



# Key Challenges for a Research Agenda



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# “Key Challenges”

***“Nature, in order to be commanded, must be obeyed” – Sir Francis Bacon***

- Understanding the changing relationship between the “individual” and “Institutions” (Reflexive knowledge)
- Changing nature of policy formulation in Governments (Just in time and shallow)
- Historic tensions of Federalism (the very boring old story)
- Inward vs Outward – To whom is research aimed at?
- Our place in the world – A sociological perspective
- Priorities shaped by the confluence of:
  - More frequent and intense hazards (Climate change)
  - Interconnected and interdependent essential systems
  - Greater exposures / increasing populations
  - Longer term and more complex disasters
  - Growing commensurable and non commensurable cost of disasters
  - Regulatory reporting obligations (APRA / ASIC)



# Thankyou



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