

Adaptation research

getting information into the right hands

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A new body of adaptation research



A \$30 million investment in adaptation research produced a large body of new research. The results were made public in technical reports, journal articles, and interactive tools with user guides.

Although a significant, coordinated research effort it was largely locked-up in technical and lengthy documents.

The next step was to make the information more accessible for a greater number of decision makers and practitioners.

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Determining how to communicate large volumes of technical information in a synthesised format

We consulted with stakeholders around Australia to ensure the communication and synthesis program met the needs of those we hoped would use it.

We asked:

- What information do you need?
- What key policy questions are you facing?
- How should we deliver information?



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What our stakeholders said

Deliver information that speaks to the diversity of decisions and decision makers

Stakeholders wanted information on impact and response topics (e.g. extreme events, biodiversity, legal issues, and finance) but also help with organisational challenges. Decisions that might have climate change consequences are made across the breadth of organisations.

Deliver information in short simple formats and partner with stakeholders to shape products

Factsheets or short summaries remain useful, but must be underpinned by links to more technical detail. Knowing what information is out there is a challenge.

Regardless of format, partnering with stakeholders to both develop and deliver products is essential.

“The biggest policy challenge is coordinated governance.”

Respondent 1

“In reality people come at the problem from their own perspective.... What's in it for farmers, for urban planners ... map out likely impacts from different components of climate change and ... the policy questions that are raised – and then recommendations.”

Respondent 10

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Delivery of synthesis products...so far

NCCARF Adaptation Library

Improved search of NCCARF reports and products using categories, themes and keywords.



NCCARF Sector Briefs

Two page briefings targeted at specific actors/decision makers to highlight specific adaptation challenges and options. Link to further information. Intended to be a first stop for specific actors.



NCCARF Policy Guidance Briefs

Focused on critical adaptation challenges for Australia (e.g. Trade and Aid). Developed in conjunction with stakeholders at regional workshops.



NCCARF Adaptation Synthesis Summaries

Short simple synthesis summaries structured around themes and key adaptation challenges. Initial draft tested at stakeholder workshops where adaptation challenges were identified. Aimed at practitioners and decision makers.



Where to from here?



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The initial summaries and briefs are expected to be available on the NCCARF website in July 2016.

In the second half of 2016 we will be rolling out the synthesis products through a series of seminars and workshops across Australia.



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