



Sydney Coastal Councils Group Climate Change Forum: For Councillors.

Sunday August 30 2009

The Barnet Long Room Customs House Circular Quay Sydney

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Topics Include: Science Investment Adaptation Change Systems Thinking Case Studies Community Vulnerability Mitigation Envisioning





General Information:

The Sydney Coastal Councils Group was established in 1989 to promote co-ordination between member councils on environmental and natural resource management issues relating to the sustainable management of the urban coastal environment.

The Group consists of 15 councils adjacent to Sydney marine and estuarine environments and associated waterways (Botany Bay, Hornsby, Leichhardt, Manly, Mosman, North Sydney, Pittwater, Randwick, Rockdale, Sutherland, City of Sydney, Warringah, Waverley, Willoughby and Woollahra).

The Group represents over 1.4 million Sydneysiders.

This area encompasses the waterways of Broken Bay; Pittwater; Port Jackson, the lower Lane Cove River, Middle and North Harbour; Botany Bay, the Lower Georges and Cooks River; and Port Hacking.



The Sydney Coastal Councils Group would like to thank the Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority and the City of Sydney for their generous support of this event.

Many thanks also go to the presenters who have invested time and effort in making this such an informative and empowering event for Sydney's Councillor's.







Program

Time	Торіс
10:45am	Registration + Refreshments
11:00am	Opening and Welcome Clr. Wendy McMurdo, Chairperson, Sydney Coastal Councils Group Mr. Geoff Withycombe, Executive Officer, Sydney Coastal Councils Group
11:10 am	Keynote Address Responding to Climate Change in the Sydney Region: From Assessment to Adaptation Dr. Benjamin Preston CSIRO Marine & Atmospheric Research, Climate Adaptation Flagship
12:00 pm	2 nd Keynote Address Business Case for Climate Change Action Mr. Ian Dunlop, Fellow, Centre for Policy Development, Sydney
12:40 pm	Lunch
1:10 pm	LGSA Climate Change Initiatives Ms. Amy Lovesey, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Project Officer, Local Government and Shires Association
1:30 pm	Local Government Case Studies: Climate Mitigation Mr. Nik Midlam, Manager Environmental Strategy, City of Sydney
1:55 pm	Adaptation Using Systemic Practices Mr. David Morrissey, Director, Sustainability Learning Institute, Sydney
2:20 pm	Afternoon Tea
2:40 pm	Towards a City of Melbourne Climate Change Adaptation Strategy: A Risk Assessment and Action Plan Ms. Donna Lorenz, Associate Director - Climate Change, AECOM
3:05 pm	NSW Community Climate Summit: Learnings from Meaningful Community Exchange Ms. Marnie Kikken, Climate Project Coordinator, Nature Conservation Council of NSW
3:25 pm	SCCG Climate Change Community Forum Feedback Presentation Mr. Ragnar Haabjoern, Project Officer - Capacity Building, SCCG
3:40 pm	Closing







Presenters

Mr. Ian Dunlop, Fellow, Centre for Policy Development

Ian Dunlop has wide experience in energy resources, infrastructure, and international business, for many years on the staff of Royal Dutch Shell. He has worked in oil, gas and coal exploration and production, in scenario and long-term energy planning, competition reform and privatization.

He chaired the Australian Coal Association in 1987-88, and the Australian Greenhouse Office Experts Group on Emissions Trading in 1998-2000. From 1997 to 2001 he was CEO of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Ian has a particular interest in the interaction of corporate governance, corporate responsibility and sustainability.

An engineer from the University of Cambridge, he is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the Energy Institute (UK), and a Member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers of AIME (USA). He is Deputy Convenor of the Australian Association for the Study of Peak Oil, a Director of Australia 21, a Member of The Club of Rome, a Fellow of the Centre for Policy Development, a Director of Safe Climate Australia and advises on governance and sustainability.

Mr. Ragnar Haabjoern, Project Officer - Capacity Building, SCCG

Thus far in his career, Ragnar has had a notable and extensive teaching and learning journey. Starting out as a science teacher he found his passion was in researching and developing the human-nature connection. From this realisation he became a sustainability education officer in the private sector and also had a brief tenure as a lecturer of pre-service teachers. He turned his focus from teachers and teaching to change and action, Program coordinating for a not-for-profit Education for Sustainability provider. Alongside his vocational journey he has also obtained postgraduate knowledge from a Masters in Science and Environmental Education, a Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Practice and presently he is a PhD Candidate at Macquarie University studying ecological philosophy.

Ms. Marnie Kikken, Climate Project Coordinator, Nature Conservation Council of NSW

Marnie Kikken is Team Leader (Community Engagement) at the Nature Conservation Council of NSW (NCC). Having worked at the NCC since 2005, her role is responsible for the development and delivery of programs around community engagement and education on environmental issues, particularly climate change. Marnie recently coordinated a community engagement program, which utilised the innovative approach of deliberative democracy to enable representative groups of everyday citizens in NSW to contribute to policy and program development on climate change at a both a local and State level. Marnie has a background in tourism and spent five years between 1999 – 2004 travelling and working overseas.

Ms Donna Lorenz, Associate Director - Climate Change, AECOM

Donna is a climate change specialist with extensive risk, strategy and communications experience across Australia, Asia, the UK and US. Focusing on climate change and carbon risks, governance, opportunities and policy analysis and compliance, she advises boards, business and government on developing responses and management frameworks to address expected environmental, market and social changes.







Presenters

Ms. Amy Lovesey, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Project Officer, Local Government and Shires Association

Amy Lovesey is the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Project Manager at the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW. Amy manages the Environmental Trust funded project, 'Climate Change Action Planning for Local Government' which will deliver a workshop package designed for councils to use in planning local responses to climate change. Her role also involves addressing various climate change issues to provide assistance and advocacy for NSW Local Government.

Prior to joining the Local Government and Shires Associations, Amy worked as an Environmental Sustainability Officer at Mosman Council, addressing water conservation, coastal issues, education for sustainability and internal environmental performance. Amy began her career in government policy, project management and stakeholder engagement, working for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry in Canberra on a national approach to marine pest management. Amy has a Bachelor of Environmental Science from the University of Sydney with first class honours for her research into evaluating marine park management.

Mr. Nik Midlam, Manager Environmental Strategy, City of Sydney

Nik Midlam is Manager of Environmental Strategy at the City of Sydney. Since joining the City in 2002, Nik has developed a variety of environmental programs, reports and strategic advice. Nik has been integral to the City becoming the first carbon neutral council in Australia, and is now actively working on plans to reduce the carbon intensity of how energy is generated, distributed and used in the LGA.

Mr. David Morrissey, Director, Sustainability Learning Institute, Sydney

From a background in Social Sciences and Adult Education, David began working in Corporate Social Responsibility in the 1990's, and is now a Director in the Sustainability Learning Institute. His work has included planning and consulting on Indigenous issues, broad social and cultural programs, and increasingly on the social component of sustainability. Clients have included Federal, State and Local Government, Corporations and NGOs. Most recently, he has been bringing systemic approaches to sustainability into local government / community planning.

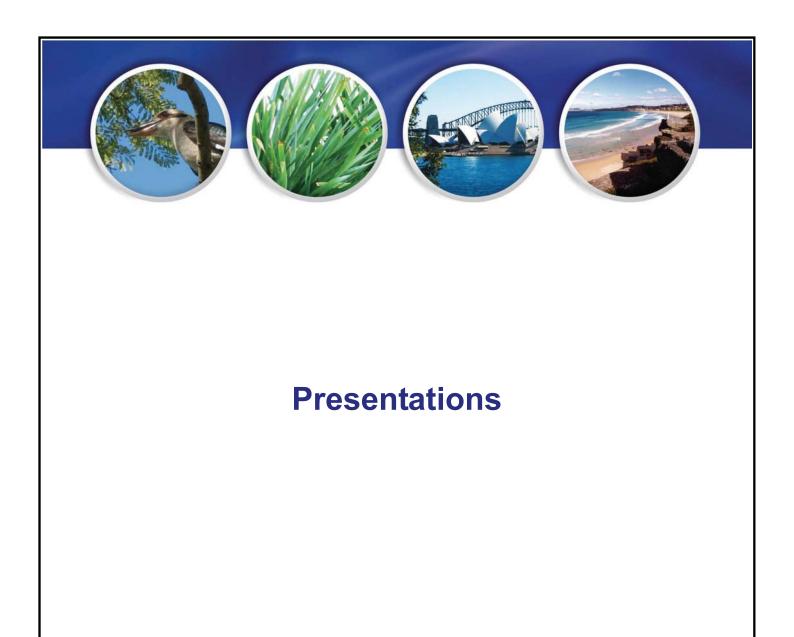
Dr. Benjamin Preston, CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research, Climate Adaptation Flagship

Benjamin is a research scientist with Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). Within CSIRO, he is part of the Climate Change Research Group of the Centre for Australian Weather and Climate Research, and he is also active with CSIRO's inter-disciplinary Climate Adaptation Flagship research initiative. Benjamin's research focuses on the development and application of methods for assessing the spatial dimensions of climate change vulnerability and risk, particularly the use of geographic information systems to integrate biophysical and socio-economic data. He is also active in the development of probabilistic tools for managing climate uncertainty in decision-making and the assessment of the capacity of communities to adapt to the effects of climate change. Educated in the United States, Benjamin received a BS in Biology from the College of William and Mary and a PhD in environmental biology from the Georgia Institute of Technology.



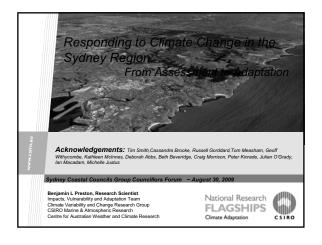


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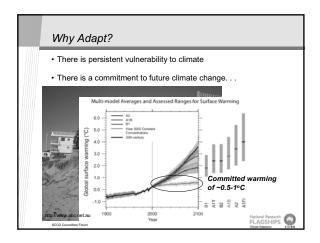
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- Why Adapt?
- What Are We Adapting to?
- Who Adapts?
- How Do We Adapt?
- What Do We Want to Accomplish?

National Research

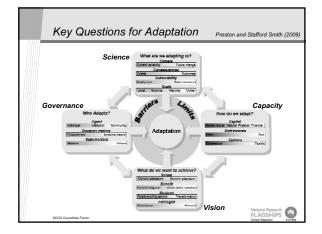
What is Climate Adaptation?

- Responding to climate change (IPCC, 2007)
 "adjustments, or changes in decision environments, which might ultimately enhance resilience or reduce vulnerability to observed or expected changes in climate"
- Risk management (AGO, 2005)
 "with relatively simple summary climate change information and a straightforward risk management approach, significant insights may be generated leading to early and effective action"
- Behavioural change (Preston et al., 2009)
 * a process whereby institutional actors first abandon their traditional assumptions and behaviours and subsequently adopt a new set that is better-suited to the new circumstances*

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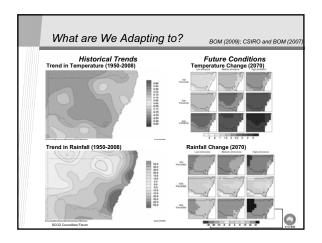
What are We Adapting to?



 "Warming of the climate system is <u>unequivocal</u>, as is now evident from observations of increases in global average air and ocean temperatures, widespread melling of snow and ice, and rising global average sea level."

- "Most of the observed increase in globally averaged temperatures since the mid-20th century is <u>very likely</u> due to the observed increase in anthropogenic greenhouse gas concentrations."
 - "For the next two decades a warming of about 0.2°C per decade is projected for a range of SRES emission scenarios. Even if the concentrations of all greenhouse gases and aerosols had been kept constant at year 2000 levels, a <u>further warming</u> of about 0.1°C per decade would be expected."

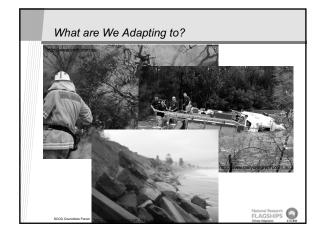
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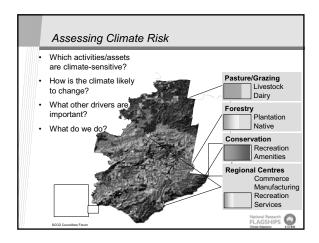




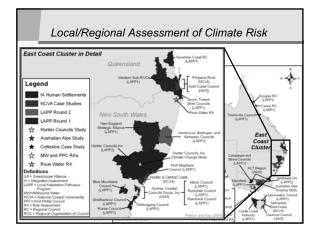
What are We Adapting to?		CSIRO and B
Significant climate change is project coming decades	ed for the Syd	lney region
Variable	2030	2070
Annual Temperature (°C)	+0.6 to +1.3	+1.1 to +4.3
Days>35⁰C	+4 to +5	+5 to +12
Change in Rainfall (%)	-9 to +3	-25 to +10
Change in Potential Evaporation (%)	+2 to +5	+3 to +15
Change in Wind Speed (%)	-5 to +4	-15 to +12
Change in Relative Humidity (%)	-1.3 to +0.4	-4.0 to +1.3
Solar Radiation (%)	-1.0 to +1.9	-3.2 to +6.0
Sea-Level Rise (cm)	79 to 140 c	m by 2100



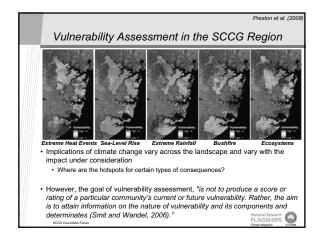


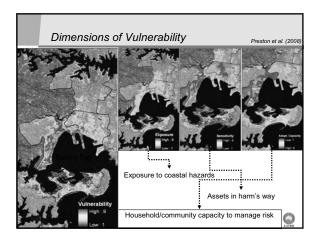








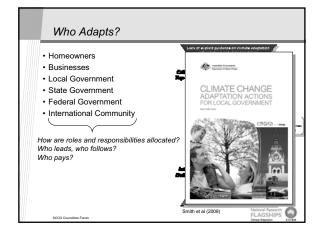






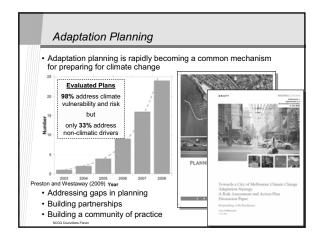






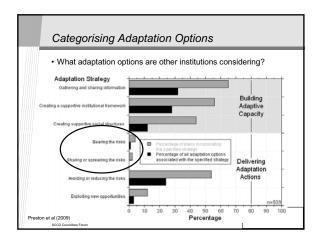


• What options are available and feasible? the	tion to cope with and
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Public education	ese issues quires a plan
Planning	attack!
Infrastructure Risk spreading	allachi
What barriers stand in the way?	
 Availability of capital (human, social, financial) Structure of existing legistlation and policies 	



doing well, and what is falling through the cracks	\$
Preston and Westaway (2009) Adaptation Criteria	% Plans Addressing Criterion
Assessment of impacts, vulnerability and/or risk	98
Communication and outreach	95
Articulation of objectives, goals and priorities	81
Assessment of climate drivers	82
Stakeholder engagement	79
Assessment of financial capital	33
Identification of success criteria	32
Assessment of non-climate drivers	33
Acknowledgement of assumptions and uncertainties	42
Assessment of natural capital	30

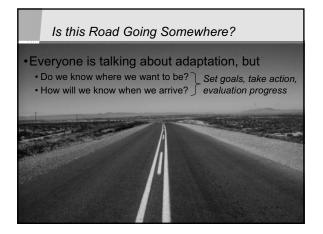


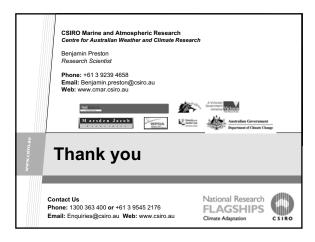




Overcom	Overcoming Barriers				
Stream Name	Description of Covered Ac	n			
"Know Your Enemy"	Enhancing understanding of social a vulnerability	Enhancing understanding of social and ecological vulnerability			
"Plan for Change"	Incorporating climate change in frameworks	to planning	10		
"Get Smart"	Implementing education and outreach	programs	8		
"Watch and Learn"	Implementing monitoring, evaluation measures	6			
"Put the House in Order"	Developing both internal and external institutional arrangements		8		
"Money Talks"	Enhancing revenue streams to councils				
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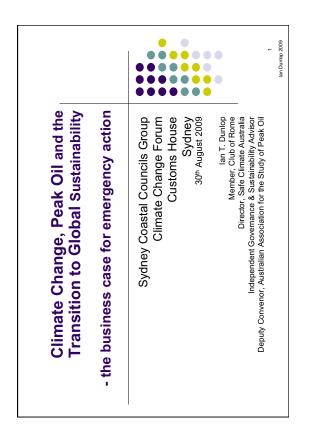


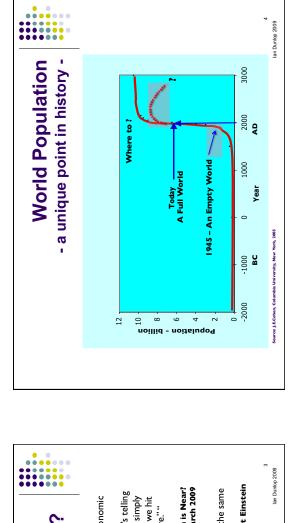


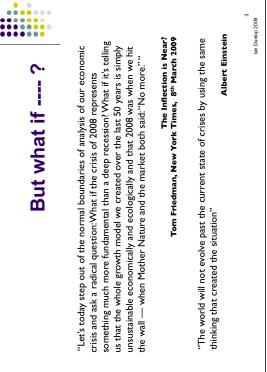


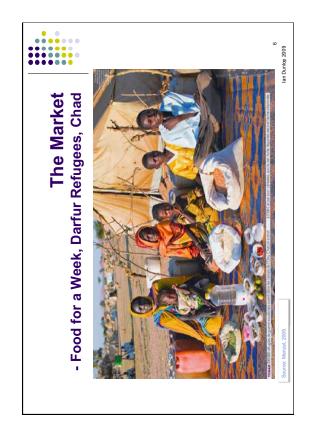




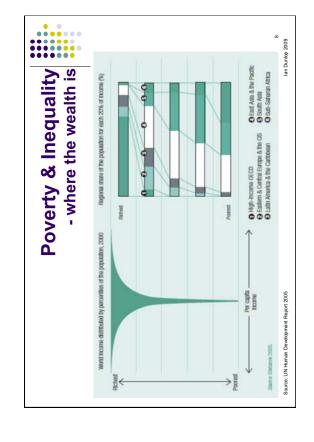


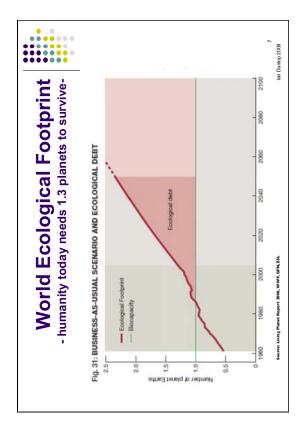


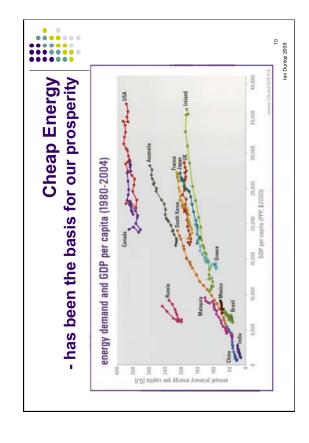


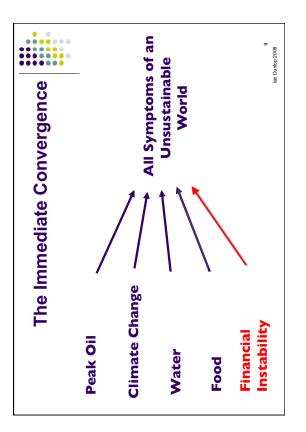


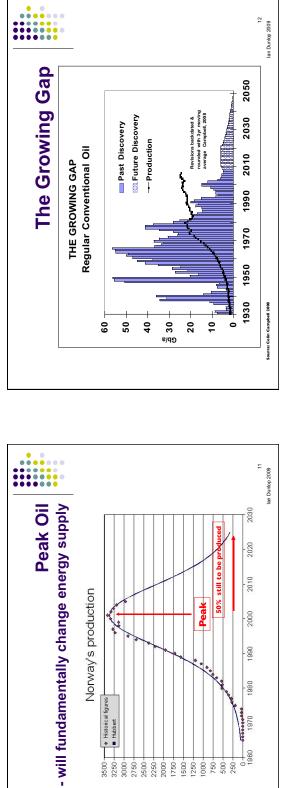




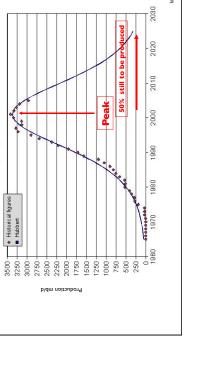


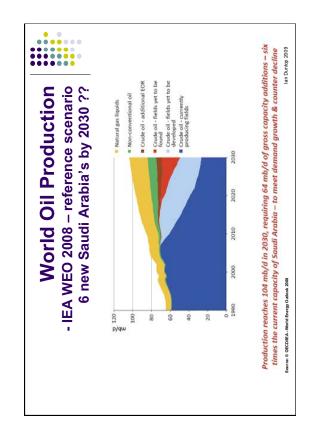


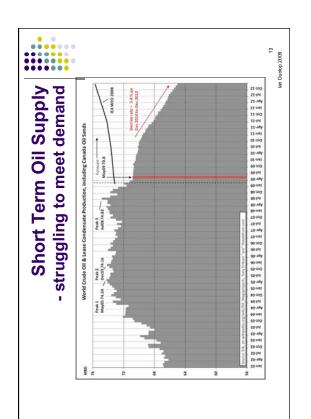


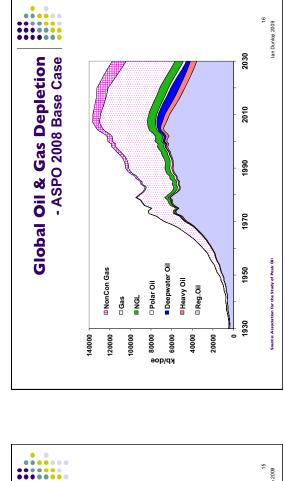


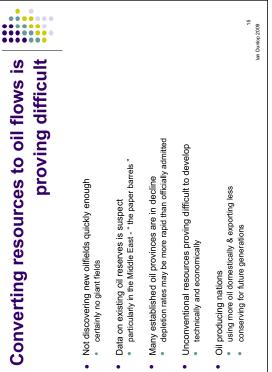
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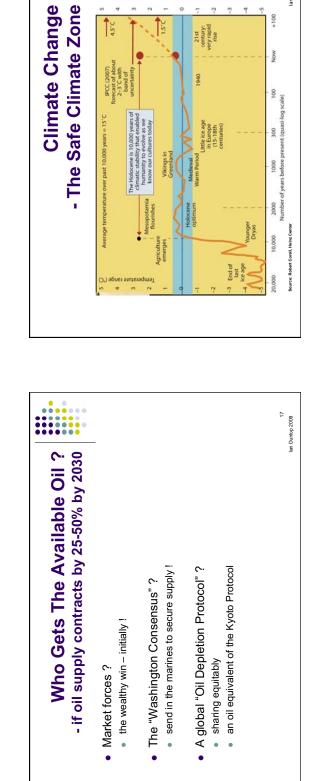


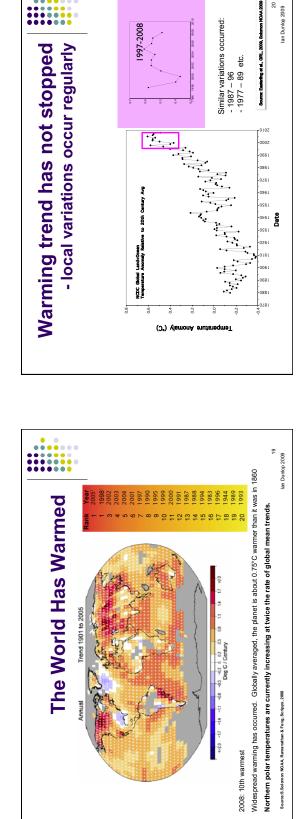






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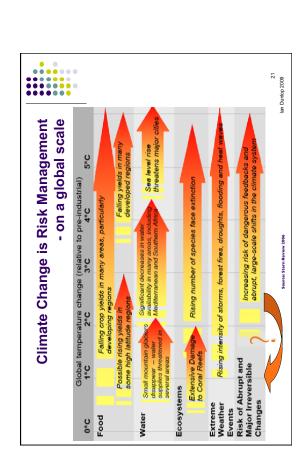
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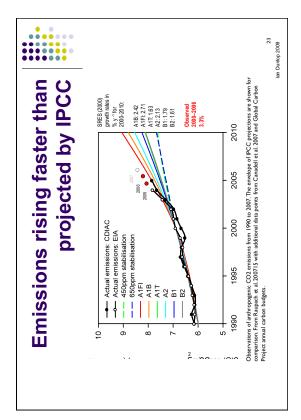
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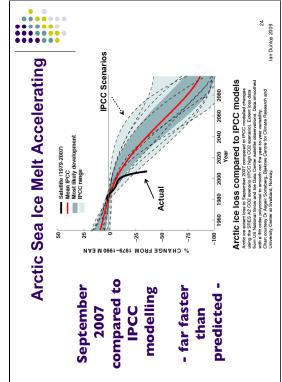
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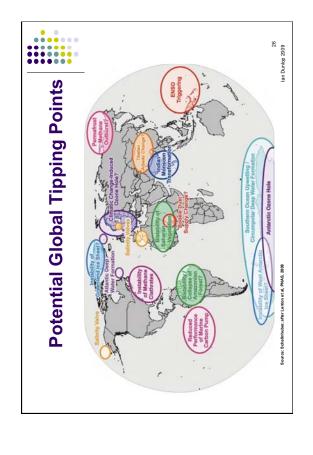
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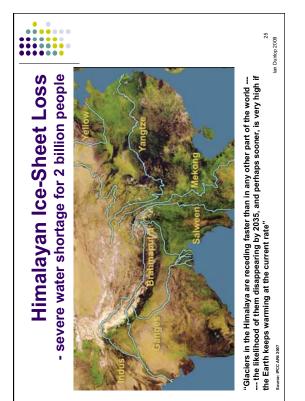


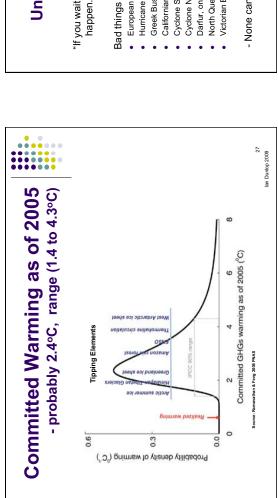






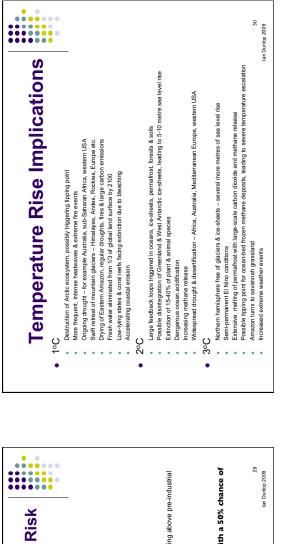




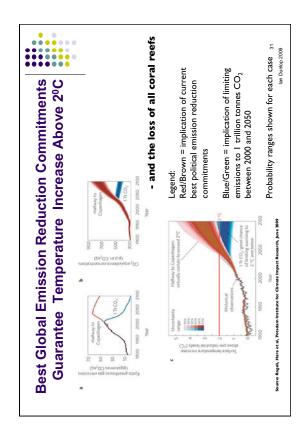


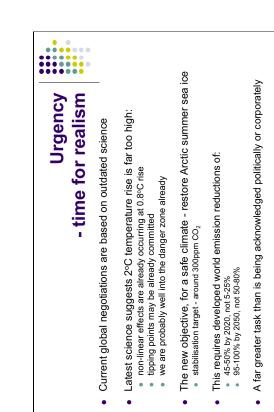






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But we have the solutions, given the will

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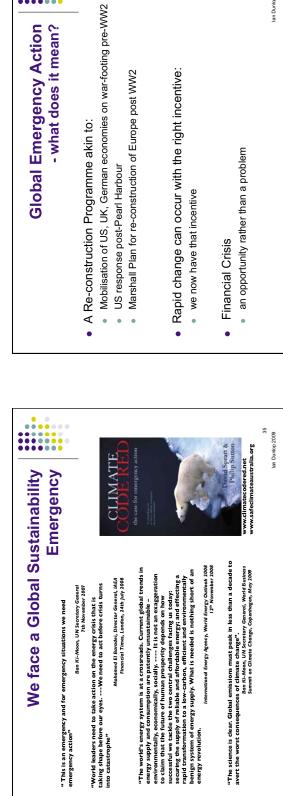
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Marshall Plan for re-construction of Europe post WW2

Global Emergency Action

- what does it mean?

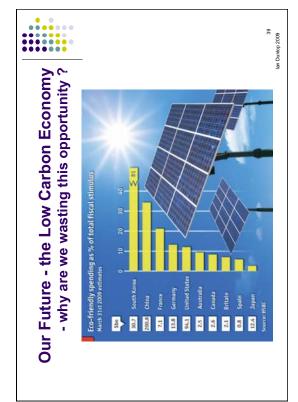


- Financial Crisis
- an opportunity rather than a problem

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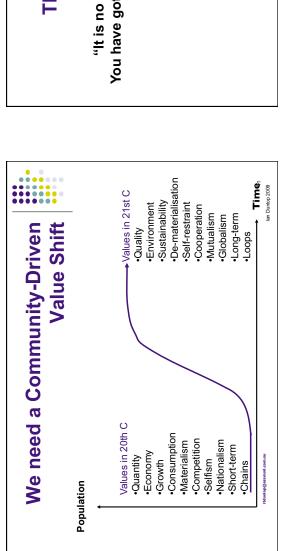
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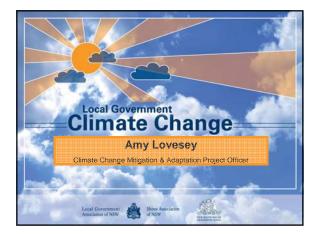
- Base response primarily on moral & ethical grounds, not economics
 economics is valuable to set the most efficient path, but not as determinant of targets
- Balanced portfolio of solutions, focusing on new opportunities
 rather than shoring up and compensating established vested interests
 Genuine global leadership, with concrete proposals for developing world
 - convergence toward global per capita carbon & oil allocations
 Focus on integrated solutions
- climate change, peak oil, water & food shortages, financial crisis are all inter-related.
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 - rouresury explain a educate community or miprications of the emergency to build committent for action
 - Take rapid, decisive action -

"All progress depends on not being reasonable" George Bernard Shaw

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• Policy Officers, Mangers & Directors

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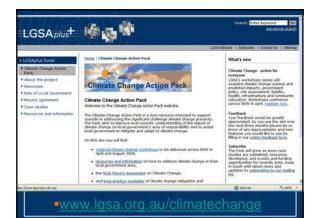
NSW Coastal hazards: \$200 million/ year 200,000 buildings vulnerable



- Regional Workshops 🗸

- Case studies; links; news; events; checklist of actions; action guides; templates; reports; subscribe for news.

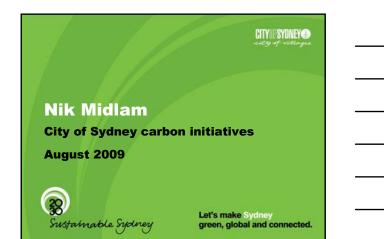
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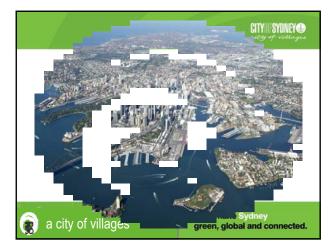




- Whole-of-council approach to adaptation planning
- Workshops with stakeholders to develop a
- Local Climate Change Action Plan
- Training package to be made available online
- Climate change as core business & across council









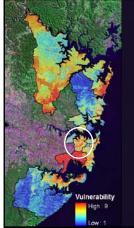




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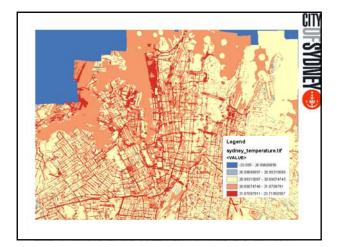
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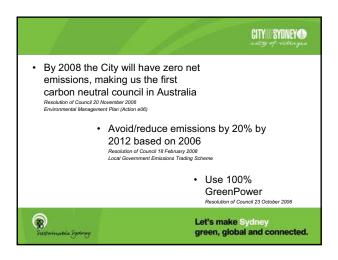
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Council	Extreme Heat	Sea-Level Rise	Extreme Rain	Bushfire	Ecosystems	Net	
Botany Bay	1	1		2			
Homsby							
Leichhardt -							
Marty							
Mosman							
North Dydney							
Petwater							
Randwick							
Rockdale							
Sutherland	3			5	4		
Sydney	5						
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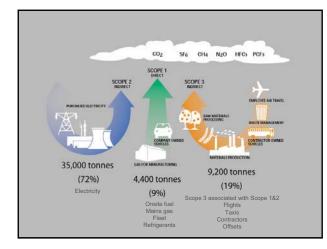




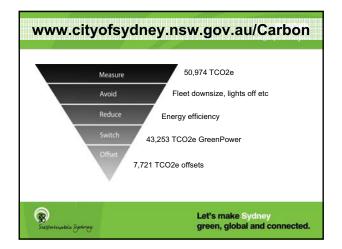








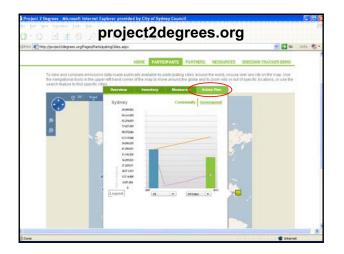






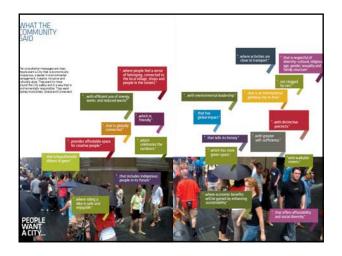




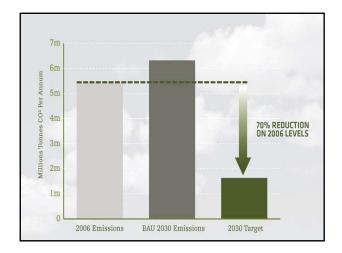












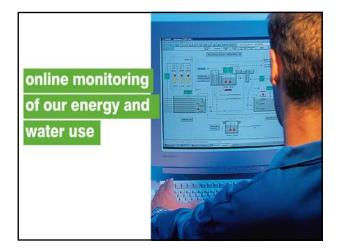


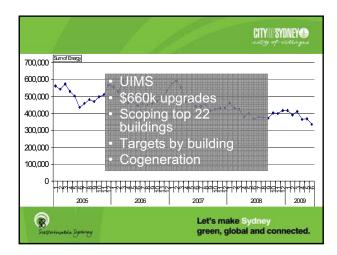




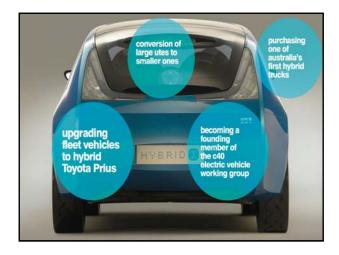














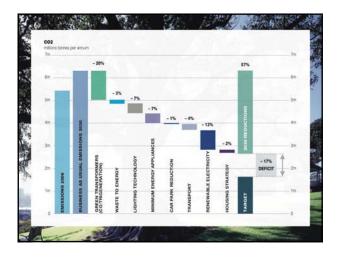




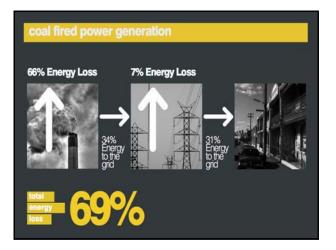




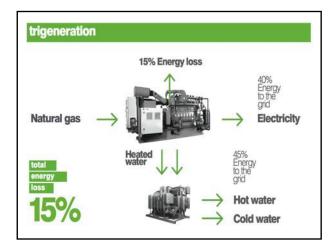










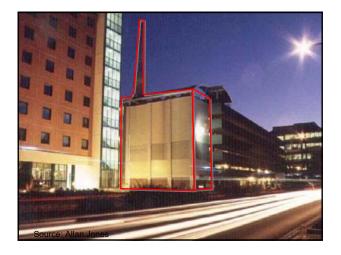


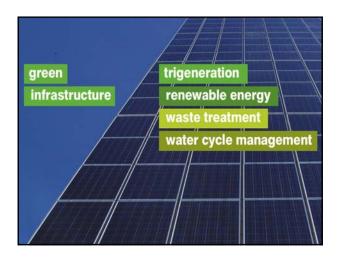




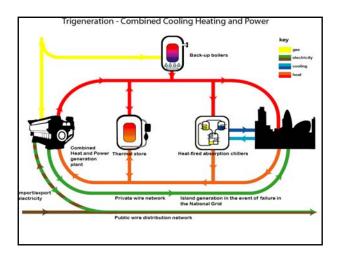






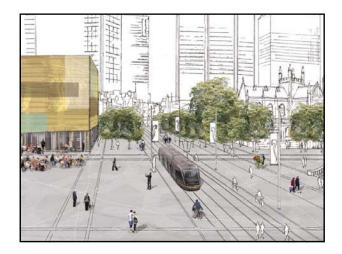




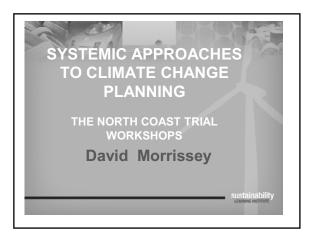








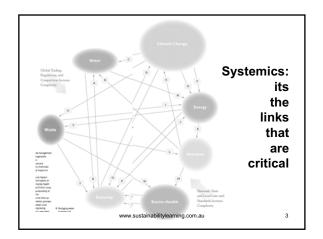




Systemic Approaches to Climate Change Planning

- Build stakeholder agreement and ownership
- Address relationships between CC, infrastructure, people, and financials
- Unlock paralysis of un-knowing
- Develop rolling long term planning
- Cut through complexity and uncertainty
- Engaging, fast, effective







Local CC Workshop pilots

- 5 North Coast trials
- 2.5 hour workshops
- 10 15 people at each
- · Locales:
 - Wyong (3)
 - Bellingen
 - Grafton
 - Yamba



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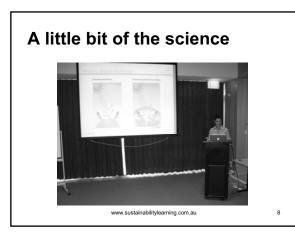
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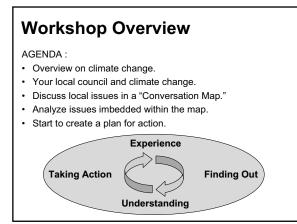
- Identify some key topics
- Start mapped conversations from them
- Discover emergent issues
- · Short plans for each one
- · Assess on 3 Horizons chart
- Handover: who owns the output and will take ownership of future process?
- Next steps?

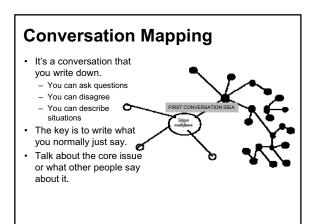
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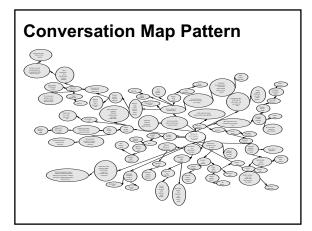
- Participatory, not passive
- Diversity a positive value
- Some introductory science
- But otherwise actions
- Outputs:
 - Draft action plans, over 3 time horizons
 - Engagement and agreement
 - Commitment to continue
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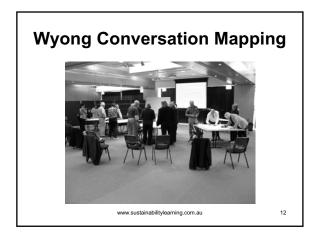


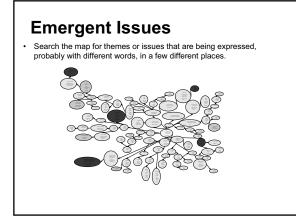








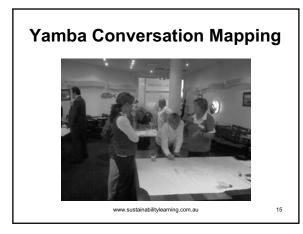


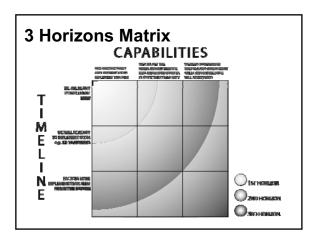


"WHAT... HOW... WHY"

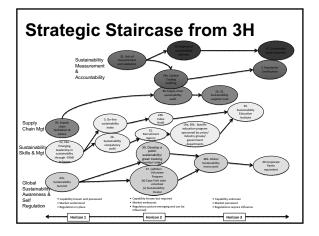
"What are ways we can use this issue to improve our community's efforts to address climate change?"

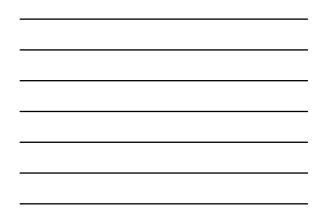
Each statement answers the following three questions:
 <u>WHAT</u> is the improvement activity?
 <u>HOW</u> can we do it?
 <u>WHY</u> is this improvement of value to our community?













Bellingen group with map and 3 H plan.

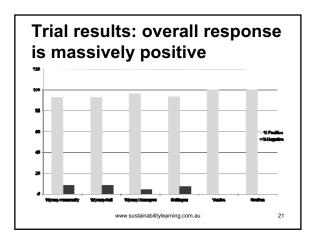


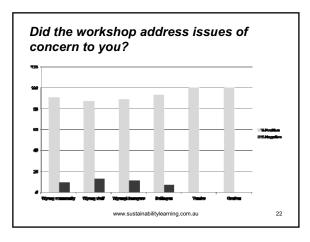


Our Evaluation

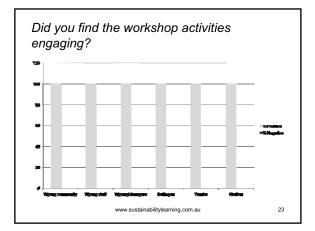
- Across 5 workshops
- 68 people
- Two presenter teams
- 2.5 hours each
- Written and verbal feedback
- Not including actions emerging or postworkshop implementation.

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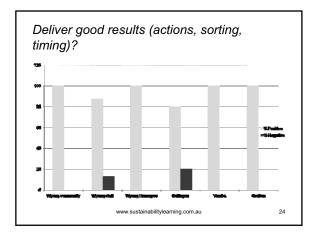




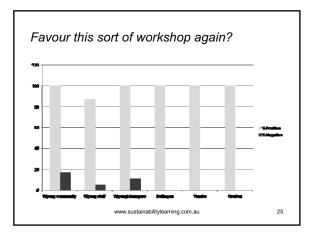


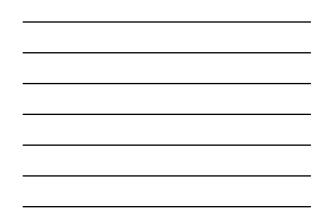












Best Aspects ?

- The process conversation mapping esp.
- New and diverse ideas
- Team interaction
- · Potential for future use
- Active involvement
- · Maximising input
- Meet like minded people

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Improvements?

- More background
- More time to develop actions
- Engage more people
- Mix the group (vs Wyong model)
- Do it over 2 days, the second with community the second as Council
- Think more about audiences

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Compared to other workshops?

- Not hijacked by any person or interest
- Very engaging and active
- Great atmosphere and a new technique
- · Builds actions quickly
- Achieved a great outcome in a brief time

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- · Very productive
- Great!

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Future workshops?

- More in-Council
- Energy, water, waste management
- More on CC to it an everyday issue
- · Current actual physical issues
- · Specifics such as coastal erosion
- Social and cultural impacts

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Outputs

- Tangibles
 - A draft plan: actions, over time, with some detail of what, how and why

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- Scheduled on capability x timeline
- Intangibles
 - Group connections and shared info
 - Motivation and confidence
 - A method people can use
 - Systemic focus not 'silos' www.sustainabilitylearning.com.au

Emerging initiatives

- Gaining more knowledge at the local level
 How the science translates locally
 - Local measurements
- Establishing local CC group and/or Committee to carry forward
- · Links to all aspects of Council planning
- · Both mitigation and adaptation
- Thinking longer term
- Engage community more
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Some conclusions

- High level of acceptance
- High utility
- Current format good, some tweaking
- Some more science upfront
- · More support to local marketing
- Support to follow up measures
- · Both widen and go more specific

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Our intentions

- More CC workshops
- · Other aspects of Sustainability
- Widen to other locales
- More science....but it must be localised "what does it mean for us here?"
- Add a session on "taking your plan forward"

Link to Councils' other planning
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Systemic approaches...

- Engage stakeholders
- Participatory planning
- Enabling in complexity and uncertainty

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- · Capitalise on diversity
- Work with constant change
- Transform thinking and practice
- · Creativity with collaboration

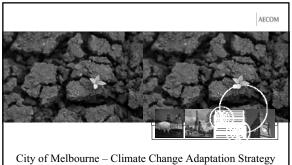
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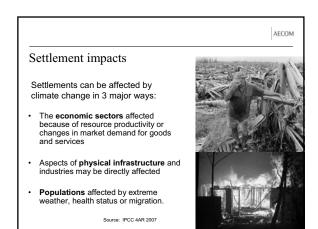
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City of Melbourne – Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Responding with Resilience Sydney Coastal Council Group 30 August 2009

	AE
Climate Change: What are local governments lia	ble for?
 Risk of incurring legal liability if local governments "unreasonably fail to take into account the likely effection of the climate change" (England 2007). 	ects of
•Current threshold for 'reasonable' is high, but chang potentially expanding rapidly	ging and
 Ongoing key question: 	

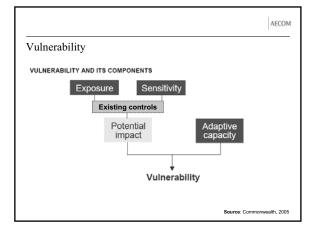
Have local governments adequately taken into account our growing vulnerability to the increasingly certain impacts of climate change?

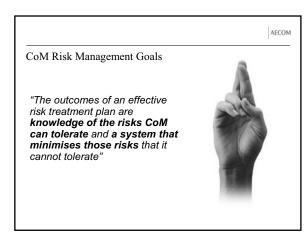


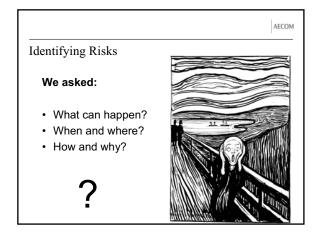
Settlement vulnerability Potential key vulnerabilities:

- Magnitude of impacts
- Timing of impacts
- Persistence & reversibility of impacts
- Likelihood of impacts & vulnerabilities and confidence in those estimates
- Potential for adaptation
 Distributional aspects of impacts & vulnerabilities
- **Importance** of the system at risk
 - Source: IPCC 4AR 2007







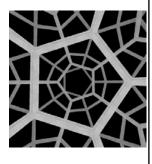




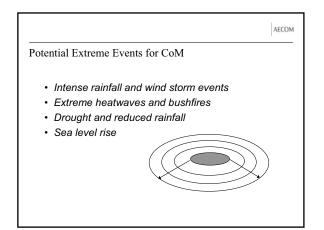
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Building Resilience	
Adaptation measures are responses taken to actual or expected changes in climate to increase resilience to their impacts	
Loss prevention – actions to reduce vulnerability to climate change	
Loss sharing – spreading the risk of loss among a wider population (eg insurance)	
Behaviour modification – eliminating the activity or behaviour that causes climate change	
Relocation – moving vulnerable population or systems away from hazards induced by climate change	
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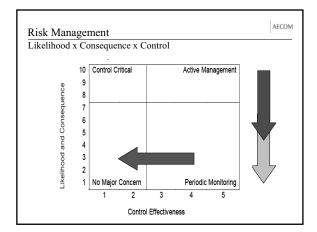
Operational/Service Themes

- Water
- Transport and Mobility
- Buildings and Property
- Social, Health, Community
- Services & Public Realm
- Business and Industry
- Energy and Communication
 Emergency Services



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Intense Rainfall and Wind Storm - Critical Risks

·Mass public stranding due to flooding or storm damage

•Adverse health impacts due to hindered emergency response services by storm and flood impacts

•Public injury or death due to flash flooding or storm damage

•Damage to property and infrastructure Injury and death due to falling trees



Intense Rainfall and Wind Storm - Adaptation Strategy •Better drainage and stormwater capture

•Early public warning system Integrated emergency services and stakeholder response

•Better public knowledge and safe behaviour

•Minimise debris potential

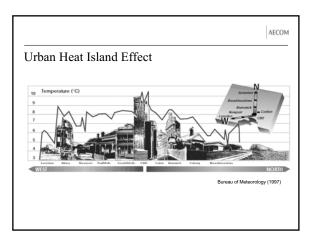
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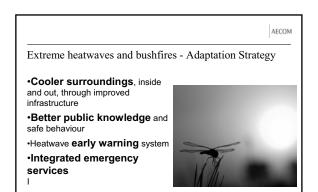
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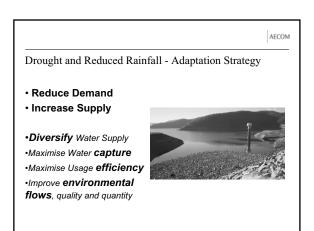
AECOM Extreme heatwaves and bushfires - Critical Risks Increased heat stress death/ illness •Stranded PT passengers as trains and trams are delayed or cancelled in hot weather Power Blackout •Increased violence/ antisocial behaviour causing increased public nuisance and hospital admissions •Increased maintenance costs of assets and infrastructure ·Disruption of outdoor events due to hot weather •Reduced use of public realm during heat waves

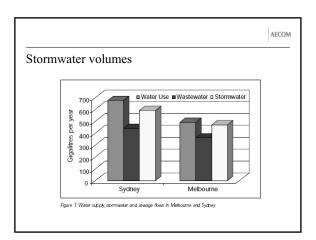




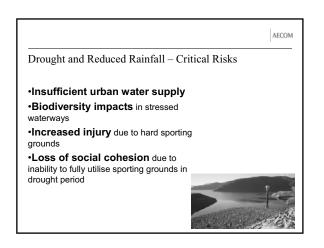












Sea Level Rise – Key Risks Property damage from inundation in low lying areas Costly infrastructure damage and deterioration due to increased inundation in low lying areas Injury and death due to increased flooding Stranding of residents due to increased flooding Cocreased waterfront property values due to increased risk of inundation and flood Mental stress for affected residents Potential CoM liability if damages considered	AECOM
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 Potential CoM liability if damages considered 	
reasonably avoidable through planning provisions and authority	

Sea Level Rise - Adaptation Strategy

•Future proof planning,

sensible precautions and contingencies for proposed future developments, potentially restricting development in high risk areas

•Better protection for existing, low-lying developments

•Better flood control through revised drainage planning

•Improve resilience to exposed infrastructure



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Key Findings

High value adaptation responses include:

•Cooling the CoM microclimate in the face of rising temperatures •Increasing diversity of water supply and exploiting opportunities for water efficiency

•Long term development planning that accounts for future climatic changes, particularly sea level rise

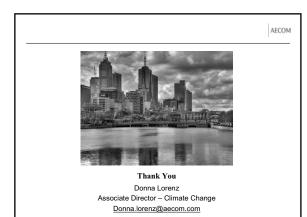
•Reduce the extent and incidence of urban flash flooding

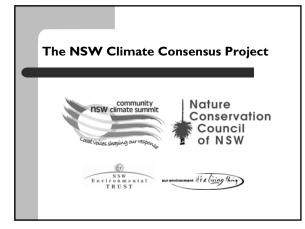
•Public awareness of living safely within a changing climate •Improving emergency response capabilities

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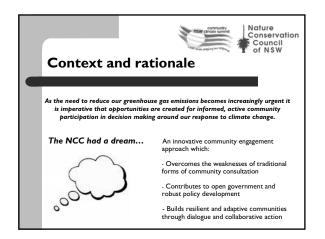
Key Priorities

- Maximise stormwater capture and re-use
- Develop and implement a Heatwave Response Action Plan
- Tackle the urban heat island effect
- · Actively plan to minimise the consequences of sea level rise
- Develop more sophisticated communication and warning
- systems to improve public awareness and safety
- Engage with emergency services to develop integrated response scenarios
- Integrate CoM climate change risks into corporate framework

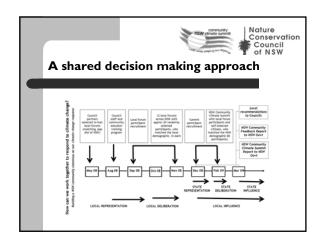








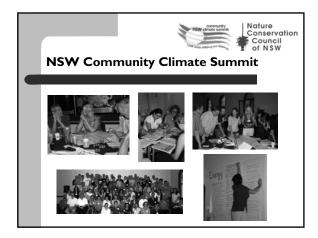


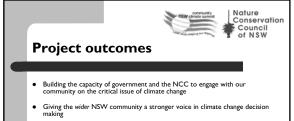








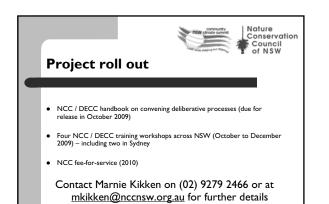


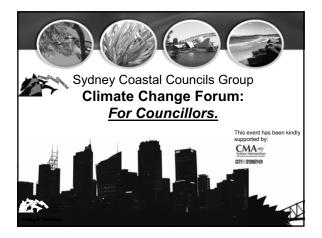


- Influencing policy and program development on climate change at a local level
- Increasing understanding and changing attitudes
- Connecting and transforming communities through dialogue and deliberation
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- Collaborative action on climate change
- Promoting the deliberative democracy approach as an effective community
 engagement model for environmental decision making

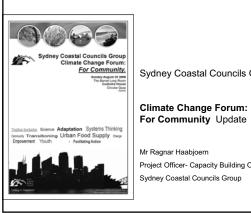
Lessons & reflections for Local Government

- Council partners valued gaining insight from the broader community
- All Council partners felt that community input received has or will improve climate change policies or activities within Council
- Council partners stated unequivocally that they viewed the deliberative democracy
 approach as an effective community engagement model and would use it again in the
 future
- A guarantee by decision makers of some level of influence is essential
- Community expectations should be carefully understood and managed
- A big challenge is achieving representation an adequate lead in time during the recruitment phase is essential
- Deliberative processes can be time and resource intensive; however they can be planned to suit any budget









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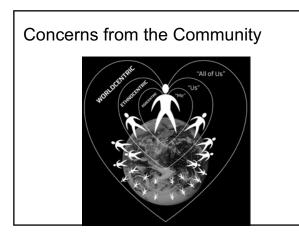
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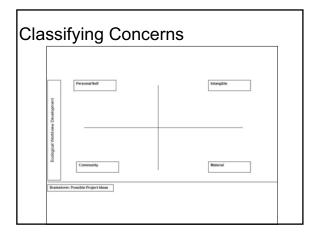
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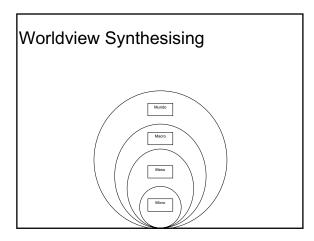
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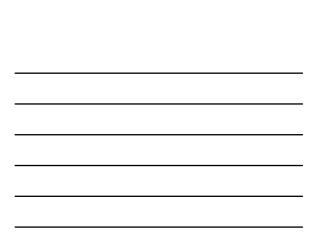
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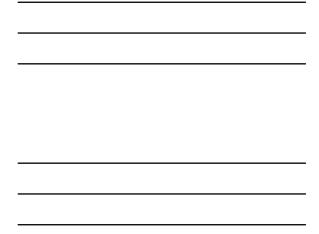


Climate Change Inspired Concerns		
-You		
Micro	Meso	
•Custodian Training	Community Action Responses	
Living more simply	 Community awareness of Climate Change 	
 People not caring enough 	•My Children	
•Wanting to be empowered	Pollution of environment	
Stewardship Responsibilities	 Impacts of climate change on community 	
•Ignorance		
•Apathy		



	ion Analysis nange Inspired			
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ŀ	Current unsustainable Agricultural practices		Loss of ecosystem s	ervices
	Inhumane treatment of animals		Sea level rise and in	npacts
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	Impact of climate change on vulnerable communities (i.e.) lower socio-economic demograph		Population Growth	
•	Peoples capacity to implement change	ŀ	Impacts on Develop Nations	ing

ate Change Inspired	
Micro	Meso
•Changing diet to vegan/vegetarian	•Extent of general populations lack of knowledge and capacity to act in response to climate change
•How to find more information	Being better informed
•Discover what is effective action	•Loss of property
Meat industry producing greenhouse gases	•Inundation
	•Erosion
	Storm Damage



Integral Vision Analysis	
Climate Change Inspired Concerns	
I-ITS	
Macro	Mundo
•What is actually being done by Business and government to address climate change?	•Future water supply
Impact of Industrial Farming Practices	Ocean Health
 Inaction of general population 	Over consumption in Society
 Increased development around the Pittwater region 	Population capacity of the Planet
Lack of public transport for Northern Beaches area	 Lack of coordinated action across the sectors
•Sea level rise	Irreversible climate change impacts
 Eco-friendly design for housing 	 Resistance to policy changes that address climate change
Becoming self-sufficient	 Loss of Marine life due to ocean warming and acidification
	Renewable energy development
	Waste Reduction
	Increased recycling initiatives
	Reducing of meat intake policies
	No private cars in the CBD (Car tax i.e. London)
	Preserve the environment
	Quality of Drinking water
	Burning of Fossil fuels for energy production
	Apathy
	Reducing greenhouse gas emissions



Opportunities and Partnerships for Local Government

The responses were able to be placed in the four groups of:

Learning | Resources | Collaboration | Guidance

Learning

•Sea level rise education for community programs

•Community Consultation – Visioning

•Community Education and Information to create awareness of need to take action Community Leadership Training

•Greater use of Community based media outlets to help transfer of information

Resources

•Obtain recurrent funding from State and Australian Governments to implement local programs

Investment in Scientific research

•Development of a Safer bike networks across the region into the CBD

Collaboration

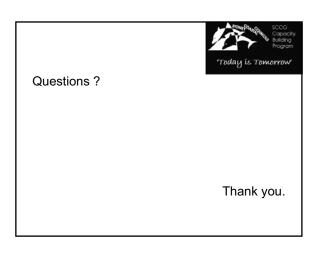
- Enhance links to the Community Climate Action Groups across the region
- Strengthening of partnership values between business, community and Local Government
- Stronger Alliance amongst local government areas utilising a mechanism such as the Mayor's Agreement on Climate Change.
- Project Meetings for community by Local Government
- Development of Co-operatives and community Based projects such as Banks to fund local initiatives
- Development of support for Peri urban agriculture

Guidance

 Increased Efficiency Star ratings on New Development

Questions 4 You!

- What are you concerned about?
- How would you like things to be?







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