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## **Climate change: What exactly does the latest science mean for the planet and our island?**

A world renowned Professor of Meteorology will deliver a free public lecture on climate change at UTAS tomorrow night (Friday 26 November 2010).

Prof. David Karoly is an ARC Federation Fellow in the School of Earth Sciences at the University of Melbourne.

He will deliver a lecture titled: *Climate change: What exactly does the latest science mean for the planet and our island?*

Dr Erica Bell, Deputy Director of the University Department of Rural Health and climate change and health research program leader said that this event is an opportunity for Tasmanians to hear first-hand from a world expert in the climate change field.

“Prof. Karoly is an international leader in climate change science and was involved, through several different roles, in the preparation of the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released in 2007,” Dr Bell said.

“He was also chosen for this community event because he also has the rare talent of being able to make complex scientific evidence both accessible and engaging for general audiences.”

The IPCC was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007, jointly with Al Gore.

After the talk, Dr Bell will chair a public discussion, during which members of the audience can ask their own questions about climate change.

“Tasmanians want and need to have clear, evidence-based advice about climate change,” said Dr Bell.

“This forum also offers space for the kind of thoughtful questioning that I have seen among many Tasmanians who can already see the effects of climate change in their communities.”

The lecture is presented by the University Department of Rural Health as part of the UTAS Department of Rural Health’s Climate Change and Health research program.

**Event Details:**

**What: Free public lecture by Prof. David Karoly**

**When: Friday 26 November 2010 6 -8pm**

**Where: Stanley Burbury Theatre, University Centre, Sandy Bay**