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### **The Effects of Climate Change on Coral Bleaching – AUSMEPA releases new educational program.**

Mr. Michael Julian, AUSMEPA's Executive Director said today in announcing the release of AUSMEPA's latest internet based school education program that climate change is very much in the news today and this new program will help school students understand climate change and its impact on the marine environment, in particular the world's coral reefs.

AUSMEPA's new education program "The Effects of Climate Change on Coral Bleaching" is available to all schools on its website [www.ausmepa.org.au](http://www.ausmepa.org.au). The program has been designed for school students in their middle years and brings together the science of coral reefs, rising sea temperatures, the impact of climate change, reduction of greenhouse gasses by the shipping industry and others as well as actions that students and the community can take to limit the impact of climate change.

This is a free resource for teachers and students providing —a complete unit of work to meet their curriculum needs. For students the research material is in an easy to read style, based on current literacy criteria. The downloadable teacher's curriculum material provides a range of student activities and assessment ideas.

A free Coral Bleaching and Climate Change poster can be requested from the AUSMEPA website. See attached.

This is the second education program available to schools on the AUSMEPA website, the first deals with the issues of marine debris, the introduction of marine pests in ships' ballast water and hull fouling.

These education programs are provided by AUSMEPA to meet the objective of making all users of the marine environment more aware of the importance of its protection for future generations.

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