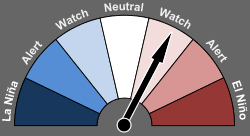
**ENSO Tracker**

**http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/enso/tracker/**

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El Niño WATCH

**Official status of the El Niño–Southern Oscillation**

**Chance of an El Niño in 2014 reduced**

* ***The El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Tracker* status has been revised to El Niño WATCH level, meaning that there is at least a 50% chance of an El Niño occurring in 2014.**
* **Given recent easing in conditions and model outlooks, if an event was to occur it is unlikely to be strong.**

***The Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) index* has been below −0.4 °C (the negative IOD threshold) since mid-June, but needs to remain negative into August to be considered an event.**

* **Model outlooks suggest this negative IOD is likely to be short lived, and return to neutral by spring.**
* **A negative IOD pattern typically brings wetter winter and spring conditions to inland and southern Australia.**