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Working Group I covers the physical science of climate change including what we know about changes in the Earth's climate system and the extent to which we can explain such changes and attribute them to human activities. Dr Manning was responsible for managing much of the Working Group I assessment project over the last five years as well as being one of its more than 150 authors. Draft versions of the report underwent two formal rounds of review during which over 30,000 review comments were received and responded to by the authors. The final Summary for Policymakers was approved line by line by governments in February 2007. The IPCC support unit is hosted by the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR) in Boulder, Colorado, which also manages the National Center for Atmospheric Research, one of the largest climate research centres in the world.

Dr Manning took up his position coordinating the IPCC Working Group I assessment in 2002 at the invitation of the Working Group I Co-chair, Dr Susan Solomon. Prior to this he was a research programme manager in New Zealand, where he lead a multi-million dollar research programme on greenhouse gases, atmospheric and oceanic chemistry, and the global carbon cycle at the National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research. He was heavily involved in previous IPCC assessments as a contributing author, review editor, government delegate representing New Zealand, and member of the IPCC Bureau which acted as an editorial board for the IPCC's Third Assessment. He is the author of over 40 peer reviewed scientific research papers plus numerous book contributions and reports.