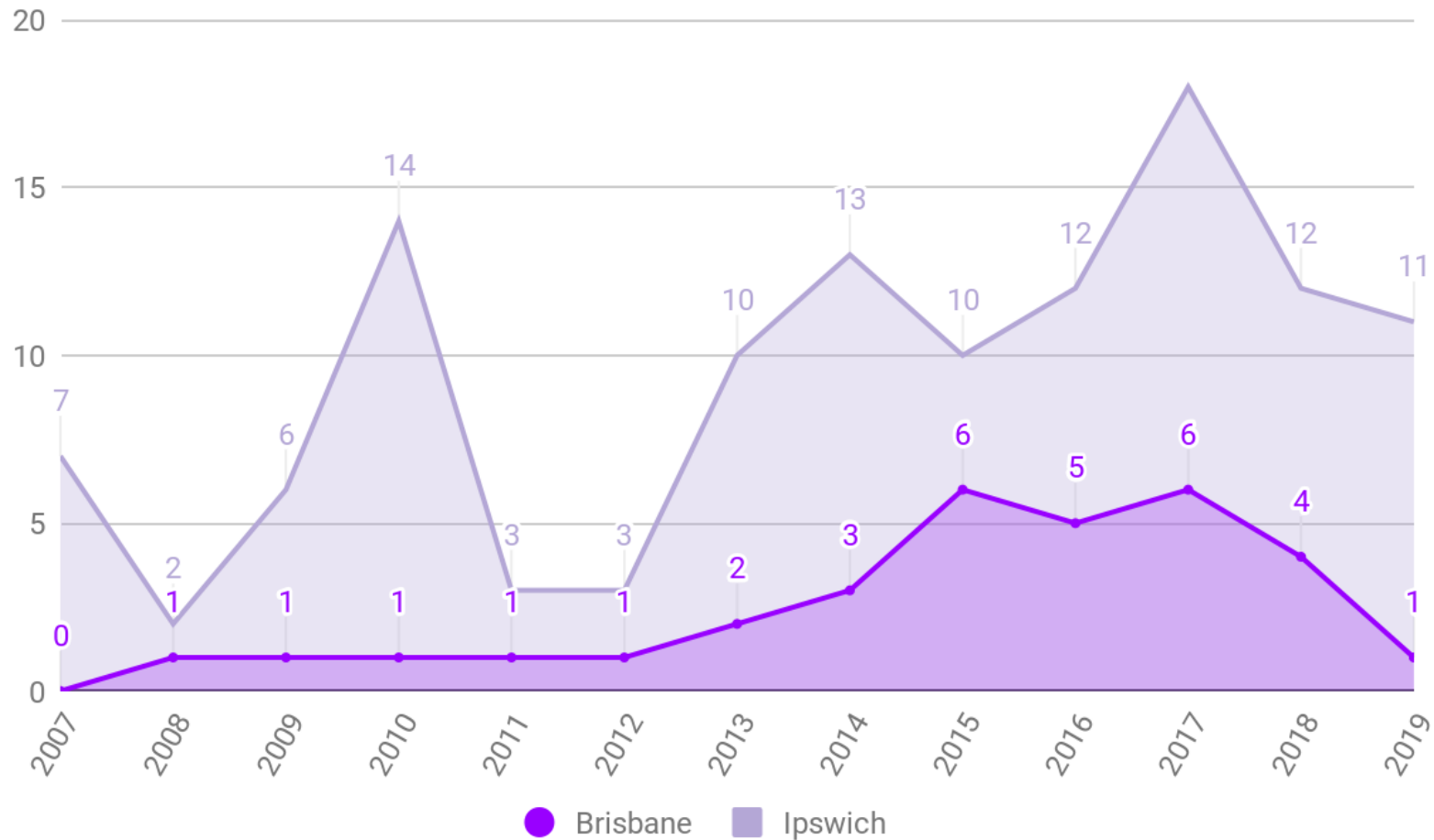
## Forecast Anomaly (1981-2010 mean)



# BRISBANE - Hot Days


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## Days >35 DJF



Forecast  
1-3  
\*10-12 Ipswich



A brown leather satchel with two straps and buckles sits on a grassy field. The background is a soft-focus landscape with green grass and a blue sky with white clouds.

# Summer Outlook NSW and QLD

## Climate Background:

- **W**weak El Nino pattern likely
- **U**nderlying heat with very dry soils
- **I**ncreased frontal activity to the south, maintaining warm airflow in the east

## Summer Features:

- **O**verall, warmer than average
- **H**ot days (peak intensity) reduced but increased risk of extended hot periods
- **S**eabreezes likely to play a significant factor early in the season
- **P**otential for higher humidity levels, particularly towards the second half of warm season
- **W**armer than average nights

A photograph of a sunset with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a flower with many small petals is visible, partially obscuring the sun.

# Questions?

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# Overview of AEMO's Summer Readiness program

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# Predicted 2018/19 summer conditions

Revised view taking in early 2019 to be provided later this year and readiness plans amended if required.

What does this mean for  
AEMO?



Bushfire  
activity



Heatwave



Widespread  
flooding



Drought



Increased solar  
less cloud



Severe  
storms

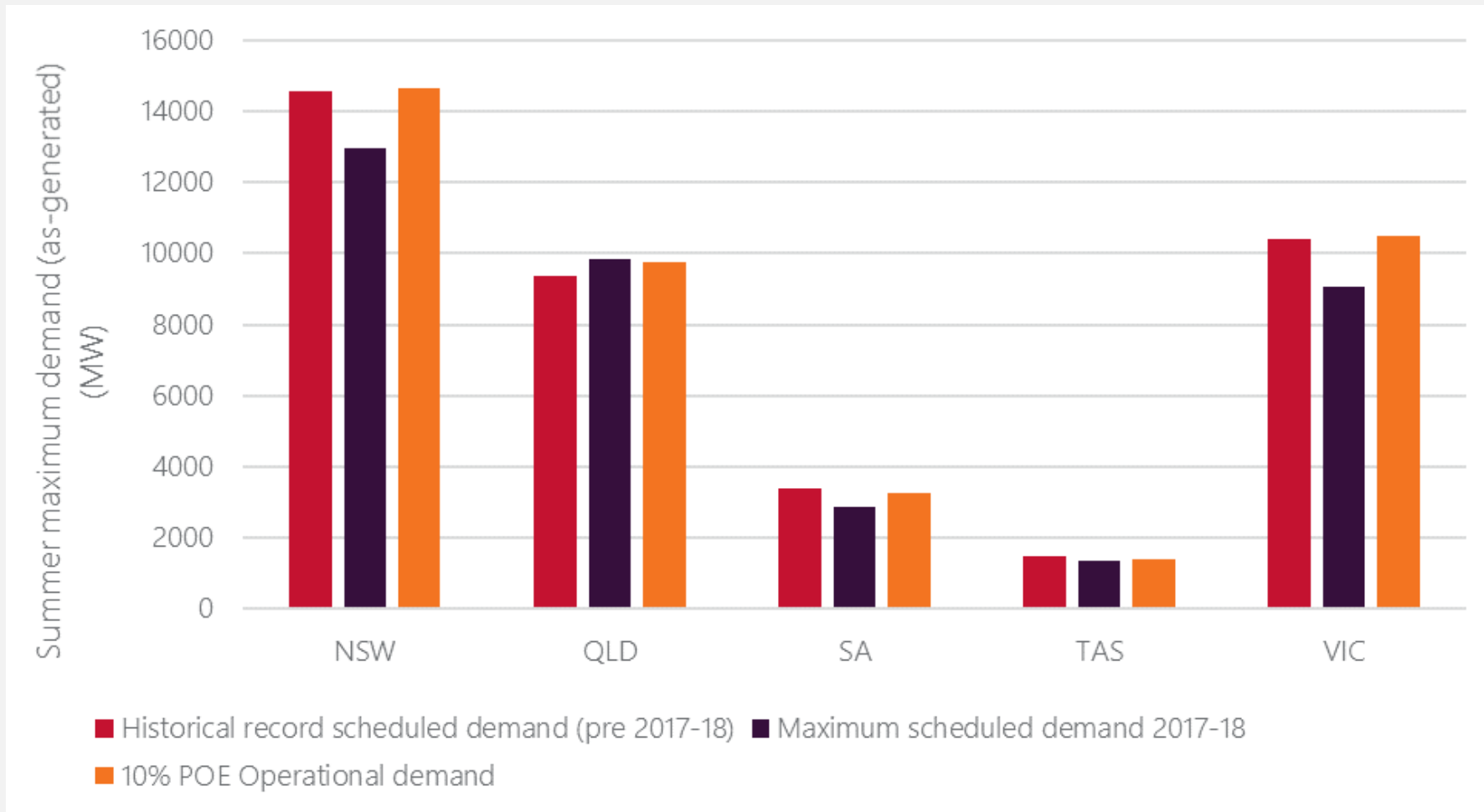


# NEM 2018 ESOO Reliability Assessment

	Weighted USE ≤ 0.002% (MW)		10% POE USE ≤ 0.002% (MW)	
	South Australia/Victoria	New South Wales	South Australia/Victoria	New South Wales
2018-19	0	0	380	0
2019-20	0	0	130	0
2020-21	0	0	190	0
2021-22	40	0	483	0
2022-23	40	0	460	380
2023-24	200	150	650	640
2024-25	340	310	790	810
2025-26	330	380	835	885
2026-27	260	620	755	1,130
2027-28	460	700	985	1,220

**QLD, Tas and NSW on a weighted probability show no USE for this year in ESOO modelling.**

# NEM jurisdictional summary



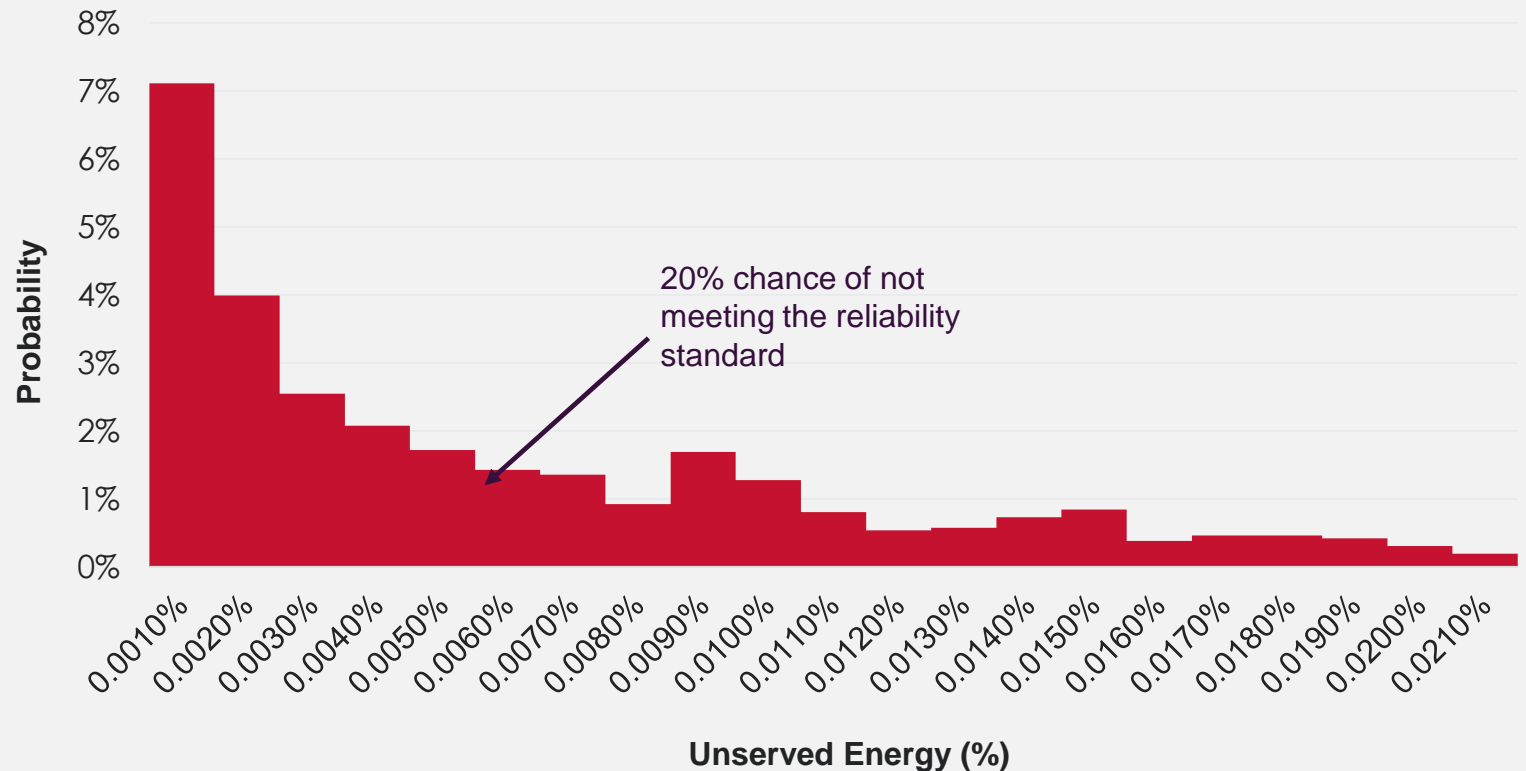
**Key risks - heatwaves, bushfires, forced outages, fuel supply disruptions.**



# Scarcity risks this summer

- There is a heightened risk of loss of load in Victoria this summer, if additional reserves are not procured
- Expected USE just below the reliability standard (0.0019%)
- Most load shedding projected to occur under 10% POE demand conditions

## Significant tail risk of high USE

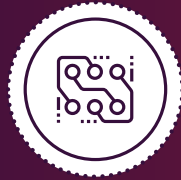


# Key focus areas for summer 2018/19



## Increased capacity available

- RERT
- Maximise generator availability
- Fuel capacity
- Transmission network
- Increased resources both customer and grid



## Operational Improvements

- Forecasting
- Training
- Information



## Contingency Planning

- Emergencies / Bushfires
- Exercises



## Collaboration and communication

- Engagement
- Briefings

# What is RERT



Reserve: additional generation or load curtailment



Must be able to respond on request from AEMO



Not available to the market including through any agreement or arrangement, including demand side management agreement



Amount procured to ensure AEMO meets the reliability standard in all regions



# RERT strategy for Summer 2018-10

- AEMO forecasts electricity supply in Victoria will be tight this summer under very high demand conditions.
- Credible measures have been developed to mitigate the risks.

## Supply and demand in Victoria



AEMO's 2018 Electricity Statement of Opportunities and Medium Term Projected Assessment of System Adequacy identify that expected USE in Victoria over summer may exceed the reliability standard.

- To address the weighted risk of exceeding the standard, 120 MW of reserve is required from Victoria and South Australia combined
- To address the risk of exceeding the standard in a 10% POE year, 525 MW of reserve is required from Victoria and South Australia combined



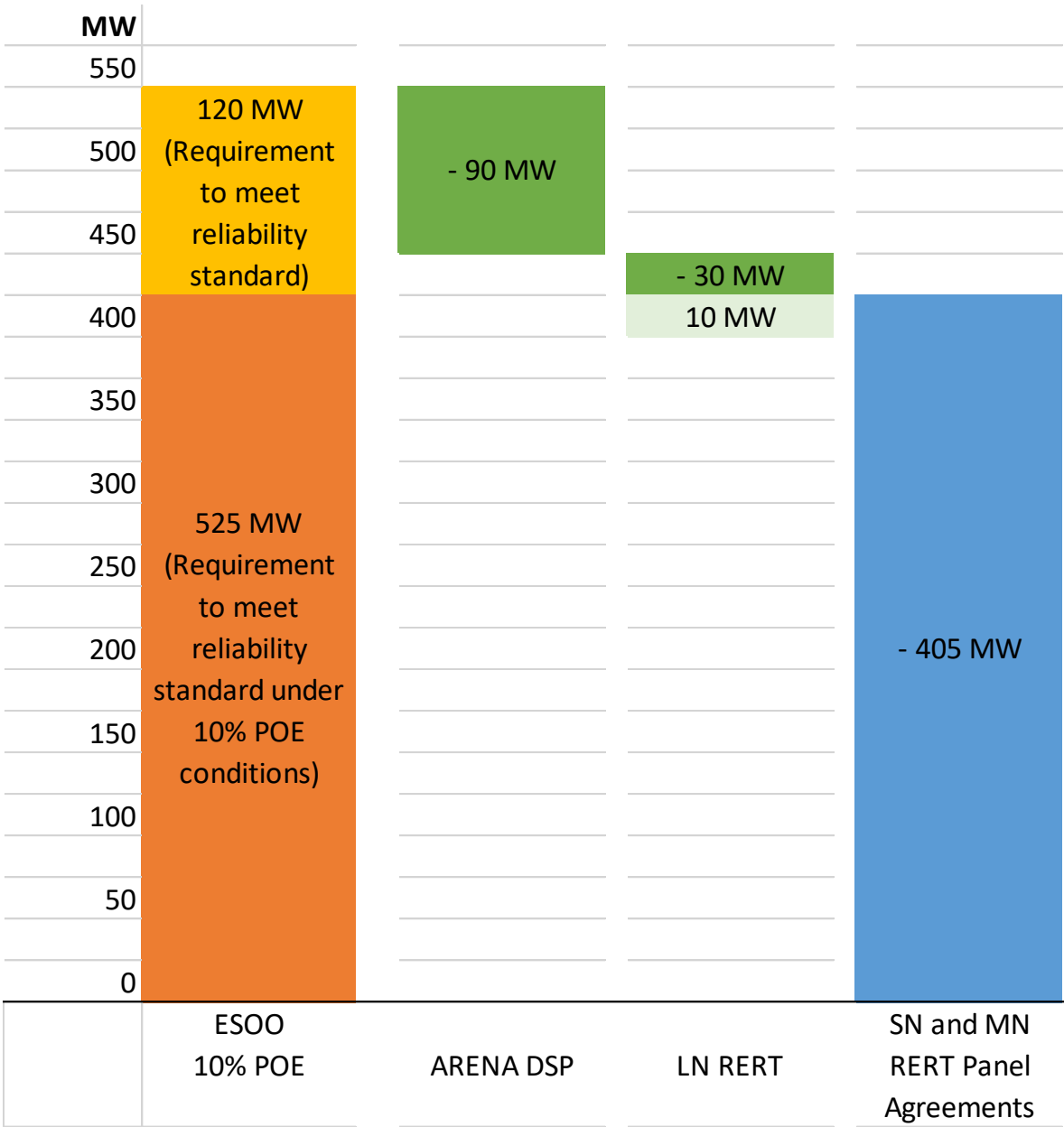
A combination of Long Notice (commitment up front) and Medium and Short Notice RERT (no commitment up front) will be used to address the identified risk



AEMO will not enter into any agreements where the costs exceeds the value of customer reliability

# How AEMO will address the Reserve Shortfall

- LN RERT will be used to make up the balance of the 120 MW requirement
- ARENA DSP values subject to change following testing
- An additional 10 MW of LN RERT is procured to ensure availability of resources is maintained
- Aiming to source at least 405 MW MN and SN RERT



# Enacting RERT

James Lindley  
Manager, Systems Performance and Commercial



# How RERT works - overview

Operation of the RERT is divided into two stages:



## **Stage 1**

Procurement - when AEMO is determining whether to enter into reserve contracts



## **Stage 2**

Activation/Dispatch - when AEMO is considering whether to dispatch scheduled reserves or activate unscheduled reserves

# How RERT works

## Stage 2 - Activation/Dispatch



Short term PASA and pre-dispatch

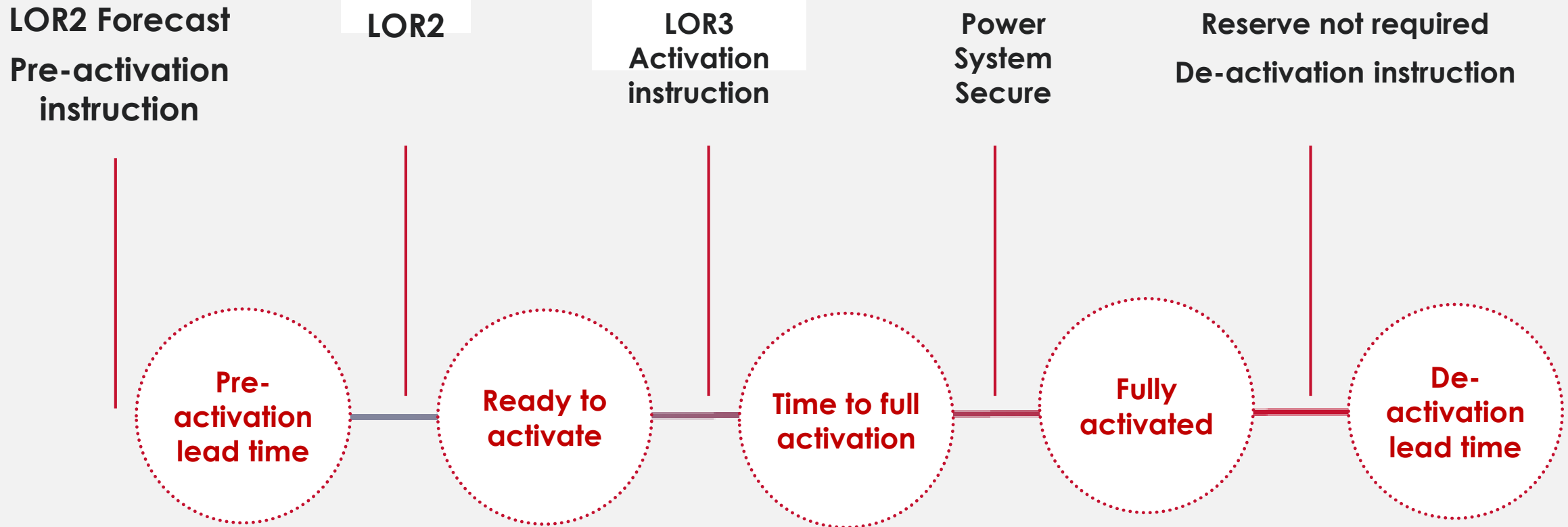


Other information identified by AEMO



Select RERT contracts to minimise cost

# How RERT works - fast activation example

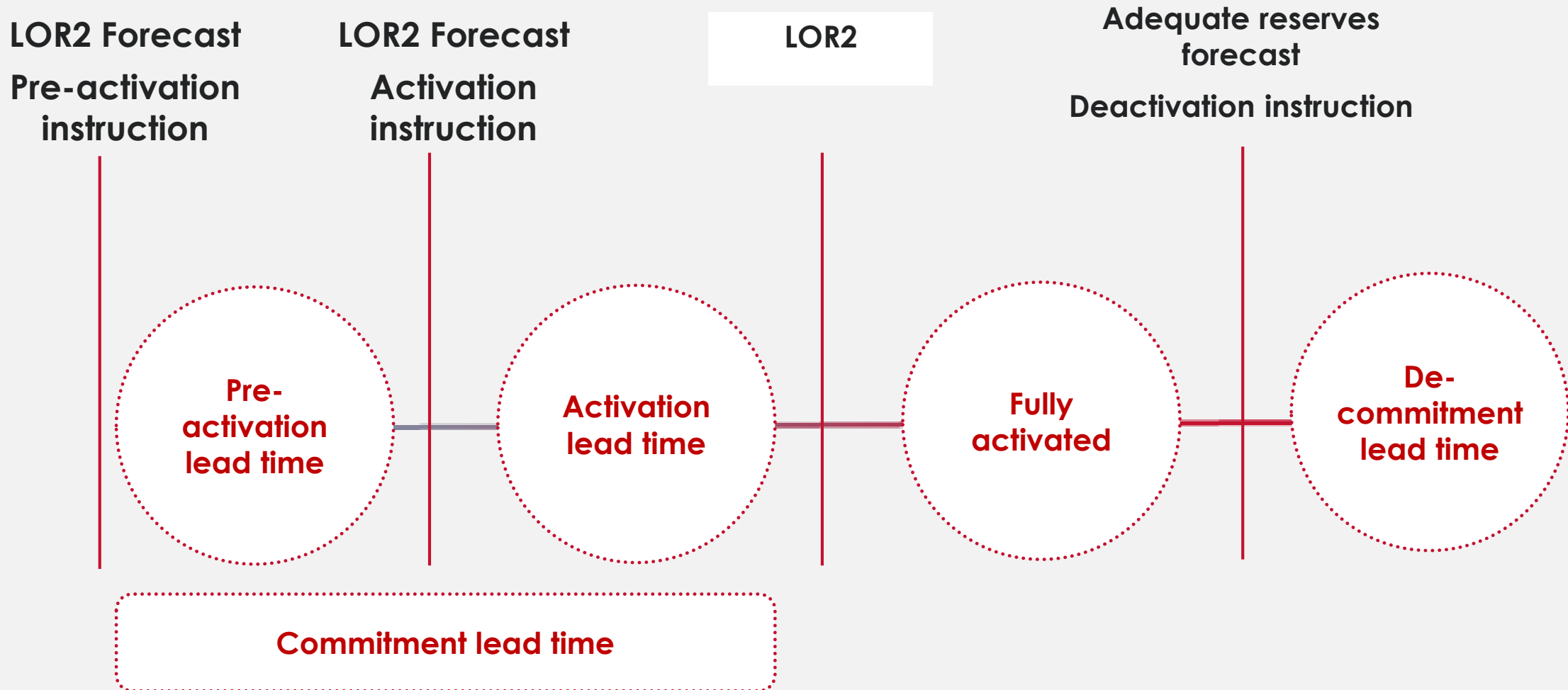


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\*NB RERT can also be used for security issues



# How RERT works - slow activation example



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# Market communications and expectations



Steve Frimston  
Operations Specialist

# Operational Communication Facilities



Clause 4.11.3 of the NER requires participants to nominate, provide and continually update contact details



Registered participants must provide two independent telephone communication systems



If telephone communications experience issues they must be investigated within 4 hours and repaired promptly



A form of electronic mail facility must be established and maintained



# Accurate and Timely Information



The provision of accurate and timely information is essential for operating the power system



The Electricity Rules contain obligations for the provision of information



Information to AEMO can be communicated in two ways:

- Electronically
- Verbally



However, a friendly **For Your Information** phone call is always best

# Electronic Communication



The Electricity Rules have a number of key obligations that require electronic communication



Electronic communication with AEMO is generally through participant bids



The main areas we would like to focus on regarding electronic communications are:

- Available capacity
- PASA availability
- Daily energy availability for energy constrained plant

# Electronic Communication

## Available Capacity



Clause 3.7.3(e)(1)-Available capacity



AEMO uses this information in reserve calculations

### Key points:

- Available capacity is submitted based on current intentions and best estimates
- Based on forecast ambient conditions has the available capacity been profiled throughout the day
- It represents the MW the participant intends to make available for dispatch or commercial availability

# Electronic Communication

## PASA Availability



Clause 3.7.3(e)(2)-PASA availability



To contrast with available capacity, this represents what your plant can technically do if needed

### Key points:

- Does it represent physical availability if given 24 hours notice
- Is there a reasonable expectation fuel delivered to the station can be sourced with 24 hour's notice
- Availability profiled based on forecast temperatures



# Electronic Communication

## Daily Energy Limits



Clause 3.7.3(e) (4)-Daily energy availability for energy constrained plant



Daily energy limits are an important input into reserve calculations

### Key points:

- Are daily energy limits based on current intentions and best estimates.
- If multiple units source fuel from common delivery mechanisms ensure it is reasonably allocated.
- Do not only focus on D+1 energy limits but ensure reasonable estimates are entered for STPASA timeframes.

# Verbal Communication



We have briefly touched on the key electronic communication which occurs between AEMO and participants



However, there is a great deal of verbal communication that occurs



We will focus on two key areas of verbal communication or what I like to call “Good Industry Practice”:

- Personnel to receive and immediately act upon dispatch instructions
- Advising of threats to the secure operation of the power system

# Verbal Communication

Receiving & acting on dispatch instructions



Clause 4.9.2(d)-Personnel to receive and immediately act upon dispatch instructions



Scheduled and semi-scheduled generators must ensure staff are available at all times to receive and act on dispatch instructions.

## Key points:

- Resources available to control and direct units to their targets.
- Are actually contactable.
- Relevant response plans in place if units experience technical issues.

# Verbal Communication

Threats to secure operation of the power system



Clause 4.8.1-Advising AEMO of threats to the secure operation of the power system.



Participants must promptly advise of any situation which may affect secure operation of the system.

## Key points:

- Have any identified risks been promptly communicated to AEMO.
- If a de-committed unit is known to potentially impact secure operations, advise AEMO via a quick call.
- This allows AEMO to carry out any contingency planning.



# Verbal Communication

## Examples



This particular Clause is quite important especially when it involves system security

### **For example:**

- It is known your unit is needed to maintain system security in a region
- You become aware of some potential threats which may impact system security such as: weather-related reductions, fuel supply issues, industrial action or urgent maintenance
- It is imperative that you notify the control room as soon as you are aware of these impacts or your actions which may impact system security

# Hybrid Communication



So far we have talked about the key types of electronic and verbal communications.



However, there are a number of situations which where communication with AEMO is a hybrid of both electronic and verbal communication.



The hybrid type communication are some of the most important as they can directly impact secure operation of the power system.



The key hybrid communications that I will touch on today are:

- Scheduled generator plant changes
- Informing AEMO of self-commitment and de-commitment decisions

# Hybrid Communication

Scheduled generator  
plant changes



Clause 4.9.9-Scheduled Generator Plant Changes



Without delay a scheduled generator must immediately notify AEMO of changes or likely changes to operational availability.

## Key points:

- Delay of notification could impact secure operations.
- Has any event such as fuel constraints etc changed the operational availability.
- Lack of notification links up with Clause 4.8.1 of possible threat to secure operation of power system.

# Hybrid Communication

Informing of self commit  
and de-commitment  
decisions



Clauses 3.8.17, 3.8.18, 4.9.7(a) & 4.9.7(b).



Giving required notice especially for de-commitment avoids possible impacts to secure operations.

## Key points:

- Confirmation of commitment/de-commitment with at least 1 hours notice.
- Has commitment/de-commitment advise been updated & notified to AEMO 5 minutes prior
- Lack of notification particularly when a unit impacts system security also links with Clause 4.8.1 of possible threat to secure operation of power system.

# Examples



You have been notified of some potential upstream, storage or pipeline limitations



These limitations may impact operational availabilities and/or daily energy limits.

- This needs to be communicated because it may impact system security



Similarly, for coal fired generators you are advised of some conveyor or riser issues from the mine to the station



This may impact operational availability because it now restricts the amount of coal supply to the station

- Therefore, it is prudent that this information is communicated to the control room for assessment



# Examples



Regarding impacts to secure operations of the power system



Despite the fact that de-commitment requires 1 hour notice via an electronic bid



If you know your de-commitment may pose a threat to system security as a result of your de-commitment AEMO is required to be notified



Some examples of scenarios where this may be applicable are:

- System Strength Inputs
- Low Reserve Situations

# Public communications and expectations



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# Key messages

## Broadly on AEMO's Summer Readiness plan



AEMO's commitment is to secure efficient energy supply for all Australians.



AEMO plans for extreme conditions, and has therefore designed a proactive summer readiness plan.



We know unexpected events can still occur which will impact the power system over the summer.



AEMO has secured over 800 megawatts of off-market reserves through the Reliability and Emergency Trader (RERT) mechanism to enable AEMO to have sufficient resources to manage potential high risk scenarios that typically occur in summer, such as extreme or extended heatwaves, bushfires and/or unplanned infrastructure outages.



We believe the action plan we have achieved addresses most foreseeable events and provided ourselves, governments and the energy industry with contingency arrangements to address unforeseen events quickly and effectively.

# Key messages

## Pre-event

typically when we are on the cusp of declaring an actual LOR2 condition and issuing a Market Notice



AEMO can confirm that at this stage, we are forecasting LOR2 conditions in [time frame]. The Market Notice has been sent out to notify market participants that there is an opportunity to provide additional reserves.



AEMO has additional reserves, secured through the Reliability and Emergency Reserve Trader (RERT) that we can call upon, should the need arise.



AEMO is working closely with industry to manage the situation but at this stage there is no threat to system security.



We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as they arise.

# Key messages

## Pre-event

Directed at consumers –  
circulated via AEMO's  
social media channels



Australian consumers can play a major role by being aware of power consumption during high demand periods.



The power system is most at risk during **high demand days between 4PM to 7PM**, most commonly during periods of extreme heat (38 degrees plus).



For every one degree over 38C, AEMO estimates an additional 125 MW of demand on the system. On an **average summer day**, the lowest demand period during daylight hours is between **11AM and 2PM**.



Using electrical appliances that can be programmed during this period puts the least amount of strain on the power system during a heatwave, especially if you have solar PV installed on your roof.



A running pool pump uses **approximately 1.5 KW per hour**. If **100,000 consumers** can temporarily switch off their pool pumps during high demand, this can reduce **approximately 150 MW** from an already strained power system.



# Communications channels



The image displays a collage of AEMO communications. On the left is a screenshot of the AEMO Energy Live website header, featuring navigation links: NEWS, INSIGHTS, ENERGY EXPLAINED, INNOVATION & TECH, EDITOR'S PICKS, and Inside AEMO. Below the header is a large thermometer graphic with the text "Feature article: Energy facts and safety tips for summer" and a timestamp "JAN 05, 2018 5 MINS". To the right is a vertical stack of three tweets from AEMO and VicEmergency. The bottom of the collage features a photograph of high-voltage power lines against a sunset sky.

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**Tweets:**

- AEMO @AEMO\_Media · Jan 19**  
With extreme temps across Vic and SA, AEMO has called on Reliability and Emergency Reserve Trader (RERT) providers to be on standby to deliver contingency support if required. What does this mean? Find out more about RERT here [#AEMOEnergyLive](#) >> [bit.ly/2qzQtpM](http://bit.ly/2qzQtpM)
- AEMO @AEMO\_Media · Jan 18**  
With soaring temperatures across South Australia and Victoria, please follow [@vicemergency](#) and stay alert for bush fire warnings or signals [#StaySafe](#) [#AEMOEnergyLive](#) [bit.ly/2zGioo7](http://bit.ly/2zGioo7)
- VicEmergency @vicemergency**  
Today has been declared a TOTAL FIRE BAN and SEVERE Fire Danger Rating in the Mallee, Wimmera and South West fire weather districts. We have VERY HIGH in Northern Country, North...
- AEMO @AEMO\_Media · Jan 17**  
As the weather heats up across SA, VIC and NSW, AEMO will be working around the clock to keep our energy system secure. Elec reserves are in place to meet supply for the week but check out [#AEMOEnergyLive](#) for safety and energy conservation tips in [#summer](#) [bit.ly/2IUN8w5](http://bit.ly/2IUN8w5)

**Power Lines:**

# Key messages

Pre-event

Forecast LOR3 condition



AEMO views load shedding as a last resort to manage periods of supply scarcity.



If load shedding is required, AEMO will issue directions requiring the relevant network business to shed load to balance supply and demand.



Load shedding is required for <<insert timing>> hours between <<insert timing>> and will impact approximately <<insert number of customers>>.

# Actions

Event and post-event  
Actual LOR3 condition



Develop media release, publish on website and share via social media.



Push media release to relevant media contacts and newswires



Share media release with Federal and relevant State jurisdictional government (ministerial and departments) and jurisdictional network businesses.



Provide summary explanatory story outlining 'what', 'why', 'how' of the event on EnergyLive.

# Collaboration is key

## MEDIA RELEASE



### AEMO's summer energy outlook report

The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) has today released its 2018/19 summer readiness report which highlights the plans and actions both AEMO and the industry have taken to prepare Australia's power system for the summer ahead.

"Findings from AEMO's 2018 Electricity Statement of Opportunities (ESOO) projected a heightened risk of involuntary load shedding in Victoria and South Australia for the upcoming summer, in the absence of further action. Our summer readiness plan outlines the actions we have taken to achieve our objective of delivering reliable, secure and affordable energy to all Australians," said AEMO Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Audrey Zibelman.

"The Bureau of Meteorology is forecasting a hotter and drier summer which, coupled with other risks we have identified, suggest we have a challenging summer awaiting us. But while we know that unexpected events can and do happen, particularly when the power system is under pressure and most prone to failure, AEMO is confident the plans we have made and the targeted actions we have taken in collaboration with the wider energy industry and governments, have appropriately equipped us to tackle any unforeseeable events the upcoming summer might bring," said Ms Zibelman.

These actions have led to the sourcing of up to 930 megawatts of off-market reserves through the Reliability and Emergency Trader (RERT) mechanism. This initiative enables AEMO to have sufficient resources to manage potential high risk scenarios that typically occur in summer, such as extreme or extended heatwaves, bushfires and/or unplanned infrastructure outages.



## Summer 2018-19 Readiness Plan

November 2018

A report for the National Electricity Market

# Questions?