



COPRRRA Pulse: Recent Research, Policy & News on Planned Relocation

The COPRRRA Pulse brings together the latest news, research, policy developments and events relevant to planned relocation, retreat, and community resilience in Australia and globally.

Planned Relocation & Retreat in the News: Australia

- **Australia's insurance crisis deepens**
ABC 7.30 Report, 23 October 2025: Australia is facing an insurance crisis driven by climate change.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRlozIq9-28>
- **Flood buyback homes selling for \$1 in NSW**
ABC News, 12 November 2025: A buyback property sold for as little as one dollar, illustrating the profound impacts of climate-driven housing risk.
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-11-12/house-sells-for-one-dollar-at-flood-buyback-auction-in-nsw/106000336>
- **Australia's bold buy-back scheme**
Channel 9 A Current Affair, 20 November 2025: explores household experiences with relocation and buy-backs.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IgiJ6j0G3Ls>

Global Spotlight: Coalition on Dignified Climate Relocation

- A growing global coalition of frontline leaders, civil society actors, researchers and practitioners advancing rights-based and community-driven relocation. New members welcome.
<https://www.climaterelocation.org>

Research & Policy Developments on (and related to) Planned Relocation

- **The Australian Housing Affordability Trap:** How environmental, institutional, and structural factors can immobilize Australian households in the face of extreme weather events – A case study on flooding. *Plass & Zinn, 2025*
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.crm.2025.100713>
- **UNHCR IPEG Expert Commentary:** When a community must relocate because environmental risk is too great.
<https://www.unhcr.org/media/ipeg-expert-commentary-when-community-has-relocate-because-environmental-risk-simply-too>



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Community of Practice on
Relocation, Retreat, and
Resilience in Australia

- **Open Access Book: Climate Change, Human Rights, and Adaptive Mobility**
Lauren Sakae Nishimura, Oxford University Press
<https://lnkd.in/gjDnMVtz>
- **Funding Futures: Access to Funding for Planned Relocation as Loss and Damage**
A comprehensive 2025 report mapping global funding pathways, evidence gaps, and practical lessons for financing relocation. *Platform on Disaster Displacement, 2025*
- **Nansen Initiative +10**
A 10-year stocktake of progress on disaster displacement and international protection.
<https://climatemobility.unsw.edu.au/blog/>

Planned Relocation at COP30

- **WIM Executive Committee Session: From Knowledge to Action**
Featuring Fiji's national planned relocation guidelines, with insights shared by Mr. Daniel Lund, Adviser to the Permanent Secretary for Environment & Climate Change (slides 34 - 52)
https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/WIM%20ExCom_COP30%20Side%20Event%20Session%20Slides.pdf#page=35
- **Key Messages from the Platform on Disaster Displacement**
The priorities and recommendations identified by the Platform on Disaster Displacement at COP30 to continue building momentum for the integration of displacement and human mobility (migration, displacement and planned relocation) in the Loss and Damage architecture
<https://disasterdisplacement.org/resource/key-messages-for-cop30/>

Webinars & Events and other things

- **Australian Climate Service – National Climate Risk Assessment Webinars**
A thematic series exploring issues arising from the risk assessment, which have implications for relocation e.g. Australia's future climate and hazards; Climate risks to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; People and communities <https://www.acs.gov.au/>
- **Social Capital & Infrastructure Measurement Framework**
Recently launched by **Resilience Ready** and **NEMA**, providing a national framework for measuring 'people connections' and 'the places that foster trust and connection'. The framework has been piloted in three South Australian locations and has important implications for relocation planning, particularly in understanding how community cohesion and social infrastructure may enable or constrain successful relocation. <https://sociabli.resilientready.org>