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INTEGRATED URBAN PLANNING FOR NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION

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PLANNING'S EM/DRR POTENTIAL

Consistently recognised as key to reducing natural hazard risks, particularly at policy level.

Urban planning can:

- integrate spatial understandings of hazards with built environment improvements
- modify *activities* and use of
- avoid, reduce and remediate
- integrate and coordinate

PLANNING'S CHALLENGES

Challenges include:

- Predetermined settlement patterns
- Governance disconnects
- Competing demands
- Incomplete data
- Tendency to statutory planning, rather than strategic
- Lack of understanding between EM and Planning personnel.
- Dynamic risks
- A lack of learning and translation from past events
- Bureacracy, democracy and politics.

Lismore after Cyclone Debbie







PRIMARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the limits and potentials of integrated urban planning for natural hazard mitigation in Australia?
2. Can key cases be used as a way to make practical improvements that generate practical lessons?

STAGE 1 – DEVELOPING THE THEORETICAL BASE

- Learning from the Past
- Best Practice in Australia and Internationally
- How do current practices in Australia compare?
- Issues and Potentials

1939

VICTORIA

REPORT

OF THE

ROYAL COMMISSION

TO INQUIRE INTO

The Causes of and Measures Taken to Prevent the
Bush Fires of January, 1939, and to Protect
Life and Property

STAGE 2 – APPLICATION TO AUSTRALIA

- EM and Planning practitioner views and understandings of preliminary findings
- Identification of Australian cases and or typologies that can highlight best practice or ability to be significantly improved



STAGE 3 – TRANSLATION AND APPLICATION

- Preliminary application to cases with guidance from practitioners
- Identification of appropriate application to particular circumstances and cases
- Development of range of transferrable approaches and understandings
- Summary communication documentation and process manual

