catastrophe /kəˈtæstrəfi/ noun

1. a terrible event in which there is a lot of destruction, suffering, or death

2. an event which is very bad for the people involved

ￚsynonym disaster

catastrophic /kætəˈstrɒfɪk/ adj

***Kroger, Hawker join Lateline:***

**I don't think Australians are as easily snowed as a lot of people overseas about the catastrophic effects, which are literally going to happen - seas rising, houses being - sea level rising six metres to wash away houses on the seashore**

***Allegations weightlifter blackmailed team officials:***

**And the result of that almost certainly would have been that Australia would not have qualified a male athlete for the Olympic Games team, which I - in my opinion, would have been catastrophic for the support.**