Improving the management of climate change impacts to support resilient regional landscapes



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- 1. Climate change impacts on ecosystem services
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Climate change impacts on ES

- Impact on regulating services: water regulation linked to flood events
 - More frequent and intense events to influence supply and demand for services
 - Uncertainty how climate change will impact flood regulation





Case study 1: Lockyer Valley, QLD, Australia



Map source: Croke et al. 2013. Channel–floodplain connectivity during an extreme flood event: implications for sediment erosion, deposition, and delivery. Earth Surface Processes and Landforms 38, 1444-1456.

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- January 2011 Floods
 - Second highest on record for past 100 years upper catchment received 150mm in 2 hours
 - > Damages to road crossings, farmland and riparian vegetation
 - > Post-floods reconstruction works further modified channels and riparian zones
 - potential for grater erosive forces





Source: Warner 2011

Case study 1: Lockyer Valley, QLD, Australia



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Case study 2: Região Serrana, RJ, Brazil









Way ahead



Integrated and cooperative approach to environmental planning at both regional and sub-regional level to capture issues related to the landscape scale

- 1. State and local governments coordination forums to be interlinked to improve crossgovernment coordination
- 2. Next generation of local and regional plans should be jointly prepared to share resources and promote greater cross learning and relevance
- 3. Improve integration of scientific information in environmental planning processes
- 4. Effective dissemination and implementation of the concept of duty of care by governments from all levels and landowners (including statutory and voluntary options)
- 5. Plans and strategies should anticipate and adapt to change over time possibly by adopting an adaptive management approach
- 6. Adaptive management approach requires on-going long term monitoring of how landscapes are responding to natural and anthropogenic-induced changes (e.g. state of the environment reporting system)
- 7. Increased public engagement in both plan-making and plan-implementation processes
- 8. Mapping of priority areas (e.g. riparian vegetation, stormwater, slopes whole catchment landscapes) that require immediate remediation





Thank you!!!

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