



Built Environment Leaders Forum 2015

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Purpose of the Forum

- reflect on the built environment lessons from Canterbury
- engage public and private sector leaders in discussions on risk reduction
- develop an Action Plan
- achieve a more resilient built environment





Process



International speakers

- **Dr Lucile Jones** – Science Advisor for Risk Reduction, Natural Hazards Mission, US Geological Survey, Los Angeles
- **Michael Nolan** – AECOM – Global Technical Lead - Climate Adaptation, Melbourne
- **Dr Laurie Johnson** – Laurie Johnson Consulting – Principal, Risk Management, Urban Planning & Disaster Recovery, San Francisco
- **Prof Tom O'Rourke** - Thomas R Briggs Professor of Engineering, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York





Output – key themes



Actions identified to achieve greater resilience:

- create strong national **leadership** with a supporting framework
- develop a **national plan** of action
- find new ways to **balance costs** of improving resilience
- integrate natural hazard risk into the **RMA/Building Act**
- create a **community engagement** programme to build understanding of risks
- develop an **accessible dataset** (or maps) of natural hazards
- **build risk decision-making** into businesses and local government
- undertake a national **assessment of critical infrastructure**
- encourage **community resilience** – small actions
- encourage greater involvement of the **private sector** (eg lifeline utilities) in resilience planning

Key infrastructure actions



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Acknowledge the key role lifelines groups play in supporting resilience efforts and provide additional resourcing

- fund lifelines groups to enhance their role as resilience facilitators
- acknowledge the role that lifelines groups play in supporting resilience efforts of lifeline utility providers





Establish strong leadership to promote and implement resilience

- identify resilience ‘champions’
- use ‘champions’ to:
 - promote resilience leadership across public and private sectors
 - get businesses better connected to lifeline utilities so they understand major event vulnerability



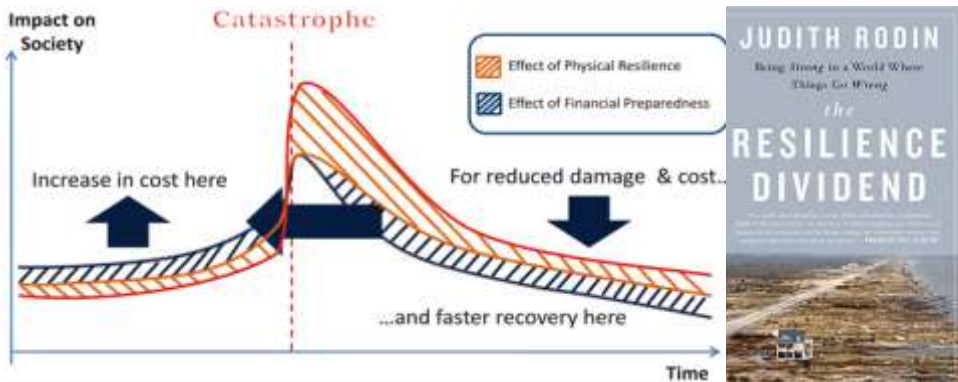
Look at ways to get the private sector to invest in resilient infrastructure

- new funding approaches
- collaboration between public and private sector
- effective tools and incentives

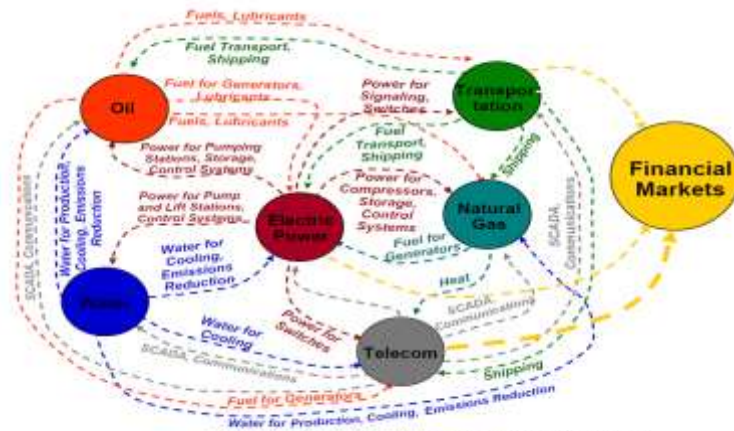




Quantify the benefits of resilience to justify resilience investment



Better understand interdependencies between infrastructure systems



O'Rourke from Peerenboom, Fisher, and Whitfield, 2001



Prioritise resilience efforts on infrastructure components that are 'too big to fail'



Connect fire and water services to ensure water supply for fire-fighting after earthquakes





Communicate the science of natural hazard risks through scenarios and engage the community



Continue to encourage community-based resilience so there is less reliance on lifeline utility service provision

