

# How does the Australian Bureau of Meteorology assess and forecast hazard impact?

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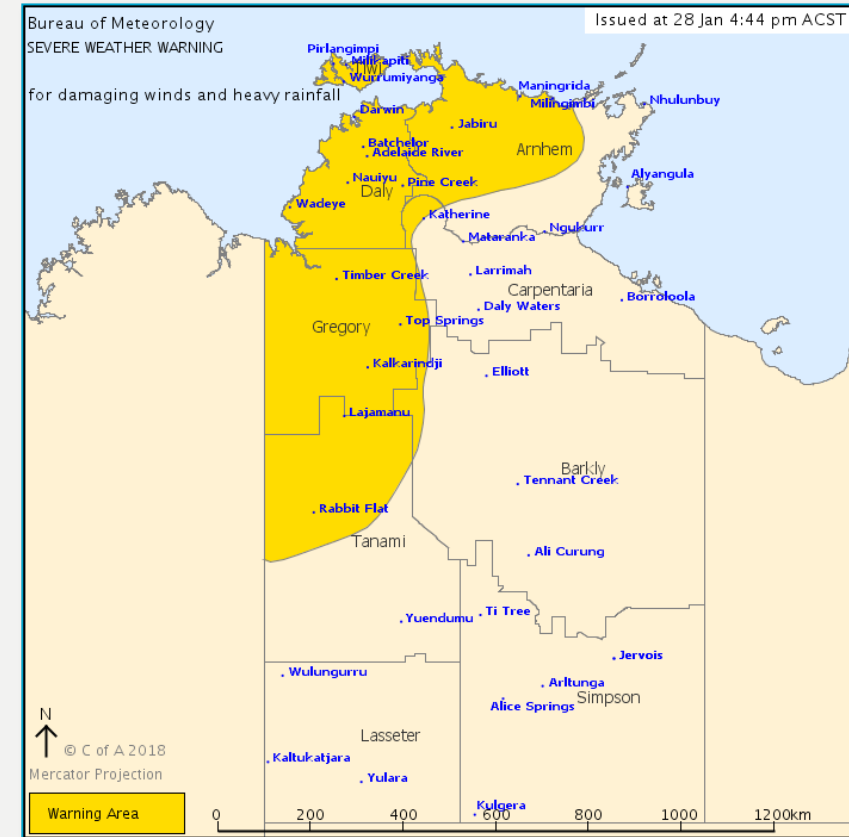


# Motivation

- Current warning service is based on meteorological thresholds, defined for each phenomena.
- **Example:** *Severe Weather Warning for Damaging Winds* - sustained winds of Gale Force (63 km/h) or more with wind gusts of 90 km/h or more.
  - Lacks impact: what does it mean for me?
- Meteorologist often talks about impacts and probabilities.
  - Based on experience only.
- Need a more structured and a considered way of assessing hazard impact and risk.

BOM  
Warning Service

Meteorological  
and phenomena  
based thresholds



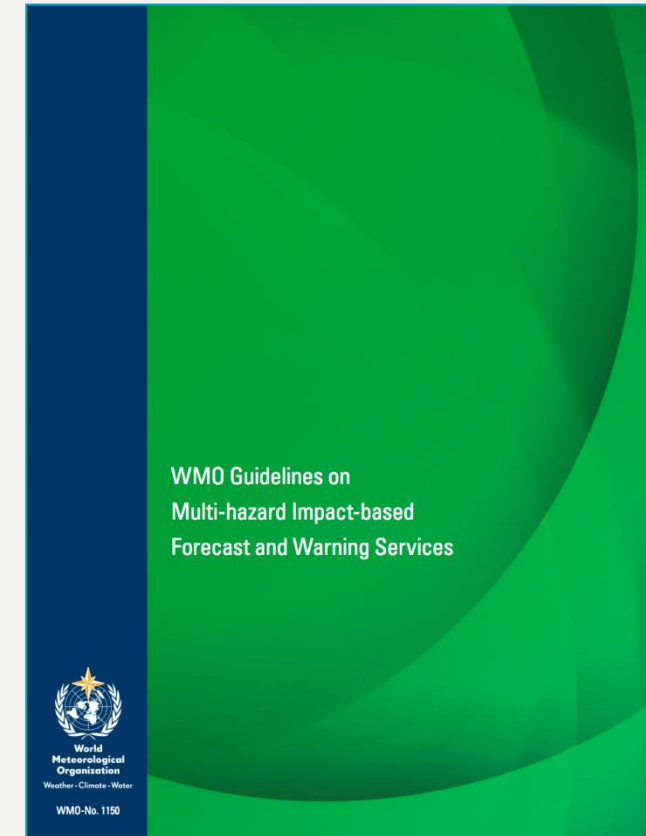
# Quick refresh on Risk of Impact

- **Hazard:** Hydrometeorological-based threat that poses a level of threat to life, property or the environment.
- **Exposure:** Who and what may be affected (time and space dependent).
- **Vulnerability:** Susceptibility of human beings and their livelihoods and property.
- **Risk:** The probability and magnitude of harm attendant on human beings, their livelihoods and assets due to exposure and vulnerability to a hazard.



HAZARD  
EXPOSURE  
VULNERABILITY  
RISK

$$\begin{aligned} & | \textit{Risk of impact} (x, t) | \\ \equiv & | \textit{hazard} (x, t) | \cup | \textit{vulnerability} (x, t) | \cup | \textit{exposure} (x, t) | \end{aligned}$$





# National Hazard Impact and Risk Assessment

- Take methodology/design inspiration from:
  - Existing state/territory severe weather outlooks
  - UK Met Office warning impact tables
  - WMO best practice on hazard impact forecasting

WHAT CAN WE DO NOW?

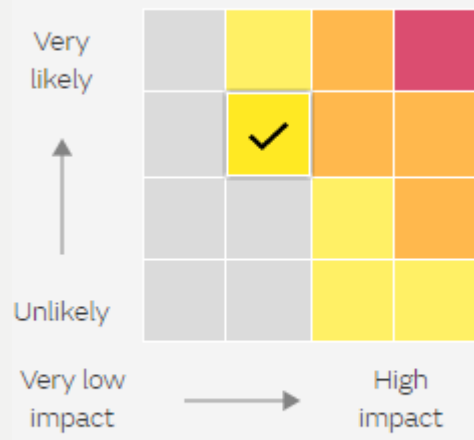
**SCC SEVERE WEATHER INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING**  
IDV22320  
Issued Friday 10 August 2018

DISTRICT	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Malhe	☁				
Wimmera	☁				
South West	☁				
Northern Country	☁				
North Central	☁				
Central	☁				
North East	☁				
W & S Gippsland	☁				
East Gippsland	☁				
Alpine Region	☁				

**Weather Situation**

- A cold front is forecast to clear eastern Victoria **Saturday morning**. Gale force N'y winds with gusts reaching 110-130km/h ahead of the front are predicted to affect the Alpine region and elevated parts of East Gippsland ahead of the front Saturday morning.
- A band of rain following the front clearing eastern Victoria Saturday afternoon; rainfall totals typically 5-15mm, but <5mm over the northwest and eastern parts of Gippsland. Showers, cold air thunderstorms and small hail developing across Victoria following the band or rain on **Saturday**; further 10mm+ possible about the southwest and Bass coasts as well as the northeast ranges. Snow level dropping from 1200 metres in the morning to about 700 metres at night.
- A **Flood Watch** will be issued for South West Victoria for the **weekend**, with a focus on the Glenelg catchment which is saturated. Given forecast rainfall the most likely outcome would be localised minor riverine flooding.
- Cold, fresh W'y airflow on **Sunday** and **Monday** with shower activity, mostly across southern and mountain areas.
- Mostly dry and mild with freshening NW'y airflow on **Tuesday**; peak gusts increasing to 100km/h about the Alpine region at night.
- NW'y winds strengthening across the State on **Wednesday** ahead of a cold front reaching western districts in the afternoon. Latest model guidance indicating gusts peaking in the 80-100km/h range across southern and mountain areas on Wednesday, increasing to 110km/h about the Alpine peaks. Fresh W'y winds following the change with gusts 50-70km/h, locally 80km/h near the coast. Band of rain with the front with totals mostly <5mm.

Warning impact matrix



Impact matrix guide →

- Place National Hazard Impact and Risk Assessment at the core of our real-time operations, before, during and after weather events

WMO Guidelines on Multi-hazard Impact-based Forecast and Warning Services

WMO-No. 1150



# National Hazard Impact and Risk Assessment

## BEFORE

Impact probability-based communication strategy.

Contingency planning

- National Hazard Outlook – Community
- National Hazard Outlook – Operations

## DURING

Flexible resourcing strategy.

Monitoring, assessing and communicating

- Operational impact ratings and tiered structure for resource allocation.
- Planned response to impacts whilst maintaining agility.

## AFTER

Post Event Review Management (PERM)

- Hazard impact assessment embedded within PERM procedures.
- Lessons learnt incorporated into culture.



# Tropical Cyclone Marcus – March 2018



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# National Hazard Impact and Risk Assessment

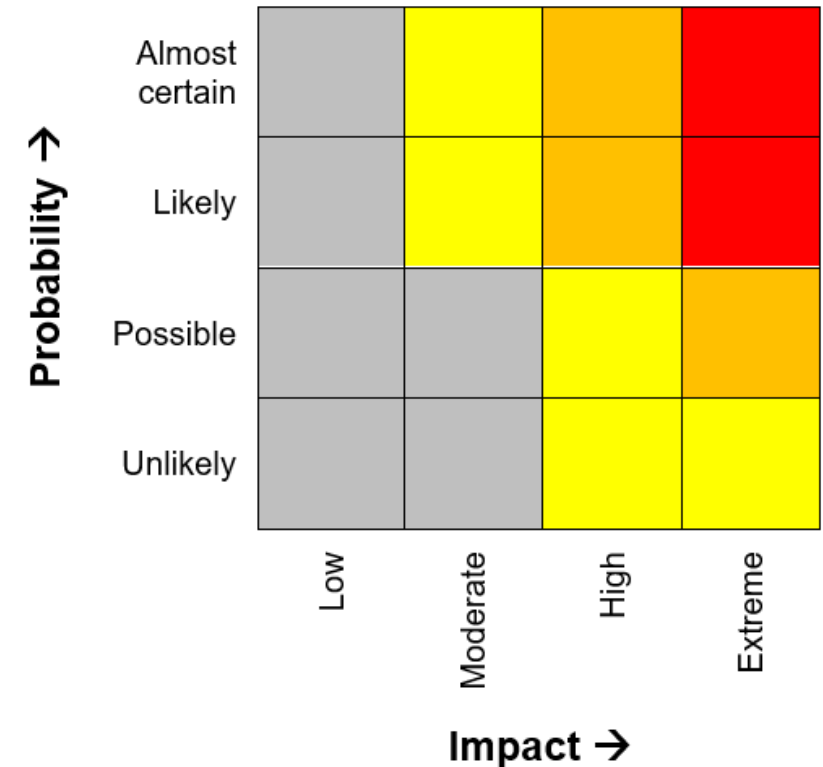
Impact probability-  
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Contingency  
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BEFORE

- Graphical product, Days 1-4 plus outlook 5-7, issued every day, in partnership with states.
- Designed for internal and national emergency services use; suitable for development into a public product.
- A structured and considered record of how potential hazards were assessed.

Impact-probability-based matrix:



A 4x4 matrix diagram showing the relationship between Probability and Impact. The vertical axis is labeled 'Probability' with an upward arrow, and the horizontal axis is labeled 'Impact' with a rightward arrow. The matrix cells are color-coded: grey for low risk, yellow for moderate risk, orange for high risk, and red for extreme risk.

Almost certain	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
Likely	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
Possible	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
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# National Hazard Community Impact Tropical Cyclone Marcus

Impact probability-  
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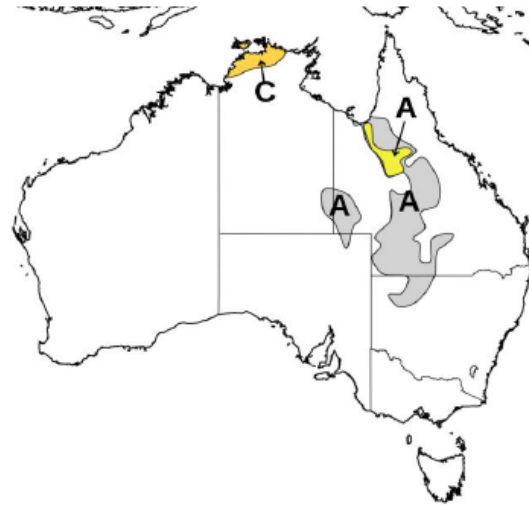
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- A: Riverine flooding
- B: Severe fire weather
- C: Tropical Low/ Possible Cyclone
- D: Heavy rainfall

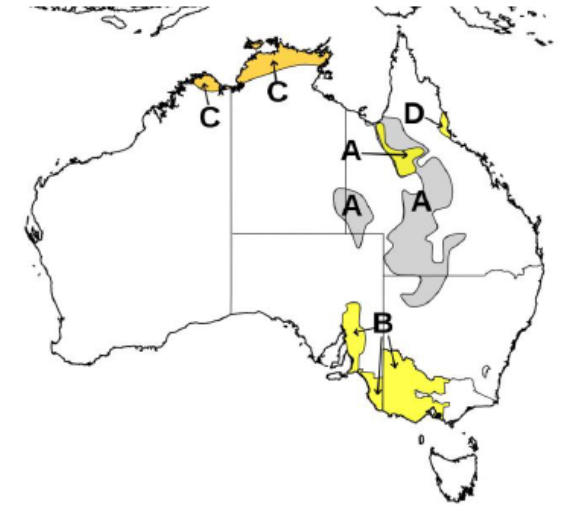
## C: Tropical Low/ Possible Tropical Cyclone

- Heavy rainfall, possible flash flooding
- Possible damaging wind gusts near the low or TC
- Risk to Darwin (NT capital city ~106,000 people).
- Risk of damage to property and agriculture.
- Increased demand of emergency services.

Day 1: Friday 16 March 2018



Day 2: Saturday 17 March 2018



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	Unlikely				
		Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
		Impact →			

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# National Hazard Operational Impact Tropical Cyclone Marcus

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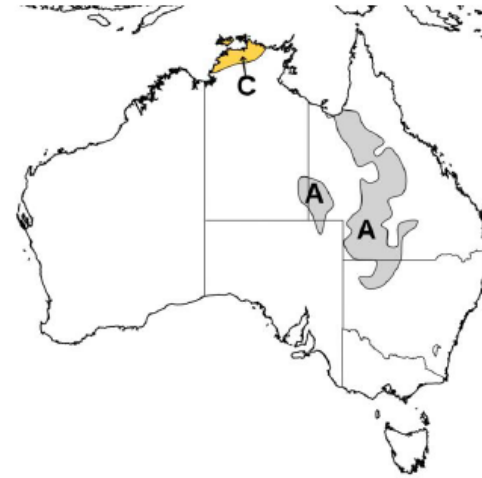
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## C: TCWC Activation – NT

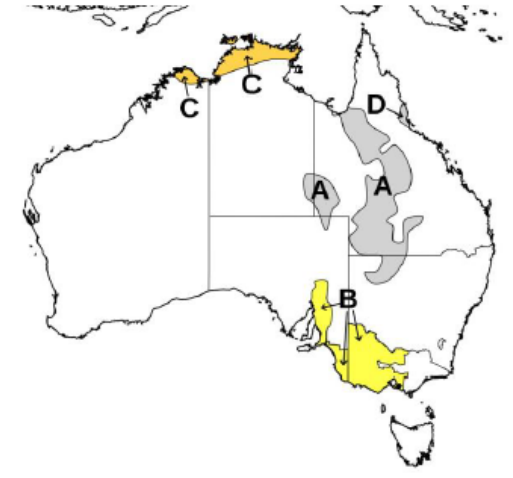
- High risk of TC in the Arafura Sea from Friday
- Populated Areas, TC - Coastal Impact.
- Additional staff required.

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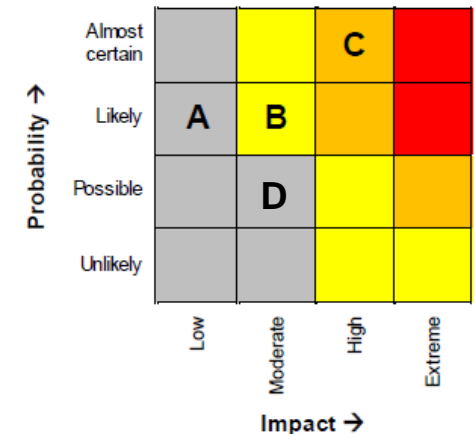
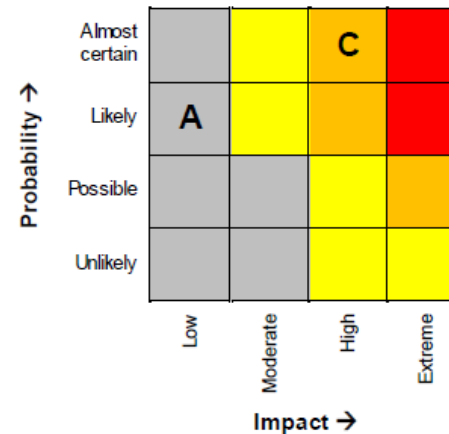


Other:

Day 2: Saturday 17 March 2018



Other:





# National Hazard Impact and Risk Assessment - Before

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# National Hazard Impact and Risk Assessment

Impact probability-based communication strategy.  
Contingency planning

BEFORE

## Community Impact

Tier	0	1	2	3
Impact level	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH	EXTREME
Impact	Minimal damage to life	Minimal damage to life	Minor damage to life	Significant damage to life
Property	Minimal property damage	Minor property damage	Minor property damage	Significant property damage
Industry or business	Minimal disruption	Minor disruption	Minor disruption	Significant disruption
Emergency services	Normal services for emergency services	Increased demand for emergency services	High demand for emergency services	Emergency services overwhelmed
Transport	Minimal disruption	Minor disruption	Minor disruption	Significant disruption
Sea to sky activities	Minimal to minor sea to sky activities	Minor sea to sky activities	Minor sea to sky activities	Significant sea to sky activities
Agriculture	Minimal to minor impact	Minor impact	Minor impact	Significant impact
Land degradation	Minimal to minor impact	Minor impact	Minor impact	Significant impact
Programme and Duration:	0-5	6-16	17-27	28-33

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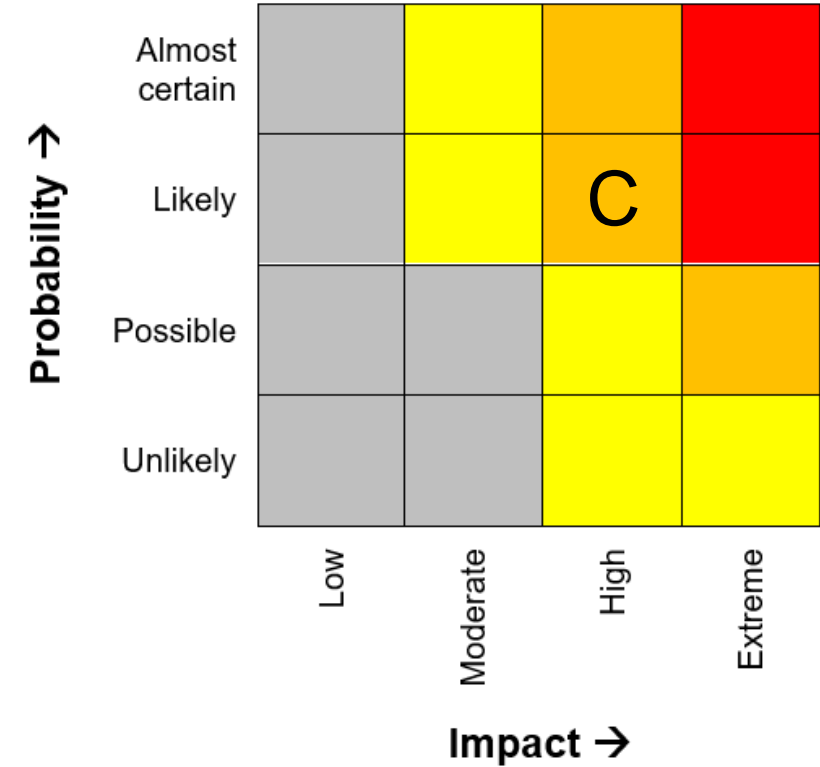


## Hazard Probability

Tier	0	1	2	3
Probability level	UNLIKELY	POSSIBLE	LIKELY	ALMOST CERTAIN
Forecast likelihood	Not current official forecast policy	Not current official forecast policy	Current official forecast policy	Current official forecast policy
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Current official forecast policy	Short- long term forecast period	Computer model guidance remains uncertain	Other forecast scenarios considered to remain possible	

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Impact-probability-based matrix:



# National Hazard Impact and Risk Assessment

Impact probability-  
based  
communication  
strategy.

Contingency  
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BEFORE

Ensure consistency with  
regional forecast policy:

- Chat room - jabber

Thursday, 16 August 2018

**Rod Dickson**

All good for Vic.

01:17

**Mark Anolak**

All good for SA

02:41

**Christopher Kent**

I've included the Darwin and Adelaide River area to the Fire Weather C area on Sunday. This time of year this area is very sensitive to wind with the high fuel loads so while the surge pushes through the Top End on Monday, a growing boundary layer on Sunday will see temps and winds increase as they mix down.

04:39

**Rebecca Kamitakahara**

For NSW I just removed the damaging wind gust area for Thursday (today) given we've now canned our warning. Otherwise all good.

05:22

**Matthew Marshall**

thanks all, input very much appreciated.

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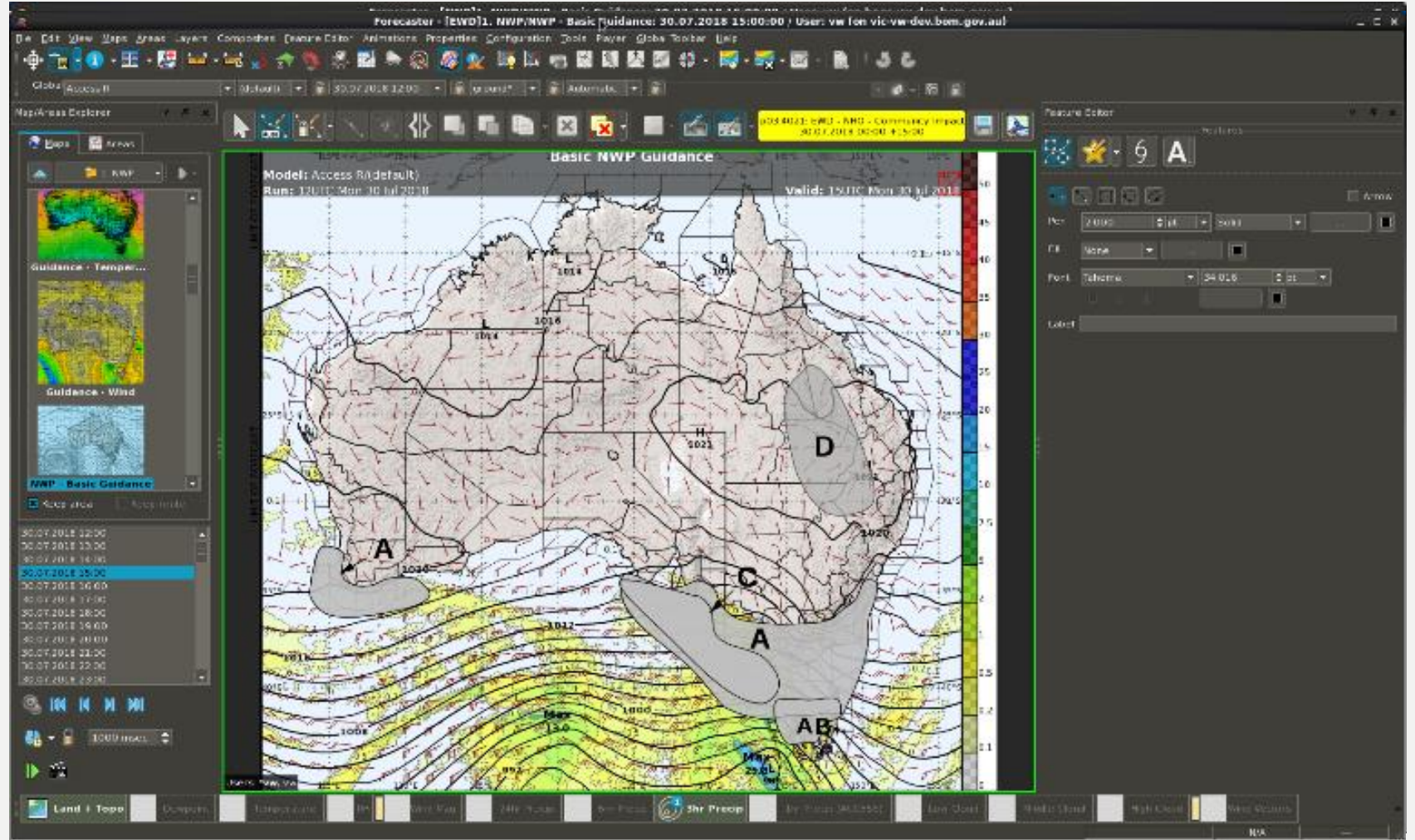


# National Hazard Impact and Risk Assessment

Impact probability-based communication strategy.

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BEFORE



Ensure consistency with regional forecast policy:

- Chat room - jabber
- Collaboration tool - allows regional forecasters to modify product overnight

- Users in other offices can see edits in real time



# Flexible resourcing strategy

Flexible resourcing strategy. Monitoring, assessing and communicating

**DURING**

- Use operational impact ratings and Tiered Structure for resource allocation
- Plan response to impacts and maintain team agility

	Level of Operations	Operational Activities
	Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aware.</li> <li>▪ Routine Operations, low-end warnings still possible.</li> </ul>
	Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Busy shift, but largely routine and local operations. Extra staff may be required.</li> <li>▪ National contingency and media messaging possible.</li> <li>▪ Local media and support as required, press conference possible.</li> <li>▪ Severe Wx video possible.</li> </ul>
	Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Surge Operations, local and/or national staff required including both remote and/or fly in surge.</li> <li>▪ Routine National Contingency planning and messaging ongoing.</li> <li>▪ Executive and Government briefings.</li> <li>▪ Continuous Media, Multi Agency Press conference likely.</li> <li>▪ Daily Severe Wx videos.</li> </ul>
	Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prolonged Surge Operations, “All Bureau Response”.</li> <li>▪ Daily National Contingency planning and messaging.</li> <li>▪ Executive and Government briefings.</li> <li>▪ Continuous Media, Multi Agency press conference (with Premier)</li> <li>▪ Multiple Severe Wx videos each day.</li> </ul>



# National Surge Response Meetings

Flexible resourcing strategy. Monitoring, assessing and communicating

DURING

A daily standup this week to discuss the upcoming weather (TC/low off SE QLD, active monsoon/potential TC's across the north and strong front over the SE during the weekend).

Could State Managers / SupMets and MACMs from affected States please attend to have input. (If WA come into line for impact or providing surge support the meeting time will be moved to accommodate time zones).

CMR 558947 Pin 2662.

Suggested run sheet.

Key messages from affected state's (2mins each)

Climate context (2 mins)

Media plans (2 mins each)

National media team

Video

Social media

Other input (2 mins)

Key decisions (yes/no)

Press conferences

- State

- National

Media release

Video's

Other (audio news release, video news release, live crosses, etc)

Regards,

Mick

Centre Director National Operations Centre

- Use operational impact ratings and Tiered Structure for resource allocation
- Plan response to impacts and maintain team agility



## New Process - Incident Management Structure:

**Communications:** media liaison, internal and stakeholder communications

**Planning:** staffing and resourcing, expected behaviour and response

**Intelligence:** current and forecast weather/warning situation & impact

**Operations:** all activities and resources assigned to resolve incident

**Logistics:** obtaining and maintaining human and physical resources, facilities, services and materials

# Post Event Review Management (PERM)



Post Event Review  
Management (PERM)

AFTER

- Embed hazard impact assessment into our Post Event Review Management (PERM) procedures.

- **What type of events?**

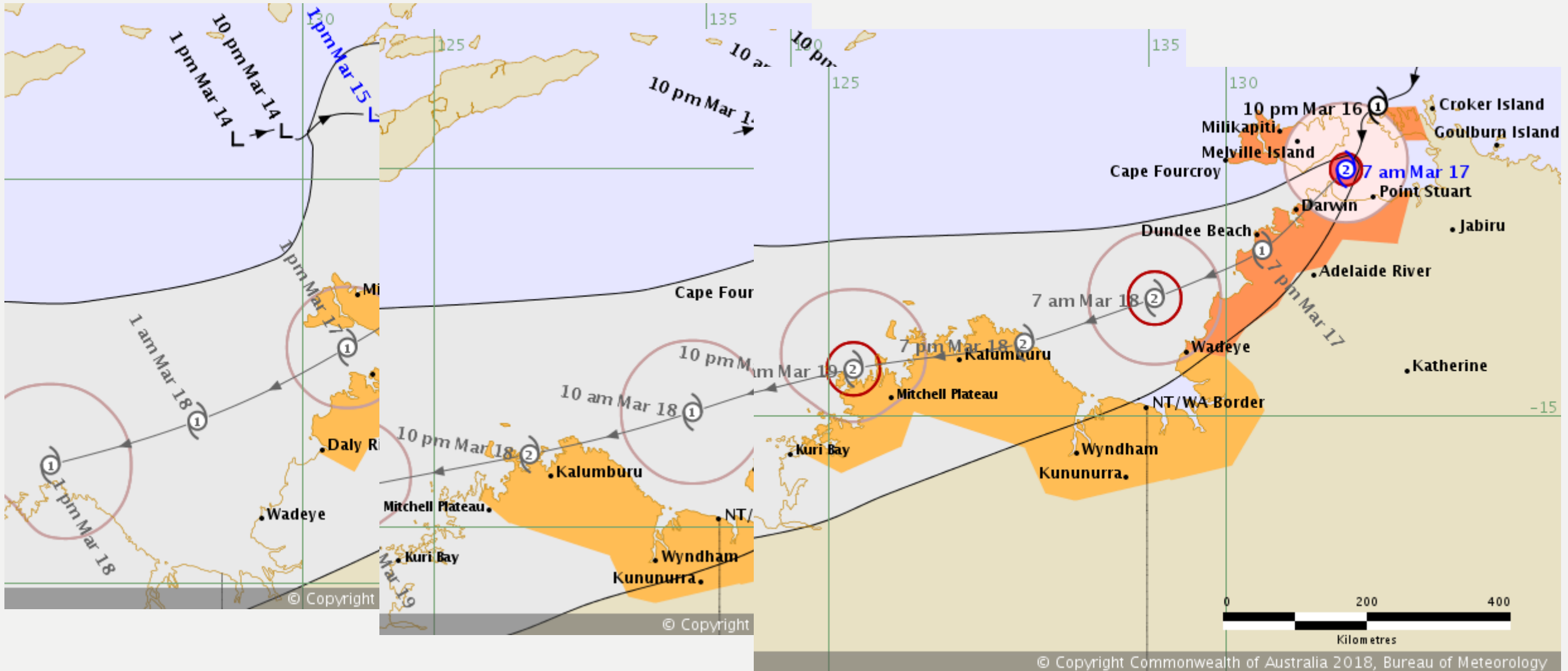
- High Impact on the community (not just intensity)
- High Impact on our real-time operations (Bureau's ability to deliver services/surge)
  - Service performance
  - Staff fatigue and skills
  - Ability to surge
- Other non-hazard related service/performance factors





# Warnings

## Tropical Cyclone Marcus





# PERM – Impact assessments Tropical Cyclone Marcus

## Community Impacts

- 30,000 homes without power in Darwin
- 500 fallen power lines
- Widespread fallen and uprooted trees
- Property damage
- Potential contamination of drinking water

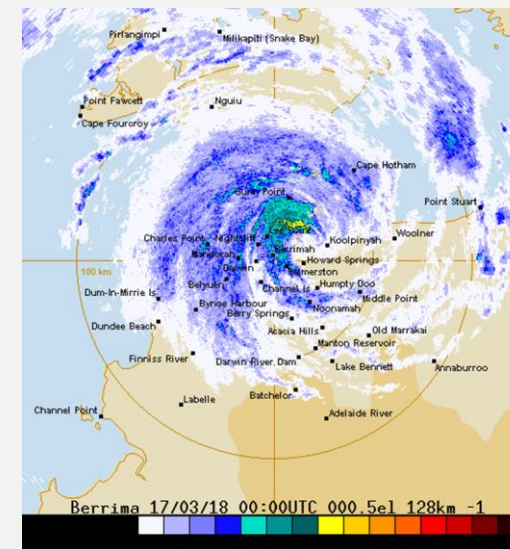
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## Operations Impacts

- Darwin Tropical Cyclone Warning Centre activated
- NT Cyclone staffing plan enacted;
  - ✓ seamless hand over of services to another office
- Widespread media interest
- Severe Weather Videos produced
- Joint press conferences

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# PERM – Impact assessments Tropical Cyclone Marcus

## Community Impacts

COMMUNITY IMPACT RUBRIC				
Tier	0	1	2	3
Impact level	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH	EXTREME
Life	Minimal danger to life Minimal injuries/illnesses	Minimal danger to life Few injuries/illnesses ✓	Some danger to life Some injuries/illnesses	Significant danger to life Many injuries/illnesses
Property	Minimal/no property damage	Localised or minor damage to buildings, structures and property	Widespread damage to buildings, structures and property ✓	Extensive damage or destruction of buildings, structures and property
Delivery of services/utilities	Minimal/no disruption	Localised or brief disruption	Widespread disruption	Prolonged widespread disruption
Emergency services	Normal demand for emergency service response	Increased demand for emergency service response	High demand for emergency service response	Prolonged high demand for emergency service response ✓
Transport	Minimal/no disruption	Local transport routes affected Brief travel delays Local road/rail closures Brief airport delays	Major transport routes and travel services affected Widespread travel delays Main road/rail closures Significant airport disruption	Critical transport routes and travel services affected Extensive prolonged delays Major arterial road/rail closures Major airports closed/airlines grounded ✓
Day-to-day activities	Minimal/no impact on usual activities and routines	Brief disruption to usual activities and routines, including work and school	Widespread disruption of usual activities and routines Localised school or workplace closures ✓	Prolonged widespread disruption of usual activities and routines Widespread school or workplace closures
Agriculture	Minimal/no impact	Localised damage to major agriculture Danger to major agriculture at key time of season ✓	Widespread damage to major agriculture	Widespread and extensive damage or destruction of major agriculture
Land/vegetation	Minimal/no impact	Some tree damage/trees down Localised coastal erosion Localised land slips	Widespread tree damage/trees down Widespread coastal erosion Significant land slips	Widespread and extensive damage or destruction to trees and landscape Widespread and extensive coastal erosion Widespread land erosion ✓
Population exposure	Minimal/remote Very low population density	Rural towns Low population density	Regional cities Moderate population density	Capital cities High population density ✓
Spatial exposure	Localised/point locations	Regional/district-wide	Multiple forest districts	Widespread/multi-state ✓
Hazard duration	< 3 hours	3 to 12 hours	12 to 24 hours	> 24 hours

Base score: (sum all elements)	23	Community impact assessment (INITIAL):	0-5	TIER 0	LOW	
			6-16	TIER 1	MODERATE	
			17-27	TIER 2	HIGH	23
			28-33	TIER 3	EXTREME	

Impact modifiers:	+0	+1	+2	+3
Community resilience	No recent weather impacts Recent severe weather impact, recovery complete ✓	Recent severe weather impact, recovery mostly complete	Recent severe weather impact, significant recovery ongoing	Recent extreme weather impact, major recovery ongoing
Holiday/travel periods	No public holidays or significant travel periods	Public holiday/travel period (e.g. long weekend)	Public holiday/major travel period (e.g. Christmas/NV)	

Total score: (base score + modifiers)	23	Community impact assessment (FINAL):	0-5	TIER 0	LOW	
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## Operations Impacts

HAZARD OPERATIONAL IMPACT						
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BOM staffing	Routine operational staffing	Additional staffing requirements covered locally Routine contingency planning arrangements	External surge support required, remote or fly-in ✓ 111Daily operational contingency planning meetings	Prolonged external surge support, remote or fly-in Daily operational contingency planning meetings Campaign event 'All hands on deck'		
Internal and government liaison	Routine internal briefing activities Routine liaison with local and state government agencies Routine outposted meteorologist operations	Increased internal briefing activities Increased liaison with local and state government agencies Increased demand on outposted meteorologist operations	Extensive internal briefing activities, up to Executive level Increased liaison with local, state and federal government agencies Infrequent ministerial briefings Extended coverage for outposted meteorologist operations AGCCC briefings required	Extensive internal briefing activities, up to Executive level Extensive frequent liaison with local, state and federal government agencies ✓ Regular ministerial briefings Significantly extended coverage for outposted meteorologist operations Frequent AGCCC briefings required		
Media	Routine media activity Local enquiries handled locally	Local enquiries handled locally National enquiries covered by BNOC	Widespread media interest External surge support required for local demand, remote or fly-in ✓ National enquiries covered by BNOC ✓	'Wall-to-wall' media coverage Prolonged external surge support for local demand, remote or fly-in National enquiries covered by BNOC		
Total score: (sum all elements)	9	Hazard operational impact assessment:	0-2	TIER 0	LOW	
			3-5	TIER 1	MODERATE	
			6-9	TIER 2	HIGH	9
			10-12	TIER 3	EXTREME	



## Event Impact Assessment Summary

### Tropical Cyclone Marcus – 16-24 March 2018



AFTER

Weather Event	Noteworthy Observations and Records	Community Impacts	Bureau Operational Activities
<p>Tropical Cyclone Marcus formed in the Arafura Sea on 16 March and moved south-west, impacting Darwin on 17 March as a Category 2 system.</p> <p>Marcus continued its south-west track, making landfall again over the northern Kimberley before moving into the Indian Ocean and reaching Category 5 by 21 March. The cyclone turned south a few days after and weakened, with no further coastal impacts.</p>	<p><u>Northern Territory:</u></p> <p>Strongest cyclone to impact Darwin in 40 years (since Tracy in 1974):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Darwin sustained gales for around 6 continuous hours, with the strongest gust at Darwin Airport being 128km/h. Other gusts recorded include 130km/h at Darwin Harbour, 98km/h at Charles Pt and 94km/h at Pt Stuart.</li> <li>Rainfall was generally less than 100mm, with a few isolated higher totals: highest 136mm Gunn Pt, 60mm at Darwin Airport.</li> </ul> <p><u>Western Australia:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strongest winds were offshore: highest recorded was 128km/h Adele Island.</li> </ul> <p>Rainfall totals across northern Kimberley generally 50-120mm.</p>	<p>Greatest impacts were around Darwin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No reports of deaths or serious injuries.</li> <li>Up to 30,000 homes without power in Darwin, with further outages in the region.</li> <li>Widespread fallen and uprooted trees, 500 fallen power lines. Some building and property damage.</li> <li>Potential contamination of drinking water, concerns for disease spread.</li> <li>Flights cancelled to and from Darwin Airport for more than 24 hours.</li> <li>Schools, unis closed and other services suspended. Darwin Airport closed.</li> <li>300 soldiers and 45 US Marines called in to help with cleanup.</li> <li>Cyclone affected a capital city of moderate population density, significant recovery required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tropical cyclone, with a coastal crossing over a capital city.</li> <li>Early engagement with key government stakeholders leading up to the event. Joint press conferences.</li> <li>Daily briefings held with NT Emergency Services each day from 12 March.</li> <li>Darwin Tropical Cyclone Warning Centre activated. NT Cyclone Staffing Plan enacted.</li> <li>Cyclone Watches (first on March 14) and Warnings issued.</li> <li>Widespread media interest handled by local and BNOG staff.</li> <li>Severe weather videos produced.</li> <li>Structured debrief held for all staff post event.</li> </ul>
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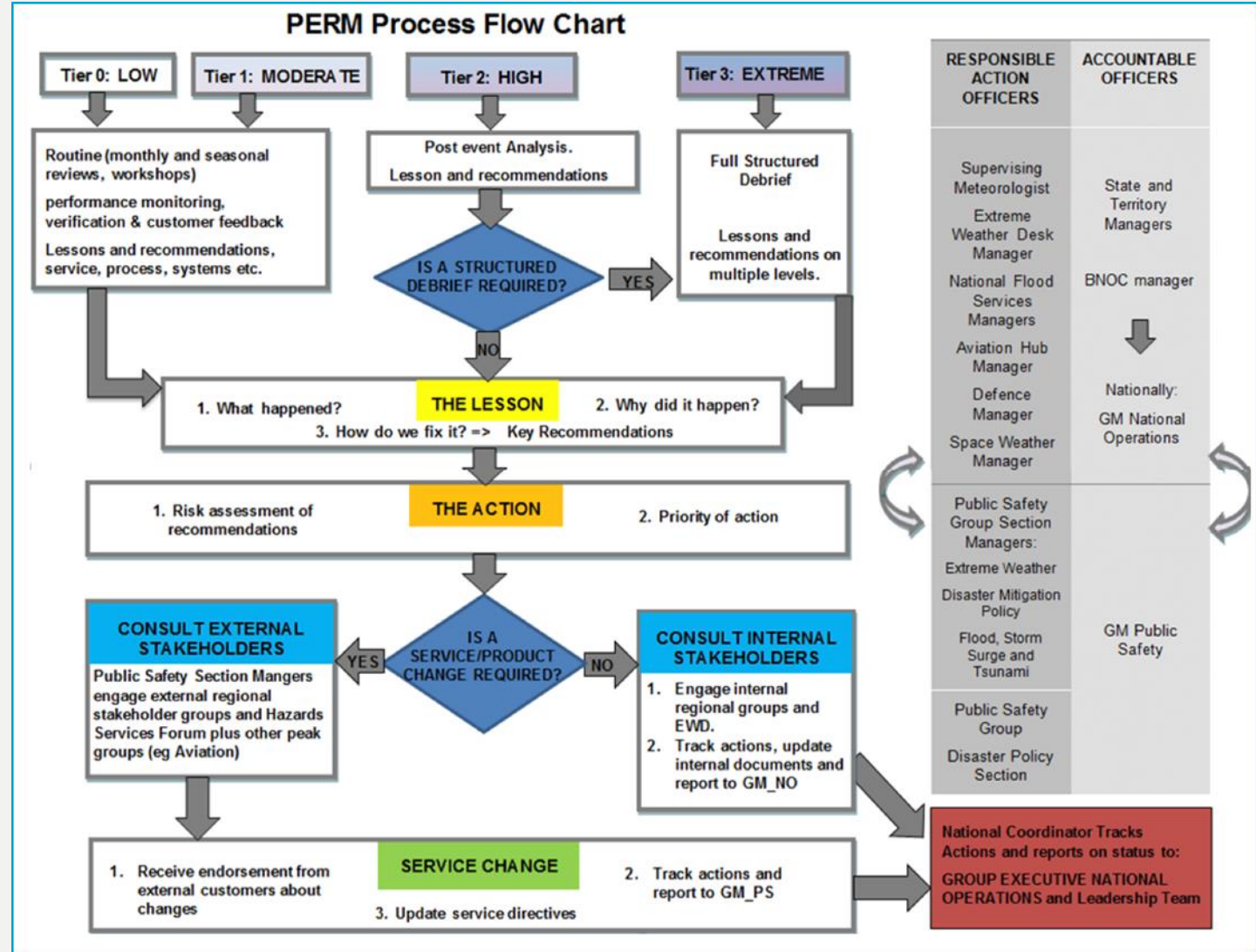




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# Lessons Register



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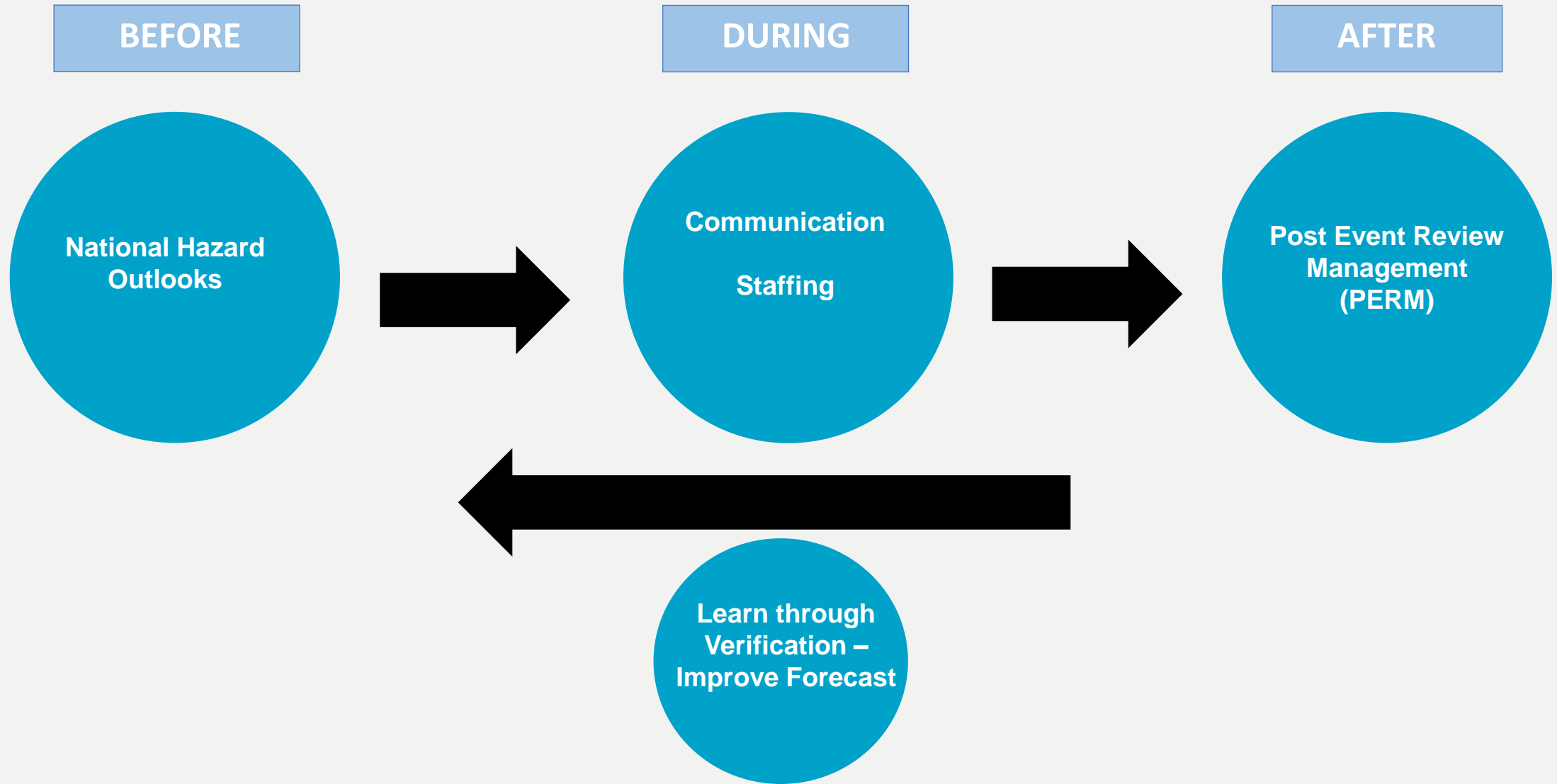
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LESSONS REGISTER					
THE LESSON - DESCRIPTION		LESSON - SOURCE	POST EVENT REVIEW/REPORT - LINK	KEY RECOMMENDATIONS	THEME
<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Why did it happen?</i>	<i>Use drop down menu to select whether the lesson came from a Post Event Review or an annual/routine report</i>	<i>Weblink or pathway to shared drive where Post Event Review or Routine Report can be found</i>	<i>Required to turn issues/lessons identified into lessons learnt</i>	<i>Use drop down menu to select which theme the recommendation belongs to</i>

Actions						
ACTION	PRIORITY	ACCOUNTABILITY - WHO	NOTES	DEADLINE	EXTERNAL CONSULTATION REQUIRED?	STATUS
<i>If the action differs from the recommendation fill in action below. Otherwise column may be left blank</i>	<i>Assessed using Risk Analysis template (auto filled from RISK ASSESSMENT)</i>	<i>The person or section that is accountable for the completion of the action and for the lesson learnt</i>			<i>If client consultation is required due to a service change, please select 'yes' from the drop down menu below</i>	<i>Use drop down menu to select the status of the action</i>



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## Questions?

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