

What will be the impact on children and future generations if we take no immediate action on



by anyone aged 55 in the year 2020 in their remaining lifetime under any warming scenario. The catastrophic consequences for children and future generations of failing to act on climate is of profound concern to Prof Hayward who has contributed as an author to several reports in the Sixth Assessment cycle of the IPCC.

However, action is still possible, and cities emerge as a key site for change. Recent IPCC estimates suggest cities are sites of over 70 percent of global CO2 emissions, therefore cities provide an obvious place for solutions and community action. By 2050, around 70 per cent of the world's children will be living in urban areas, many in informal settlements. Hayward and her IPCC co-authors highlight that climate impacts will be felt disproportionately in urban areas, with marginalized communities, including young people, being most affected.



