Delivering (geoinformation about) risk

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Overview

- Who are Risk Frontiers & what we do?
- Where are the risks?
 - Address based risk rating
 - National Flood Information Database
 - Our risk & catastrophe loss models
- Disseminating the knowledge
 - Risk
 - Loss
- Web & Mobile



Introducing Risk Frontiers

- Help insurers and reinsurers better understand and price natural hazard risks in the Asia-Pacific region
- Develop Probabilistic Catastrophe Models
- Provide an independent view on catastrophe risks
- Undertake research in natural hazards
- Perform post-event reconnaissance
- Increase public awareness of natural perils & aid policy development



What Do We Have To Share?

- Multi-Peril Workbench version 3 and beyond
- Flood Exclusion Zones (FEZ™)
- National Flood Information Database (NFID)
- Earthquake and volcanic loss models for New Zealand and Japan
- Tropical cyclone loss model for South Korea
- Developing Flood models for SE Asia
- Post-Event reconnaissance of Christchurch Earthquakes, Queensland Floods,
 Tropical Cyclone Yasi, Tasmanian & Victorian fires
- Normalisation of ICA loss data (2011/2012)
- Invited submission to the Royal Commission on the 2009 Victorian fires
- Invited submission to the 2011 National Disaster Insurance Review



Knowledge / Data Flow

Aerial imagery
Satellite data
Risk Rating DB
Risk Frontiers PerilAUS DB
Risk Frontiers Loss Models
Private Data Sources
Government Data Sources
Fieldwork
Social media

Risk Frontiers Loss Models

Insurer's Pricing

Reinsurer's Pricing

Cost / Benefit Analysis

Reports

Government Agencies etc.

KNOWLEDGE

Map Production

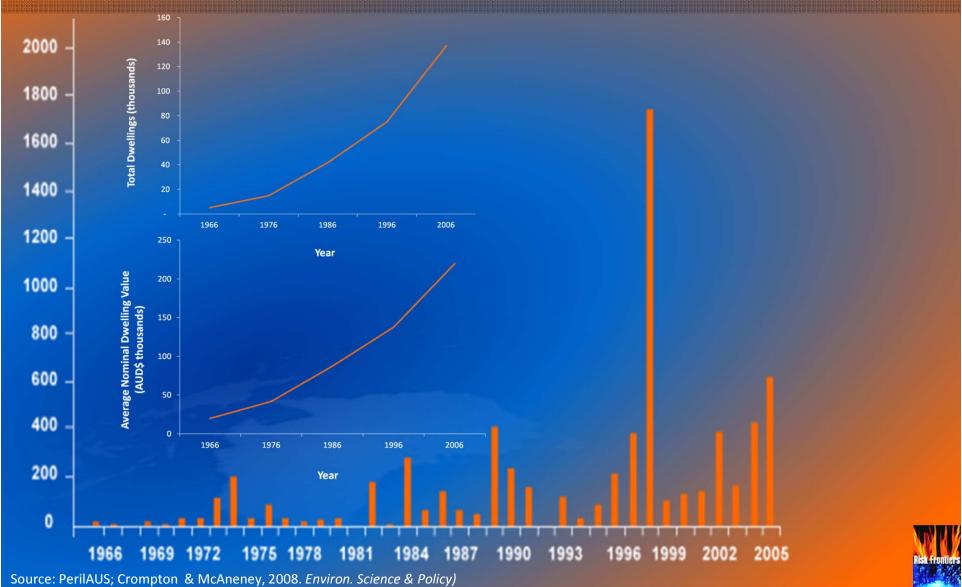
Online Maps

Printed Maps

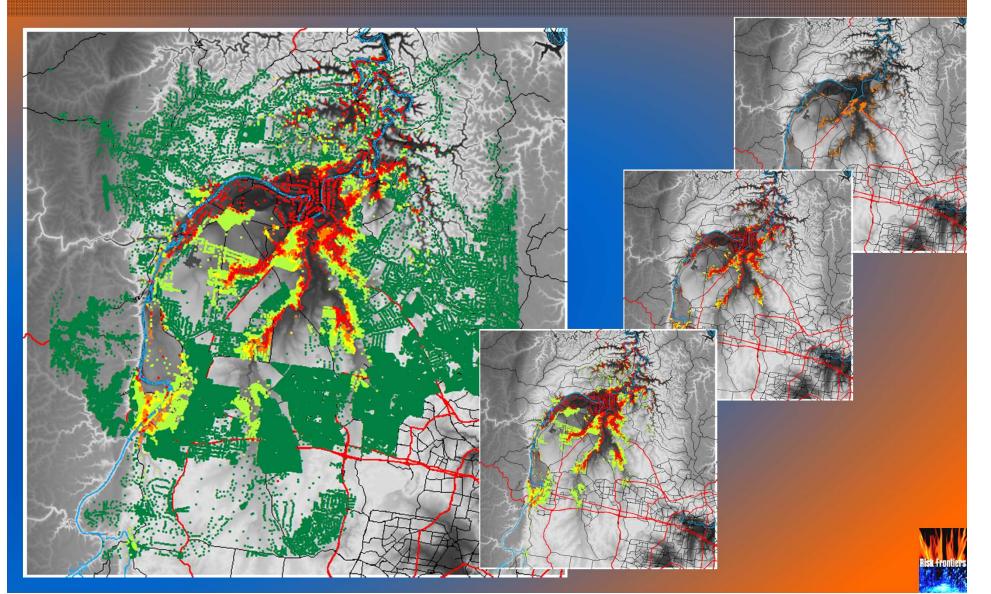
Mobile Maps



Finding the Risks: Looking Back



Finding the Risks: Looking Forward

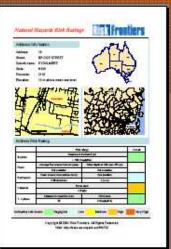


Risk Rated Address Too

Address Risk Rating

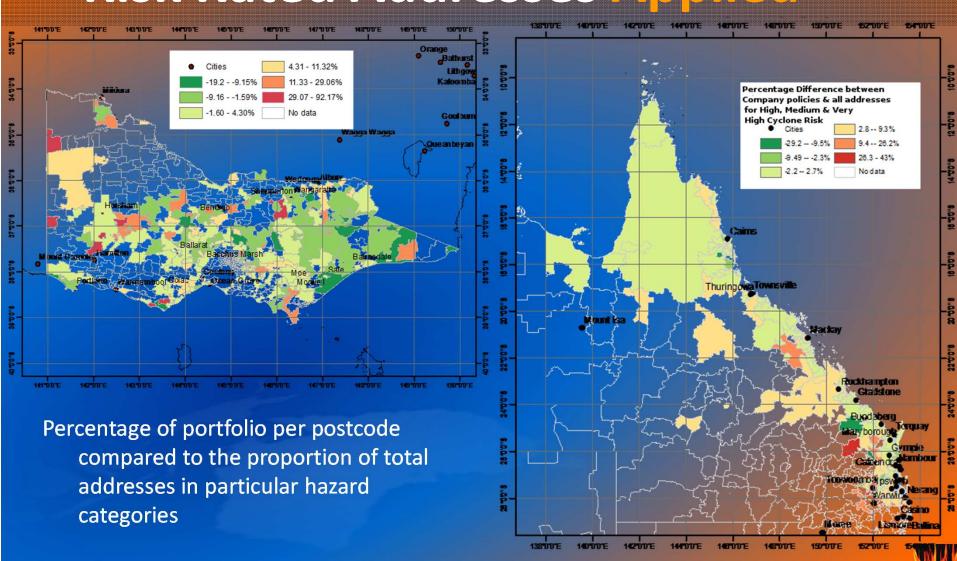
	Risk ratings		Overall
Bushfire	Distance to bushland (m)		3
	200-400 (Medium)		
Flood	Average Recurrence Interval (year)	Water depth at 100-year ARI (m)	2
	Above 100	None	
Earthquake	Peak Ground Acceleration (m/s²)	Ground zonation	2
	0.62 (Low)	2 (Low)	
Hailstorm	Storm zone		4
	4 (High)		
T. Cyclone	Distance to coast line (km)	Wind zone	2
	30	2 (Low)	

Indicative risk levels: 1 Negligible 2 Low 3 Medium 4 High 5 Very High

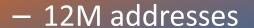




Risk Rated Addresses Applied



National Flood Information DB

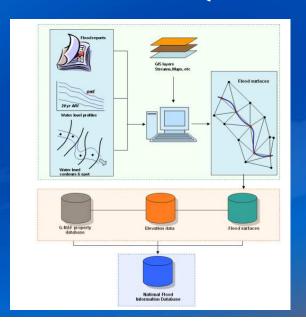


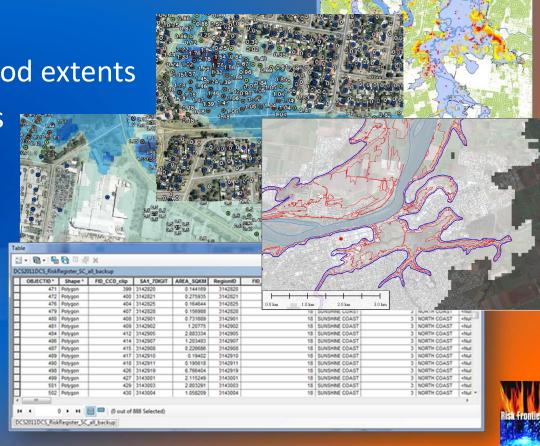
 Aggregation of inconsistent data into a common format

60+ study areas

1-5 flood surfaces / flood extents

Metadata & QA checks





ARI < 50

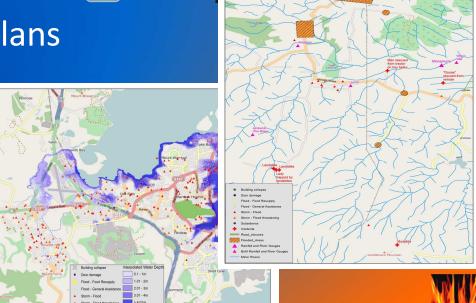
ARI < 20
 Address points
 Brishage River

Risk Communication: Flood Intelligence

State Emergency Service required a review of flooding in a region

- Flood depth / extent data collection
- Examine behavioural factors
- Review Flood Response Plans
- Develop mobile apps for first responders

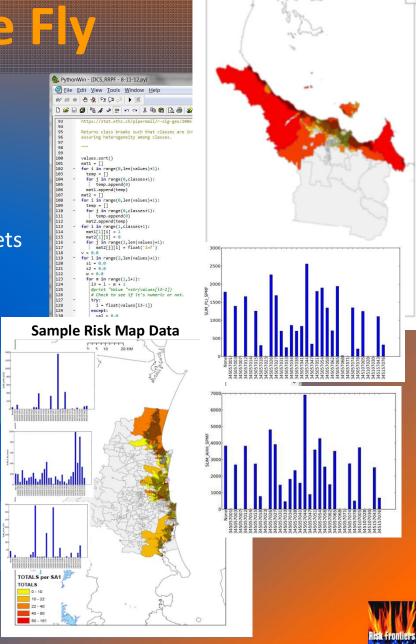




Mapping Risk On the Fly

Process a collection of data to rapidly produce regional risk assessments

- Inconsistent (but regularly updated) data sets (e.g. updated flood modeling, changing population or infrastructure data)
- Variable client reporting requirements
- Need for summary statistics by regions
- Easily updated / modified
- Easily run by non-experts
- Minimal process supervision required
- Reproducible analysis
- 1 map/min
- Publishable to mobile & web



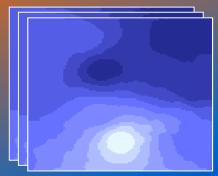
Sample Risk Map Data

Risk Frontiers Multi-Peril Workbench

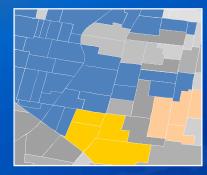
- Suite of Catastrophe loss models for Australia
 & selected Asia-Pacific countries
- Calculates exceedance probability curves for all major Australian catastrophe risks
- Varying Input resolutions: address, postcode or larger
- Combines curves of different perils, flexible reinsurance modelling



General Model Framework

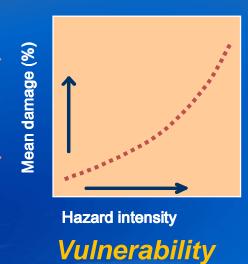


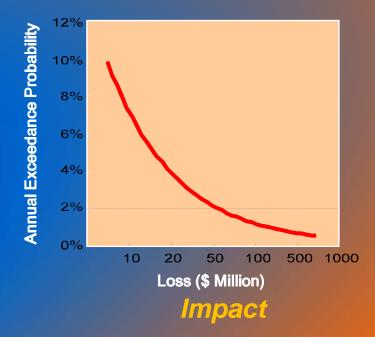
Hazard



Exposure

Risk = f (Hazard, Exposure, Vulnerability)







Catastrophe Loss Models



Multi-Peril Workbench 2.0



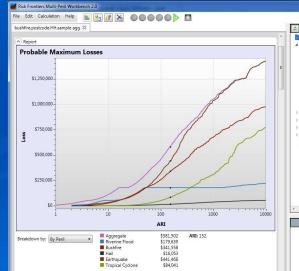


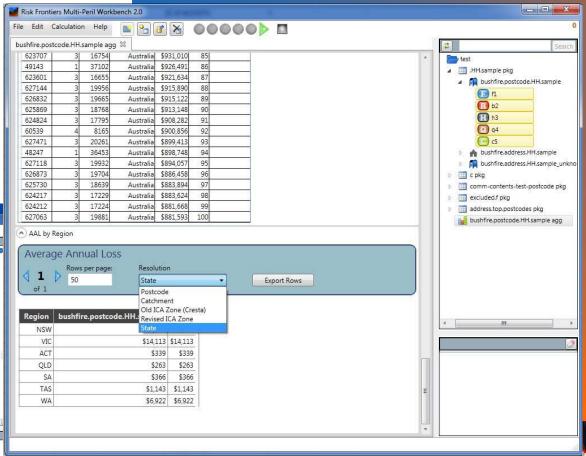


- 1. Import Portfolios
 to the database
- 2. Calculate losses for Flood, Hail, Bushfire, Cyclone, Earthquake
- 3. View & Export results
 - Summary Report
 - EP curve / Std ARIs
 - Excel (.csv and .xlsx)



Database Server



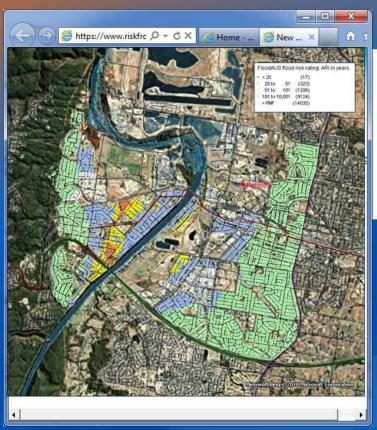


Loss Visualisation: Google Earth

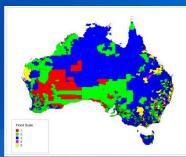




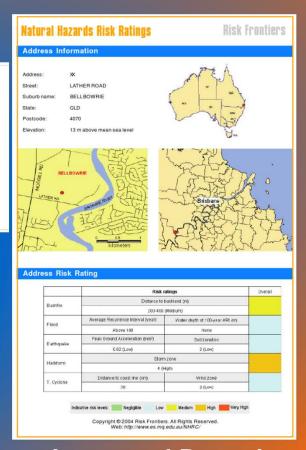
What About The Web?



Rarelat Scale



Hazard / Risk / Exposure Maps

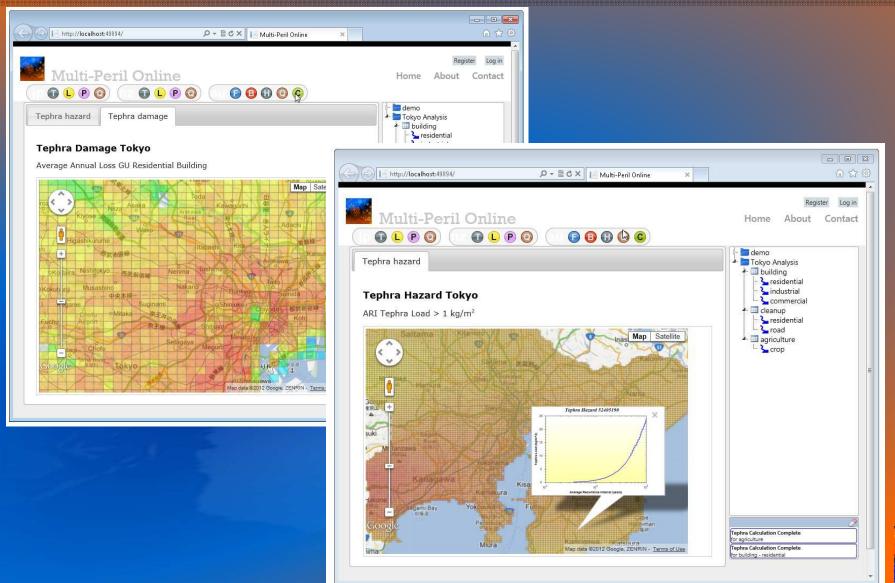


Automated Reporting



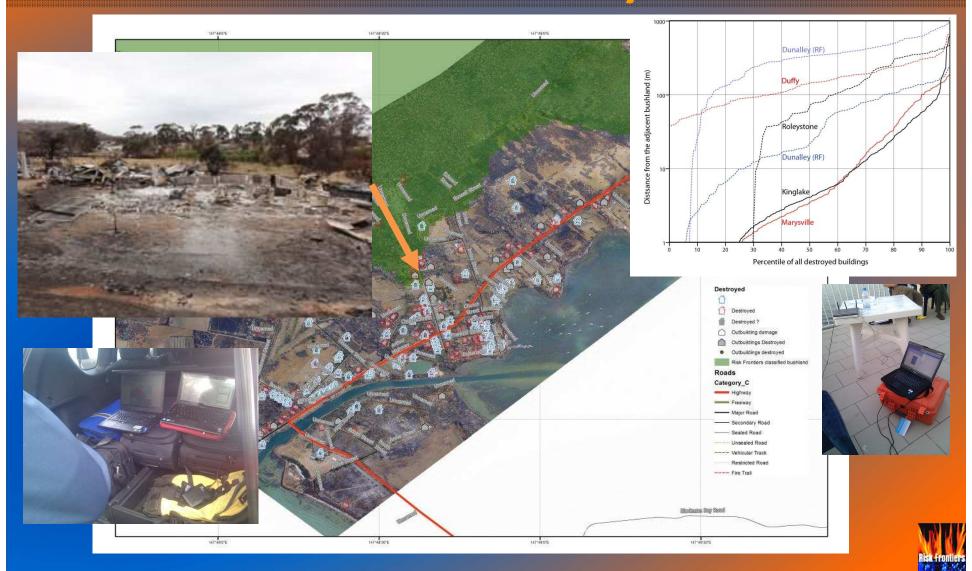


What About The Web?





Tasmanian Fires — Aerial Photography & Field Survey



Conclusions

- Access to high quality data is important
- Must be able to communicate the knowledge
- Web & mobile significant growth areas
- Maturing APIs make deployment faster & easier



Thank you

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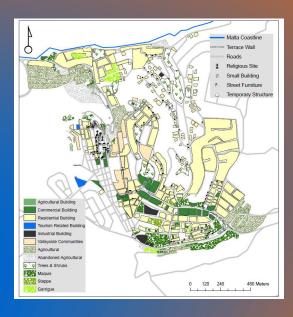


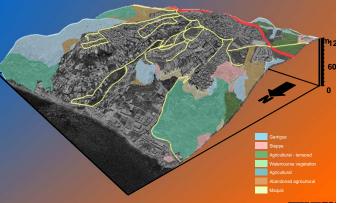
Mobile Mapping & Dissemination





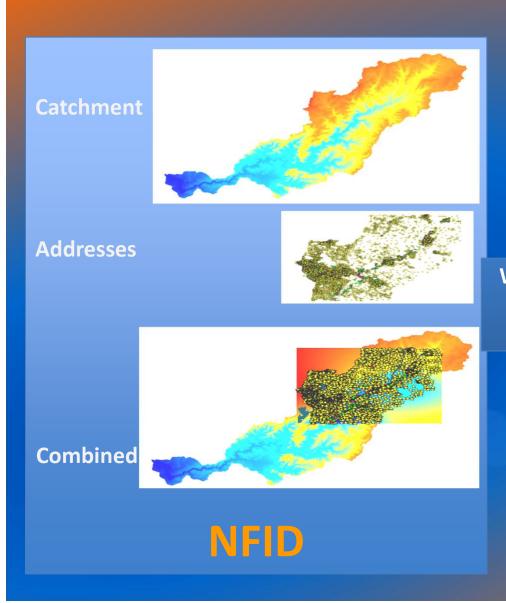








FloodAUS Loss Model - Beyond NFID



Historical Data

Vulnerability

Water Depth, Return Intervals

ARI,Loss (\$)

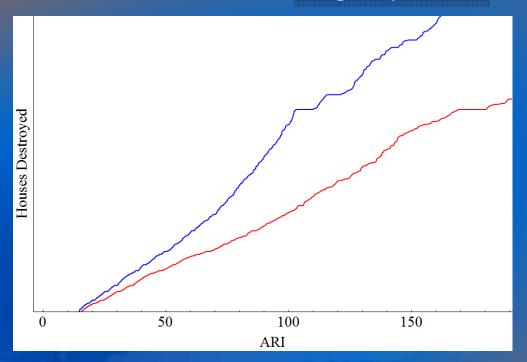
Exposures (Addresses)

Company Data



Application – Risk Selection Effect on EP-Curve





Removed high risk addresses

Blue: Market-distributed portfolio EP-Curve Red: Removed properties less than 100m of the bush

