Accounting for society's influence on future disaster risk and how to develop proactive risk management strategies through integrated dynamic risk assessments

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# Two driving principles



## **Prevention is better than cure**

"Better to build a fence at the top of a cliff, than park an ambulance at the bottom"

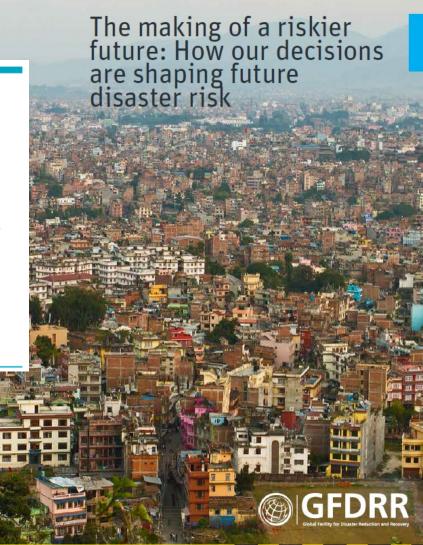
Helen Clark 2015 Sendai



## **Tomorrow's risk is built today**

Tomorrow's risk is being built today. We must therefore move away from risk assessments that show risk at a single point in the present and move instead towards risk assessments that can guide decision makers towards a resilient future.

> Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (2016)







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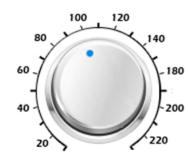
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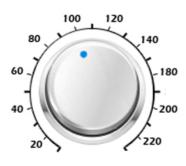
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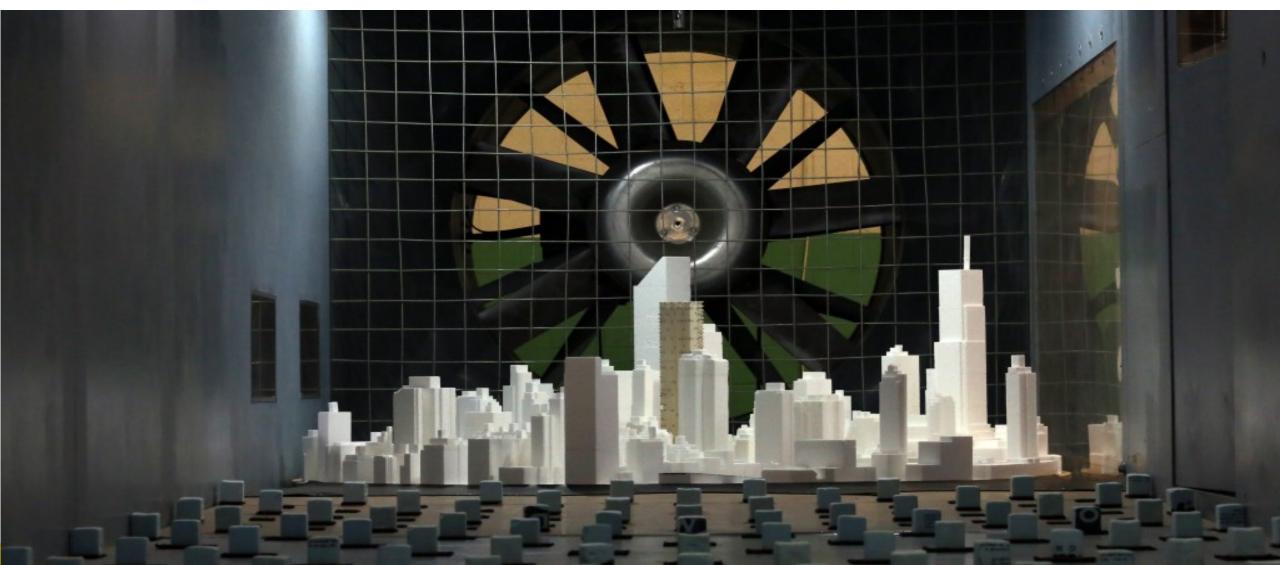


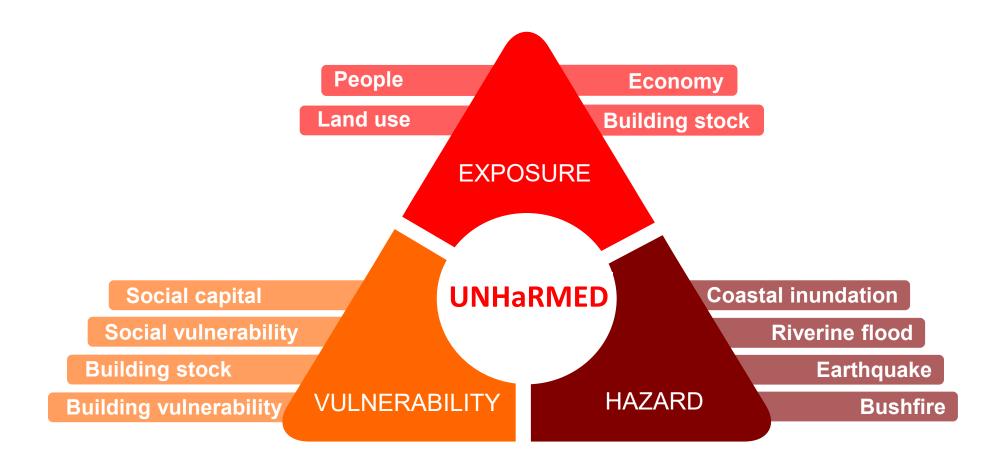
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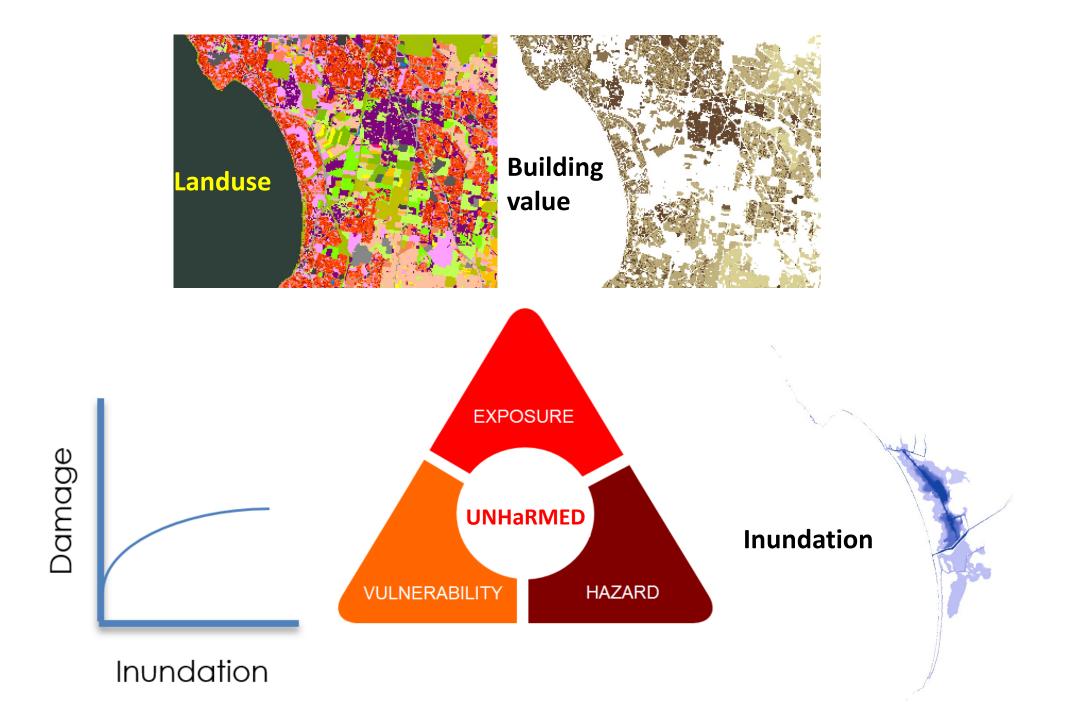
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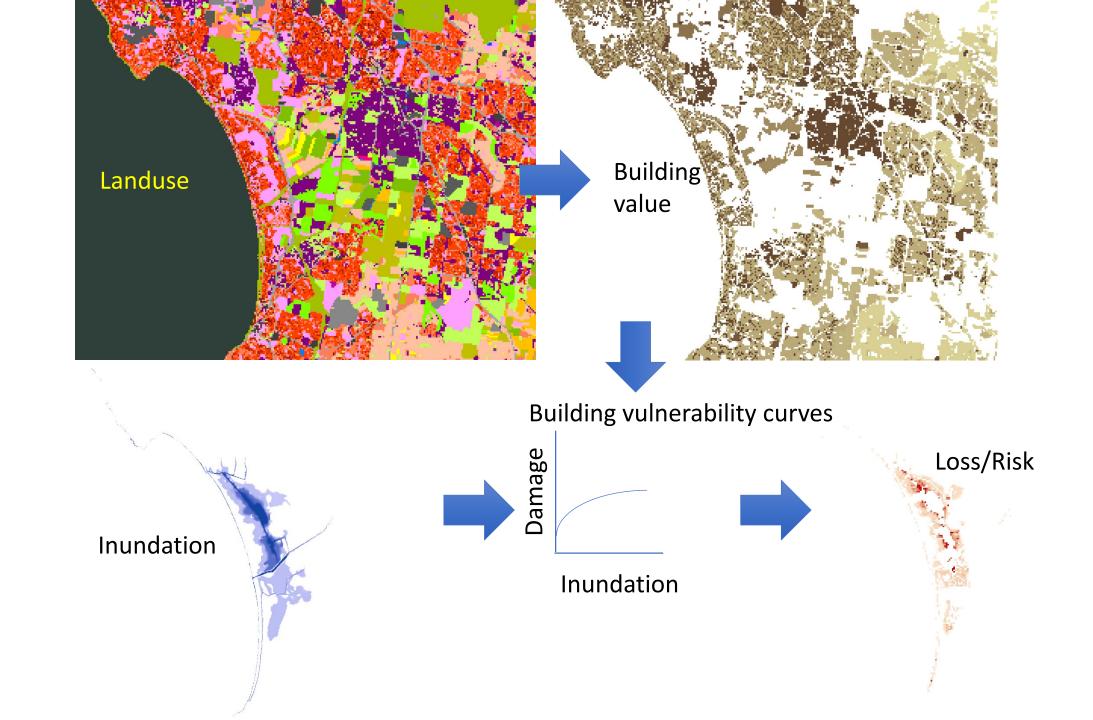


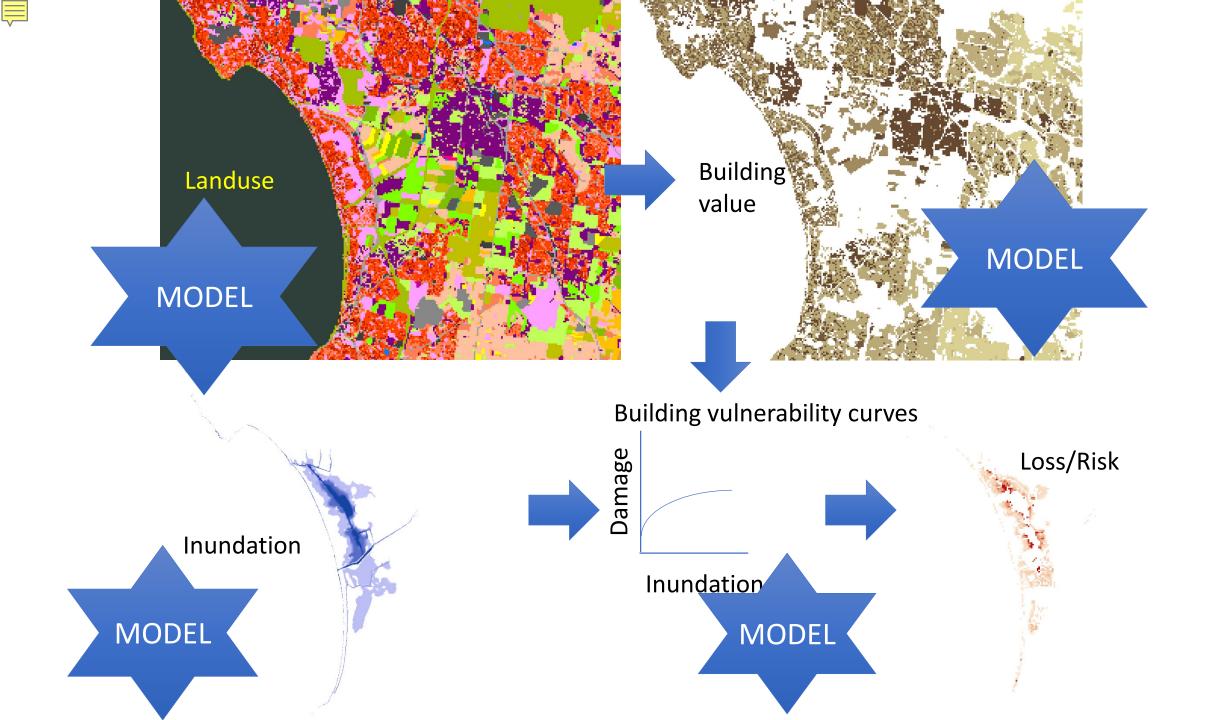
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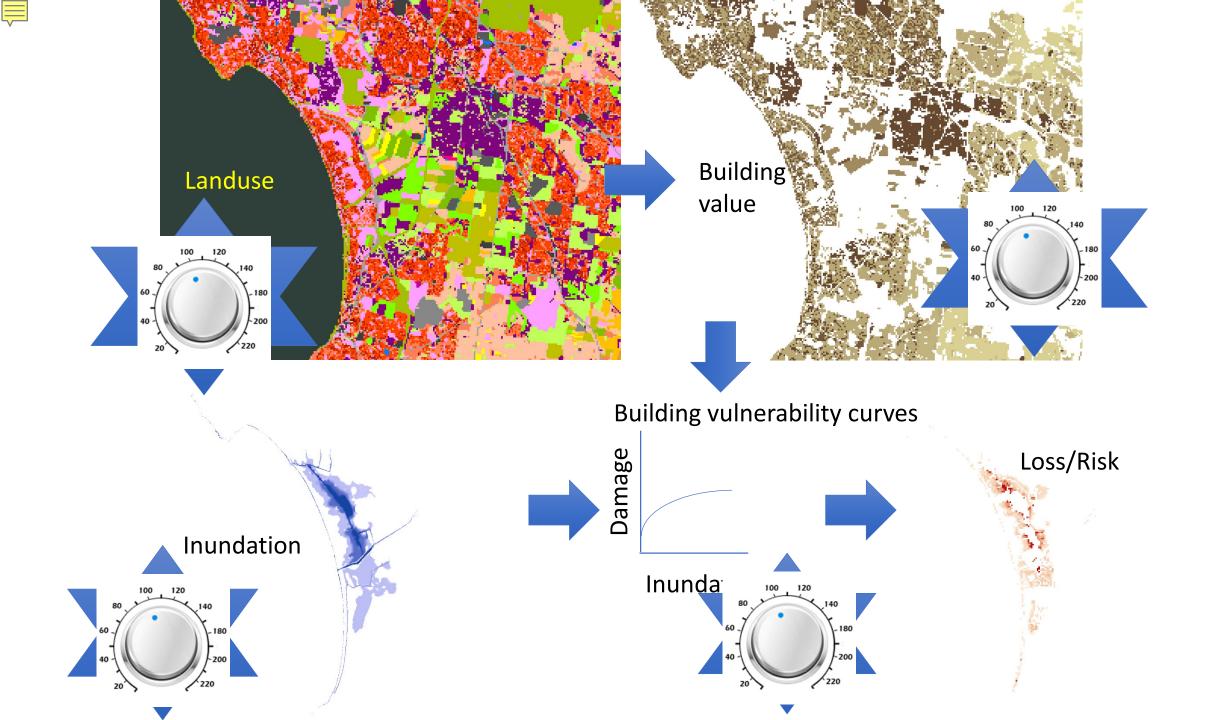


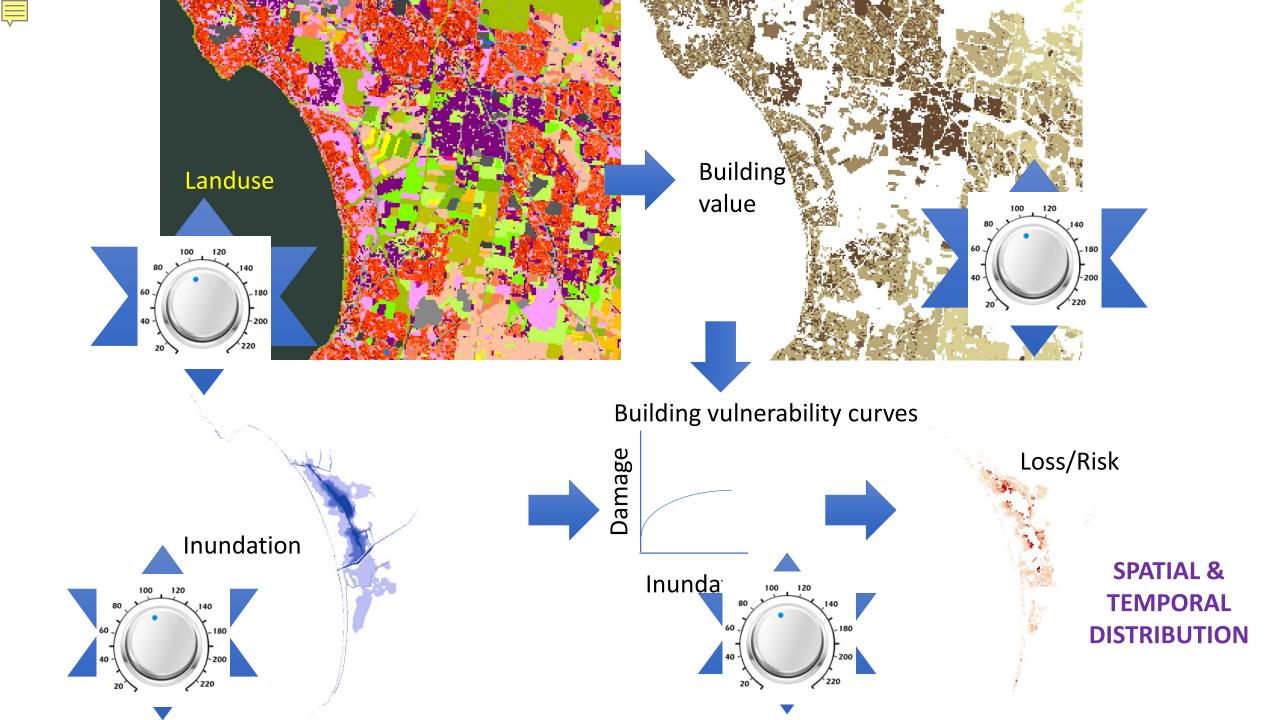


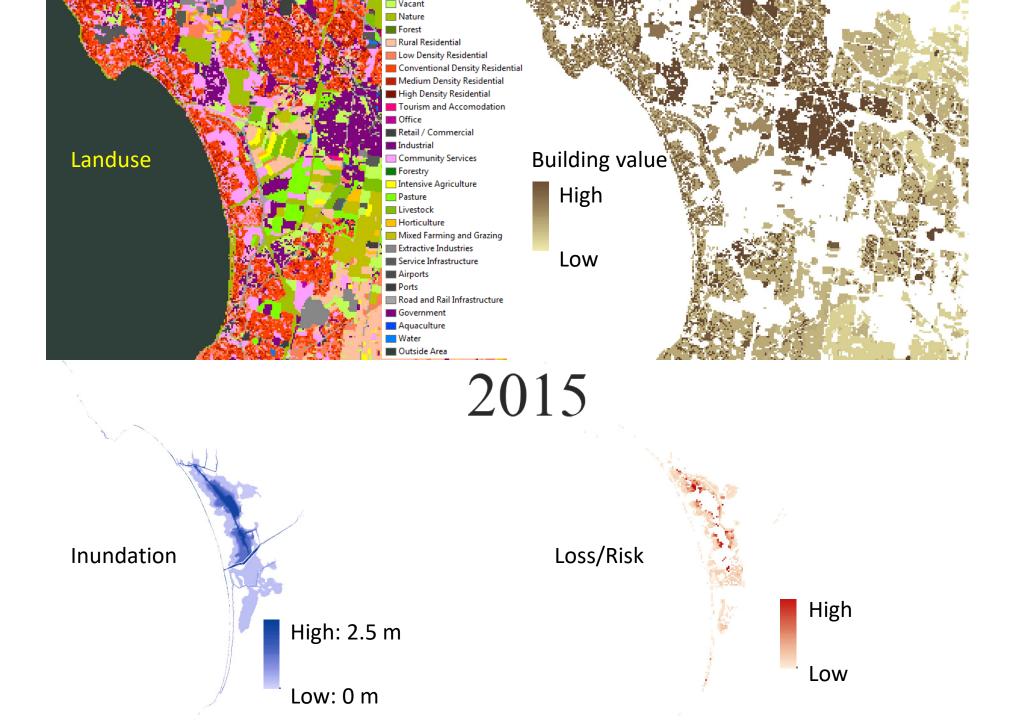


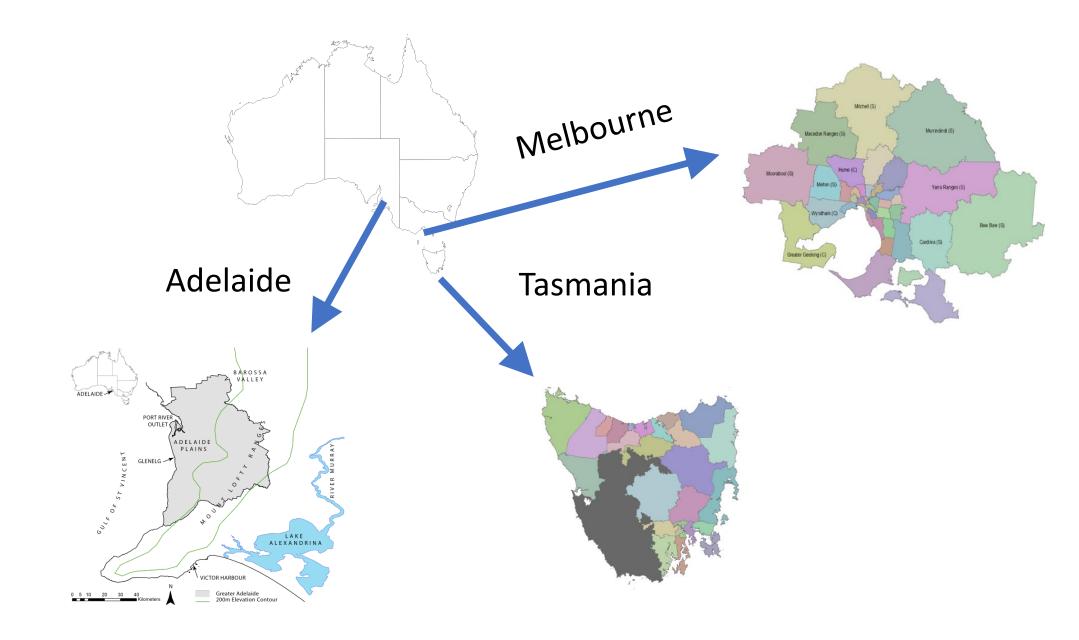


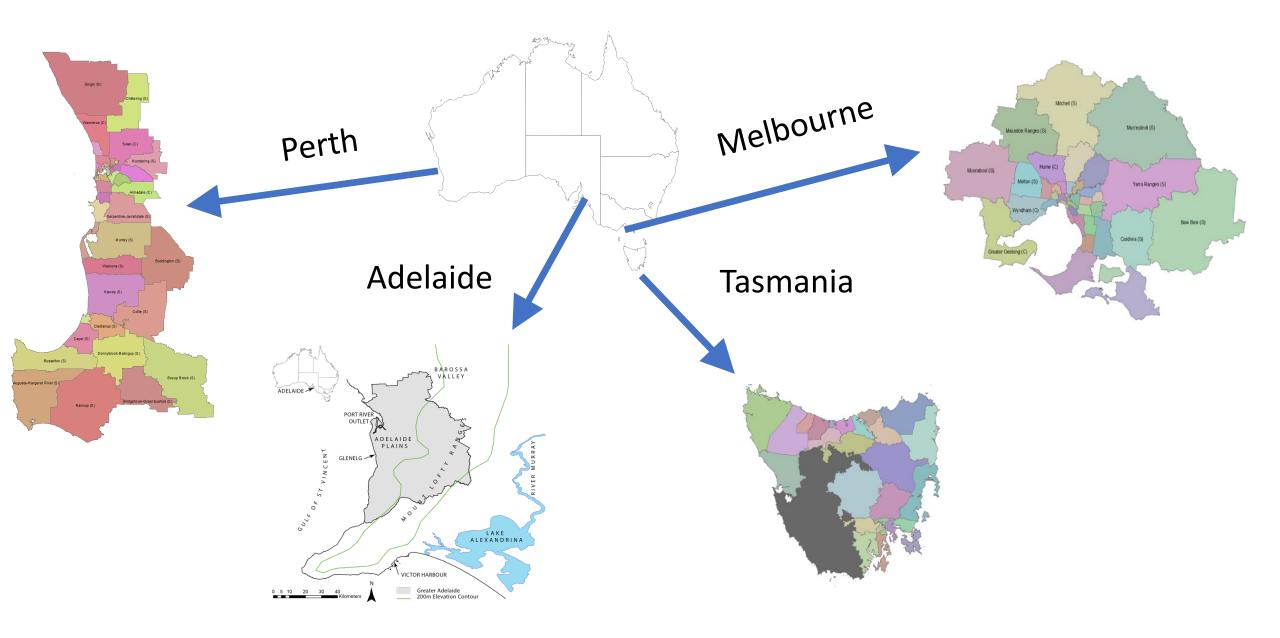
















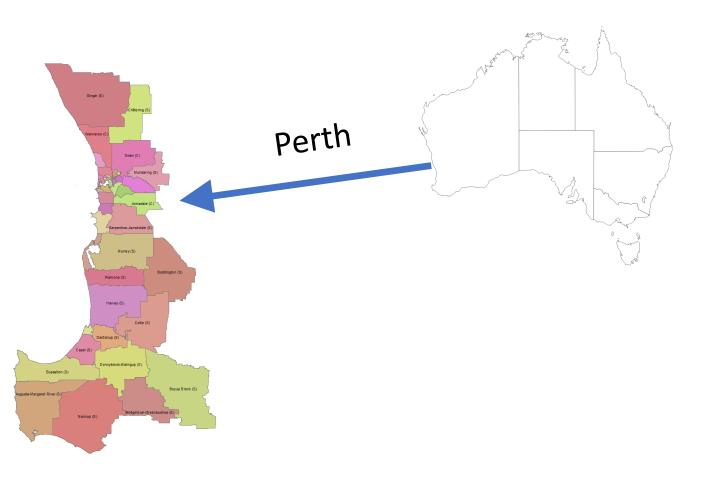
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#### **Current Status:**

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- State Scenario Exercise (NDRP)





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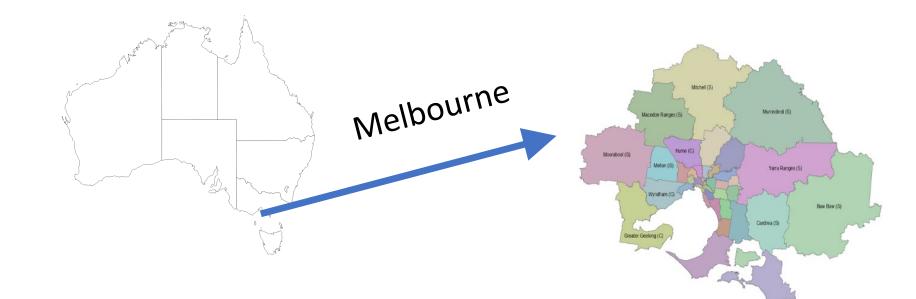
• 2019 (Fast Track Funding)

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## End user training: Tasmania 2019 ٠ **Current Status: Operationalisation of UNHaRMED** ٠ (Prepared Communities Fund)



#### End user training:

• Upcoming (July 2019)

#### **Current Status:**

• Risk mapping for MFB (MFB)





#### **Queensland:**

• Predictive Investment Modelling System (QFES)

#### Federal:

- National Resilience Taskforce (Home Affairs)
- Bureau of Meteorology Heatwave Impact (Physical Environmental Analysis Network)



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  - Long-term dynamics and uncertainties of hazard, exposure and vulnerabilities
  - A range of risk-reduction options and their effectiveness



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## Thank you

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