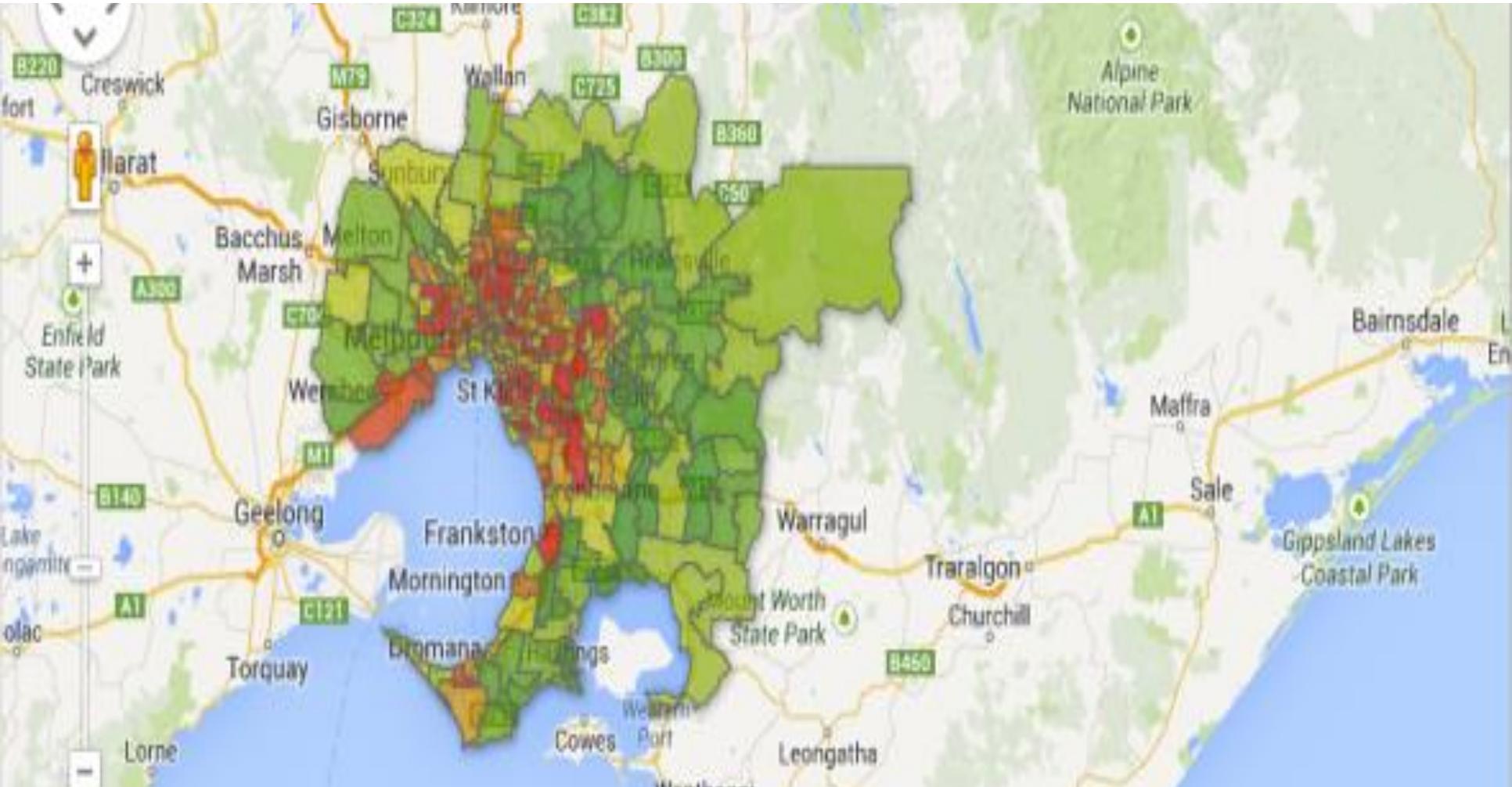


Disaster Resilience: Can the homeless afford it?

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Mapping social vulnerability and natural disasters



Disaster risk, including death, injury, economic loss, psychological damage, is not random, but maps onto existing social inequalities.

Homelessness: its more diverse than we think



Most people experiencing homelessness are children, young adults and single parent families.

Vulnerability risk factors for people experiencing homelessness

- Lack of resources
- Lack of access to services
- Limited social inclusion
- Pre-existing physical, mental and emotional stressors



Disaster preparation and people experiencing homelessness

A photograph showing a person lying on a green blanket inside a cardboard box on a grassy area. The person is wearing a blue jacket and has their head resting on the box. The box is surrounded by other cardboard boxes and debris, including a blue bag and a yellow bag. The scene is outdoors on a grassy area.

No money for purchasing
extra resources
No access to secure shelter
Not always publicly visible

Disaster risk communication and homelessness



No access to communication networks and devices
Negative experiences with authority
Mental illness influences risk perception

Recovery and homelessness



Losing safe places, income and services

Losing hope

Higher risk of post-traumatic stress disorder



Specialist
post-disaster
counselling

Targeted funding
schemes for self-
empowerment

BUILDING DISASTER RESILIENCE

Training for
agencies,
personnel and
homeless
people

Outreach risk
communication