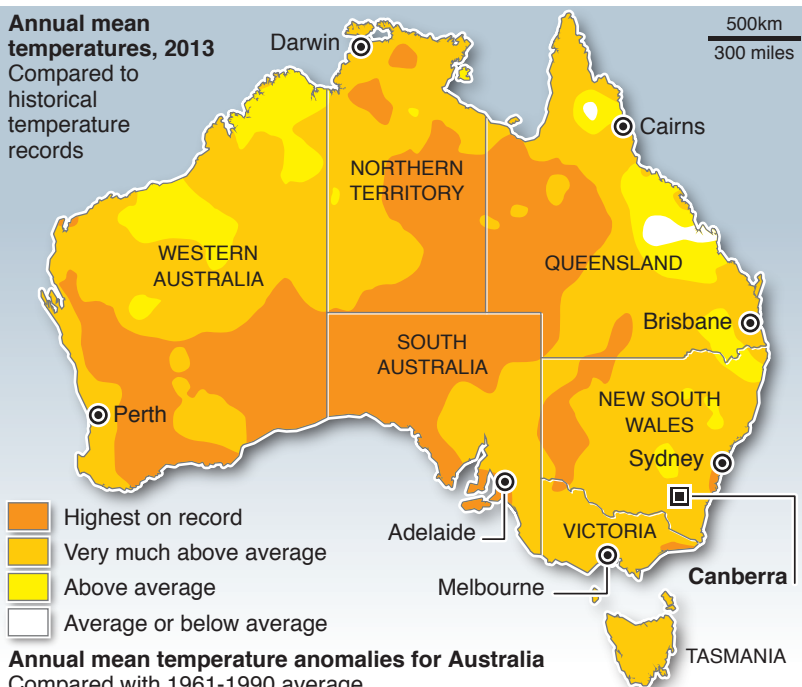# Australia experiences hottest year on record

Australia has endured its hottest year on record, according to the Bureau of Meteorology, with annual national mean temperatures 1.2°C above the long-term average

Annual mean temperatures, 2013
Compared to historical temperature records

500km
300 miles

Darwin

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Cairns

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

QUEENSLAND

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Brisbane

Perth

NEW SOUTH WALES

Sydney

Adelaide

VICTORIA

Canberra

Melbourne

TASMANIA

Legend:
- Highest on record
- Very much above average
- Above average
- Average or below average

Annual mean temperature anomalies for Australia
Compared with 1961-1990 average

Temperature anomalies (°C)
10-year moving average

(Y-axis: 1.25, 1.00, 0.75, 0.50, 0.25, 0.00, -0.25, -0.50, -0.75, -1.00, -1.25)
(X-axis: 1910, 1920, 1930, 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010)

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