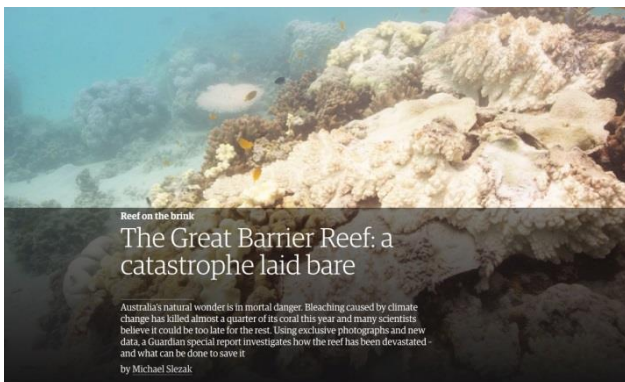


## Media Award for Climate Reporting

### *Winner*

## Michael Slezak, The Guardian Australia – Reports: Climate Change and the Great Barrier Reef

Michael Slezak, environment reporter for the Guardian Australia, helped propel climate change's impact on the Great Barrier Reef into a global story. Slezak exposed murky government action, little known reef damage and policy failure as the reef underwent its worst known crisis. Slezak also found the government censored a UNESCO report on climate and world heritage and that it claimed coalmining would have no effect on the reef. He later obtained and published the censored sections of the UNESCO report.



The Guardian's use of powerful photographs, video, data visualisations and strong interactives made for stunning journalism. Slezak's reporting on the devastation climate change has wreaked on the Reef has held the Australian government to account, and led the world in raising the profile of the issue to one that leads news bulletins internationally.

[View Michael Slezak's coverage here.](#)