From climate projections to climate change services in Australia – retrospective and future directions

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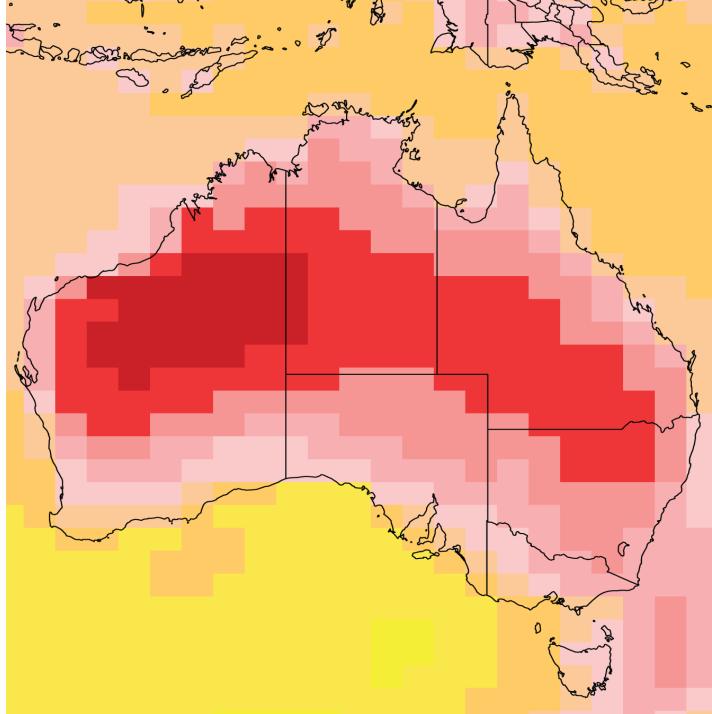
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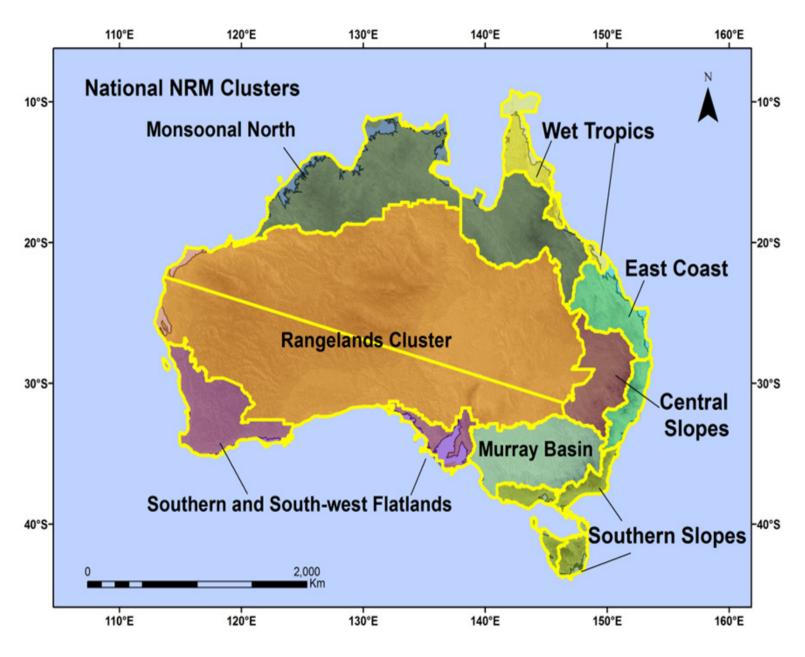






Outline

- Existing climate services in Australia
- Users' needs up until now (CCiA)
- Towards user-driven and science informed services
- 'Good (->best) practice' example
- Future: climate risk marketplace ⇔ co-design





Projections released in 2015

- Focus on serving the needs of natural resource managers (+ everyone else!)
- Pre-defined set of regions (top down)
- CMIP5-based with some downscaling
- 21 climate variables, multiple scenarios and time periods





National NRM Clusters

Monsoonal North

Rangelands Cluster

Southern and South-west Flatlands

10°S-

Technical report, Cluster reports, brochures, tools ...

Murray Basin

140°E

150°E

Wet Tropics

East Coast

Central Slopes

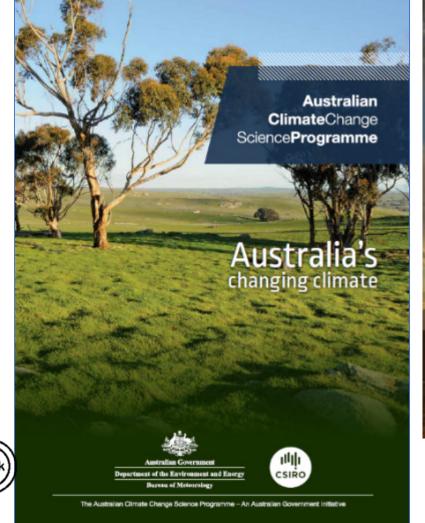
Southern Slopes

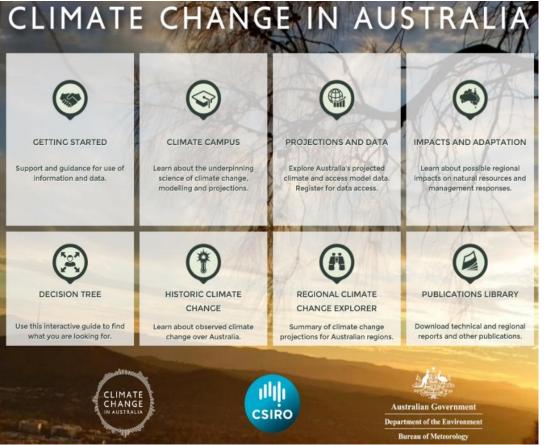


https://www.climatechangeinaustralia.gov.au

Most recently: Climate Change in Australia

Future climate projections over 21st century for Australia's regions Using (then) latest IPCC global climate models (40+ CMIP5)





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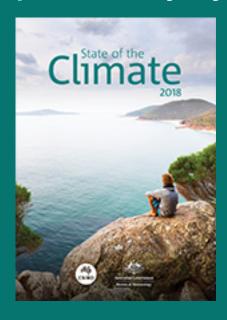
CSIRO and Bureau of Meteorology, 2015

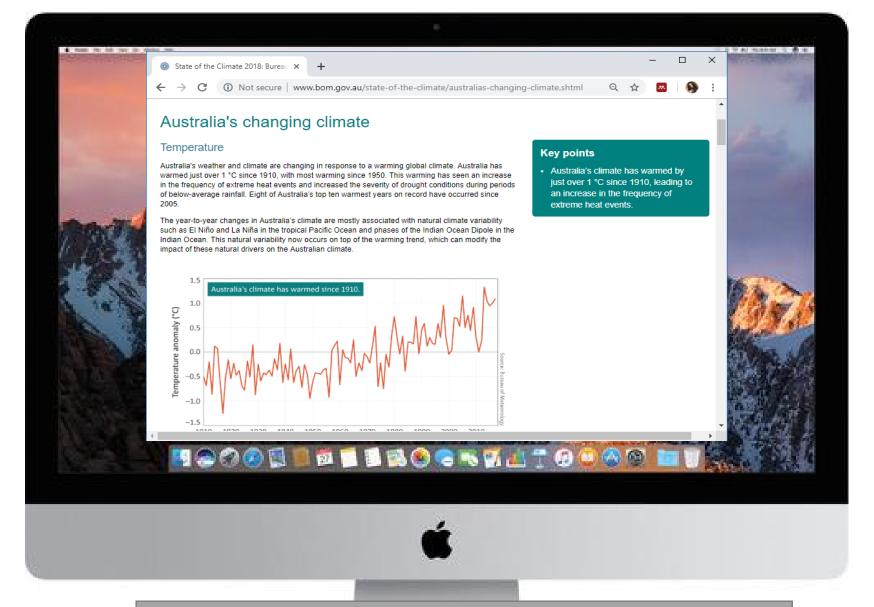




State of the Climate

Updated every 2-years









http://www.bom.gov.au/state-of-the-climate



Climate change in Australia

Updates aligned with CMIP phases









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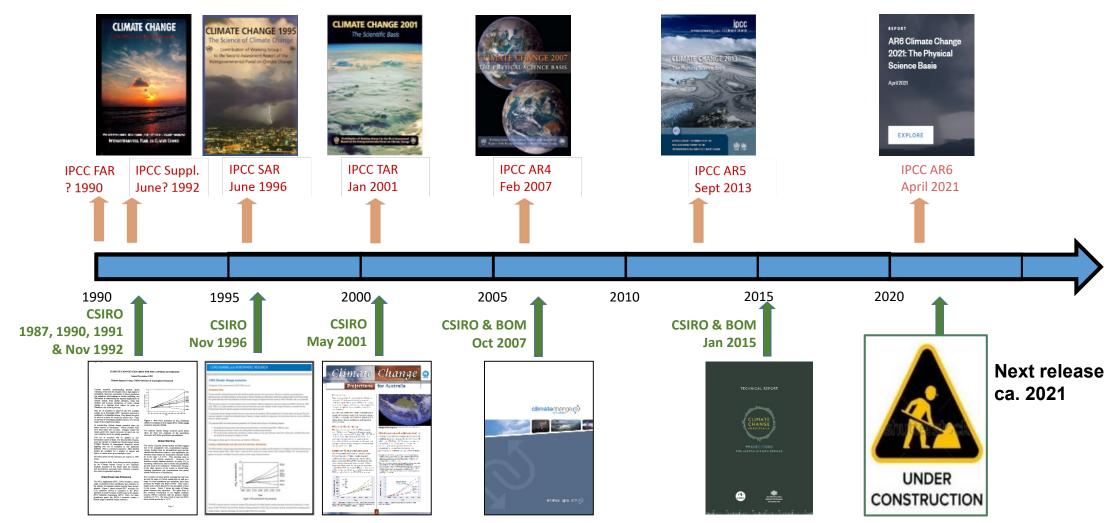




Timeline of Australian Projections:

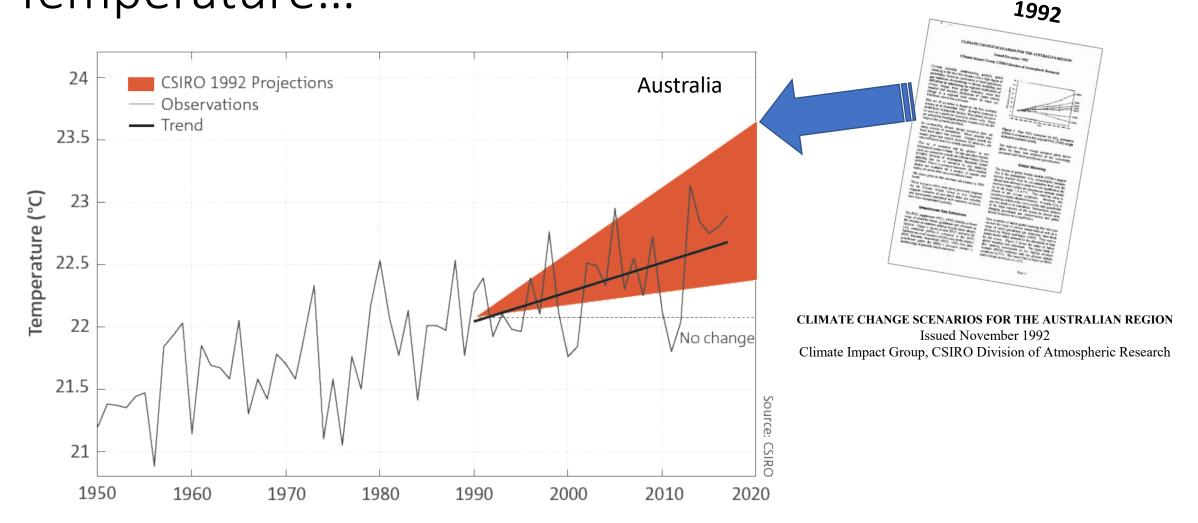
Australian global climate models & researchers have been part of the IPCC's climate change assessments since 1990

(CSIRO's Climate section providing projections since 1988)





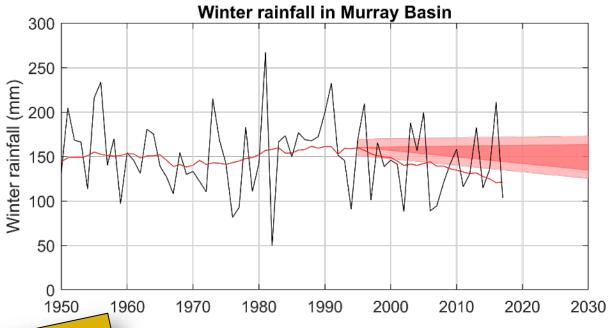
How good have climate projections been? Temperature...

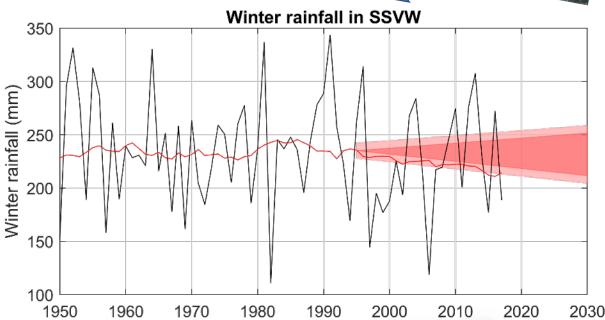


How good have climate projections been? Rainfall is much trickier to simulate!



2015

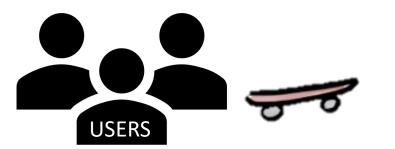






Rainfall projections in 2015 show an underestimate of the decline for parts of south-eastern Australia.













A learning arc: needs of users evolve over time

Feedback from Users



Science & Service

Development



Release to Users

Offerings evolve:

- As users' needs change
- ➤ In response to new science

Project Proposal & Funding Obtained



Engage with users



Climate change services for Australia

A shift from "science-driven and user informed services to user-driven and science informed services."

Lourenço, T., Swart, R., Goosen, H. et al. The rise of demand-driven climate services. Nature Clim Change 6, 13-14 (2016). https://doi.org/10.1038/nclimate2836



- Care needed that policy makers don't think all the science that is needed by users is available and ready to use.
- In Australia we are moving towards science informed but don't quite have all the science we need.
- So, need to fill the gaps in the science but with more emphasis on the user needs.
- The two needs are not mutually exclusive!

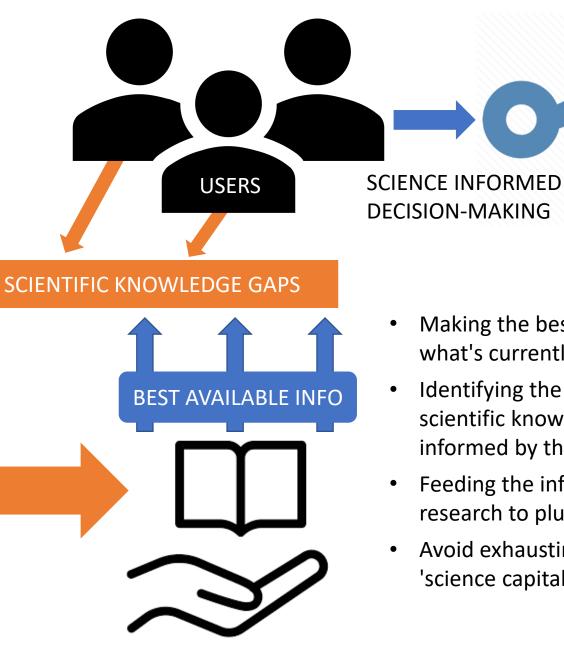
Towards user-driven and science informed services

NEW INFORMATION

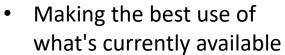
RESEARCH

& PRODUCT

DEVELOPMENT



SCIENCE KNOWLEDGE



- Identifying the gaps in scientific knowledge informed by the user needs
- Feeding the info back into research to plug the gaps
- Avoid exhausting existing 'science capital'



VCP19 (not perfect but towards best practice)

New 5 km (and 50 km) CCAM modelling

Multi-model analyses (GCM + CCAM + other

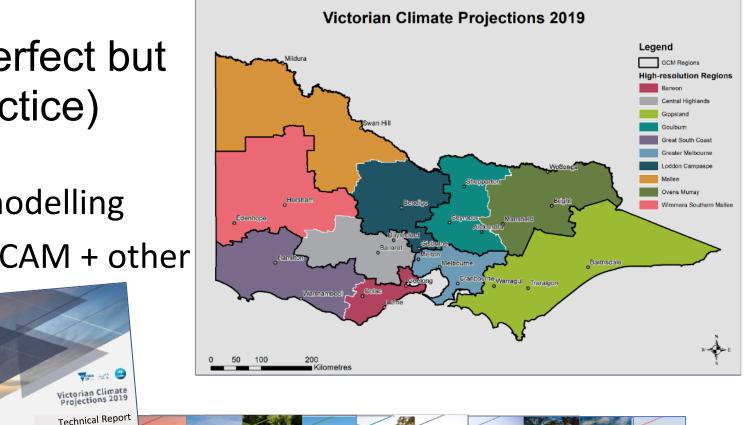
sources)

• 10 Regions

Guidance package

• User support (2020-21)

• User-friendly portal (in dev.)







Victorian Climate Projections 2019

www.climatechangeinaustralia.gov.au/vcp19



Navigating Climate Change Mission

The Navigating Climate Change (NCC) Mission will build a national climate risk capability by 2025. It will enable the Australian economy with an ability to disclose and respond to climate risk, whilst identifying adaptation and transition options.

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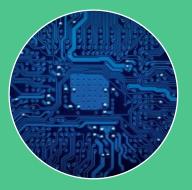


Where to from here?

Climate Centre of Excellence/Hub

- Climate Community: Partners and Members
 - Climate Academy
- ❖ Research precinct/infrastructure
 - Community of Practice
 - ❖ Joint Research Programs
 - ❖ Knowledge Hub

2



Marketplace

- Overarching platform as one-stop shop for all climate risk and transition services
 - Concierge in Shop-front
 - Digital infrastructure
 - ❖ Data curation and collation
 - Data storage
 - ❖ Analytics & Intelligence
 - ❖ Tools & Products

3



New Industry

- Climate Risk
- Sandbox
- ❖ Accelerator & Incubator Programs
 - Open Innovation –Open IP Platforms
 - Challenge Hackathons
 - **❖** Skills
 - Innovation funding
 - Curated panel of Providers

Want more information?

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Climate projections for impact assessment

