

## THE STORM IN A CENTURY

*"It doesn't matter how bad the lie is, if it is repeated enough times most people will believe it."*

Even though there is not enough additional energy to cause an increase in the number or intensity of catastrophic weather events (See Page 1 of [The Swamp on this website](#)), the Green movement, the Green scientists, the Media, politicians and other luminaries will point to any '**normal**' weather event and claim that it is '**abnormal**' and then blame it on Man and his carbon dioxide.

Example after example of storms are fed to the public and eventually the lie becomes a factoid – something that is wrong but repeated enough times for most to believe it is a fact.

Two weeks before Xmas 2018, a rainstorm delivered over 100mm of rain in Sydney in one day – a month's worth of rain. This event was too good for the Greens in the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) to miss.

Two different Green BOM "spokesmen" announced to the World that this was a "Storm in a Century". With a vested interest in selling newspapers and gaining audience, the Media leapt on the 'bandwagon' and gave this story 'top billing'. Neither the BOM nor the Media checked the facts or, if they did, they deliberately lied to us.

How wrong was this description?

Records of Sydney's weather have been kept since 1858, and these are available to the public. Most Media organisations also keep such records. It would have taken little effort for either the BOM or the Media staff to check these records before they deceived the public.

Since 1858 these records show that Sydney has had 137 days when more than 100mm of rain had fallen. This means that this "Storm in a Century" was, in reality, a "Storm in Eighteen Months".

But maybe this storm dropped the most rain since 1858. Wrong again. When the rainfall of this storm was compared with all the other 137 storms it was ranked as the 115th – not even close to the worse storm.

What makes a mockery of this lie was how bad a lie it was. People who had lived in Sydney for most of their lives could remember several storms that had produced more than 100mm in one day. They might not have realise that on average this happened every eighteen months, but they did know the description of a "Storm in a Century" was very wrong.

Both the BOM and the Media were made aware of this error. That would normally have caused a 'correction' to be published or released by either organisation. Nothing happened.

***“The lie was allowed to run around the World twice before the truth could get its boots on”.***

Welcome to the misbehaviour of the professionals in the Bureau of Meteorology and the Media when it comes to this issue. They will not hesitate to lie to us.

### **Postscript**

Within three months of this storm, there were two more storms that produced more rain in a day than the “Storm in a Century” did. One of these storms occurred in Sydney, with the other one just north of the Sydney boundary.

Surprise, surprise neither the BOM nor the Media made any comment.