



# IMPACT FORECASTING

Introducing a new project for 2017-2019

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# PROJECT OBJECTIVE

To develop a pilot capability that will make useful predictions of community impacts of extreme weather with the goal of improving timely mitigating actions by a range of stakeholders.



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couriermail.com.au, QLD 2011 floods



abc.net.au  
2016 storm SA

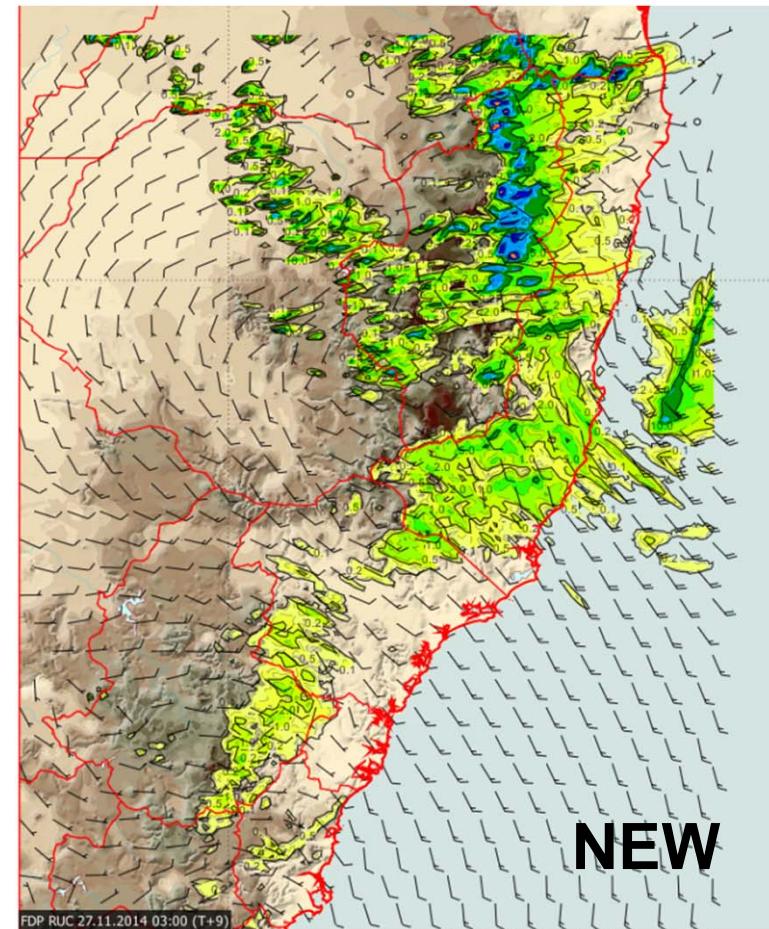
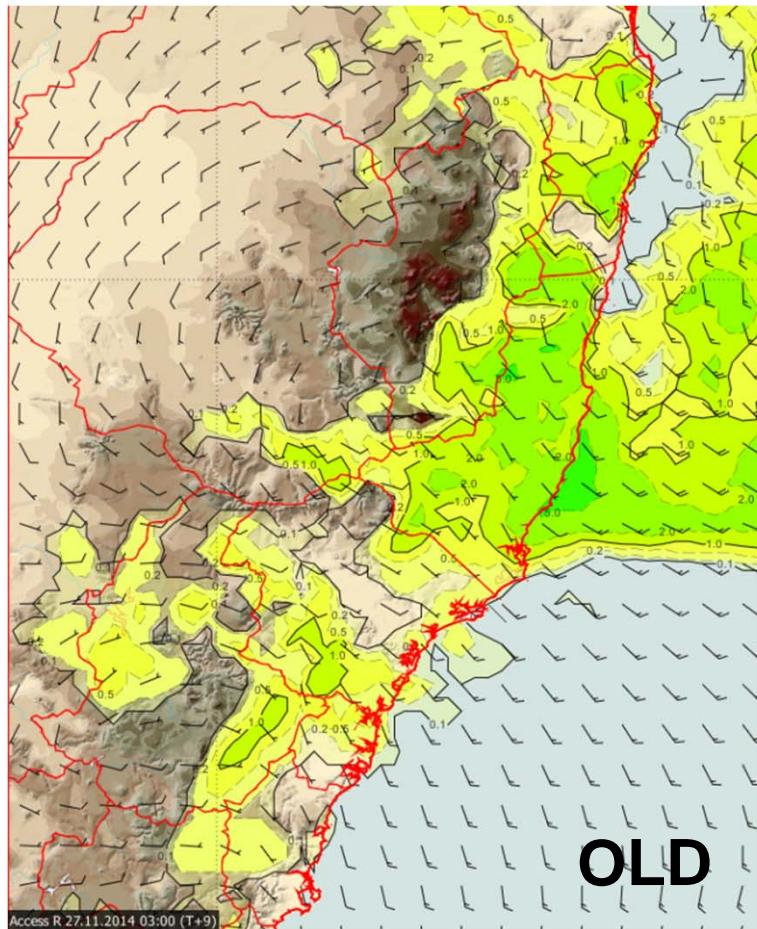


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# PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

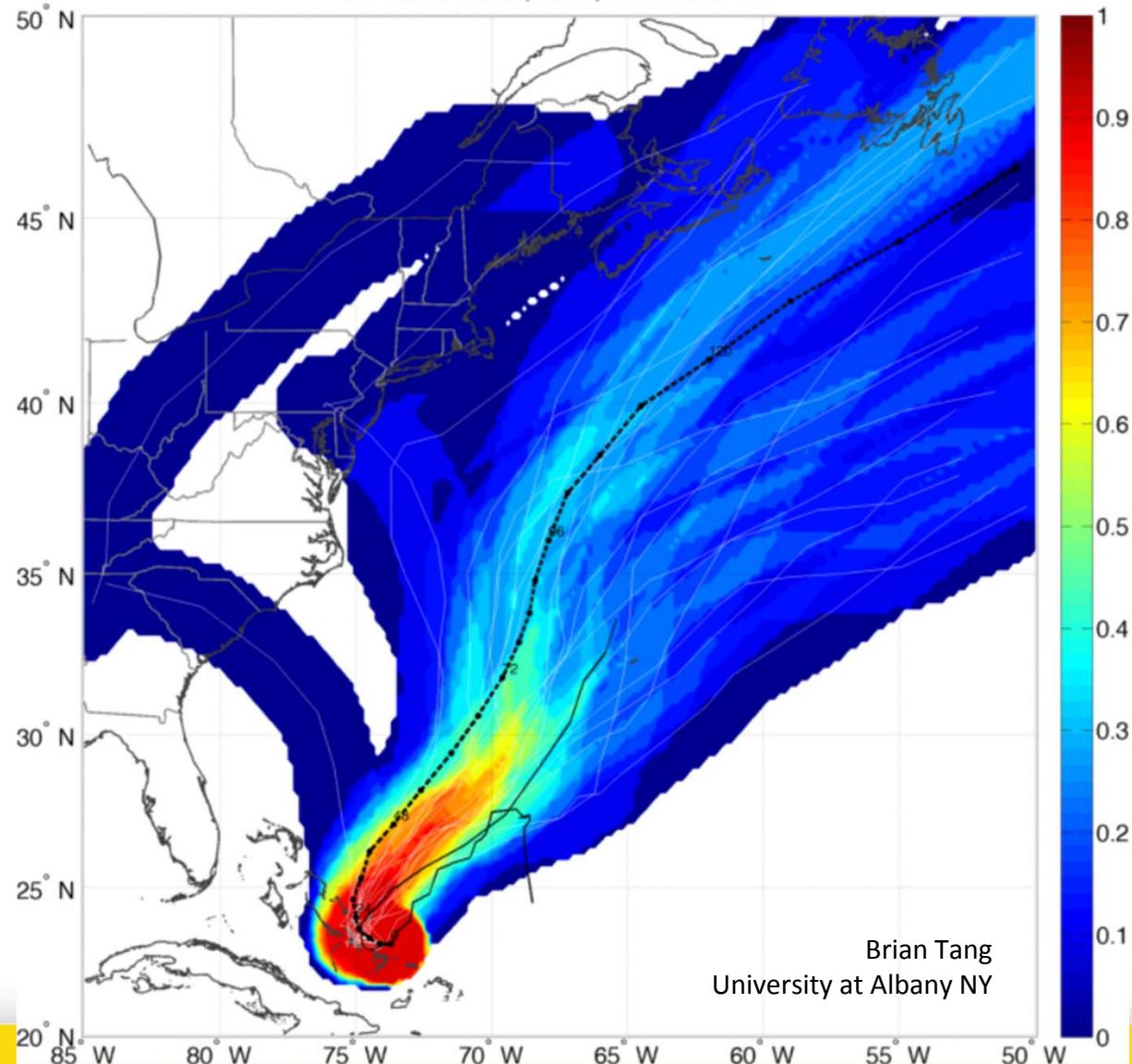
- 1) Project planning (including identification of use-cases, user requirements, available regional & national scale data, review of international approaches etc.)
- 2) Develop workflow to integrate high resolution meteorological prediction models with impact models and test results with historic data
- 3) Assess data issues relating to scale, uncertainty etc.
- 4) Develop impact statements that relate thresholds of hazard to impact
- 5) Trial workflow implementation and test with a range of users

# NEW BUREAU HIGH-RESOLUTION MODELS



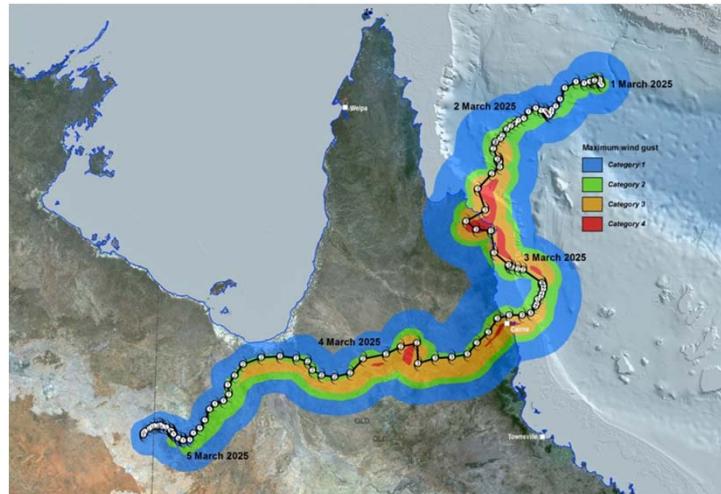
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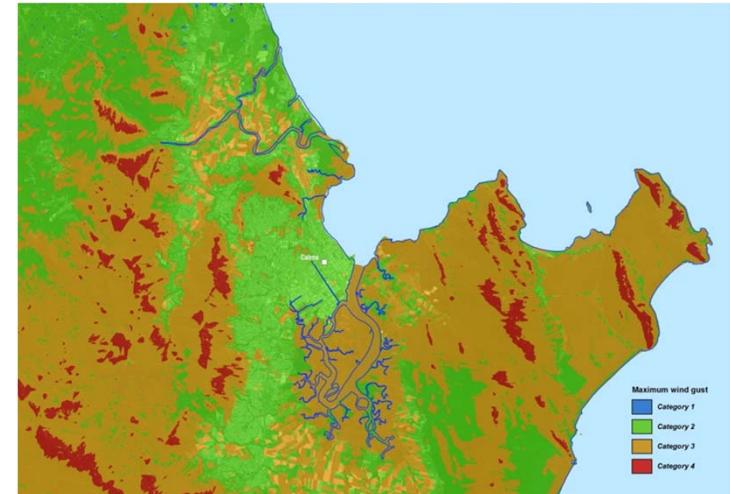


# EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT (hypothetical event)

Tropical Cyclone track and associated wind field



Wind Gust Strength (10m AGL)



People and assets exposed to the storm

155,000



52,000



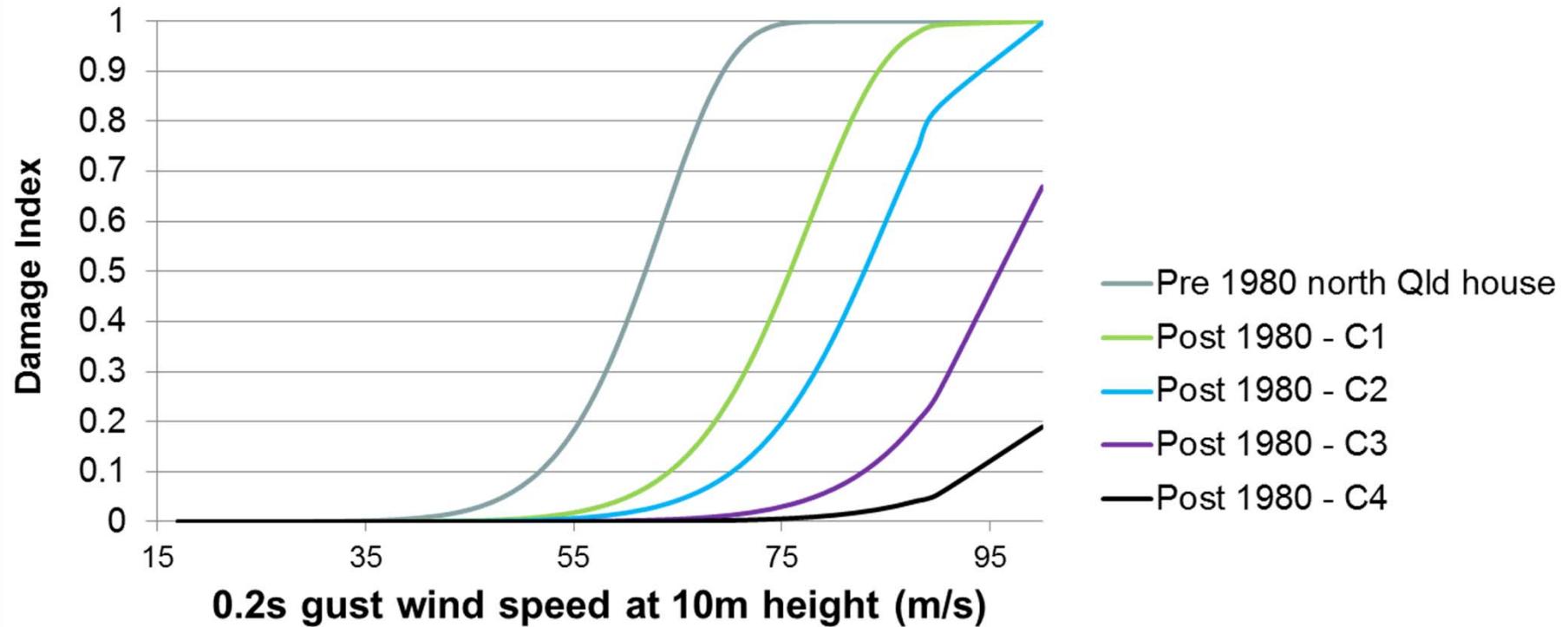
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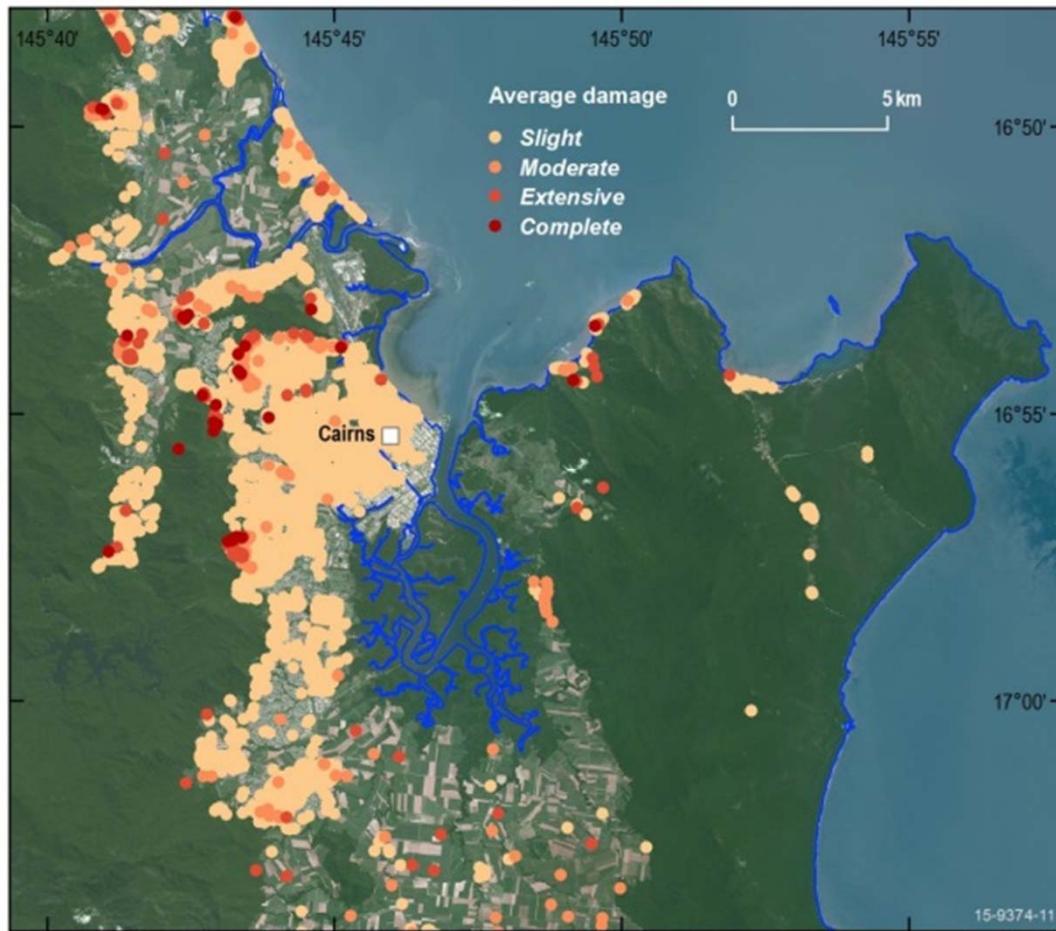
# VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT



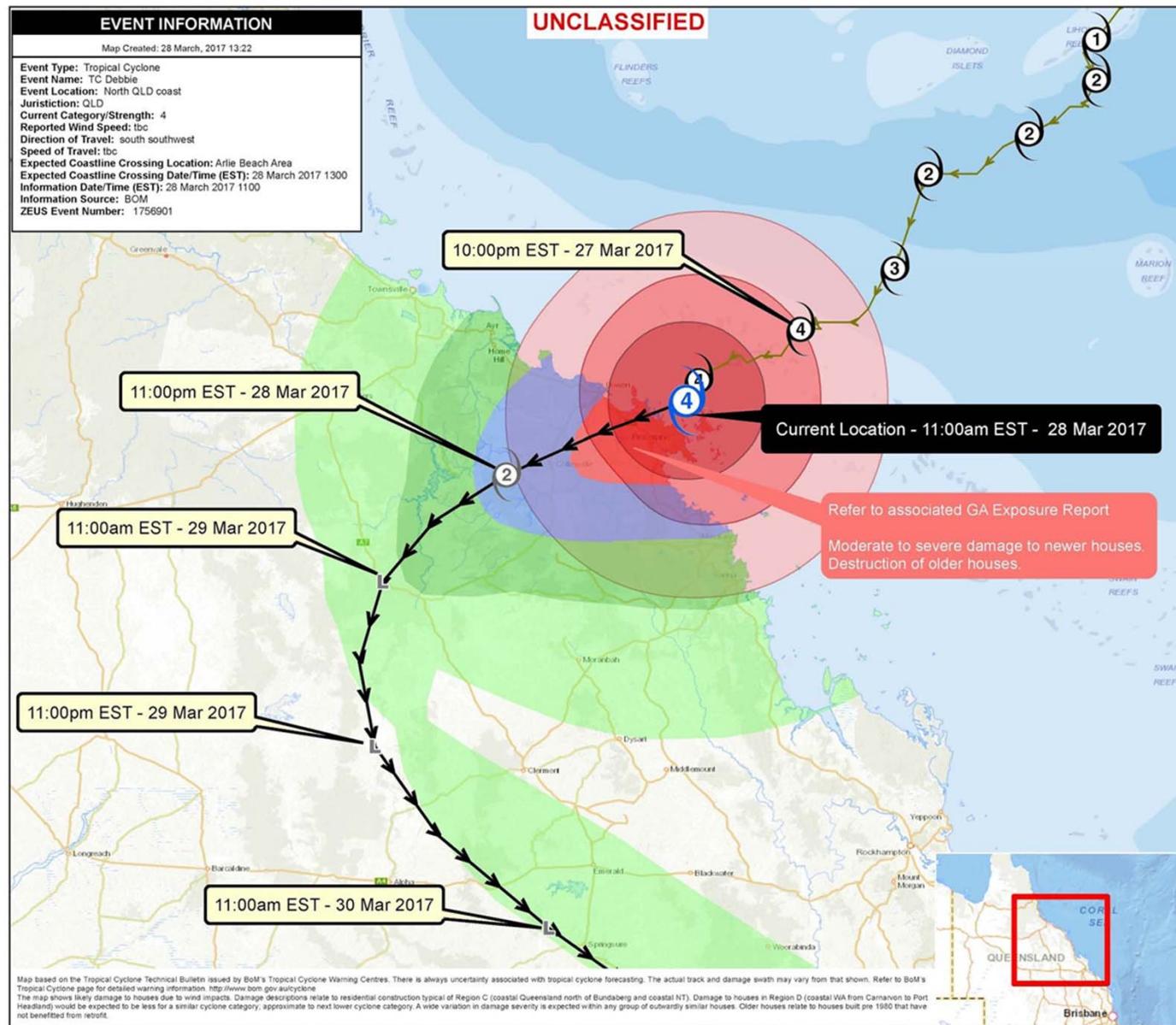
Quantification of how much more vulnerable older houses are compared to newer ones:  
A  $75 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  ( $270 \text{ km hr}^{-1}$ ) wind gust destroys a pre-1980 house, while a post-1980 C4 house  
Suffers practically no damage.

# IMPACT OUTPUTS

\$446mn  16,645 



# TRIAL IMPACT PRODUCTS FOR THE CCC



Australian Government  
Geoscience Australia

## Cyclone Map

Estimated wind intensity and impact for TC Debbie,  
28 March 2017  
1100 hrs EST)

0 20 40 60 80 100 120 140 160 Km N

### Tropical Cyclone Intensity Scale Cyclone Categories

- Current: Scale ranges from category 1 - 5  
Number indicates category
- Observed: Scale ranges from category 1-5  
Number indicates category
- Forecast: Scale ranges from category 1-5  
Number indicates category

L L L: Low, Current, Observed, Forecast

### BoM Cyclone Track

Forecast

Observed

### GA estimated likely wind damage

- Negligible house damage
- Minor damage to older housing and power supply.  
Negligible damage to newer houses.
- Severe to total damage to older houses. Minor damage to newer houses.
- Moderate to severe damage to newer houses.  
Destruction of older houses. Major power disruption.
- Destruction of houses and moderate damage to engineered buildings.

### BoM derived areas of interest

- Cyclone likely tracks area
- Watch Area: Gales from 24 to 48 hours
- Warning Area: Gales within 24 hours

### BoM derived wind areas

- Gale; Current, Forecast
- Strong Gale; Current, Forecast
- Storm; Current, Forecast
- Hurricane; Current, Forecast

### Features of interest

- Populated places

Source: This map was produced using Geoscience Australia's capabilities. The hazard event information comes from the authoritative jurisdictional source. The base map within Australia is a combination of Geoscience Australia and PSMA Australia products used for the CCC. Outside the Australian jurisdiction the base map is the ESRI World Street Map.



## Geoscience Australia - Exposure Report

ZEUS Event ID: 1756901

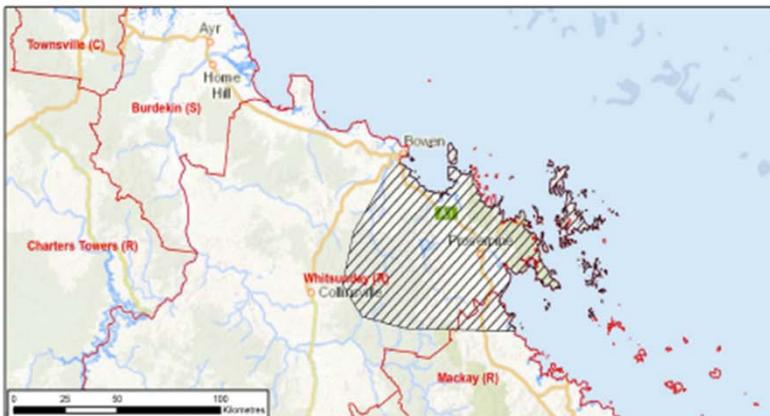
Event name: Tropical Cyclone - Debbie - Queensland - 28 March 2017

Event type: Cyclone

Report Date: 28-03-2017 13:32:32

LGAs within the event footprint: Whitsunday (R) (18.9%), Mackay (R) (3.8%)

Localities within the event footprint: Airlie Beach - Cannonvale, Bowen, Hamilton Island, Hideaway Bay - Dingo Beach (L), Midge Point (L), Mount Julian (L), Proserpine



Footprint data source: GA estimated Moderate to Severe wind damage based on BOM advice 43 28032017 1300

### Building Exposure, V7 July 2016

	Event	Dwelling estimates where residents:	Event	Qld(Av)
Residential				
Population count	16,017	Are all aged 65 or over	11.6%	15.2%
Dwelling count*	7,773	Includes persons aged 14 years and under	23.8%	28.2%
Building count	6,774	Includes an Indigenous person	3.4%	3.9%
Pre 1980 construction count	2,283	Are a single parent family	5.0%	4.8%
Pre 1990 probable asbestos containing products**	4,002	Are in need of assistance for self-care activities	7.6%	8.8%
Reconstruction value	\$3,999,700,000	Include persons not proficient in English	0.0%	0.5%
Contents value	\$428,990,000	Do not have access to a motor vehicle	4.9%	7.4%
Commercial		No one has completed Year 12 or higher	20.3%	19.0%
Building count	336	Moved to the region in the last 3 years	11.0%	12.3%
Reconstruction value	\$893,350,000	Moved to the region in the last 5 years	29.4%	36.1%
Industrial				
Industrial Building count	35	Top 5 employing industry:		
Reconstruction value	\$67,640,000	Accommodation Food Services, Retail Trade, Construction, Transport Postal Warehousing, Mining		
2011 SEIFA IRSAD				
Dwellings in area with a SEIFA decile 10 score (most advantaged)	-	Economic***	Event	Qld (Av)
Dwellings in area with a SEIFA decile 9 score	196	Are low income (\$1-599/week)	31.8%	36.4%
Dwellings in area with a SEIFA decile 8 score	952	Are medium income (\$600-\$1,999/week)	60.4%	56.7%
Dwellings in area with a SEIFA decile 7 score	328	Are high income (\$2,000+/week)	6.2%	5.7%
Dwellings in area with a SEIFA decile 6 score	1,543	Are in public housing	3.0%	4.6%
Dwellings in area with a SEIFA decile 5 score	615	Are all unemployed	1.6%	0.9%
Dwellings in area with a SEIFA decile 4 score	989			
Dwellings in area with a SEIFA decile 3 score	1,757	*Residential demographic and economic information is not provided for dwelling counts less than 20.		
Dwellings in area with a SEIFA decile 2 score	1,175	**Buildings may contain asbestos cement materials, especially in the eaves, internal and external wall cladding, ceilings (particularly in wet areas such bathrooms and laundries), corrugated products (roofing and cladding) and fences.		
Dwellings in area with a SEIFA decile 1 score (most disadvantaged)	215			
Dwellings in area without a SEIFA score	3			

Institution Exposure	Event	Infrastructure Exposure	Event
Education		Transport	
School - Pre/Primary	3	Airport - Major Areas	2
School - Secondary	1	Airport - Major Terminals	2
School - Tertiary	-	Airport - Landing Grounds	12
School - Other (Combined, Special)	1	Road - Major (km)	97
Health and Welfare		Road - Arterial and Sub-arterial (km)	38
Hospital - Public	1	Railway - Station	14
Hospital - Private	-	Railway - Tracks (km)	229
Nursing Home	1	Maritime - Major Port	-
Retirement Home	1	Maritime - Ferry Terminal	1
Emergency Services		Utility/Energy	
Police Station	2	Power Station - Major Renewable	1
Fire Station	2	Power Station - Major Fossil Fuel	-
Ambulance Station	4	Transmission - Substation	1
SES Facility	4	Transmission - Electricity Lines (km)	197
Rural/Country Fire Facility	4	Liquid Fuel - Refineries	-
Government Facilities		Liquid Fuel - Terminals	-
Federal Court	-	Liquid Fuel - Depots	1
Medicare Office	-	Liquid Fuel - Petrol Stations	9
Centrelink Office	1	Gas Pipeline (km)	-
Diplomatic Facility	-	Oil Pipeline (km)	-
Consulate Facility	-	Off-shore Extraction Platform	-
Major Defence Facility	-	Waste Management Site	11
Correctional Facility	-	Waste Water Treatment Plant	4
Immigration Detention Facility	-	Major Dam Walls	2
Local Government Offices	1	Telephone Exchange	5
		Broadcasting Studios (Radio and TV)	-

### Business Exposure, ABS 2015

Number of businesses	4,947	Number of Registered Charity Organisations:	17
Accommodation and Food Services	192		
Administrative and Support Services	456	Number of Primary Producers	232
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	232	Agriculture and Fishing Support Services	35
Arts and Recreation Services	150	Aquaculture	<5
Construction	957	Dairy Cattle Farming	<5
Education and Training	117	Deer Farming	-
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	12	Fishing	20
Financial and Insurance Services	159	Forestry and Logging	-
Health Care and Social Services	163	Forestry Support Services	22
Information Media and Telecommunications	22	Fruit and Tree Nut Growing	12
Manufacturing	185	Hunting and Trapping	<5
Mining	16	Mushroom and Vegetable Growing	5
Other Services	363	Nursery and Floriculture Production	7
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	424	Other Crop Growing	68
Public Administration and Safety	31	Other Livestock Farming	8
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	414	Poultry Farming	-
Retail Trade	245	Sheep, Beef Cattle and Grain Farming	49
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	314	*3 - Primary producer information not provided for counts less than 5	
Wholesale Trade	58		
Unclassified businesses	425		

### Agricultural Exposure

	Event	Qld (Prop)
Agriculture Commodity Estimated Value 2014-15:		\$135,872,000 1.4%
Estimated Agricultural Area (Ha):		130,400 0.1%
Commodities include: Beans french runner, Beehives, Buffaloes, Cappucums, Chickens layers, Dairy cattle, Deer, Ducks, Eggs, Goats, Grapefruit, Horses other, Horses stud, Lemons, Lettuces, Limes, Lychees, Mandarins, Mangoes, Meat cattle, Melons, Nurseries, Oranges, Other cereals, Other citrus fruit, Other crops, Other crops for hay, Other livestock, Other nuts, Other orchard fruit, Other vegetables, Passionfruit, Pasture for hay, Pawpaws, Pigs, Pumpkins, Sheep lambs, Soybeans, Strawberries, Sugarcane crushing, Sugarcane newly planted, Sugarcane plants, Sugarcane standover, Sweet corn, Tomatoes, Vegetables seed		

The exposure report presents an overview of agricultural, building, business, demographic, institution and infrastructure exposure generated by GA's National Exposure Information System (NEIS) for a specific event.

The National Exposure Information System exposure information includes:

Agricultural Exposure: The list of agricultural commodities and estimated value is based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

# NEXT USER ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY

Meet in CSIRO Level 4 Meeting Room (= Room 4)  
tomorrow at 11:15 am