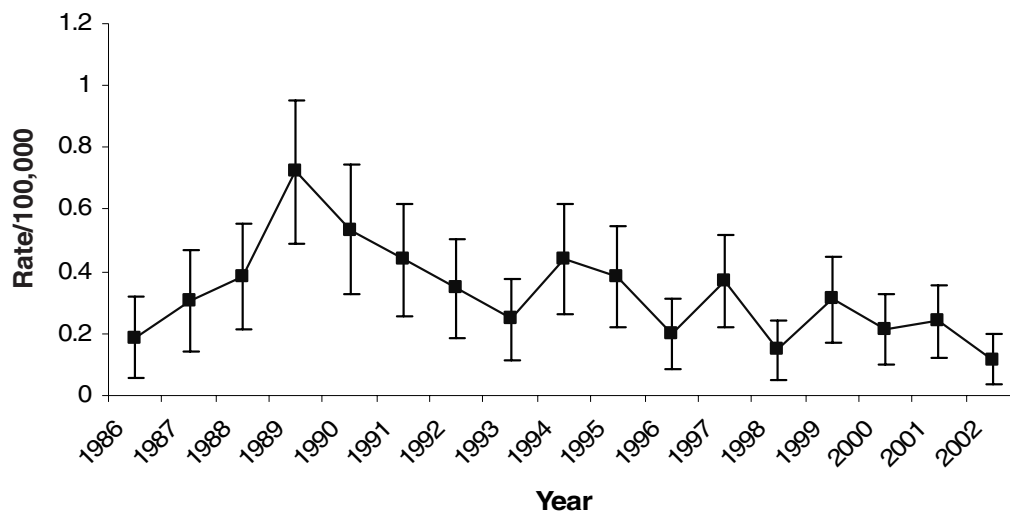


TRENDS IN DEATHS

ASSOCIATED WITH NATURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

- Natural and environmental factors were the twelfth leading cause of injury death in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- Between 1998 and 2002, 67 people died as a result of natural and environmental factors in NSW.
- There was a statistically significant decline in natural and environmental factors death rates in NSW from 1986 to 2002.

Yearly trend in death rates for natural and environmental factors: NSW, 1986-2002



- People aged 80+ years had the highest rates of death due to natural and environmental factors in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- Males accounted for 66% of all natural and environmental factors deaths in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- From 1998 to 2002, *excess temperatures* (55%) were the most common cause of natural and environmental factors death in NSW. Excessive cold caused 76% of all excess temperatures deaths in NSW from 1998 to 2002.



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