



A joint platform to manage natural disasters in remote locations

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North Australia is at risk from bushfires, cyclones, storms and floods. In 2016-17 the average cost of major natural hazards was \$11 billion for a region of ~ 1 million people. Emergency management resources are concentrated in the larger centres from Broome through Darwin to Townsville. Over 90% of people outside the larger population centres are Indigenous, and often at risk from natural disasters. In this research we found that remote communities were not involved in disaster management planning nor decision making, there are limited resources and little access to these resources. Here we propose a framework that integrates building disaster resilience, with the health, cultural and social needs of remote Indigenous communities, also of benefit to the natural environment.

Inter-connected Social and Natural landscapes with natural disasters impacting on social, economic, cultural and natural systems.

