



# Odds favour warmer season across northern Queensland

The latest seasonal temperature odds from the Bureau's National Climate Centre show moderate to strong swings towards above average temperatures in the tropics and southwest WA.

For the **May to July** period the chances of above average *seasonal daytime temperatures* are between 60 and 75% across the northern half of Queensland (see Figure 1). So with climate patterns like the current, about 6 to 7 seasons out of every 10 are expected to be warmer than average across these parts of the country, with about 3 to 4 out of 10 being cooler. The chances of above median seasonal maximum temperatures are closer to the long-term 50% across the southern half of the state. These probabilities have resulted from higher than average sea temperatures in both the tropical Pacific and Indian Oceans.

The objective statistical outlook model has moderate to high reliability over the northern half of Queensland for the May to July period, but lower reliability across the southern half of the state (see background on page 1).

The chances of above average *seasonal minimum temperatures* are between 65 and 80% across Queensland (see Figure 2). This means the chances of BELOW median seasonal minimum temperature are between 20 and 35% across the state. The minimum temperature outlooks for the May to July period have moderate to high reliability across the state.

## Background Information:

- These outlooks are for the average maximum and minimum temperatures for the entire outlook period. Information about whether individual days or weeks may be unusually hot or cold, is unavailable.
- This outlook uses data from both the Pacific and Indian Oceans, both of which are warmer than average.
- This outlook represents a summary: more detail is available from the contact people or web site listed below.
- Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are shown on page 3.

*The national text, with colour maps, is also on the WEB at [http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/ahead/temps\\_ahead.shtml](http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/ahead/temps_ahead.shtml).*

Fig.1: Chance that max temps averaged over May-July will be above median (warmer)

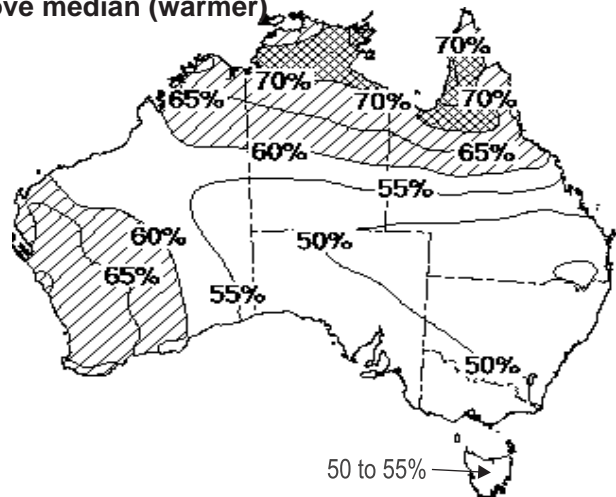
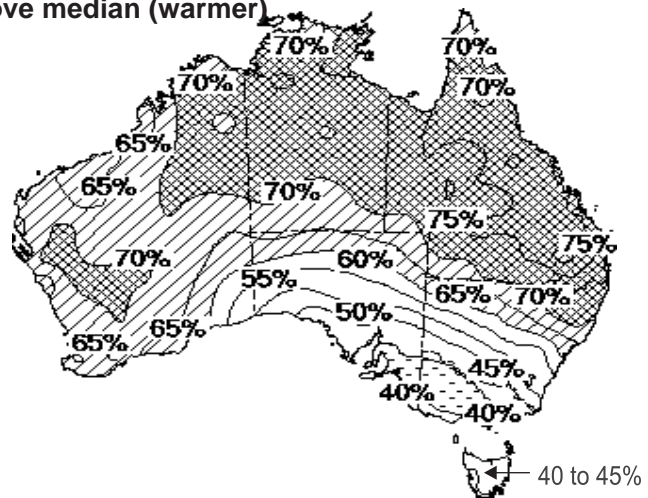


Fig.2: Chance that min temps averaged over May-July will be above median (warmer)



More information on this outlook is available from 9:00am to 5:00pm (EST) Monday to Friday by contacting the Climate and Consultancy section in the Bureau's Brisbane Office: (07) 3239 8669 or (07) 3239 8666.