



# VICTORIA 2008 State of the Environment

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within our  
Environment  
Are We?  
Can We?

 **Commissioner**  
Environmental Sustainability  
Victoria

# The State of the Environment

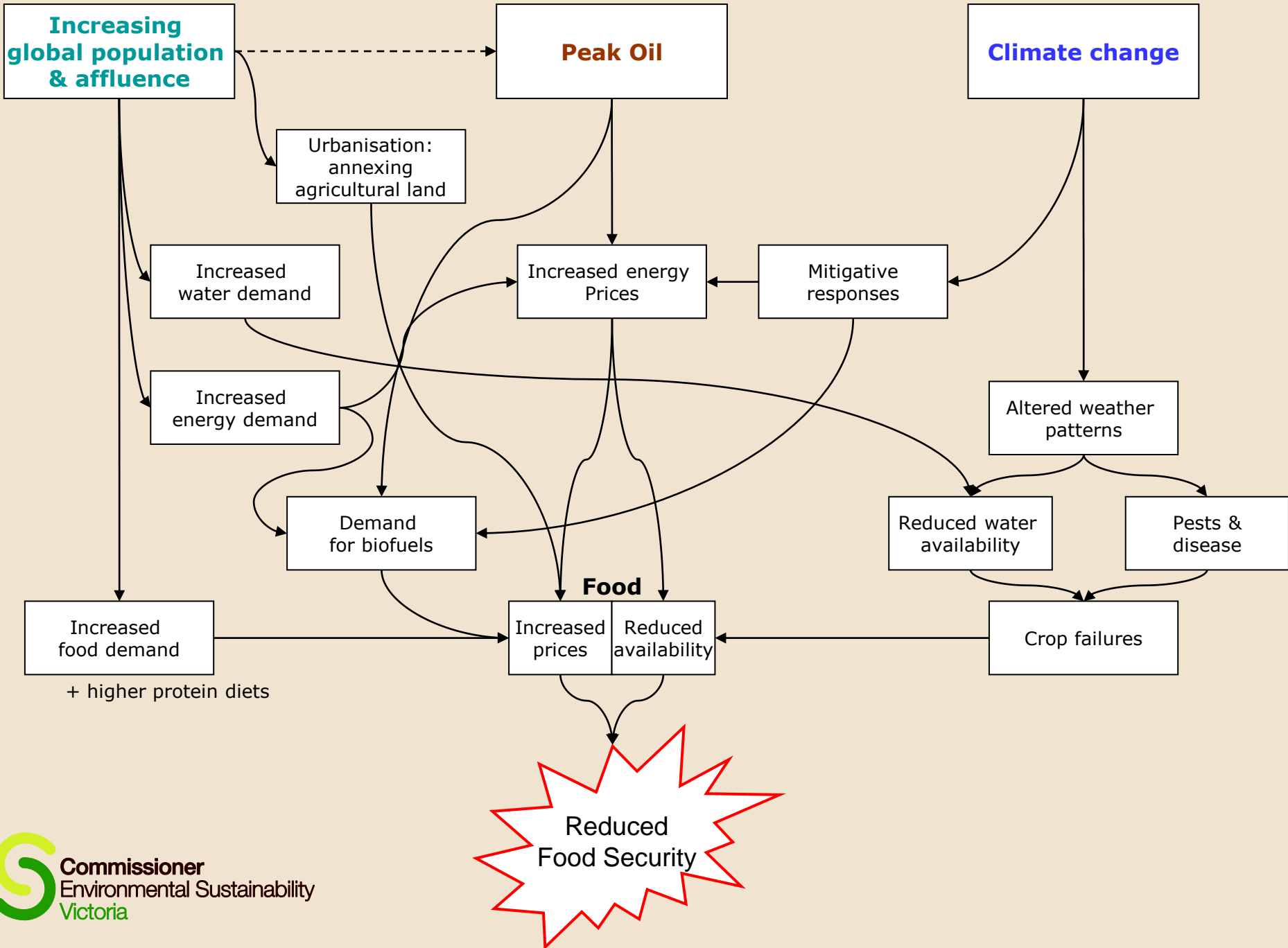
Dr. Ian McPhail, Commissioner



# Report framework

Driving force	Pressure	State	Implication	Response
A description of key drivers of environmental change	A discussion of direct pressures on the environment from production, consumption and waste of key resources	Description of the current state of environmental issues	Description of some pressures that are specific to the issues and their implications for the current state	A brief overview of management responses implemented to address the issue

Part 1	Part 2	Part 3	Part 4	Part 5
Introduction	Driving Forces	<b>Production, Consumption and Waste</b>  3.1 Energy  3.2 Water Resources  3.3 Materials	<b>State of the Environment</b>  4.1 Atmosphere  4.2 Land and Biodiversity  4.3 Inland Waters  4.4 Coasts, Estuaries and the Sea	Living Well Within Our Environment



# **Some Recommendations** relevant to food security

## **Part 3.1 Energy**

*...The Victorian Government should ensure that any support to the biofuels industry is directed at technologies that deliver positive life cycle benefits...*

## **Part 3.2 Water**

*...The practice of managing surface and groundwater as a single inter connected system needs to be implemented over Victoria...*

## **Part 5: Living Well within our environment**

*...The Victorian Government should develop and monitor indices of social resilience, measuring all its elements (for example, innovation, diversity, distributed systems and the ability to embrace change)...*