Reducing disaster impact by targeted infrastructure resilience investments

Case study: Wellington Lifelines Resilience Project

WELLINGTON LIFELINES

RESILIENCE

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The Need

- We have witnessed several damaging earthquakes in the last decade that have tested the resilience of our built environment and communities
 - E.g. 2016 Kaikōura earthquake severely damaged large sections of State Highway 1 and railway lines, resulting in significant direct and indirect impacts due to disrupted services
- Events such as this provide a compelling case to accelerate building resilient infrastructures in the country so we can reduce impacts from future natural hazard events
- Towards this aim, many lifeline organisations have made (& continue to do so) resilience investments that have been demonstrated to have helped reduce the impacts in recent events (e.g. Orion's experience in Canterbury eqs.)
- However...many investments are often made independently with no-to-limited consideration given to the resilience of interdependent networks that together collectively contribute to a region's resilience





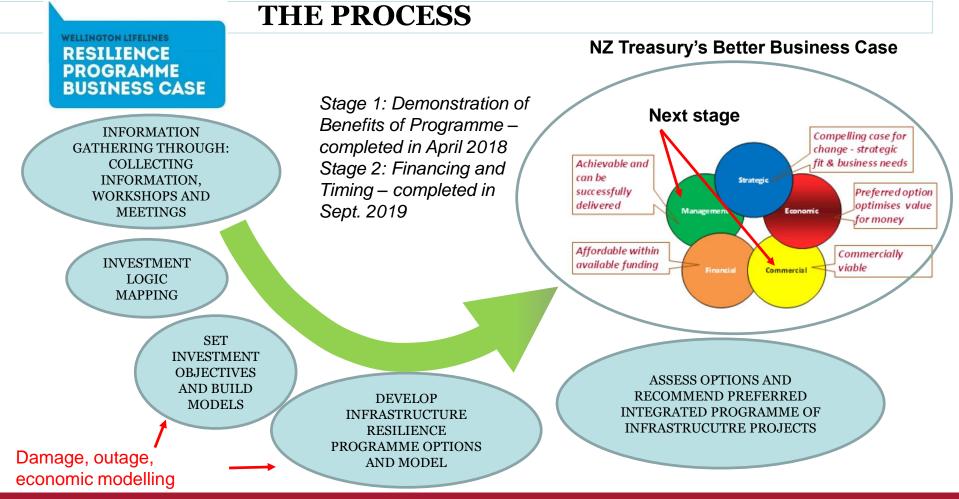
Project Area

- The PBC covers the western side of the Wellington Region including Wellington, Upper Hutt, Lower Hutt, Porirua, Kapiti Coast District areas (as well as some connections outside this region identified as being critical to the Wellington Region's resilience).
 - The five cities together contain bulk of the region's population
 - Are vulnerable to shock events that will cause disruptions to community and economy
 - Are consistent with the network coverage of our key infrastructure providers



The Team



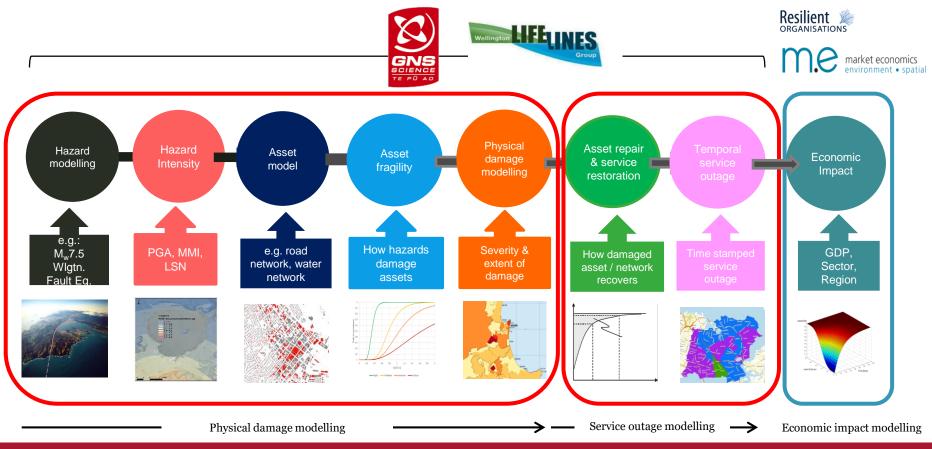


Main objective: Demonstrate potential economic benefit by investing in Wellington's infrastructure resilience

Modelling (with the same earthquake scenario) for:

- a) Base case i.e. considering as-is infrastructures with existing vulnerabilities
- b) Improved resilience case i.e. specific investments made to improve the resilience of the networks

Impact modelling workflow



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Hazard Scenario: M_w7.5 Earthquake on the Wellington Fault

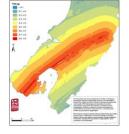


- <u>highly disruptive event</u>
- may tip some people and businesses out of the region either temporarily or permanently
- Likely to take appreciable time for economy to stabilize

Related perils included for modelling:



Fault Rupture



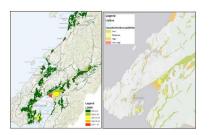
Shaking



Landslide



Co-seismic subsidence



Liquefaction

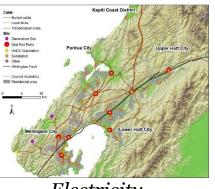
Lifeline utilities / infrastructure networks included

- Roads
- Rail
- Electricity
- Fuel
- Telecommunications
- Water
- Wastewater
- Gas
- Port
- Airport

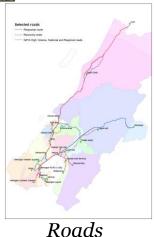




Water & wastewater

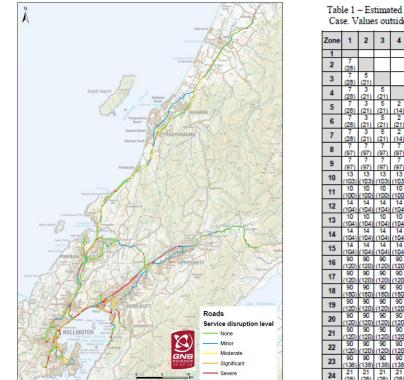


Electricity



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Road Network

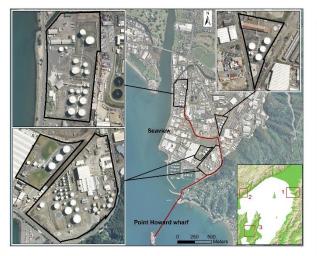


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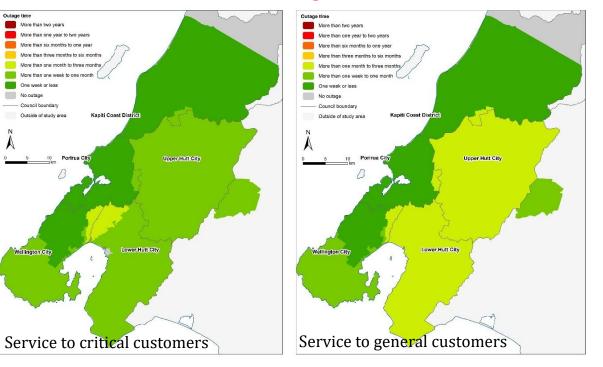
Table 1 – Estimated outage times (in days) for road access between transportation zones (Fig. 3) for Base Case. Values outside and inside the brackets are respectively for response and recovery levels of service

Sadashiva VK, , Mowll R, Heron DW, Lukovic B (2020): Reducing Infrastructure Outages Through Integrated Infrastructure Resilience Investment Programme. Paper No. C002636. 17WCEE, 17th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering, Sendai, Japan.

Fuel

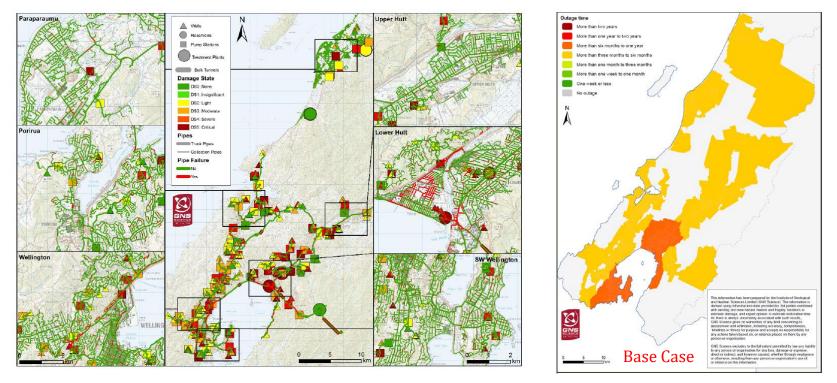


Seaview fuel storage facilities, with the location of all facilities in Wellington shown in inset



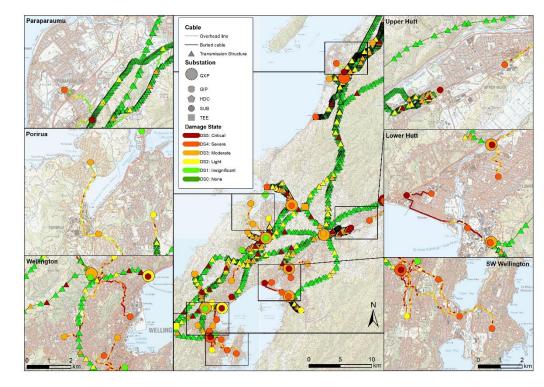
Estimated Fuel Service Outage Times - Base Case

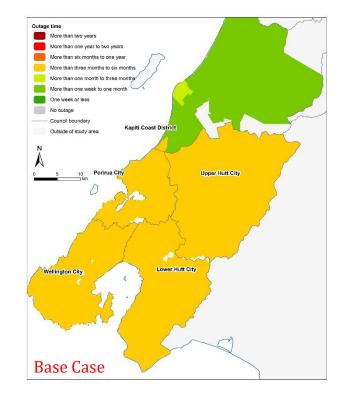
Potential damage & outage map for water supply – Base Case



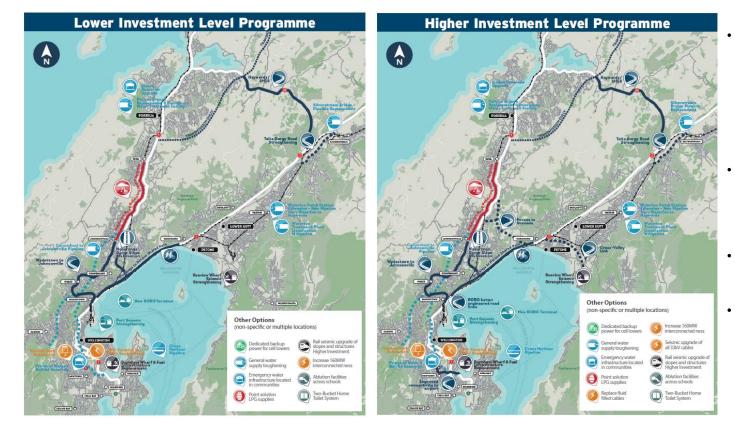
Sadashiva VK, Nayyerloo M, Williams J, Heron DW et. al. (2020): Potential benefits of implementing water network resilience projects in Wellington region of New Zealand. Paper No. Co02641. 17WCEE, 17th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering, Sendai, Japan.

Potential damage & outage map for electricity – Base Case





Infrastructure Investment Programmes

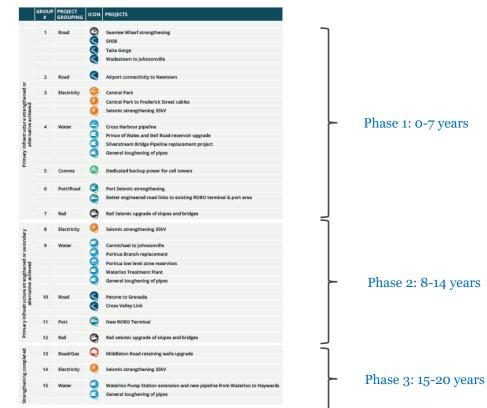


- Staged workshops carried to assess how proposed projects (originally a long list) perform against benefit statement and investment objectives
- Many projects already on long term asset plans and have funding approved
- It considers the interdependencies
- If the projects are delivered in a priority order and accelerated, there will be added significant benefits

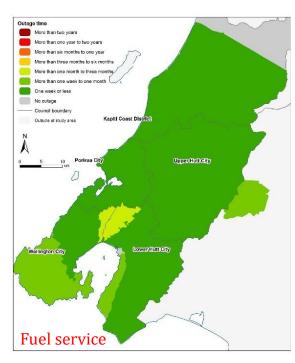
Recommended / Preferred Programme

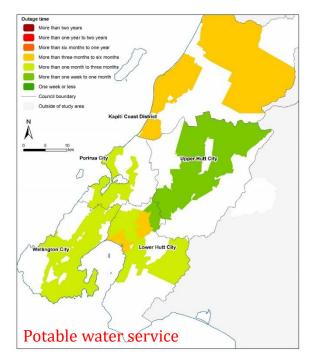


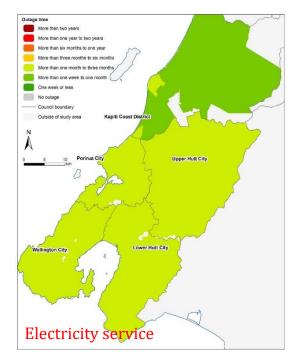
INTEGRATED PROGRAMME



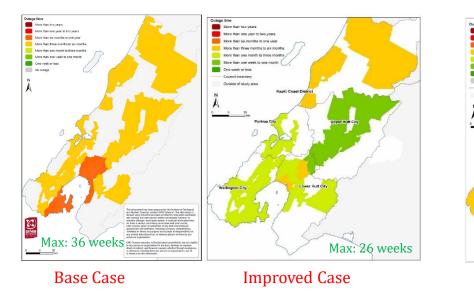
Improved Resilience Case outage map examples



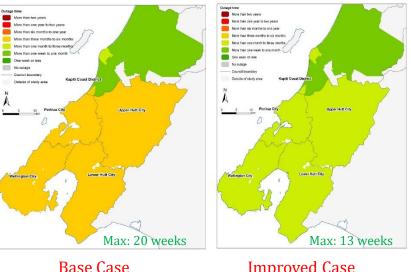




Reduced service outages with investments made - examples



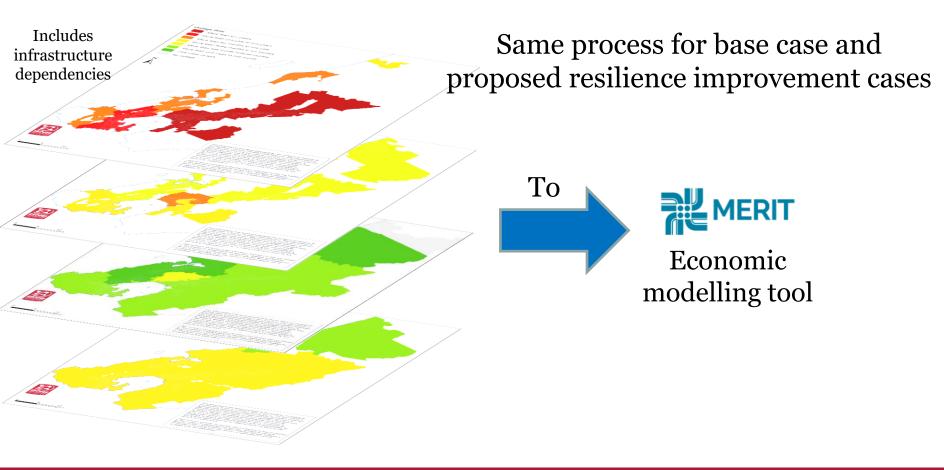
Potable water service



Improved Case

Electricity service

Service Outage Maps Input to MERIT



Modelled economic impact by investing in preferred programme (capital cost estimate: \$3.9 billion)*

Cumulative change in GDP for Preferred Programme (\$2016 Billion)

Lapsed Time Since Event	6 months		1 year		5 years	
Preferred Investment Scenario	None	Preferred	None	Preferred	None	Preferred
Wellington Region	-8.7	-5.7	-10.3	-6.3	-13.5	-8.0
Rest of NZ	-2.1	-1.7	-3.0	-2.2	-3.2	-2.6
Total NZ	-10.7	-7.4	-13.3	-8.4	-16.7	-10.5
Net Reduction in GDP Loss when compared to the No Investment Scenario i.e. Base-case (as-is infrastructures)						\$6.16B



Wellington Lifelines Group (2019): Protecting Wellington's Economy Through Accelerated Infrastructure Investment Programme Business Case. Revision 3. * 2019 estimate

Other potential benefits with investment made

- Proposed infrastructure improvements will also make the Wellington Region more resilient to smaller and higher frequency events
 - $\rightarrow \ \ Additional \ \ economic \ \ benefits$
- Improved capacity for businesses to adapt
 - \rightarrow The process of recovery commences earlier, faster return to normal levels of productivity
- Improved 'liveability'
 - $\rightarrow~$ Number of people temporarily relocated likely to be still high, but number of permanent relocations can be expected to reduce
- Improved business 'viability'
 - $\rightarrow~$ Less likely for businesses to choose to relocate
- Reduced isolation
 - $\rightarrow \ \ Less \ disruption \ to \ tourism$



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