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Climate change and Māori health

Climate change is regarded by many experts as the biggest global health threat of the 21st century. In Aotearoa, Māori will almost certainly be disproportionately affected and government responses could exacerbate these inequalities. This seminar will examine the likely effects of climate change on Māori health, and identify actions that can mitigate the risks while at the same time improving Māori wellbeing and reducing inequities. We will also discuss the role of Māori academics in responding to this major threat to our communities.

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