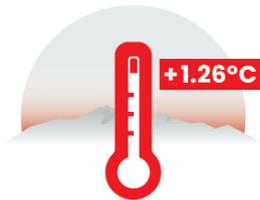


State of our atmosphere and climate



Greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere have increased steadily since pre-industrial times.



Average annual air temperatures are rising.



Annual rainfall is changing. The south is becoming wetter and the north and east are becoming drier.



Extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and severe.



Changes in our atmosphere and climate are reflected through changes in our ecosystems and taonga species, altering ngā tohu o te taiao (environmental indicators).

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