

Regional Infrastructure Vulnerability Studies

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NZLC's three themes

- Robust assets, or satisfactory alternative service continuity arrangements
- Effective coordination, pre and post-event, at national and local levels
- Realistic end-user expectations, so that users are risk-aware and better able to consider options

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Lifelines Vulnerability Studies

 To assess the potential impacts of hazards on the region's lifelines infrastructure and identify mitigation strategies to reduce that risk.'



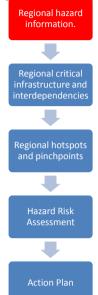


Lifelines Vulnerability Studies in NZ

- 4: Completed in last 3 years
- 6: Underway in this financial year (5 are updates)
- 5: Multi-hazard vulnerability assessment not undertaken (3 focussed on single hazard)

Regional Hazard Information

- Collation of regional GIS hazard layers (if they don't exist). Typical layers include:
- Tsunami 'red, orange, yellow' plus more detailed local modelling.
- Flooding wide range of data sources and methodologies.
 - River / urban modelling.
 - Rain induced slope instability.
 - Historic flooding areas
- Earthquake
 - Faults
 - Liquefaction prone (soil type, etc)
 - Land instability (slope, geology)
- Volcano
 - Destruction zones.
 - Ashfall areas/depths (scenario specific)



Regional Hazard Information – Challenges to be managed

- Importance of communicating appropriate use of information
- Determining paramaters for hazard use
- Equivalent probabilities of hazard information (and consistency across regions).

Regional critical community sites and infrastructure and inter dependencies

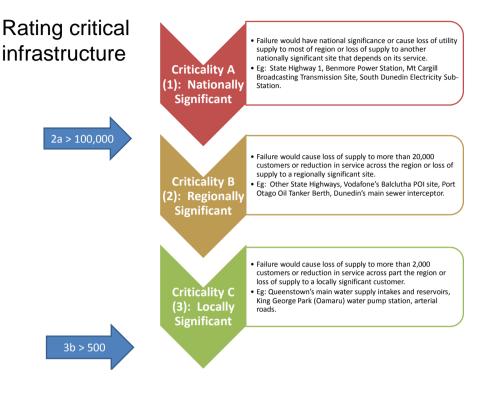
Determine scope of sectors covered:

- CDEM Act lifelines transport (land, sea, air), water supply, wastewater, electricity, fuel, gas, telecommunications, broadcasting.
- 'CDEM-Critical Customers:
 - Police
 - Fire
 - Ambulance
 - Health hospitals
 - Fast Moving Consumer Goods
 - Banking
 - Education
 - Corrections
 - Large industrial customers.



Rating asset criticality

- Initial assessment by utilities of importance within their own network
- Review dependency by other critical customers / sites on their network and revise criticality rating.
- Asset criticality is based on CONSEQUENCE of failure, not PROBABILITY (eg: condition).
- Trying to use existing criticality information where possible



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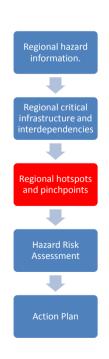
- Standardised criticality rating systems versus allowing each organisation to assess what's critical to their organisaiton.
- Balancing getting a regionally prioritised picture versus engagement of less critical organisations
- Regional scope projects need to have common approach.
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Analysing Interdependencies – site and sector level



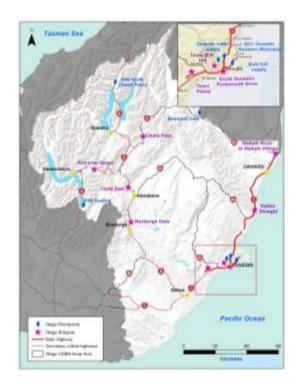
Hotspots & pinchpoints

- **Hotspots:** where a number of critical infrastructure assets from different sectors converge in a single area.
- **Pinchpoint:** significant single points of failure for a network or organisation
- Manual versus GIS analysis.
- Hazard versus non-hazard approach.



In Otago:

- 9 hotspots
- 6 pinchpoints





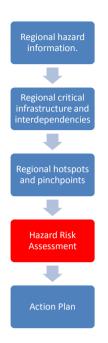
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Hotspot Example: Kawarau Gorge

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Hazard Risk Assessment

- Variety of methodologies applied over the years.
 - Spreadsheet based 'MCA' risk rating approaches.
 - GIS/hazard overlay supported by qualitative analysis (SMEs).
 - Fragility / economic modelling.



Hazard /
Asset
Overlay



Hazard / Asset Intersections

Liquefaction				
		Asset		
OBJECTID *	Description	owner	Criticality_Ra	ting
42	Green Island Substation	Aurora		3
44	King Edward St, Dunedin, Substation	Aurora		3
49	Neville St Substation, Duendin	Aurora		3
53	Andersons Bay Substation, Dunedin	Aurora		3
59	Zone Substation6 Quarry Rd	Aurora		3
62	2Grid Exit Point 28 Orari St	Aurora		3
68	Zone Substation 17 Crawford St	Aurora		3
96	Zone Substation 822 Great King St	Aurora		3
130	Alexandra zone substation	Aurora		3
168	Queenstown Zone substation	Aurora		3
176	Frankton Zone substation	Aurora		3
80	Chevron fuel storage terminal	Chevron		1
116	Roxburgh Pump Station	CODC		2
122	Alexandra Pump Station	CODC		2
123	Alexandra Pump Station	CODC		3

Hazard Risk Assessment





Action Planning

- Specific lifelines mitigation projects
- Sector-specific Regional Contingency Plans (fuel, electricity)
- Hazard-specific Regional Lifelines Contingency Plans.
- Regional Reconnaissance Plan
- Regional Emergency Generator Management Plan
- Lifelines CDEM Sector Communication Protocols
- Monitoring of lifeline utilities mitigation actions.
- · Resilience assessment and benchmarking.
- Detailed hotspots risk analysis

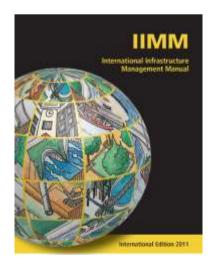
Reflecting on changes to latest vulnerability studies

- Hazard mitigation programmes in place, particularly national utilities.
- · Resilience building as part of renewal programmes.
- Driving more operational than mitigation projects.
- Identifying and scoping mitigation projects more clearly the mandate of utility organisations.
- GIS-based asset and hazard information.
- Increased recognition of cross-boundary issues and nationally managed resources and infrastructure.
- Stronger integration with asset management planning and infrastructure strategies

The Next Phase

- Potential to incorporate summary of resilience approach by each sector / agency.
- Defining regional levels of service relating to performance following hazard events.
- Use of strategic lifelines project outputs to prioritise more focussed detailed modelling efforts.
- Inclusion of technical / cyber hazards.

Risk, Resilience and the IIMM





Any Questions?