



## ECO-WORRIERS ALL AT SEA

### LONDON

Extinction Rebellion protesters have sailed a house down the River Thames in a bid to draw attention to rising sea levels.

Stunning pictures show the property, complete with aerial, chimney and burglar alarm, floating near the Tower of London as it heads towards Tower Bridge.

It comes after the Metropolitan Police's London-wide protest ban was ruled unlawful in the High Court, meaning the eco-group could receive millions of pounds worth of compensation in false imprisonment claims.

Sea levels have risen on average 12½-20cm

worldwide since 1900, according to Smithsonian Ocean, and it claims the levels are expected to rise even more quickly towards the end of this century.

The shocking images show the house, which appears to contain one room, bobbing down the capital's river before reportedly sinking.

In a post on Twitter, the group wrote: "This morning, a house was seen floating then sinking into the Thames in an attempt to send an SOS to the government on climate inaction."

"As the ongoing UK flooding disasters have so starkly illustrated, our homes, businesses and

families are at very real risk."

Torrential downpours amounting to a month's worth of rain across the Midlands and Northern England this week led to floods which swept the former high sheriff of Derbyshire, Annie Hall, to her death.

The ferocious floodwaters also caused hundreds of families to be evacuated as homes, businesses and railway lines were submerged.

Scientists have predicted sea levels may rise from between less than a metre to as high as 5m by 2100. The 2017 National Climate Assessment found a rise of 2.4m was possible by the same year.

# The scary reality of youth jobs epidemic

## Why early intervention is key to helping our kids

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Stemming youth unemployment starts in childhood by addressing academic issues earlier to avoid kids being jobless in later life, according to a new report

The report, — a collaboration between Telethon Kids, the Minderoo Foundation, The Front Project, the Early Learning Intervention Foundation and Woodside — reveals Australia spends \$15.2 billion-a-year on late intervention in children's overall health — which leads to high youth unemployment, youth crime and homelessness.

Youth unemployment is twice the national average, 11.5 per cent compared with 5.3 per cent, and is the third most expensive issue in Australia, costing \$2 billion-a-year behind youth crime and child protection.

While in WA, youth unemployment is the second most expensive issue.

"We realise there is a new urgency to embrace the potential returns that come with early intervention. Australia has an ageing population, a declining tax base, increased intergenerational disadvantage and growing social issues in many communities," the partnership said.

Jane Miller, partnership director for Connecting Community for Kids, said youth unemployment was a result of children falling behind at school, and not getting help fast enough.

The organisation deals directly with children with developmental delays by going into communities to check on ear health.

"We found that people were on wait lists but not for the right thing, so very often they'd be on a speech wait list, but it might

actually be something to do with their hearing for ears," she said.

"When you've got 18-year-olds who are largely illiterate, and haven't developed those social connections because of a variety of different reasons, they've been isolated, it's very difficult to try and support them and developing work ethic, you're going back to basics, and when literacy is so poor, hearing has a lot to do with it."

"We wanted to raise awareness around, that yes, this is a problem in Aboriginal communities and it's a problem for Aboriginal children more than the general population, but it's actually a problem for all children, and it has significant impacts on their development. We had 59 per cent of children who needed follow-up screening of their ears, 11 per cent were Aboriginal children."

They found a link between ear health and developmental delay with ongoing behaviour and learning issues, which then found the lack of education as a main factor in youth unemployment.

The report was based on a similar model developed in Britain about five years ago. Since releasing their report on early intervention, Tom McBride from the Early Intervention Foundation said getting help for children before their problems become harder — and more expensive to manage has been placed on the political agenda.

"One of the best predictors of, certainly in the UK context of youth unemployment, is always educational failure," he said.

"People have bought into the idea that early intervention is important, but as soon as you inject numbers into it look at trends over time, it creates a bit more energy and debate."

## Man dies in CBD car crash

A pedestrian has died after being hit by a car in West Perth.

The man in his 50s was struck about 8.55pm on Sunday by a white Honda Civic travelling north on George Street near the intersection of Hay Street.

He was treated at the scene by St John Ambulance paramedics before being taken to Royal Perth

The driver of the Civic, a man aged in his 30s, is assisting officers with their investigation.

Police have called on anyone who saw the crash, or the vehicle or pedestrian prior to the incident, to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or

## Daenerys would kill to be 007

Emilia Clarke is eager to play James Bond in a new film.

Daniel Craig is expected to walk away from the international spy role after No Time to Die is released in April. The Game of Thrones star who played Daenerys Targaryen would be thrilled to step in as 007.

"James Bond is one of those franchises where it's never not cool. You could literally make the naughtiest James Bond in the world and it would still be cool."

The cast of No Time to Die includes Bond veterans Lea Seydoux, Jeffrey Wright, Rory Kinnear, Naomie Harris, Ben Whishaw and Ralph Fiennes.



before being taken to Royal Perth Hospital but later died. to make a report online at | crimestopperswa.com.au. "Yeah! Of course! Hell to the yeah," she told Empire magazine. wnisnaw and kaipn riennes. Rami Malek plays the villain. **Emilia Clarke as Daenerys.**

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