

# **THE WINTER FORECAST**

## **FOR THE MDB REGIONS 2026**



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### **EL NINO-DRIVEN GLOBAL WARMING FORCES ARE VERY STRONG ALREADY**

Strong planetary alignments during the first four months of 2026 have arrested the persistent global cooling trends of the last two years, and caused a little warming. The global average crashed from +0.94°C in April 2024, down to +0.30°C last December. However, just one month of El Nino has caused the month of May to warm +0.14°C.

Hence, a rapid global warming surge has re-started. Global temperatures have now shot back up to +0.53°C. I forecast that a new record-high temperature will be set during this El Nino event.

### **HEAVY EARLY AUTUMN RAINS WERE HELPED BY PLANETARY & LUNAR AIR TIDES**

Strong planetary forces and peaking Lunar Air Tides forces were the main drivers of the above-average rains that fell during late Summer / early Autumn in many regions of Australia.

However, those positive forces have now switched back to be strong negative forces and will remain that way for most of Winter. Hence, below-average Winter rains are forecast for eastern Australia.

During late Winter, we will again see positive planetary forces and positive northeast Lunar Air Tide forces which will promote better Spring rains ... but strong negative El Nino forces may overpower these positive rain drivers!

### **EL NINO FORCES WILL DRIVE MORE COOL SEA UPWELLING**

The upwelling of cool seas along coastal regions is a strong drought driver for Australia. El Nino forces are helping to drive this upwelling near QLD. Currently, about 75% of Australia is already surrounded by cool coastal seas.

A notable recent exception was along the east coast, where warm sea helped to drive last month's good rain events in Southern QLD and northern NSW. That local warm sea surface is now rapidly cooling off, due to El Nino.

### **LOW LEVELS OF HIGH-ALTITUDE ATMOSPHERIC MOISTURE WILL BE ANOTHER DROUGHT DRIVER**

During the last two years the MDB has been heavily impacted by this anomaly, due to a global trend of reducing high-altitude atmospheric moisture levels, and the presence of cool local coastal seas around most of Australia.

I forecast that it will take another two years before the upper atmospheric moisture level can be recharged again.

This El Nino event is just what is needed to re-prime that system before the next La Nina-enhanced wetter climate cycle can kick in again (forecast for 2029-2031). Remember the old saying: "no pain, no gain".

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**IN BRIEF: A high risk of below-average rain during June-July.**

Negative planetary forces and the drier transition phase of the Lunar Air Tides forces will combine with the building El Nino anomaly to deliver well-below-average rain for the Winter / Spring / Summer periods.

Cooling SST along the Australian east coast regions (driven by El Nino) will result in continuing drought. The drier transition phase of the Lunar Air Tide cycle will dominate the Winter months.

Record-low moisture levels in the upper atmosphere will maintain a negative rain force until after El Nino.

MDB reservoirs will remain at low levels with minimal inflows during this Winter / Spring / summer season. Many farm dams will dry up next Summer. This will be a great opportunity to clean and enlarge them.

This is necessary in preparation for longer periods of dry climate which will return soon after 2032.

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