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Tropical Pacific warming continues

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Although climate indicators remain at neutral (neither El Niño nor La Niña) levels, the tropical Pacific continues to slowly warm. Climate models surveyed by the Bureau suggest this warming trend will continue over the coming months, with the majority of the models indicating the tropical Pacific will approach or possibly exceed El Niño thresholds by the end of winter. No climate models favour a return to La Niña during the remainder of 2012.

Large parts of eastern Australia are usually, but not always, drier than normal in winter and spring during El Niño events.

The Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) is currently neutral. The Bureau's climate model indicates a possibility of a weak positive IOD event developing during winter or spring.