

# **Australia's Hottest Day on Record 1828**

**Not 2019, BUT 1828 at a blistering 53.9 °C**

Back before man-made climate change was frying Australia, when CO<sub>2</sub> was around 300ppm, the continent savoured an ideal pre-industrial climate.... **RIGHT?**

*This is the kind of climate we are spending \$10bn per annum to get back to... Right again?*

We are told today's climate has more records and more extremes than times gone by, but the few records we have from the early 1800s are eye-popping. Things were not just hotter, but so wildly hot it burst thermometers.

The earliest temperature records we have show that Australia was a land of shocking heatwaves and droughts, except for when it was bitterly cold or raging in flood.

*In other words, nothing has changed, except possibly things might not be quite so hot now!*

Silliggy (Lance Pidgeon) has been researching records from early explorers and from newspapers.

*What he's uncovered is fascinating! It's as if history is being erased!*

For all that we hear about recent record-breaking climate extremes, records that are equally extreme, and sometimes even more so, are ignored.

In January 1896 a savage blast "like a furnace" stretched across Australia from east to west and lasted for weeks.

*The death toll reached 437 people in the eastern states.*