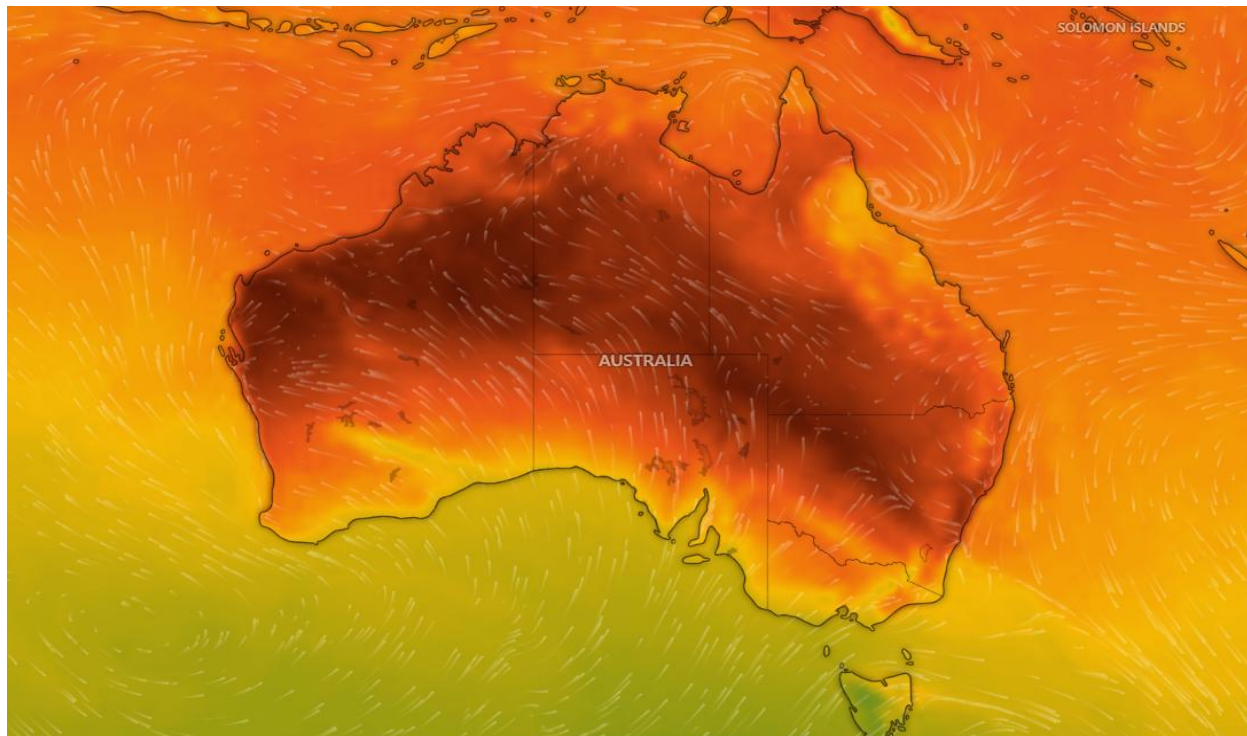


Extreme Heatwave & Elevated Forest Fire Risk in Australia



Valid: For Next One Week

Affected Areas

Large parts of southeastern and southern Australia, including Victoria, southern New South Wales, South Australia, and inland southeastern regions, with highest impacts across Victoria, including areas near Melbourne, Wodonga, Longwood, and surrounding rural and forested zones.

Hazard Types

Extreme Heat, Severe Heat Stress, Bushfires / Wildfires.

Hazard Summary

Extreme heatwave conditions are affecting wide areas of Australia due to persistent hot and dry atmospheric conditions. Maximum temperatures are forecast to exceed 40–42°C, particularly across southeastern regions, accompanied by strong winds and very low humidity. These conditions have significantly elevated the risk of severe to catastrophic bushfires, with ongoing fires already impacting rural areas, infrastructure, and transport corridors. The combination of extreme heat, gusty winds, and the potential for dry thunderstorms and lightning is likely to further aggravate fire behavior and spread. Authorities advise avoiding bushfire prone areas and remaining alert to emergency instructions as hazardous conditions persist.