

Bushfire Data Commons forum

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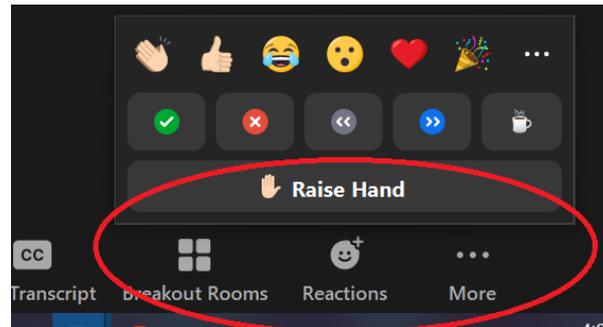


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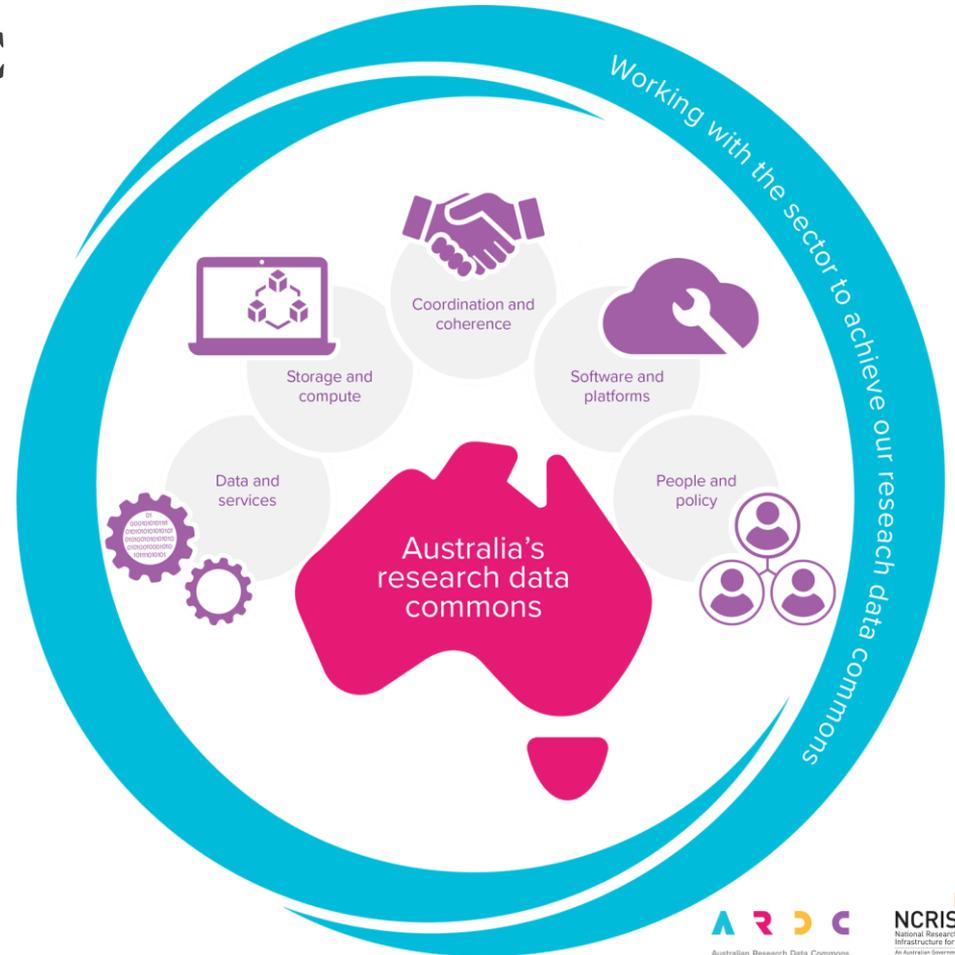
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 - Type your question into chat or
 - Raise your hand during Q&A times if you prefer to ask your question verbally



Introduction to ARDC





Australian Research Data Commons

Purpose

To provide Australian researchers with competitive advantage through data.

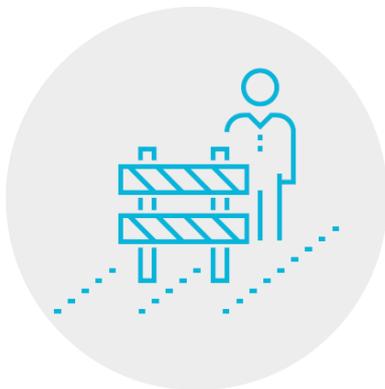
Mission

To accelerate research and innovation by driving excellence in the creation, analysis and retention of high-quality data assets.

Translational research data challenges program



START
WITH A SOCIETAL
PROBLEM



IDENTIFY
THE DATA
CHALLENGE



BUILD
AND APPLY DIGITAL
INFRASTRUCTURE

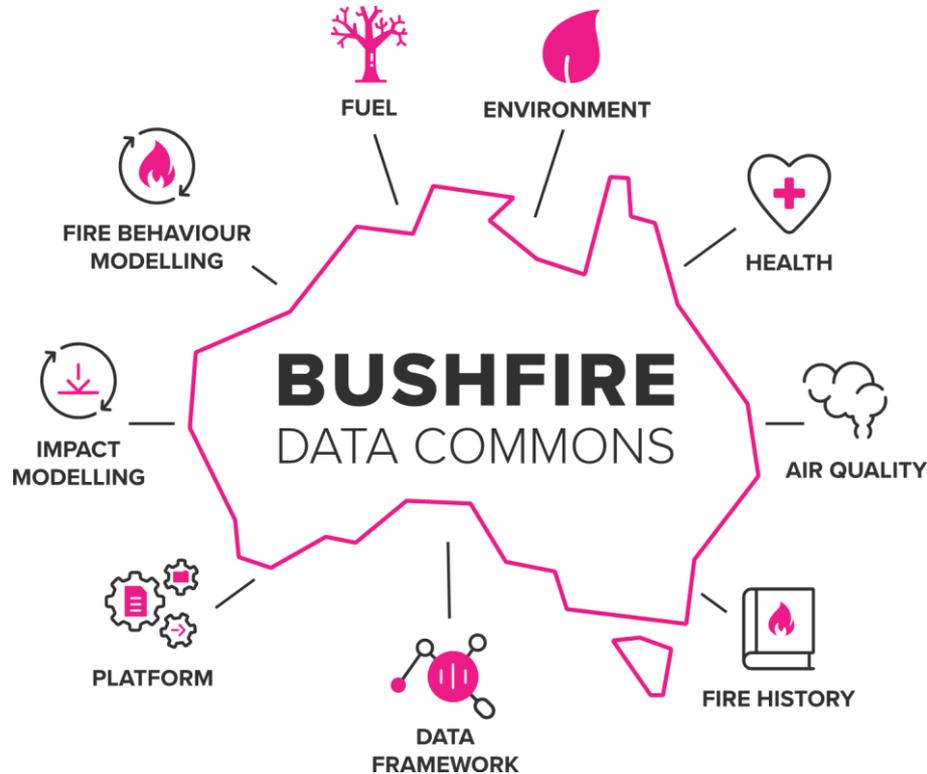
Bushfire Data Commons

Objective: Establishing a national bushfire data infrastructure for translational research, to improve bushfire management and understand risk.

- **Bushfire data challenges in 2 areas:**
 - Understanding bushfire behaviour
 - Understanding bushfire impact

Collaboration and alignment with existing and emerging initiatives.

Bushfire Data Commons Outputs and Outcomes



Research resilience, response and recovery

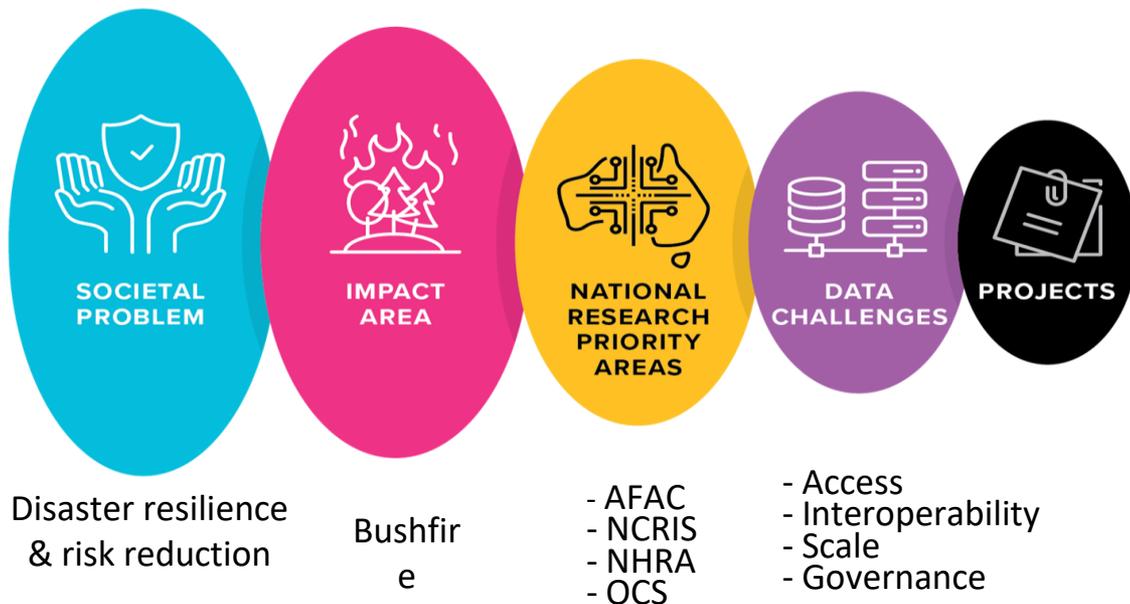
Bushfire Data Commons Forum

- **Second Bushfire Data Commons Forum today:**
 - Understanding Bushfire Impact (7 projects)
- **Previous Bushfire Data Commons Forum in April 2022:**
 - Understanding Bushfire Behaviour (6 projects)
- **Purpose of the forum:**
 - Part of the overall program coordination efforts
 - Connect partners to each other
 - Enable external stakeholders to learn about projects and provide insights and suggestions
 - Create collaborations and coordination between projects and with external stakeholders

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Bushfire Data Challenges



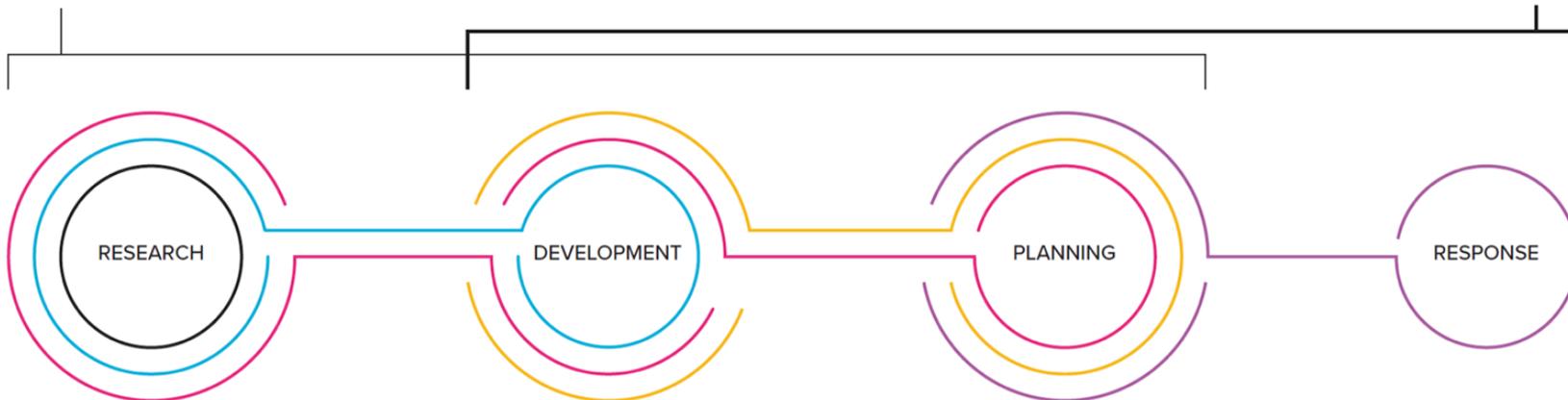
Operations and infrastructures scope

RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

EG. ARDC BUSHFIRE DATA COMMONS

OPERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

EG. NATIONAL BUSHFIRE INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY (NBIC)



NHRA, Universities

NHRA: National Hazard
Research Australia
Universities

NESP, NCRIS, CSIRO

NESP: National Environmental
Science Program
NCRIS: National Collaborative
Research Infrastructure Strategy
CSIRO: Commonwealth Scientific
and Industrial Research Organisation

GA, BOM

GA: Geoscience Australia
BOM: Bureau of Meteorology

AFAC

AFAC: Australasian Fire
and Emergency Service
Authorities Council

State & Australian Government
departments and agencies

EMA: Emergency
Management Australia
NRRRA: National Resilience
and Recovery Agency

List of Projects, Understanding Bushfire Behaviour:

1. Aggregated and harmonised burnt extent bushfire history data on a national scale
Partners: GeoScience Australia, EMSINA
2. Aggregating and harmonising fuel data on a national scale
Partners: TERN, DAWE
3. Improving remote sensing fuel data on a national scale
Partner: The Australian National University (ANU)
4. A fire behaviour modelling platform
Partner: CSIRO
5. Framework for sharing bushfire data and tools between jurisdictional agencies
Partners: National Council for Fire & Emergency Services (AFAC)
6. Aggregated and Harmonised Fuel Data on a National Scale
Lead by: Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC)

List of Projects (Understanding Bushfire Impact)

7. Bushfire Research Data National Collection; lead by: Natural Hazards Research Australia (NHRA)
8. Assessing the Impact of Bushfire Smoke on Health; lead by: National Air Quality Technical Advisory Group (NATAG)
9. Aggregating and Integrating Data on Health Outcomes Associated with Bushfires at a National Scale; lead by: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)
10. Curated Biodiversity Data for Rapid Assessment of Bushfire Impacts; lead by: Atlas of Living Australia (ALA)
11. Establishing an Australian Reference Genome Atlas (ARGA) and a Leadership Application in Bushfire Data; lead by: Atlas of Living Australia (ALA)
12. Development of a traits database and vulnerability assessment framework to assess fire susceptibility of Australian invertebrate species; lead by: Invertebrates Australia
13. Bushfire Data Access and Impact Modelling Platform; lead by: University of Melbourne



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Assessing the Impact of Bushfire Smoke on Health Lead Organisations:

NATAG Public Sector (chaired by NSW Department of Planning and Environment) and
CAR University Sector (chaired by Curtin University)

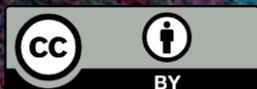
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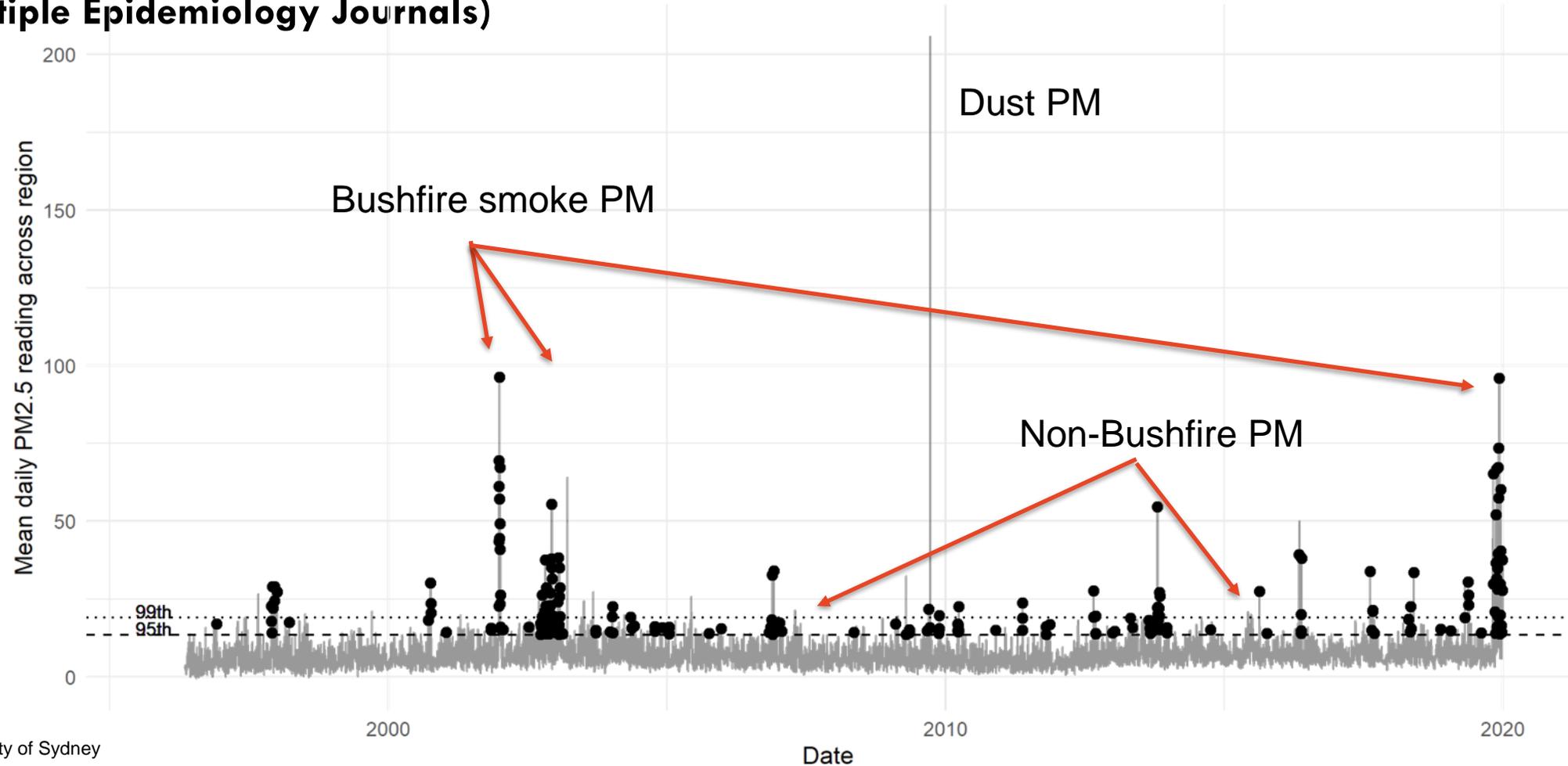


Project objective and vision

a) Validated “exposure” to bushfire events for health research

b) Near-real-time public health warning system

- E.g. Valid Fire Events of Airborne Particles (PM_{2.5}) used in health studies for Sydney (Published in multiple Epidemiology Journals)



Partners

Government Environment Agencies

National Air Quality Advisory Group (NATAG), led by NSW DPE.

Building on the ARDC funded CARDAT

“National AP monitor DB” derived from monitors from NSW DPIE, Vic EPA, Qld DES, SA EPA, WA DEWR, Tas EPA, NT EPA, and ACT Health (DOI: 10.17605/OSF.IO/JXD98)

University Sector (Population Health)

Ivan Hanigan (Curtin)

Geoffrey Morgan (U-Sydney)

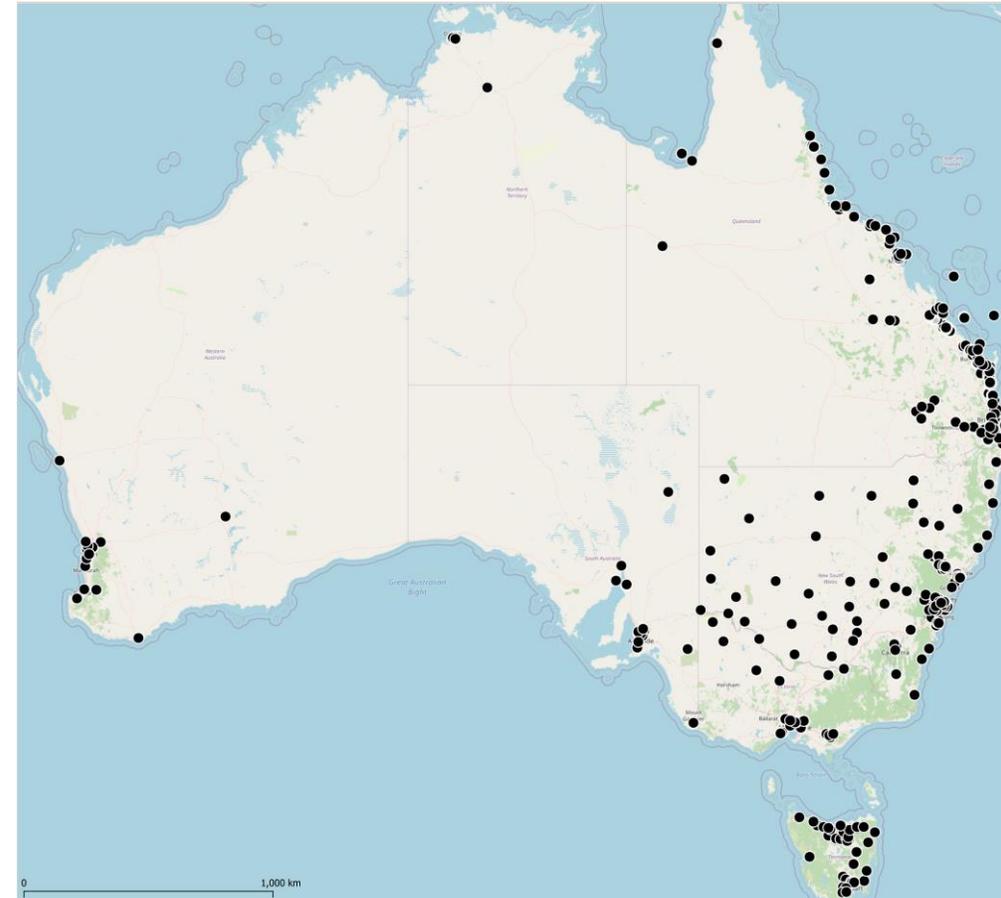
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Research infrastructure with impact: National Air pollution monitor network of hourly/daily observations

derived from regulatory monitor data from NSW DPIE, Vic EPA, Qld DES, SA EPA, WA DEWR, Tas EPA, NT EPA, and ACT Health [accessed YYYY-MM-DD]. Downloaded from the Centre for Air pollution, energy and health Research DOI 10.17605/OSF.IO/JXD98

State	Start date	Pollutants
NSW	1972	PM2.5, PM10, NO2, O3
VIC	1979	PM2.5, PM10, NO2, O3
QLD	2006	PM2.5, PM10, NO2, O3
WA	1997	PM2.5, PM10, NO2, O3
SA	2002	PM2.5, PM10, NO2, O3
TAS	2006	PM2.5, PM10
NT	2011	PM2.5, PM10, NO2, O3
ACT	1996	PM2.5, PM10, NO2, O3



In Partnership with ARDC Bridges Program (NCRIS) “Air Health Data National Data Asset” project (<https://doi.org/10.47486/PS022>)

Work packages (and progress)

Work package 1

This package will design system architecture to be Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reuseable (FAIR).

Work package 2

The package will design and deliver a universal API to Australian air quality data.

Work package 3

We will build predictive statistical and machine learning models with satellite images and land-based data to estimate the proportion of the PM that is fire smoke to delineate the extent of each plume. Uncertainty in model and data types will be blended using Bayesian spatiotemporal methods.

Progress

Head agreement signed and project plan approved.

Next steps: Steering committee, partner workshops, recruitment etc.

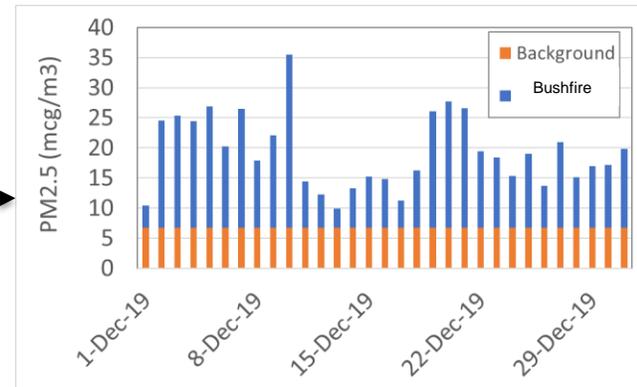
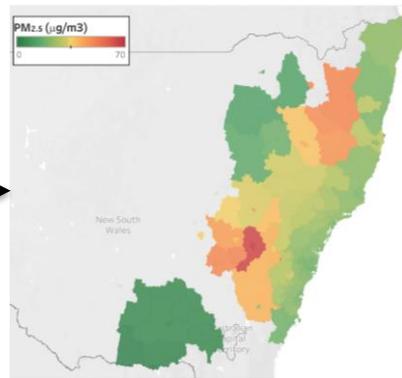
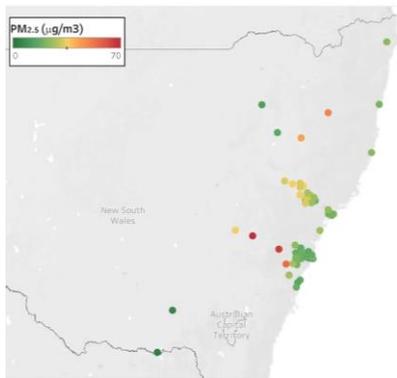
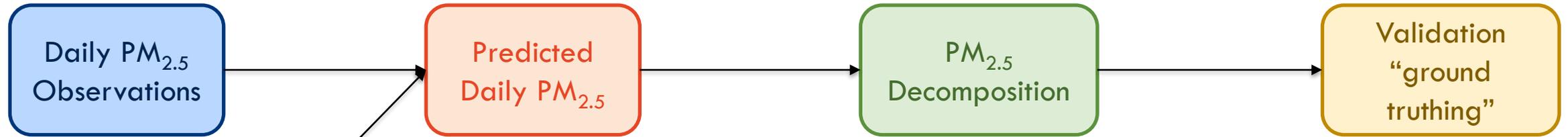
Challenges and opportunities: TBC e.g. Big data (near-real-time satellites!)

Obvious 20/10/2013

Ambiguous 04/11/2016

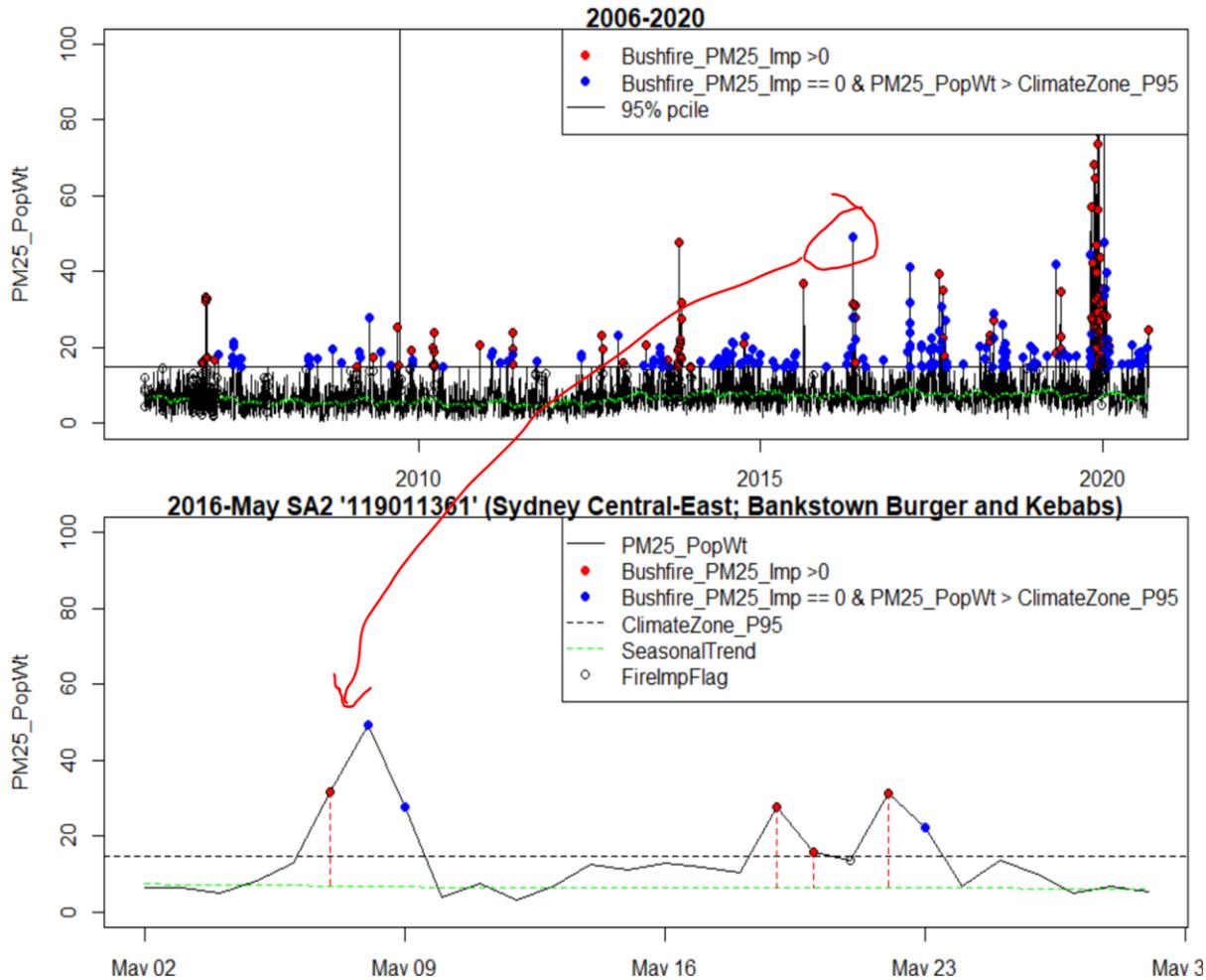


Use Cases: Airborne Particles (PM_{2.5}) and Fire Smoke Model workflow



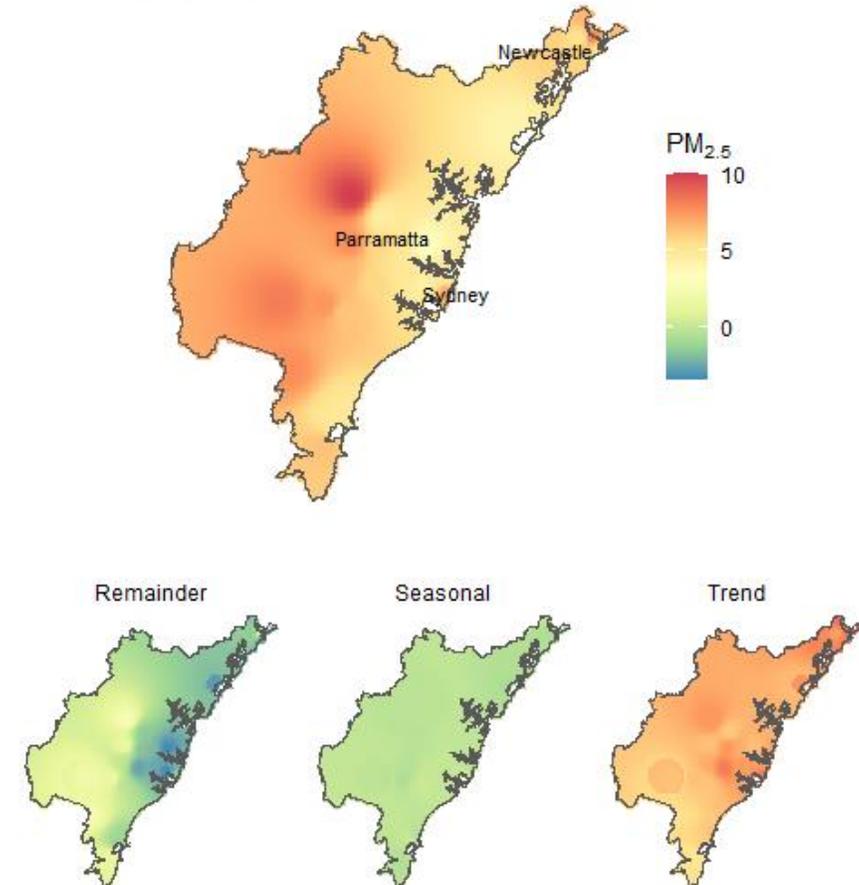
Use Cases: PM_{2.5} Decomposition

Seasonal and Trend Decomposition using Loess

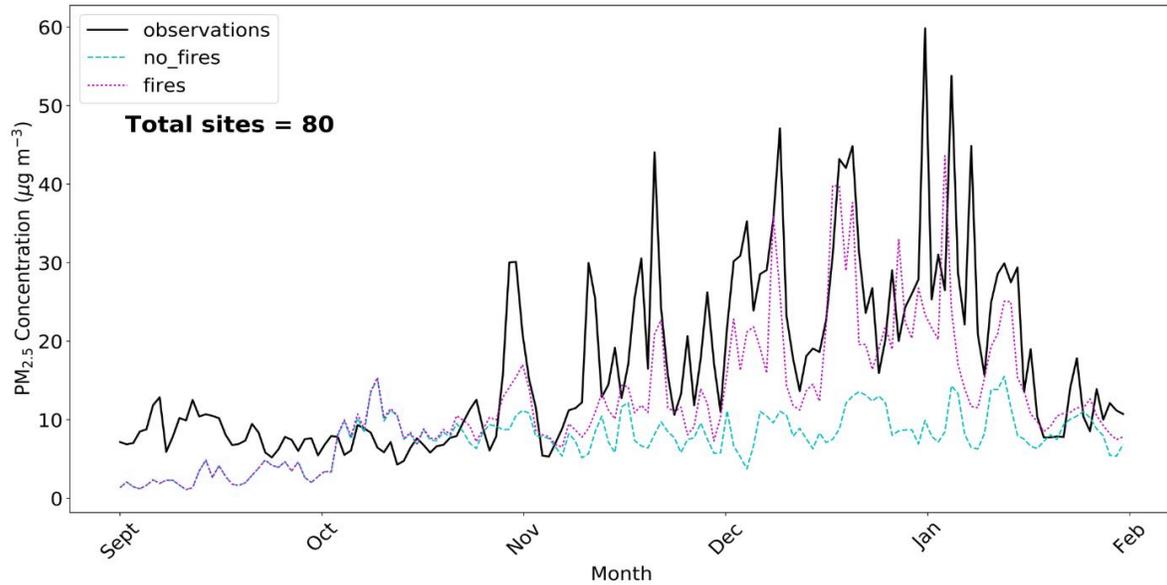


IDW interpolated PM_{2.5}

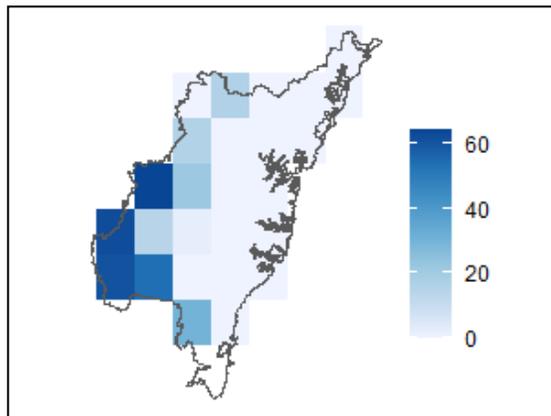
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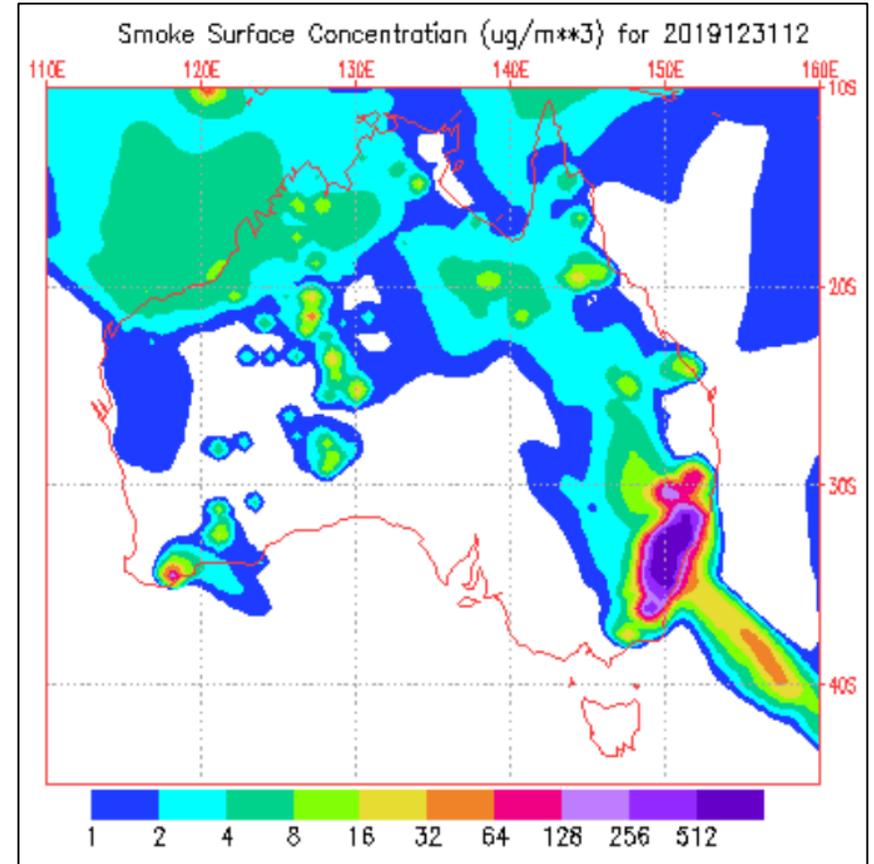
Use Cases: Validation “Ground Truthing”



CTM output: All sources vs. No fires Graham et al. (2021)

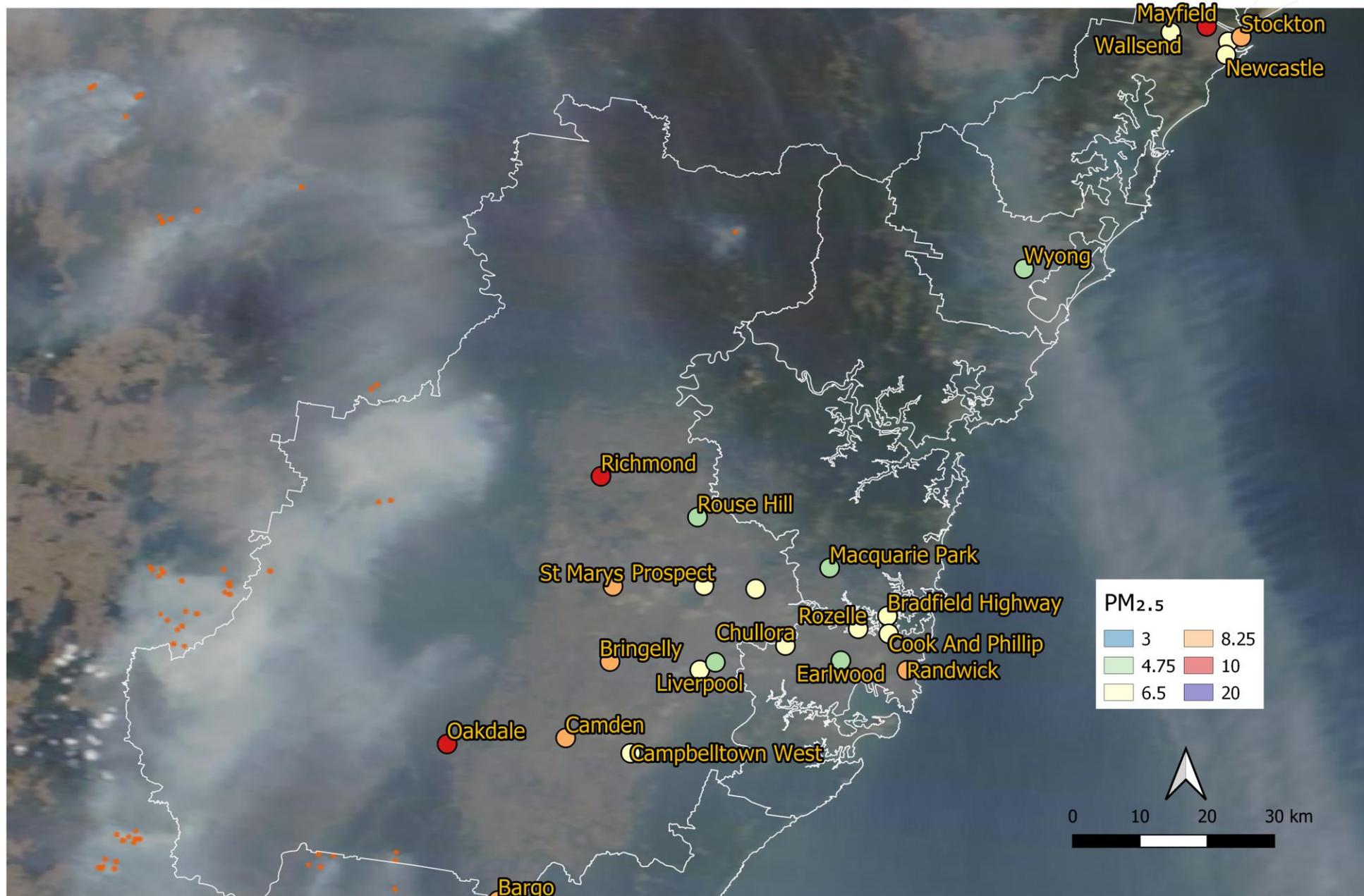


Global fire atlas - carbon emissions
Suggesting fire smoke – a bit too coarse

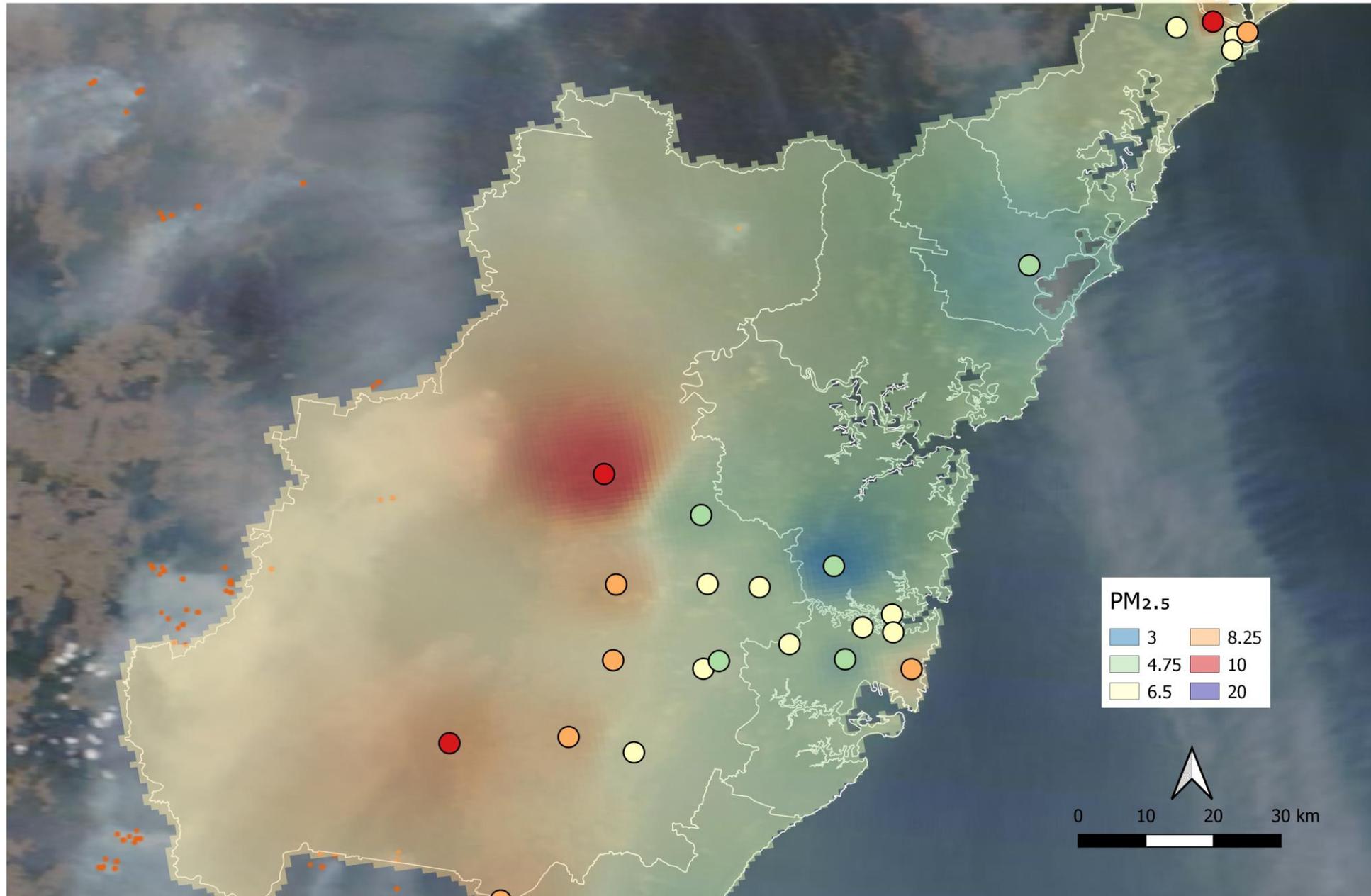


NAAPS (Navy Aerosol Analysis and Prediction System) Global Aerosol Model

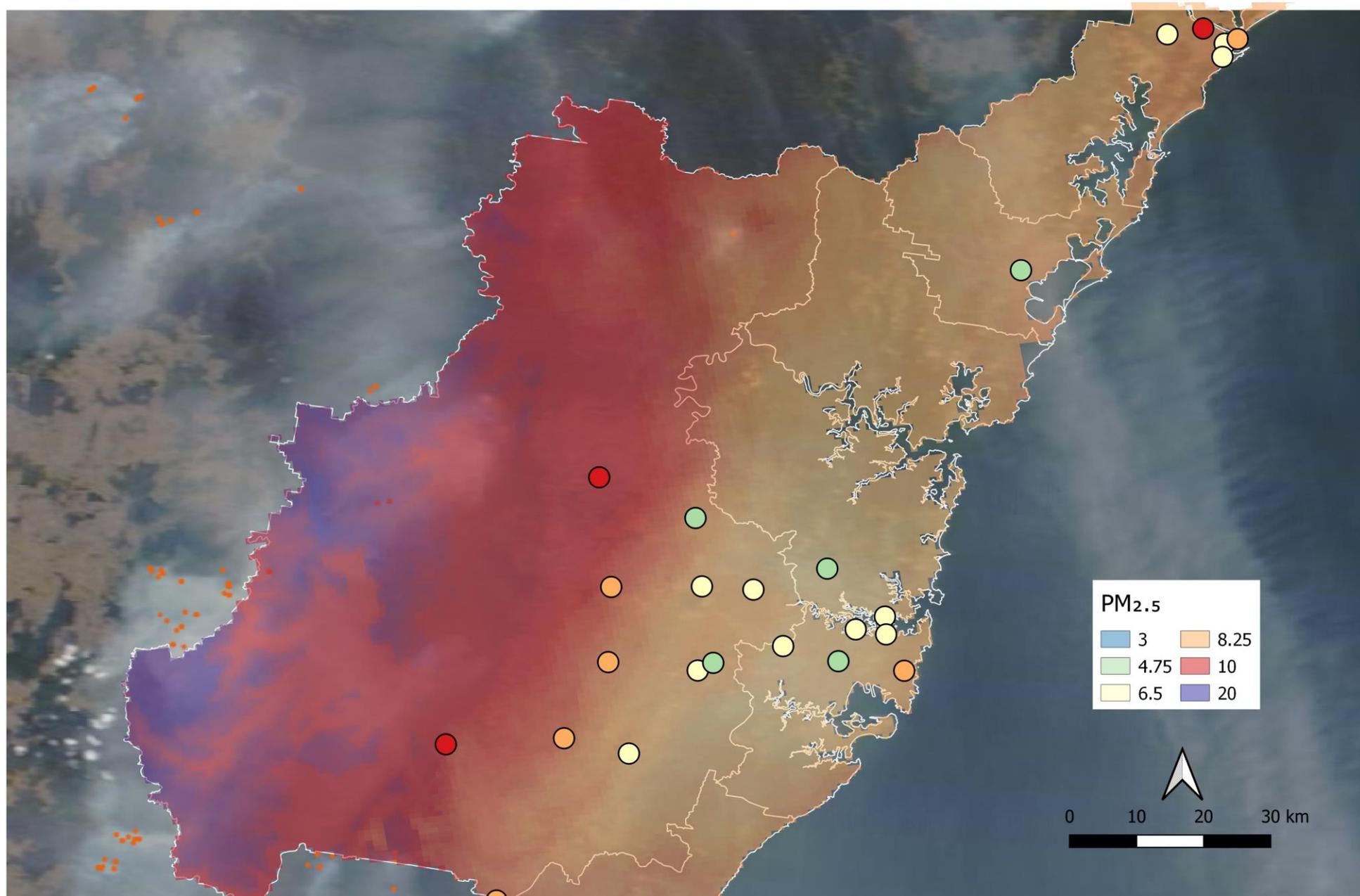
Sydney GMR – 27th December, 2019



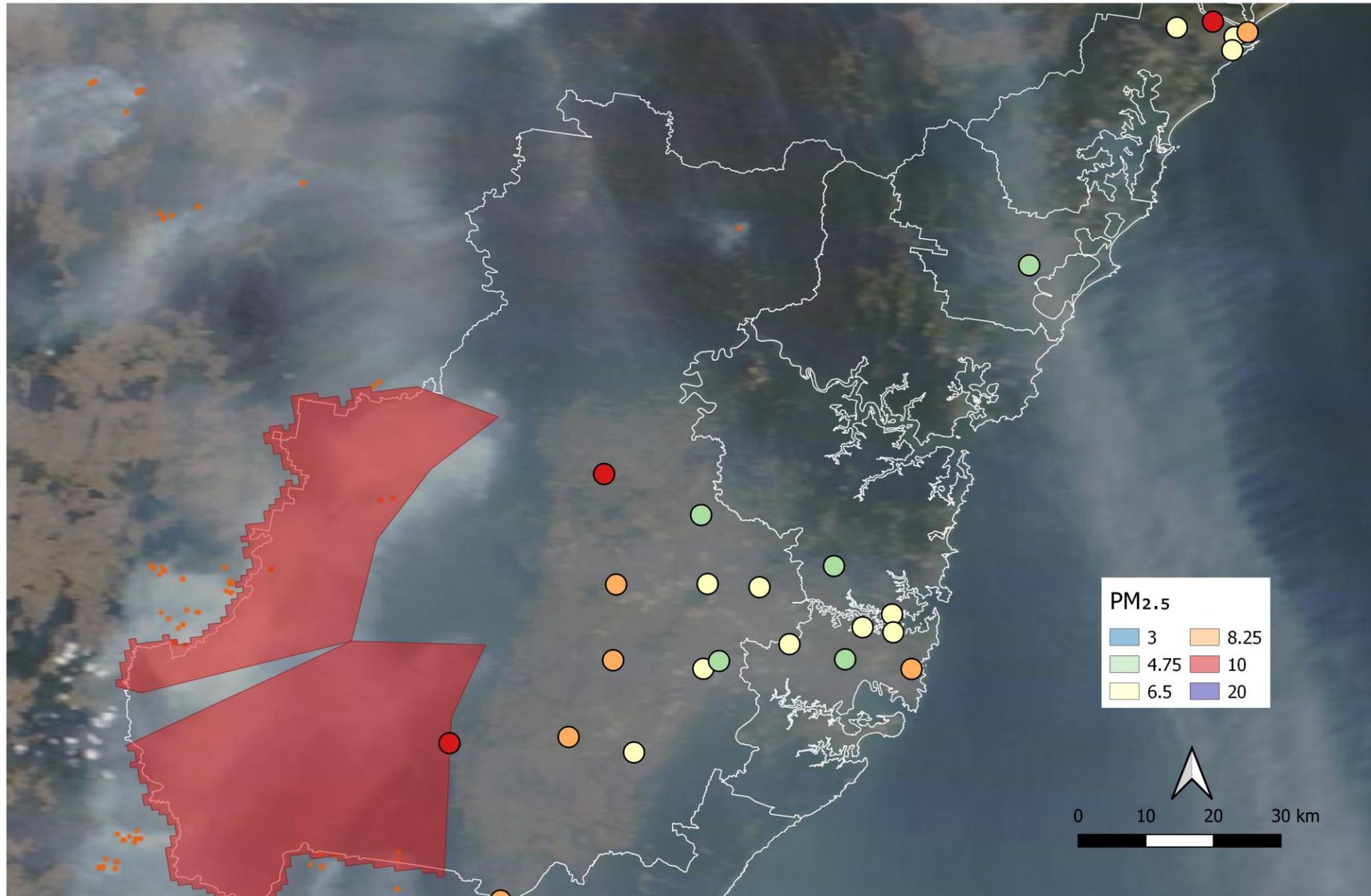
Inverse Distance Weighting – 27th December, 2019



Random Forest – 27th December, 2019



Hand digitised smoke plumes– 27th December, 2019



Satellite data

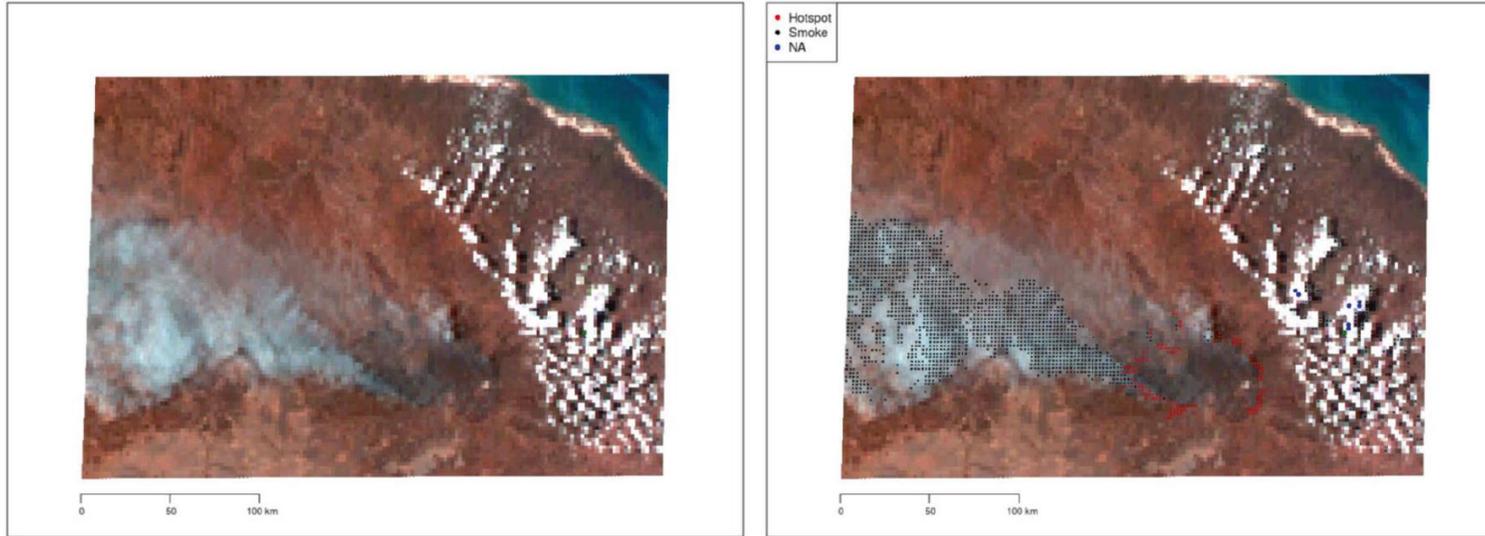


Fig. 1 Satellite imagery and target data. Raw data from the Himawari-8 satellite on 2015-09-11 0650 UTC over the Northern Territory of Australia on a 161×105 pixel grid (left). Smoke classification

from a cloud-masking algorithm [9, 21] and hotspot locations from the NOAA VIIRS satellite (right).

International collaborators Larsen and Reich (Uni North Carolina) and Rappold (USA EPA) along with CSIRO (Qin, Cope):

Larsen, A., Hanigan, I.C., Reich, B.J., Qin, Y., Cope, M., Morgan, G.G., Rappold, A.G. (2020). A deep learning approach to identify smoke plumes in satellite imagery in near-real time for health risk communication. *Journal of Exposure Science & Environmental Epidemiology*,

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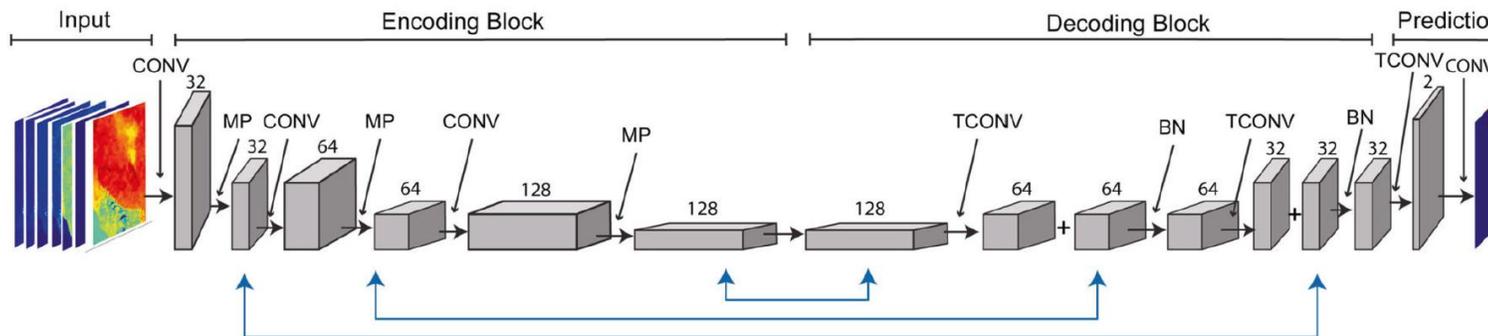


Fig. 2 Deep fully convolutional network architecture. Outputs from convolution (TCONV), and batch normalization (BN). The last con-

Stakeholders and beneficiaries: E.g. App developers

HOME WHAT DOES IT MONITOR? HOW DOES IT WORK? NEWS ABOUT CONTACT

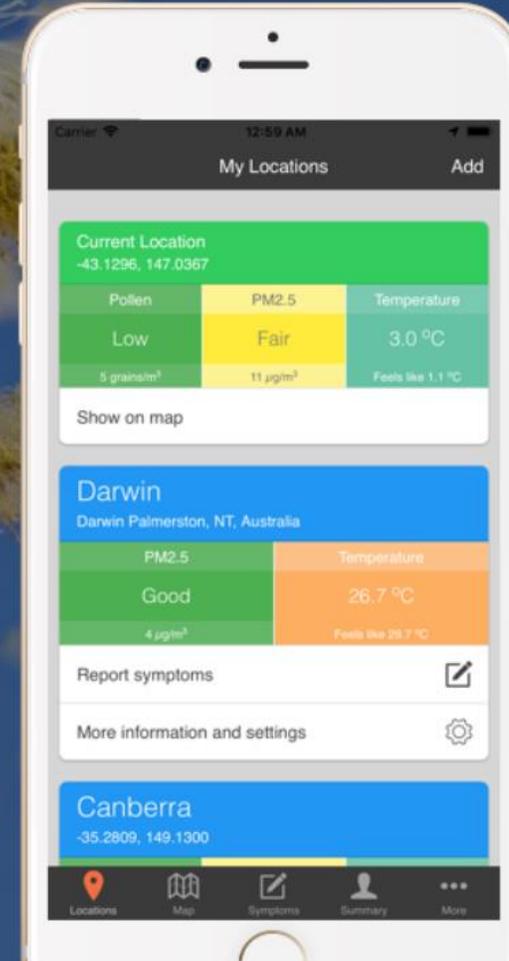


AirRater

Helping people with asthma, hay fever or other lung conditions to better manage their symptoms and improve their quality of life

More information about air quality

- ❗ What are the air quality categories?
- ❗ What do air quality categories mean for your health?
- ❗ Accuracy of AirRater readings
- ❗ What can I do when it's smoky outside?





Australian Government
Australian Institute of
Health and Welfare

Aggregating and integrating data on health outcomes associated with bushfires at a national scale

Dr Vanessa Prescott

Head, Prevention and Environmental Health Unit, AIHW

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The logo for the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), consisting of the letters 'AIHW' in a bold, sans-serif font. Each letter is a different color: 'A' is blue, 'I' is green, 'H' is red, and 'W' is purple.

AIHW

Stronger evidence,
better decisions,
improved health and welfare

Project objective and vision

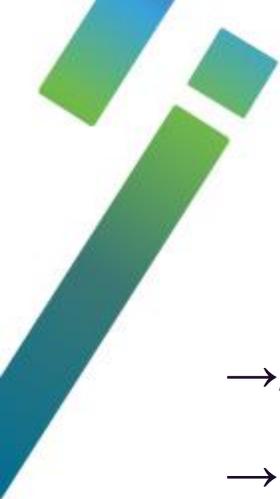
- ❑ **Background:** This project builds on previous reports on short-term health impacts of 2019–20 bushfires on health.
- ❑ **Aim:** Develop an accessible data asset of bushfire-related health service use, to allow analysis of effects of bushfires on health – longer time series.
- ❑ **Objectives:**
 - Identify bushfire-related health service use of interest to policy makers and the research community.
 - Identify available data sources and the level of temporal and spatial scale appropriate for reporting
 - Explore options on how best to deliver data to our stakeholders.





Project Partners

- Queensland University of Technology
- NHMRC Centre for Air pollution, energy and health Research (CAR)
- FrontierSI
- Healthy Environments and Lives National Research Network (HEAL)



Noted project stakeholders and beneficiaries

- AusEnHealth
- NHMRC Centre for Air pollution, energy and health Research (CAR)
- WHO Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health Impact Assessment, Curtin University
- Climate, Air Quality Research (CARE) Unit, Monash University
- NHMRC funded Healthy Environments and Lives National Research Network (HEAL)
- National Recovery and Resilience Agency (NRRRA)
- Australian Climate Service/Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Climate and Atmospheric Science – Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (NSW)



Use case

- Health impact assessment
 - combine health data with environmental data to assess health impact
- Planning for prevention, adaptation and disaster response
 - e.g. identify patterns of service use to prepare for future events
- Decision support and analysis platforms
 - Incorporate data into existing platforms
- Environmental Economic Accounting (EEA)
 - evidence drawn from data could inform EEA in future

Work packages

→ **Work package 1: Identify bushfire-related health outcomes**

- bushfire-related health service use of interest to policy makers and the research community
- information on bushfire-related health service use already available in the Australian context

→ **Work package 2: Assess data availability for inclusion in the final dataset**

- Available datasets that report on the events identified in WP1.
- Temporal and spatial scale at which data are available for reporting within the constraints of data governance, privacy and confidentiality guidelines.
- Length of time series appropriate for reporting, while factoring in issues such as changes in coding standards over time.

→ **Work package 3: Produce final data asset and investigate governance arrangements and systems for sharing data while upholding privacy and confidentiality**

- Produce the final data asset identified as part of WP2.
- Explore options on how best to deliver data to our stakeholders



Next steps

- Finalise project plan
- Form and convene advisory group
- Incorporate advice from advisory group into analysis plan
- Undertake analyses of data sources to determine reporting constraints and opportunities (exploratory work has commenced)



Opportunities and challenges

- This project may be useful as a proof-of-concept for similar projects relating to environmental health and health data
- Privacy and confidentiality rules can limit the extent to which fine grained (temporal/spatial) data may be reported
- Coding and administrative changes may affect comparability across a given time series.

Further information

→ **Contact details:**

→ healthpreventiondata@aihw.gov.au

→ **Related reports:**

→ [Australian bushfires 2019–20: exploring the short-term health impacts, Summary - Australian Institute of Health and Welfare \(aihw.gov.au\)](#)

→ [Data update: Short-term health impacts of the 2019–20 Australian bushfires, About - Australian Institute of Health and Welfare \(aihw.gov.au\)](#)

Curated biodiversity data for rapid assessment of bushfire impacts

Martin Westgate | Team Leader: Science & Decision Support

Data quality | history

Data quality or fitness for purpose can be hard to assess and poor in some cases, including reliability of taxonomic names, lack of absence data or information about the quality of species identifications.

Page 8, 'Top 5 weaknesses'

Reputational risk through poor data quality or failure to engage more with subject matter experts in taxonomy and ecological sciences.

Page 12, 'Top 5 threats'



Data quality | work programs

Customise filters

50,610 records returned of 69,747 for species: *Litoria peronii*

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API

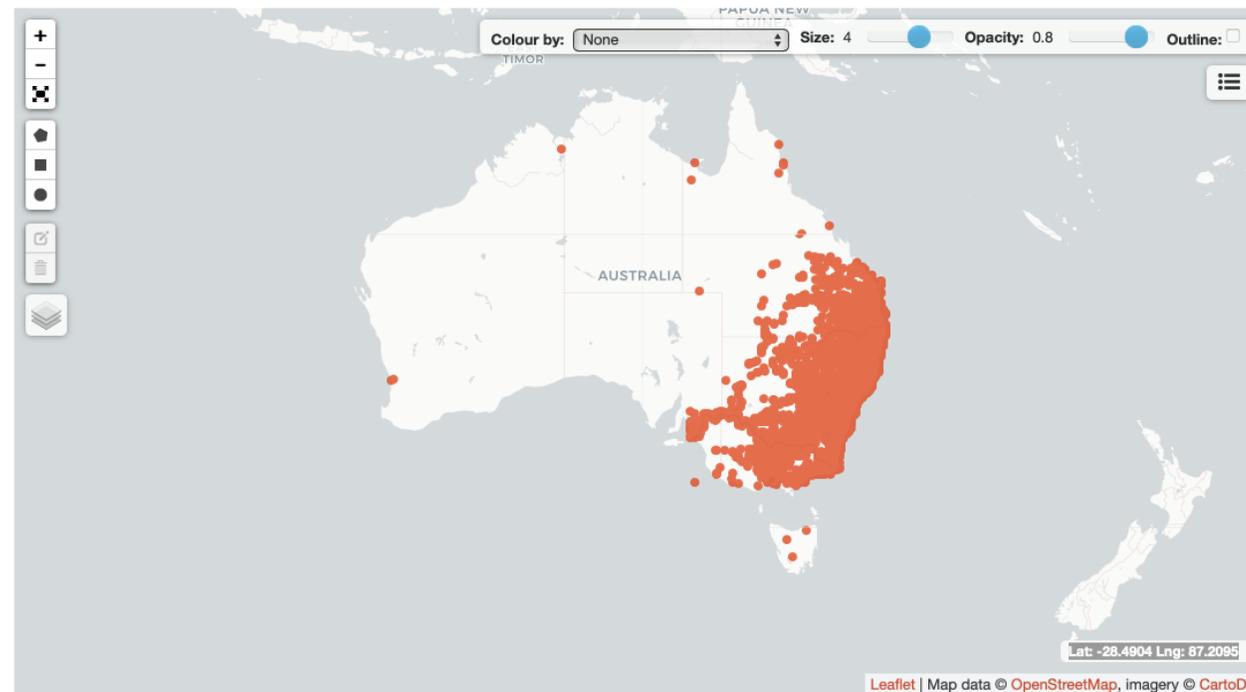
Data Profile: ALA General Select filters

Settings

- Exclude spatially suspect records (1 records excluded)
- Exclude records with additional spatial quality issues (0 records excluded)
- Exclude records based on location uncertainty (454 records excluded)
- Exclude records that are environmental outliers (0 records excluded)
- Exclude absence records (0 records excluded)
- Exclude records based on scientific name quality (177 records excluded)
- Exclude duplicate records (18,609 records excluded)
- Exclude records with unresolved user annotations (0 records excluded)
- Exclude records based on record type (0 records excluded)
- Exclude records pre 1700 (0 records excluded)

Records Map Charts Record images

View in spatial portal Download map



Narrow your results

Data Profile

Taxon

Scientific name

Litoria peronii (50,610)

Family

Hylidae (50,610)

Lifeform

Amphibians (50,610)

Animals (50,610)

choose more...

Common name (processed)

Peron's Tree Frog (50,610)

Event

Location

Record

Assertions

Sensitive

Not supplied (50,610)

Attribution

Focus areas

- Outlier detection
- Taxonomic names
- User validation
- 'Round-tripping'
- Documentation



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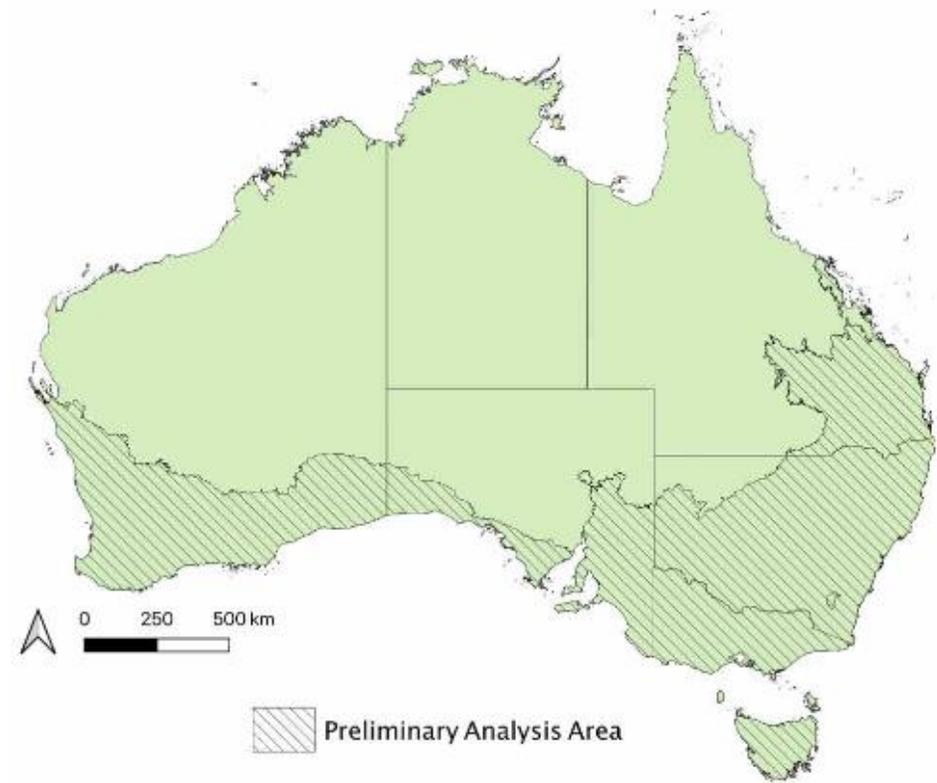
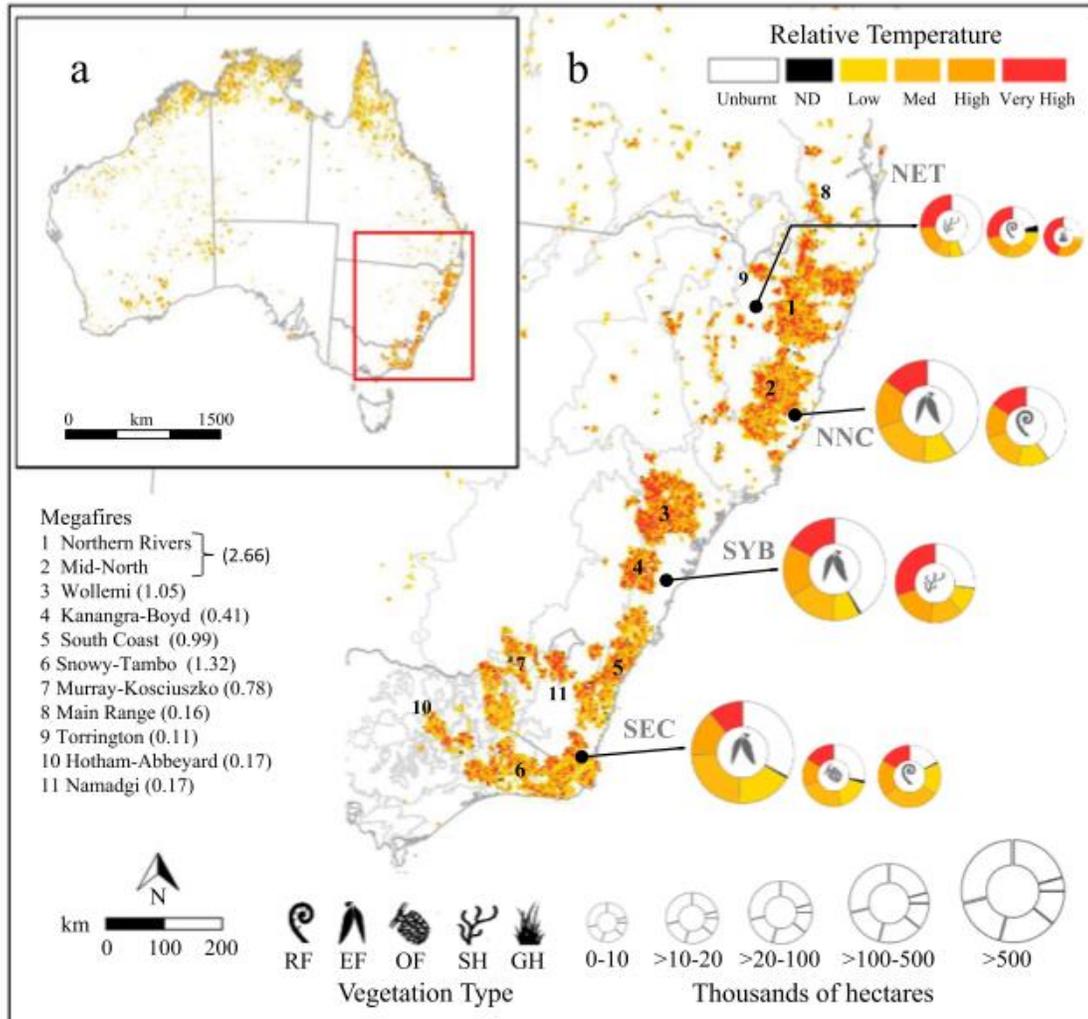
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OPEN

Implications of the 2019–2020 megafires for the biogeography and conservation of Australian vegetation

Robert C. Godfree ^{1✉}, Nunzio Knerr¹, Francisco Encinas-Viso ¹, David Albrecht², David Bush ³, D. Christine Cargill ², Mark Clements², Cécile Gueidan ¹, Lydia K. Guja², Tom Harwood⁴, Leo Joseph⁵, Brendan Lepschi², Katharina Nargar ⁶, Alexander Schmidt-Lebuhn ¹ & Linda M. Broadhurst ¹

Project partners



Project plan

TASK	TITLE
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Work package 1: A combined, curated biodiversity data asset for south-eastern Australia

- Milestone 1 Data shared between project partners
- Milestone 2 Species occurrence dataset available online as stand-alone download
- Milestone 3 Derived species distribution layers available online

Work package 2: Identify and catalogue errors in the ALA records to assist in generating data cleaning workflows

- Milestone 4 Summarize and make available scripts and documentation for data cleaning
- Milestone 5 List identified taxonomic problems, pass to ALA taxonomy project
- Milestone 6 Updated documentation on ALA data ingestion & cleaning processes

Work package 3: Integrate data curation activities with ALA systems

- Milestone 7 Work with data providers to provide feedback on possible data errors
- Milestone 8 Ensure modelled datasets available via BioCache

Focus areas

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- Taxonomic names
- User validation
- 'Round-tripping'
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Project stakeholder and beneficiaries

Australian researchers

Australian researchers consistently report low data quality from the ALA

Environmental government entities

Improving data quality reduces the effort needed to analyse and interpret biodiversity information

Australian collections, herbaria and museums

ALA will provide feedback to data providers on potential issues with their data and how those issues can be addressed

EcoCommons

EcoCommons provides modelling services that build on data from the ALA: improvements to our data can be rapidly applied to users in research or government



Next steps



Host an in-person forum with project partners and collaborators



Publish combined data set online



Create best practice data cleaning protocols



Reach out to data providers to understand how best to provide feedback which will result in change

Challenges and opportunities

1. Taxonomic misidentification

Extremely difficult to find & correct

2. Technical expansion in a time-poor environment

Basically everyone at the moment

3. Communities for data quality

Serious technical and institutional barriers

Thank you

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Australian Reference Genome Atlas Project

Kathryn Hall*, Sarah Richmond, Nigel Ward and Hamish Holewa
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ARGA
Australian Reference Genome Atlas

ARGA objectives and vision

The Australian Reference Genome Atlas is an indexing service for discovering, filtering and accessing complex life science data.

For plants, animals, microbiota and other species endemic or relevant to Australia, ARGA will build a platform to locate and aggregate genomic data, including:

- reference genome assemblies
- genome annotations
- population and variant sets
- DNA barcodes
- coding and non-coding DNA sequences



Acknowledging ARGA partnerships

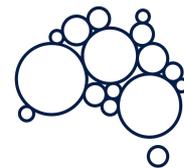
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ARGA
Australian Reference Genome Atlas



Australian
BioCommons



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Australian Research Data Commons



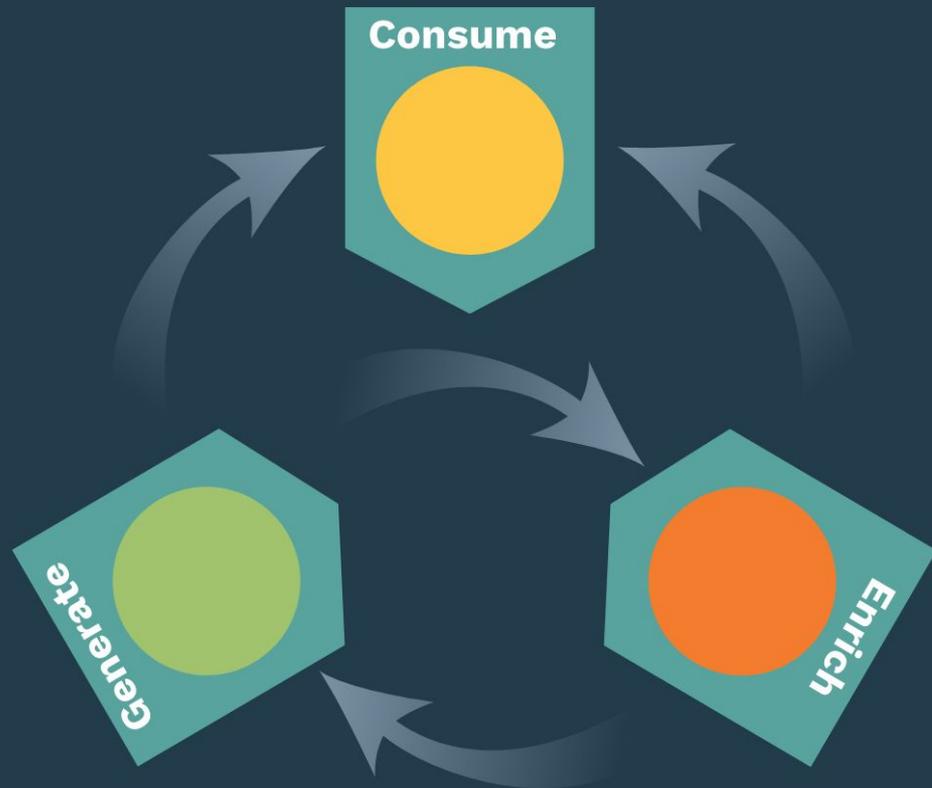
Genomics data cycle

Data that are newly generated by research projects can be consumed by those researchers and also made available for consumption to others.

Genomic data from specimens can also be enriched by intersecting it with other observations, using metadata and processing pipelines.

Enriched data can then be consumed to answer novel questions.

Data enrichment can seed the generation of new data by identifying targets.



Stakeholders

Data generators

Data consumers

Data enrichers

Life sciences researchers

Policy and regulators

Industry and applications

Touchpoints with ARGA can be categorised by stakeholder interactions with genomics data.



Data generators

Life sciences
researchers

DNA barcoding

Sanger sequencing

High-fidelity single
gene reads

Population
variants

Whole genome
mapping

Next-gen
sequencing

eDNA



Next-gen
sequencing

eDNA

Policy and
regulators



Whole genome
mapping

Next-gen
sequencing

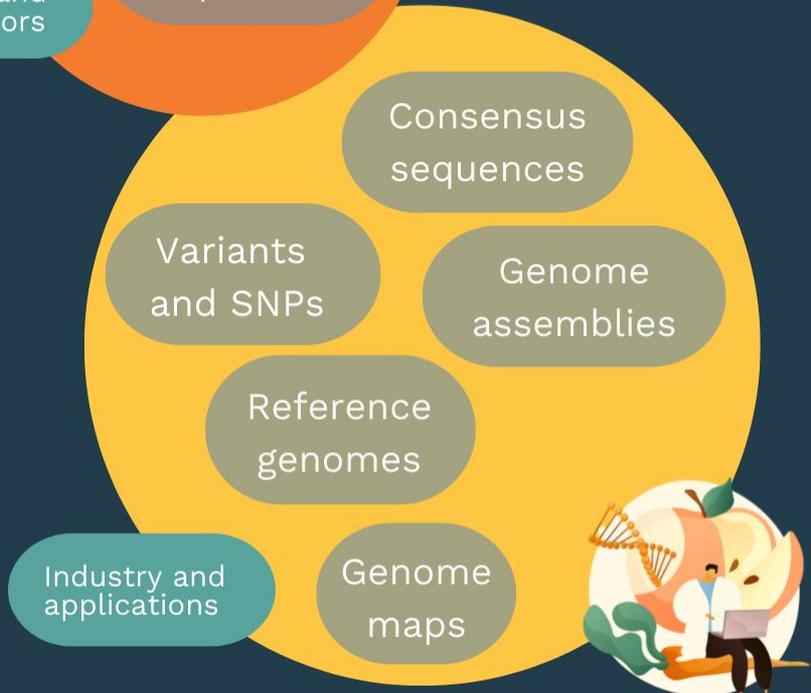
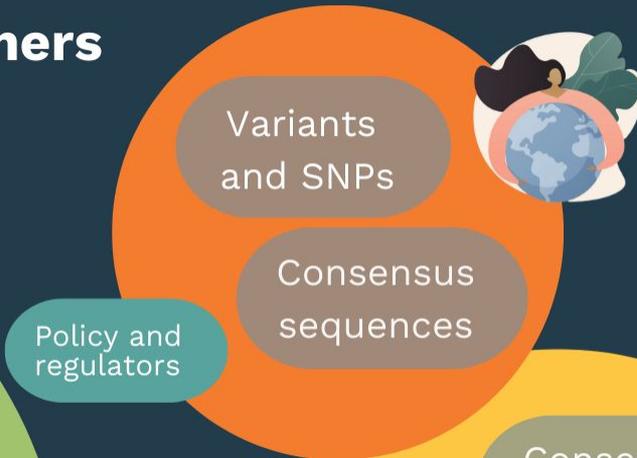
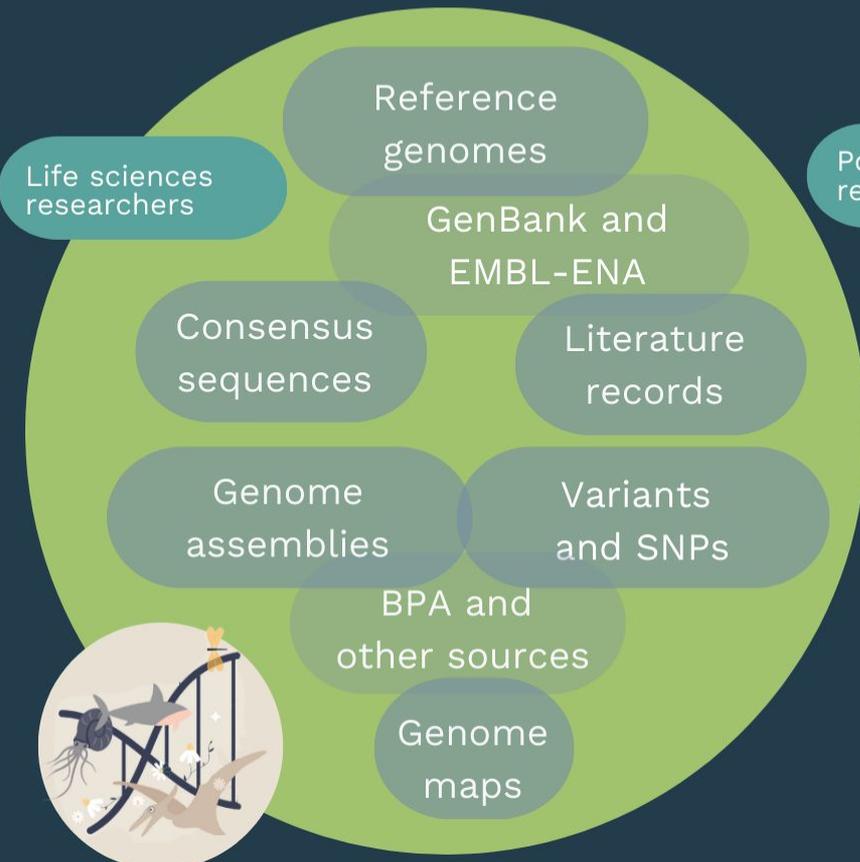
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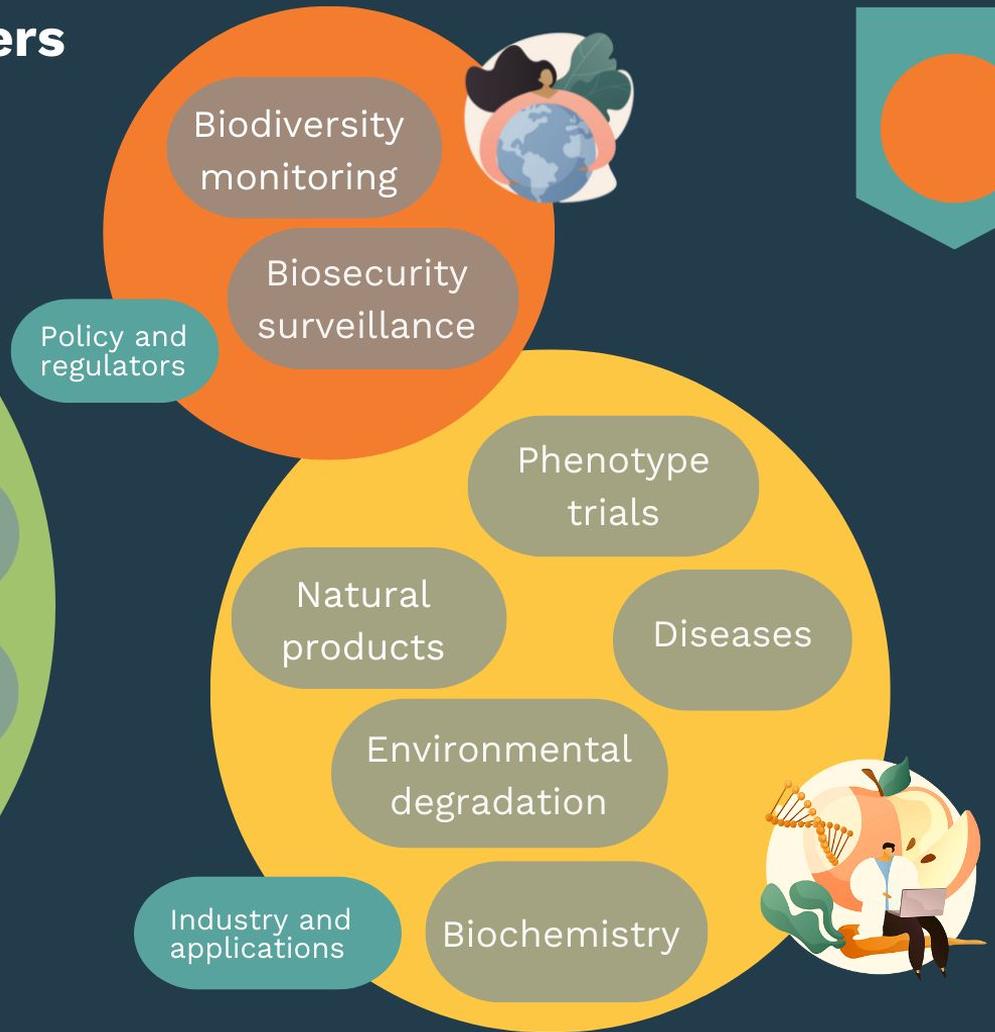
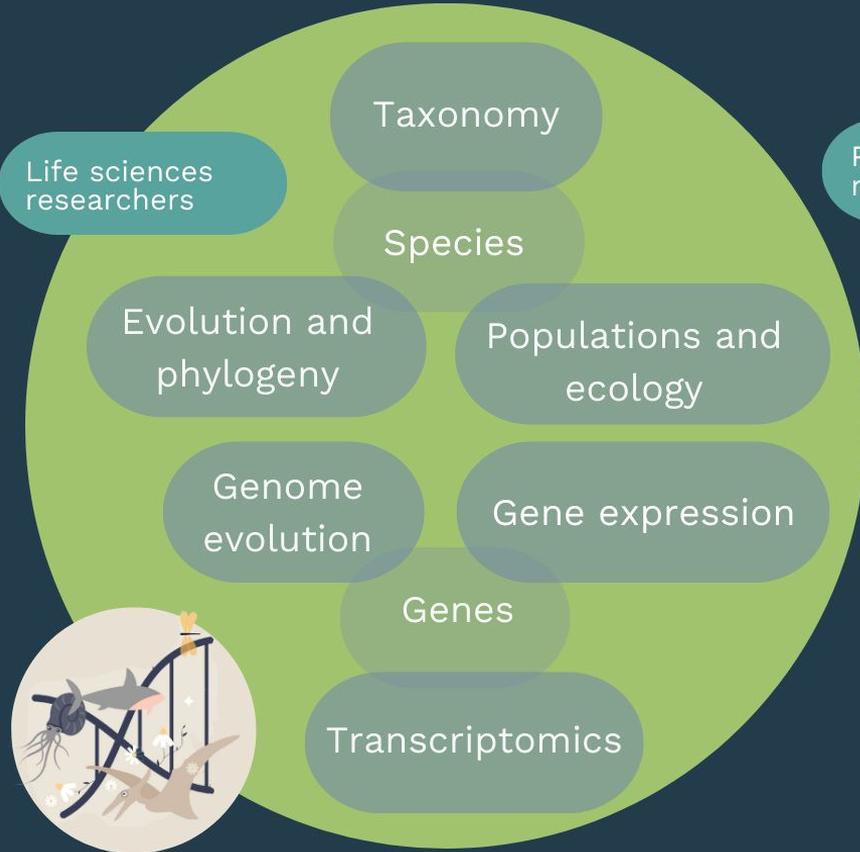
eDNA

Industry and
applications



Data consumers





Data applications

Life sciences researchers

Ecology

Taxonomy

Evolution



Industry and applications

Human health

Pharmaceuticals

Veterinary health

Crops and livestock

Bioproducts

Environmental resilience

Conservation



Policy and regulators

Data-driven planning

Biosecurity



Genomics data can be used for downstream applications that increase knowledge, prosperity and national security and reputation.

Key Stakeholder Groups

Life sciences researchers

Great Barrier Reef

OzMammals

Threatened Species Initiative

Reptiles and Amphibians

Koalas

Universities

National Biodiversity DNA Library Initiative

Museums and Herbaria



Industry and applications

Plant Protein Atlas

Australian Gut Metabolome

Plant Pathogen Omics

Australian Grasslands

Wheat

Wine Yeast

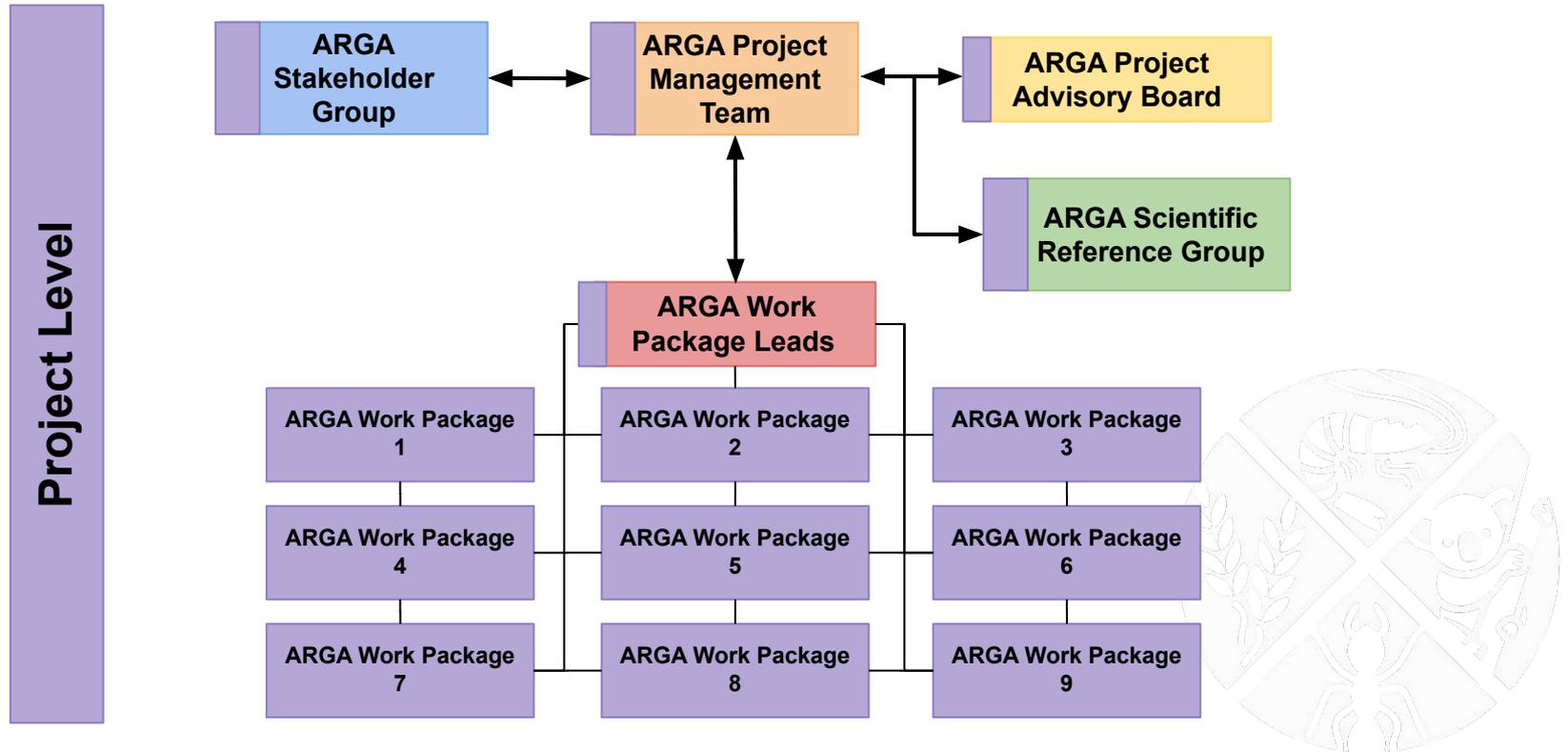
Environomics

Pest Genomics Initiative

Soil Biodiversity



ARGA project governance model



ARGA work packages

Work Package 1. ARGA Archive

Work Package 2. ARGA Curation

Work Package 3. ARGA Index

Work Package 4. ARGA Connections

Work Package 5. ARGA Cart

Work Package 6. ARGA Interface

Work Package 7. ARGA Operations

Work Package 8. ARGA Project management

Work Package 9. ARGA Product exposure

Project Plan

Project Timeline
and Budget

Progress highlights

Project implementation:

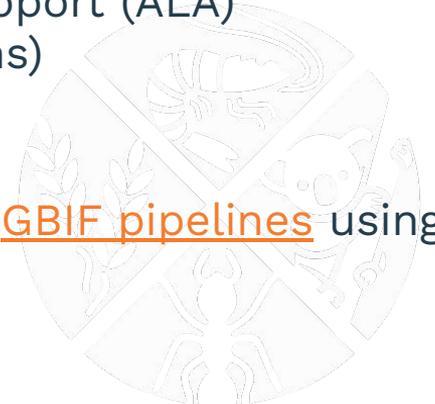
- Report 1 completed (Milestone 1)
- Project Advisory Board and Terms of Reference

Staffing:

- Project Manager, Lead Systems Engineer, Systems Support (ALA)
- UI/UX Designer, Data Engineer (Australian BioCommons)

Work Package 1: ARGA Archive

- Data from NCBI-GenBank ingested and processed via [GBIF pipelines](#) using [Darwin Core Archives](#) (DwC-A) metadata standards.
- Working prototype interface built using [React.js](#)



Next steps for the ARGA project

Staffing:

- Scientific Business Analyst – at market
- Software Engineer – PD drafted

Work Package 1: ARGA Archive

- Continue data ingest and processing from more repositories

Work Package 2. ARGA Curation

- Establish links with bushfires community to explore traits data

Work Package 6. ARGA Interface

- Persona characterisation and testing





Data sources are
complex
different
scattered
clandestine
disconnected



Genomics can
improve outcomes
for livestock
breeding and
primary industries
research

Bushfires
(and another
environmental
catastrophe)
responses can be
proactive,
not reactive



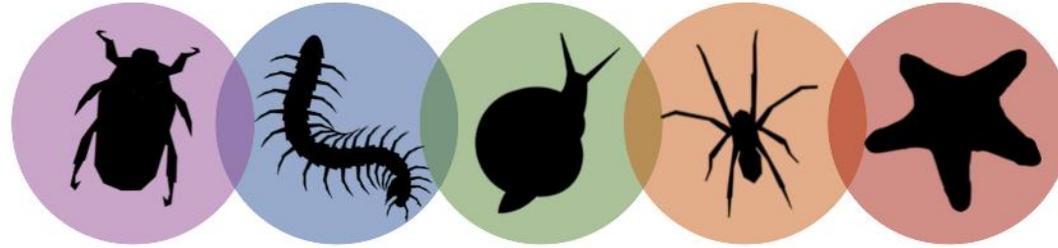
15,000 life science
researchers in Australia
can supercharge their
searches for relevant
data using occurrence
records and curated
traits filters





ARGA

Australian Reference Genome Atlas



INVERTEBRATES AUSTRALIA

InverTraits

Development of a trait database and framework for evaluating fire-susceptibility of invertebrate species

Dr Jess Marsh
Project Manager

Project overview



Species responses to fire vary. Some species have traits that make them highly susceptible to mortality, or less able to recover or adapt

- These species may be in need of conservation response following large-scale fire events
- For many invertebrate species this information has not been collated, is not accessible, or available, and so conservation response has largely not been possible.
- Continuation of NESP 2019-2020 fire-impacted invertebrate project (Marsh *et al.*, 2021; Marsh *et al.*, 2022)

Why does this matter?

- Many invertebrates have traits that make them fire-susceptible and thus likely at elevated extinction risk following large-scale fire events.
- Many invertebrates are of ecological importance, performing crucial ecosystem services



Project aims

1. To build an enduring, living database of fire-relevant ecological and life-history traits for Australian invertebrate species
2. To develop a framework, incorporating traits data, distributional fire overlap mapping, fire-event characteristics, and landscape-scale habitat mapping to:
 1. Evaluate the fire-susceptibility and post-fire recovery ability of invertebrate species
 2. Identify those species likely most at risk
3. To make database and workflows accessible via publication in open access repositories



Stakeholders and beneficiaries



Australian state and federal government agencies, conservation bodies, conservation assessors, researchers

Applications:

- 1) Robust evidence based framework for rapid assessment of species likely to be most imperiled in future fire
 - Inform targeted management responses to recover impacted species in future fires.
 - Inform fire management planning
 - Identify candidate species for conservation assessment
 - Provide a central repository of data to assist in preparation of species conservation assessments
- 2) An open access, living repository to store and grow invertebrate traits data, providing an ongoing national research infrastructure.



Challenges and opportunities



Challenges

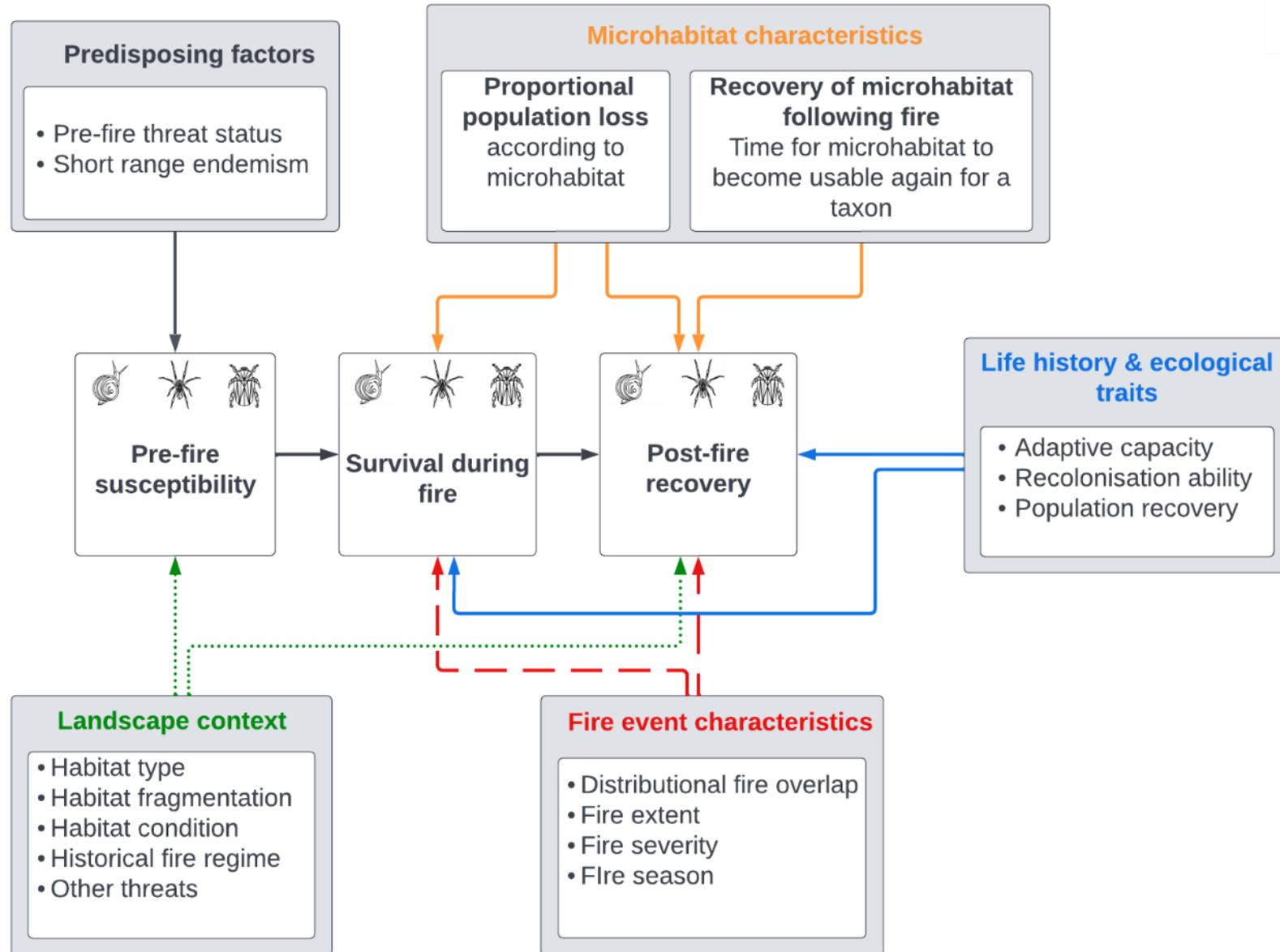
- Large-scale data deficiency
- Traits data often spread throughout a diverse range of disparate sources, with non-standardised vocabularies across taxa

Opportunities

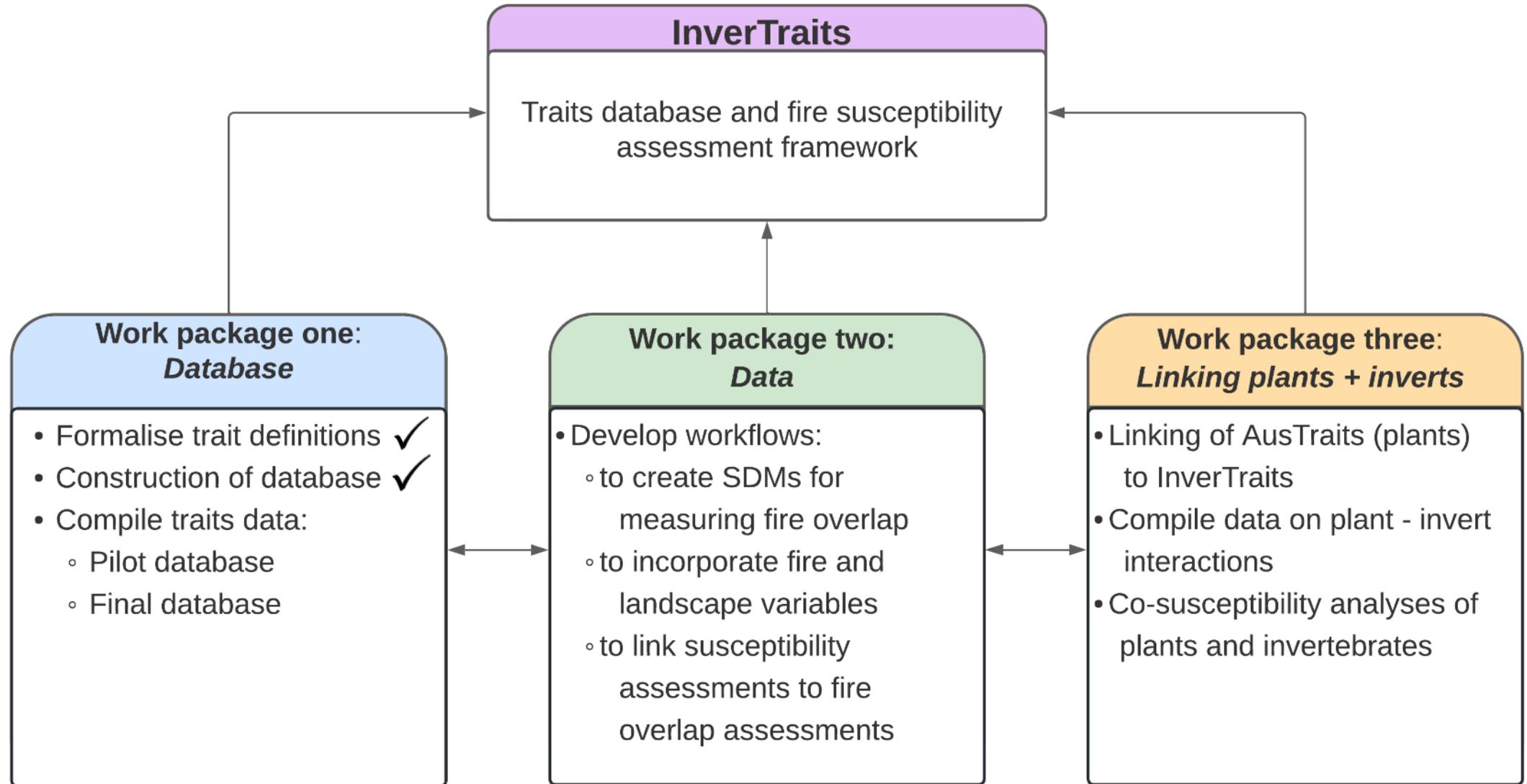
- Science – data and knowledge
- Identify key knowledge gaps - a platform for research
- Biodiversity management – evidence based, informed decision making
- Potential to engage and educate about the importance of invertebrates and their vulnerability



Project objective and vision



Work packages and progress



Project partners



AusTraits

ALA

EcoCommons

Steering committee and advisers

Data contributors

- Invertebrate biologists
- Invertebrate societies
- Fire modelling
- Conservation



Next steps



WP 1

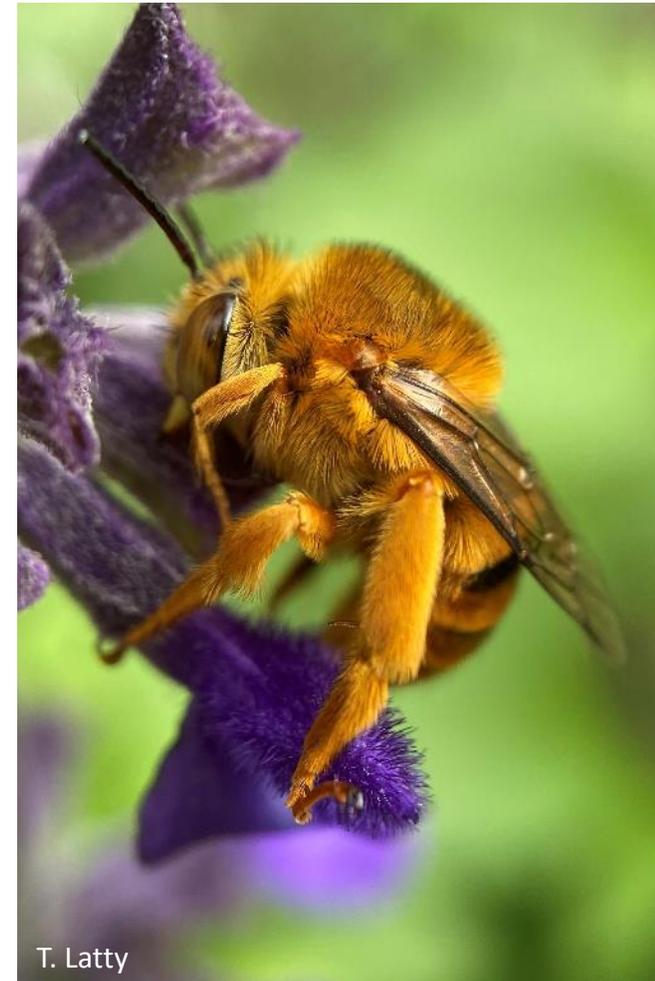
- Finalise database construction
- Trait data extraction
 - In progress
- Fully working pilot ready by October 2022

WP2

- Mapping of traits values to susceptibility matrix
 - In progress
- Develop workflows for assessing susceptibility

WP 3

- Work with partners to construct develop AusTraits and InverTraits database linkages
- Compile traits data on invertebrate - plant species interactions
 - In progress



Thank you



[References](#)

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BDC13::Modelling Impact and Risk/Data Access and
Modelling Platform

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Objective, Partners, Stakeholders

- Objective
 - to develop and support a front-end use-oriented interface and associated data access and integration platform for the BDC portfolio of projects*
- Partners and Stakeholders
 - University of Melbourne
 - All BDC projects*
 - University of Sydney/Wollongong
 - National air quality system
 - CSIRO/UNSW
 - Climate change
 - DELWP, EPA, ...
 - Data providers

* where appropriate!

Work Packages and Progress

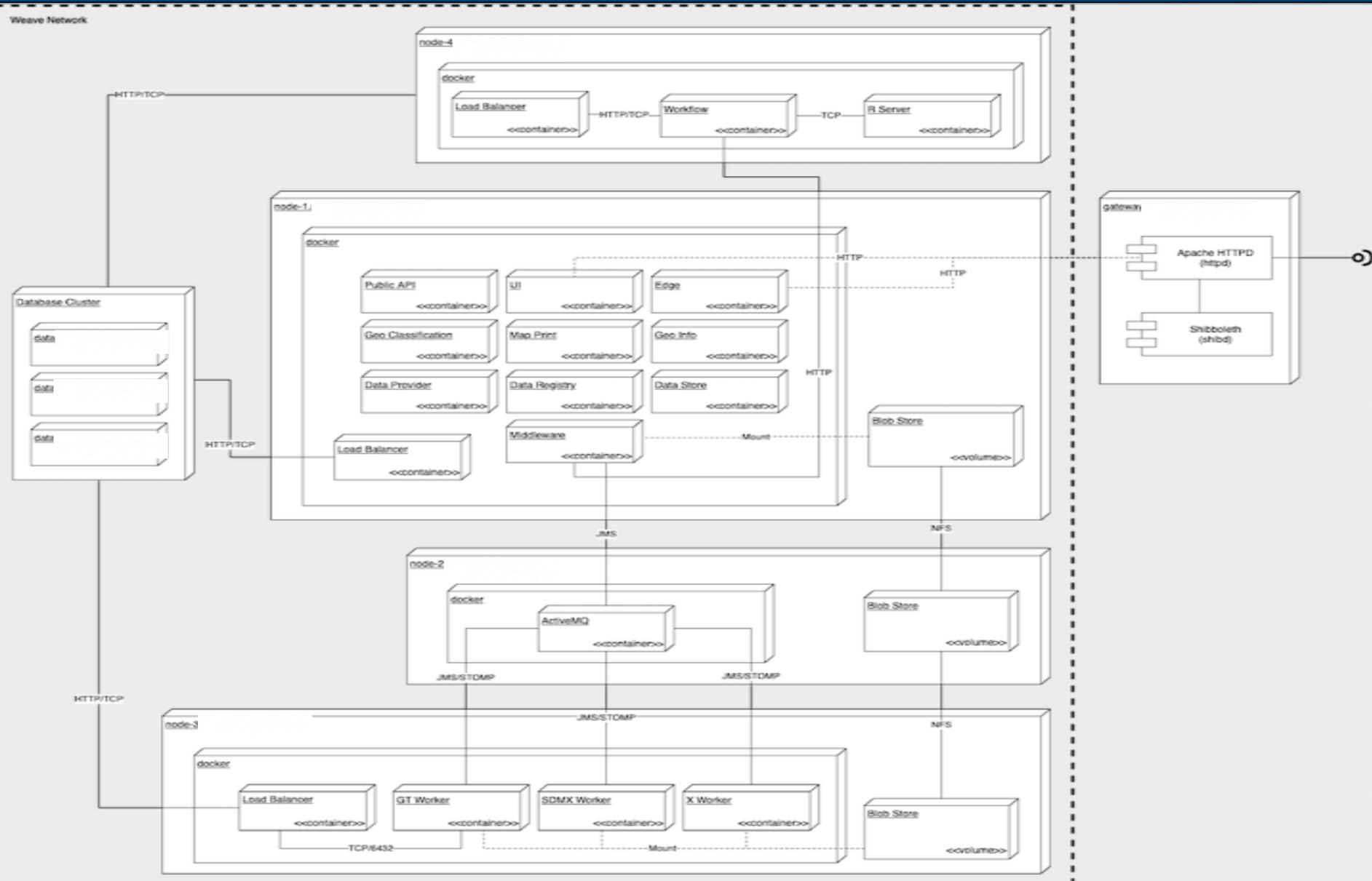
- Work Package 1
 - Platform requirements elicitation (T0-T18)
 - Initial survey...
 - Work Package 2
 - Build environment & infra. establishment (T0-12)
 - Completed
 - Work Package 3
 - Software development (T0-T18)
 - Ongoing
 - Work Package 4
 - Outreach and engagement (T6-T20)
 - Ongoing
 - Work Package 5
 - Project Mgt, Coordination and Governance (T0-T20)
 - Ongoing
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Core Requirements

- Access to/use of heterogeneous (spatial) data
 - Details ...?
 - Volume, flavour (Vector/Raster/...)
 - Via APIs or other data sharing arrangements
- Security
 - Details ...?
- Visualisation and Analytics
 - Details...?
- User base
 - Details...?
 - Public, researchers, government...?

Agile methodology to tease out details

Initial BDC Architecture (Leverage Spatial Urban Data Observatory)



Progress and Leveraging SUDO (6,000+ data sets and many tools)



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Data Browser [X]

Study Area: **Bushfire Protection Areas 2013 for South Australia**

Keywords: The Bushfire Protection Areas shows the spatial extent of the Bushfire Protection provisions brought in under the Ministerial Bushfire Management PAR in 2006/2007. Bushfire Protection Areas exist in the South East Region of South Australia, Riverland, Kangaroo Island, Mt Lofty Ranges and Mid North, Yorke Peninsula and Eyre Peninsula. The level of bushfire risk is rated as High, Medium, General or Excluded and determines the Planning Approvals plus requirements under the Australian Building Code and Australian Standard AS 3959 for the construction of dwellings in the defined Bushfire risk areas. Some areas have criteria that, if met, will change the designated level of bushfire risk. For more information see: <http://data.sa.gov.au/dataset>

Year:

Organisation:

Aggregation Level:

Available Datasets (10)

Title	Organisation	Begin Date	End Date
VIC DELWP - Designated Bushfire Prone Area (BPA...	VIC_Govt_...	2011-09...	2019-12...
VIC DELWP - History Records of Fires on Public La...	VIC_Govt_...	1992-01...	2019-12...
South Australia Parks with Recreation Informatio...	SA_Govt_D...	2015-06...	2015-06...
VIC CSA - Crime Statistics - Offences Recorded by ...	VIC_Govt_...	2010-04...	2019-03...
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Dataset Attributes (7)

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For example...

Spatial Urban Data Observatory

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VIC DELWP - History Records of Fires on Public Land (Polygons)

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CFA ID	Accuracy	Area (ha)	Creation Date	Fire Cover Type	Firekey	Fire Number	Fire Severity	Fire Type	Method
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	UNKNOWN	45.865		UNKNOWN	W197311999	999	BURNT_UNK...	BUSHFIRE	Unknown
	UNKNOWN	5485.083		UNKNOWN	W198111026	026	BURNT_UNK...	BUSHFIRE	Unknown
	UNKNOWN	49.881		30-49		999	BURNT_3	BURN	Unknown
	UNKNOWN	16.085		UNKNOWN	W198211012	012	BURNT_UNK...	BUSHFIRE	Unknown
	UNKNOWN	299.592		UNKNOWN	W198311999	999	BURNT_UNK...	BUSHFIRE	Unknown
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Total Usual Resident Population 2016 - 2

- (class 1) 19-151 (2)
- (class 2) 151-211 (3)
- (class 3) 211-255 (3)
- (class 4) 255-306 (5)
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- (class 6) 368-457 (5)

VIC DELWP - Vicmap Vegetation - Tree Density - Medium 1:25,000 (Polygons) - GeoJSON

VIC DELWP - History Records of Fires on Public Land (Polygons) - GeoJSON

Area

Area Selection 20502108516 (sa1_2016/20502108516)

Bounding-box Selection

Data

Browse Import Draw

- SA1 Aggregated Population & Dwelling C... Orbst (sa2_2016/205021085)
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Visualise

Base Map Take Screenshot Maps & Charts

- Total Usual Resident Population 2016 - 2
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Analyse

Tools

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UPDATE_DATE 2020-03-12T00:00:00.026+0000
FIREKEY W202045016
ACCURACY UNKNOWN
START_DATE_INT 20200106
START_DATE 2020-01-06T22:00:00.026+0000
AREA_HA 226577
FIRE_NO 16
METHOD Satellite Image Interpretation
CREATE_DATE 2020-03-09T00:00:00.026+0000
CFA_ID null
TREATMENT_TYPE FIRE
FIRE_SEVERITY BURNT_UNKNOWN

96012,-37.76422 20 km

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Next Steps

- Survey
 - <https://www.ado.eresearch.unimelb.edu.au/bda-imp/>
 - Completion
 - Follow up
- Meetings
 - Zoom
 - Face-to-face
 - eResearch Australasia
- Technical details
 - Understanding data
 - Form, coverage
 - Where can be beneficial