

Special Issue

Heat Wave, Bush Fire and Air-Quality: Impacts on Respiratory Health

Message from the Guest Editors

A heatwave is a condition where there is a considerable increase in temperature which lasts for a prolonged period of time, mostly for two to three days. The cause of air trapping is a temperature difference of the atmosphere. With a broader viewpoint, the primary reason for both bushfires and heatwaves is high temperature. Emissions from bushfire smoke significantly affect the air-quality, and bushfire smoke contains ultrafine particular matter 2.5 (PM_{2.5}), which when inhaled is able to penetrate the deeper lungs compared to larger particles such as PM₁₀. Ultrafine particles in lung can cause inflammation in the respiratory system and may also enter the bloodstream. People with existing respiratory health conditions such as asthma are at an even higher risk of exacerbating their quality of life. This special issue aims to construct a precise understanding of how heatwaves, bushfires associated air quality impact on public respiratory health. This Special Issue is open to any subject area related to the topics of heatwave, bush fire, air quality and associated public respiratory health. The listed keywords suggest a selection of subject areas.

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