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***Indigenous Climate Change Adaptation Perspectives:
Understanding Urban and Peri-urban Indigenous People's
Vulnerability and Adaptive Capacity to Climate Change***

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The National Climate Change Adaptation Research Plan: Indigenous Communities (2011) highlighted that research on Indigenous communities and climate change, including the variables of impacts, vulnerability and adaptive capacity, and adaptation has been limited. While most research has focused on identifying the biophysical impacts of climate change, a minority of studies have considered the Indigenous knowledge and peoples whom continue to reside in Australia and care for 'country'. The report concluded that "there is a need for research that expands knowledge about these and other dimensions of Indigenous adaptation to climate change." This paper reviews work in progress on a NCCARF funded research project that is seeking to investigate select coastal urban and peri-urban Indigenous community vulnerability to, and capacity for climate change adaptation. Working collaboratively with Indigenous communities resident in Adelaide, Heywood/Portland, Mornington Peninsula, Stradbroke Island and Brisbane, it seeks to explore and articulate strategies that enhance Indigenous capacity to climate change including possible protocols, frameworks, processes and procedures that may lead directly to a more informed appreciation of what is transpiring around Australia's coastal peri-urban regions for their Indigenous communities who still hold strong bonds and responsibilities to their 'country'.