

Australia's plans for tsunami ready implementation

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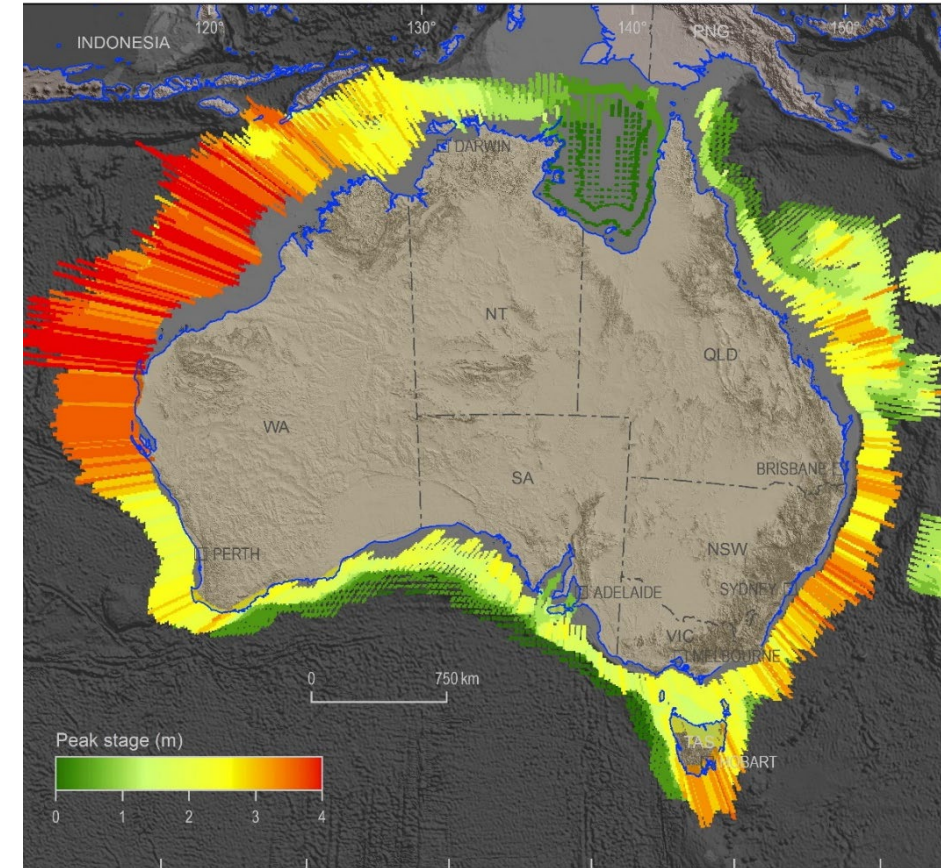
Australian tsunami ready activities

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- Publicly accessible tsunami evacuation mapping
- Western Australia Tsunami Inundation Modelling Project
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Introduction to Australia

- Six States and two Territories
- The Joint Australian Tsunami Warning Centre (JATWC) is operated by the Bureau of Meteorology (Bureau) and Geoscience Australia (GA)
- JATWC detects, monitor, verify and warn the community of the existence of tsunamis in our region and possible threats to Australian coastal locations and offshore territories.
- States and Territories undertake tsunami response

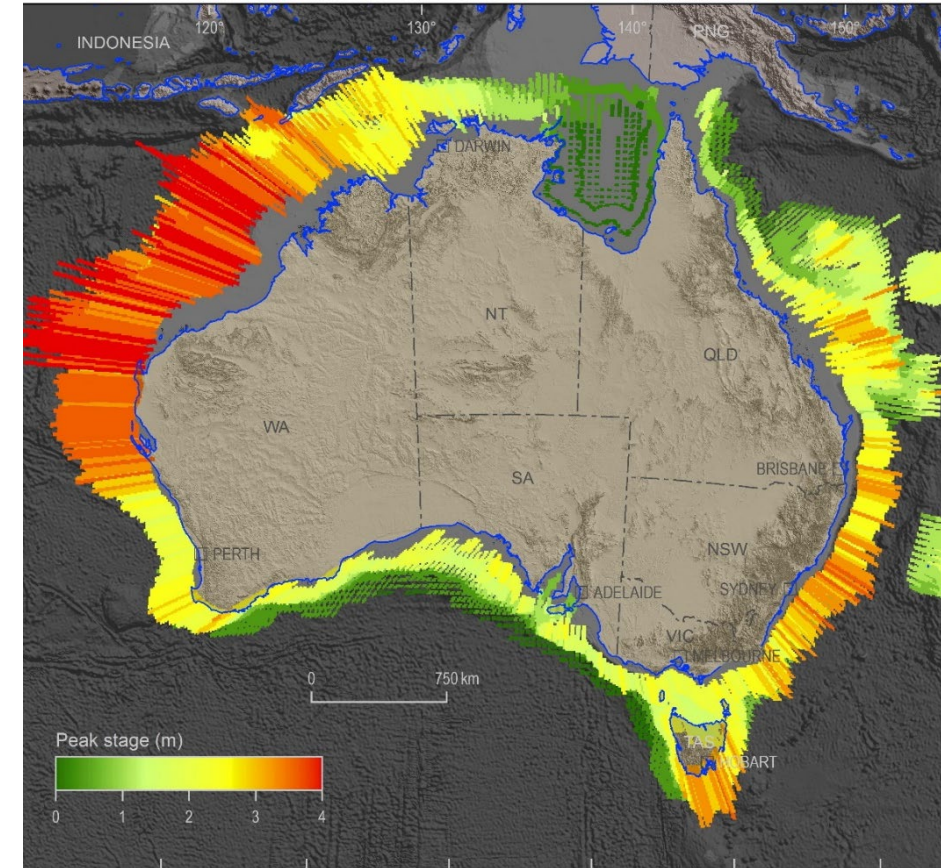


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Australian Tsunami Advisory Group

- National leadership in the coordination of programs and projects relating to tsunami capability development, promoting research, information, knowledge management and education
- A representative from each Australian state and territory including offshore territories, and from Surf Life Saving Australia
- Representatives from each Australian Government agency including the Department of Home Affairs, GA, the Bureau, and New Zealand.



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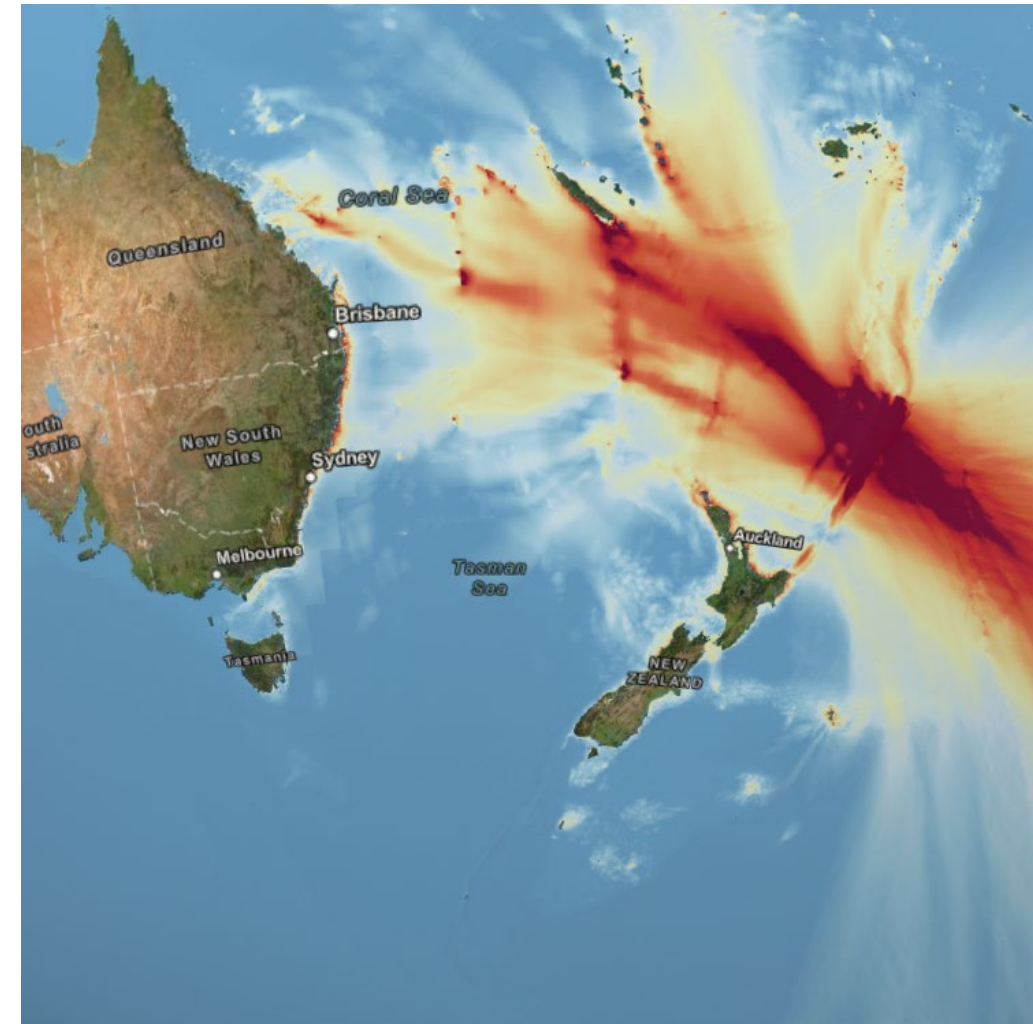


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Joint Tsunami Exercise

Joint exercise in August 2022 with the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) and New South Wales State Emergency Services (NSW SES), led by QFES.

About 50 participating agencies

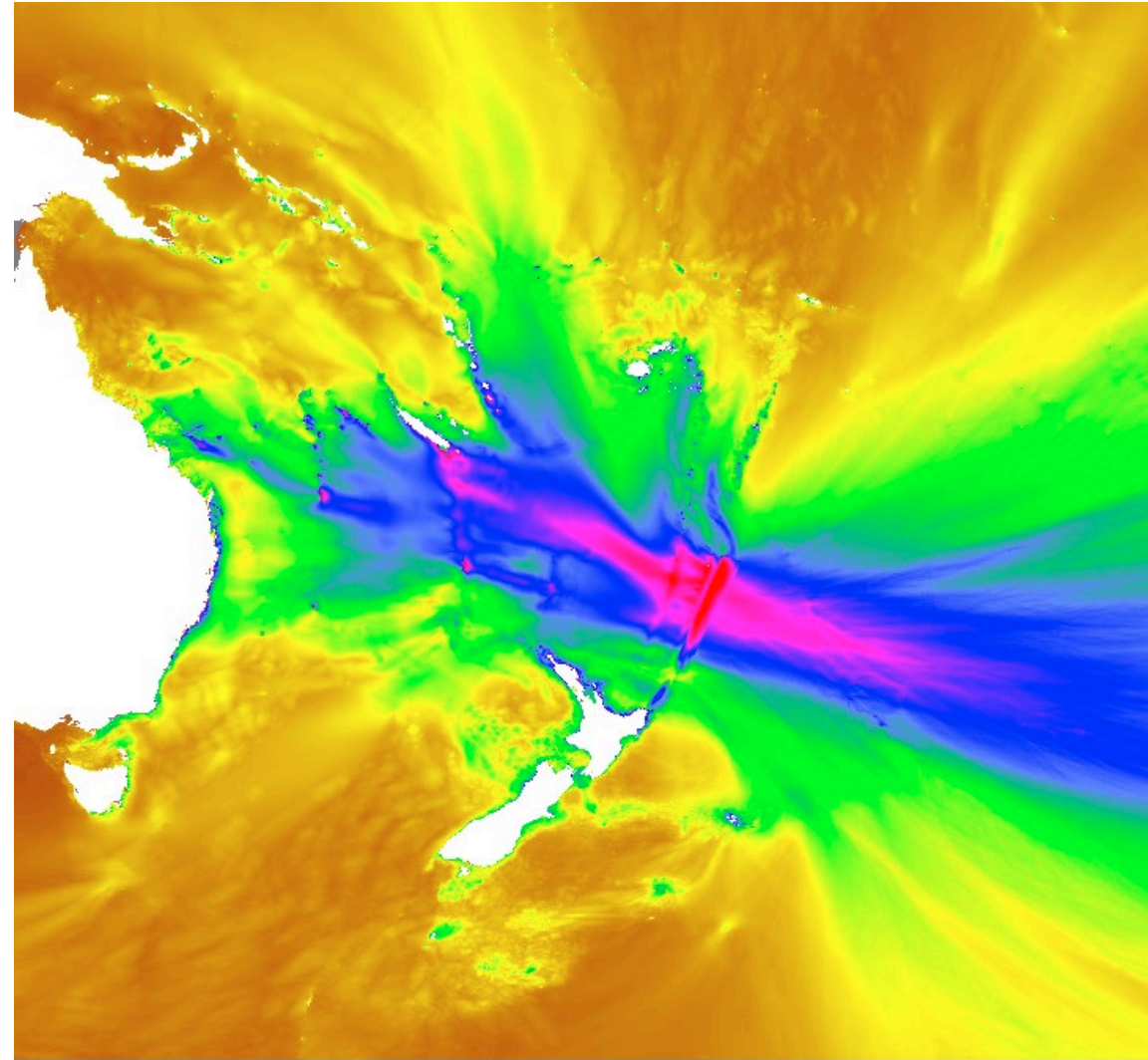


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Joint Tsunami Exercise Aim

Examined the impact of a tsunami along eastern Australia and explored the processes and challenges associated with this event during the response phase.



Source: Geoscience Australia



Joint Tsunami Exercise Objectives

1. Identify the **communication and coordination arrangements** between disaster management entities (local-region, district, state, national and international) and triggers for state, national and international support, including coordination and governance arrangements



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Joint Tsunami Exercise Objectives

2. Explore communication challenges and available methods for **disseminating messages and warnings to the community**, message construction and management of warning consequences.

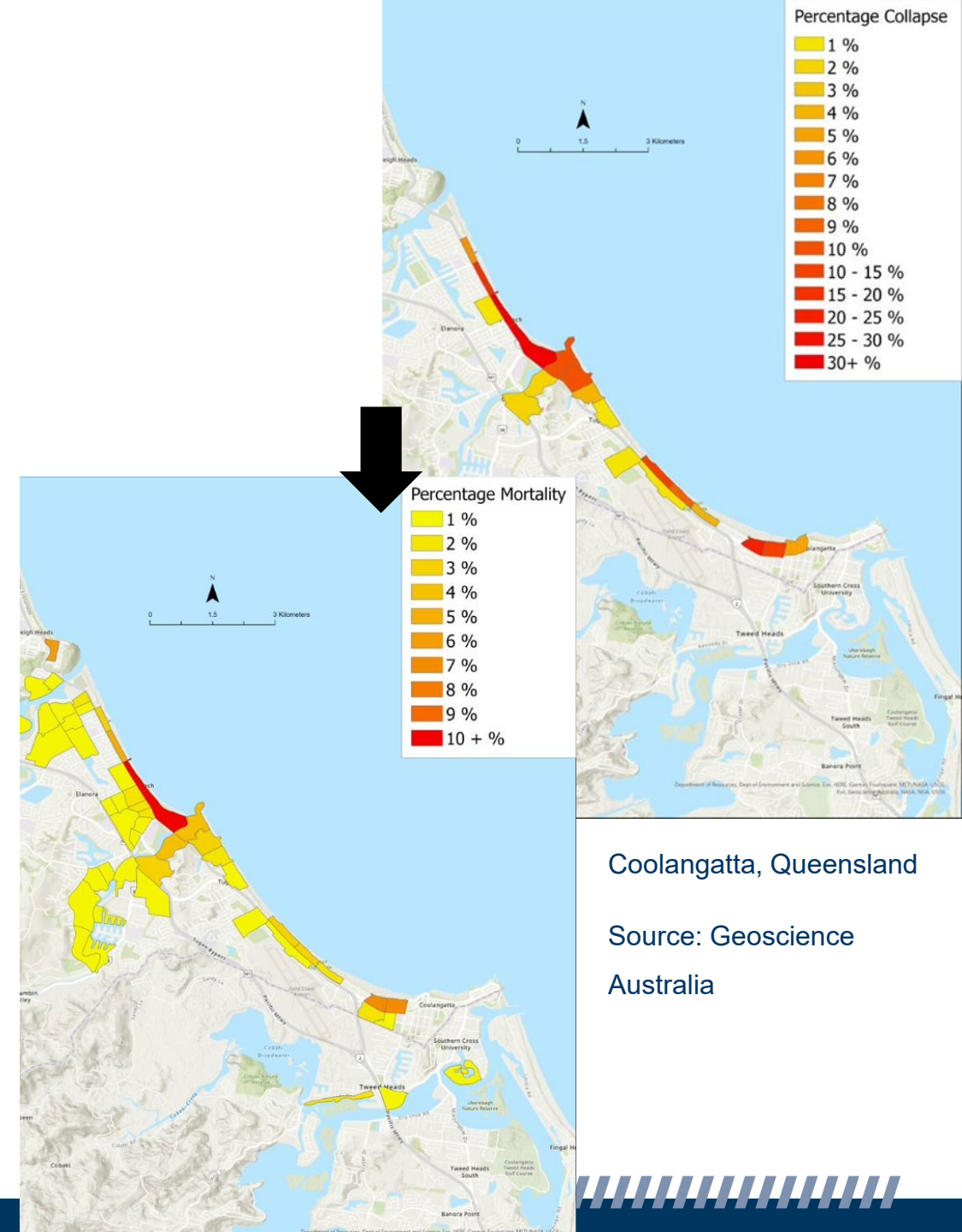


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Joint Tsunami Exercise Objectives

3. Identify and examine local-region, district, state and national **plans for responding** to a catastrophic east coast tsunami.
4. Examine plan activation and **request for assistance** (RFA) processes
5. Explore solutions for key **response challenges**.

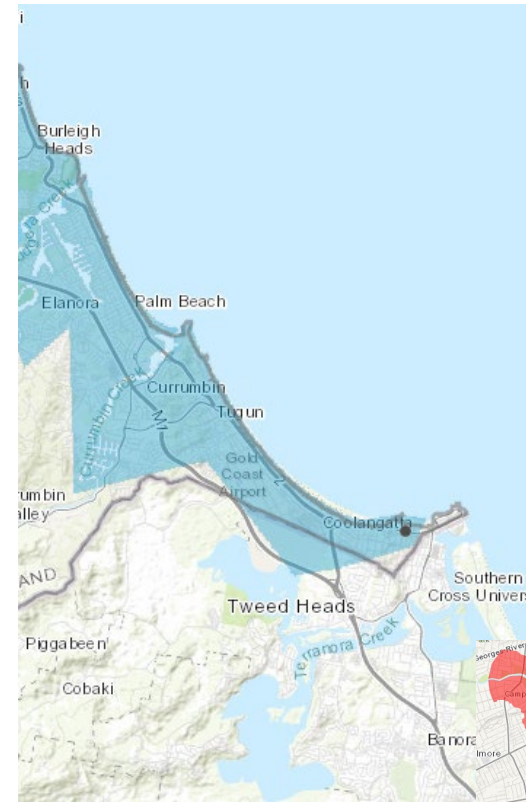




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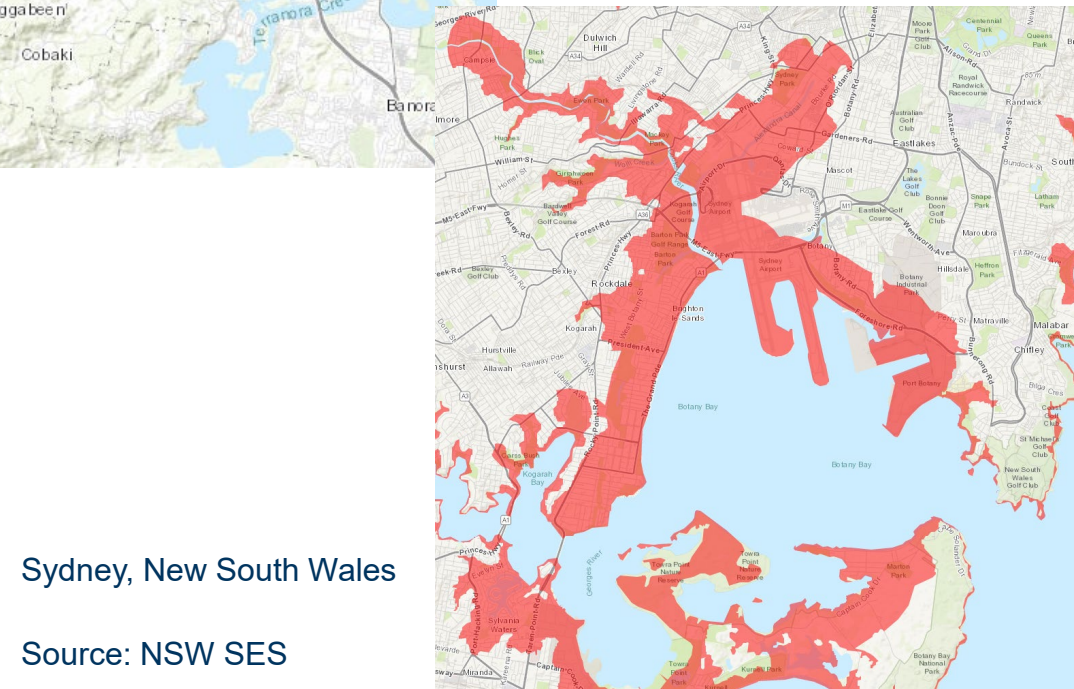
Publicly accessible tsunami evacuation mapping around Australia

Preparedness and awareness-raising work is being undertaken across Australia and more investment is being done to fill in gaps and to understand the risk



Coolangatta, Queensland

Source: QFES



Sydney, New South Wales

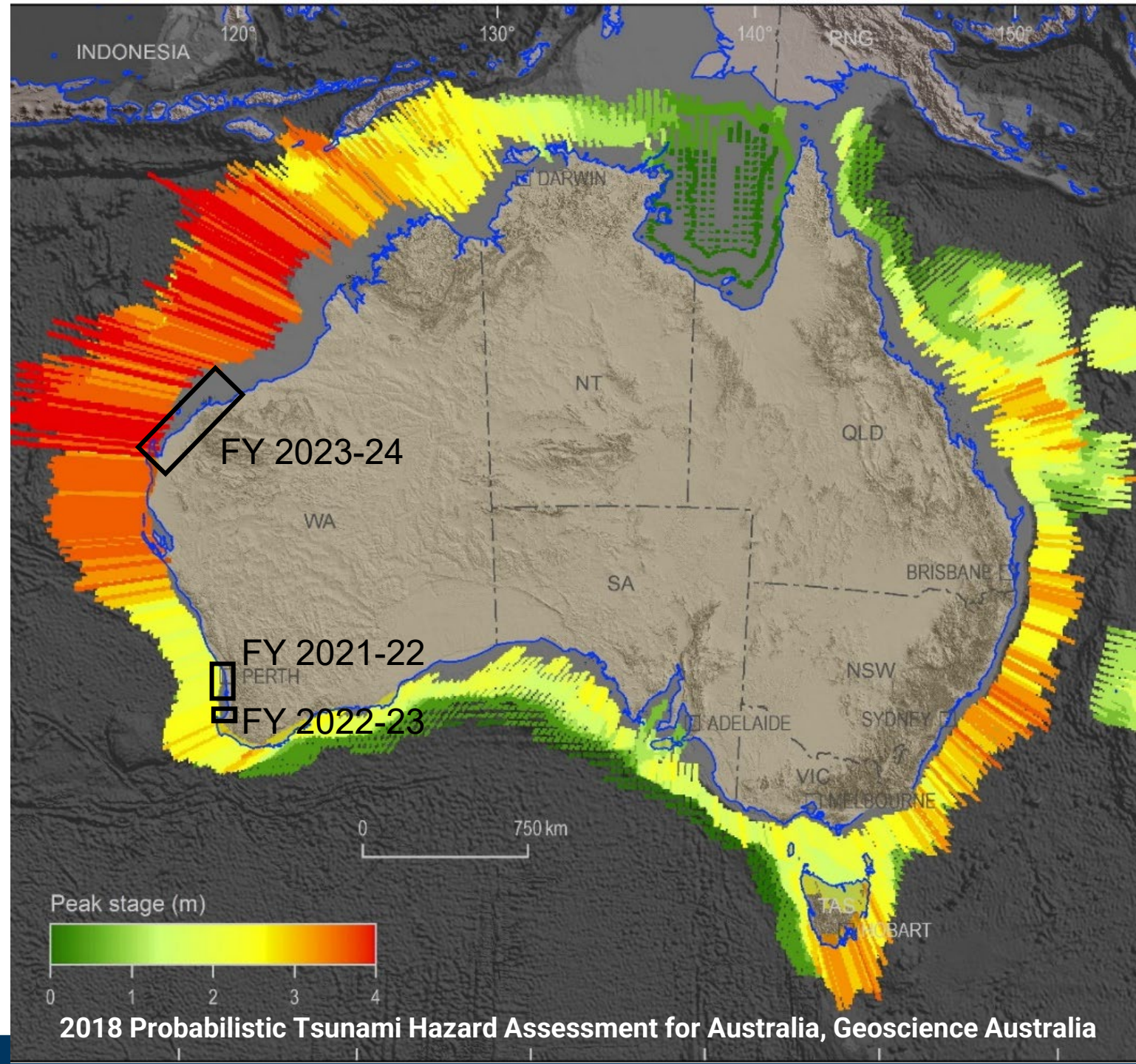
Source: NSW SES





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Western Australia (WA) Tsunami Inundation Modelling Project





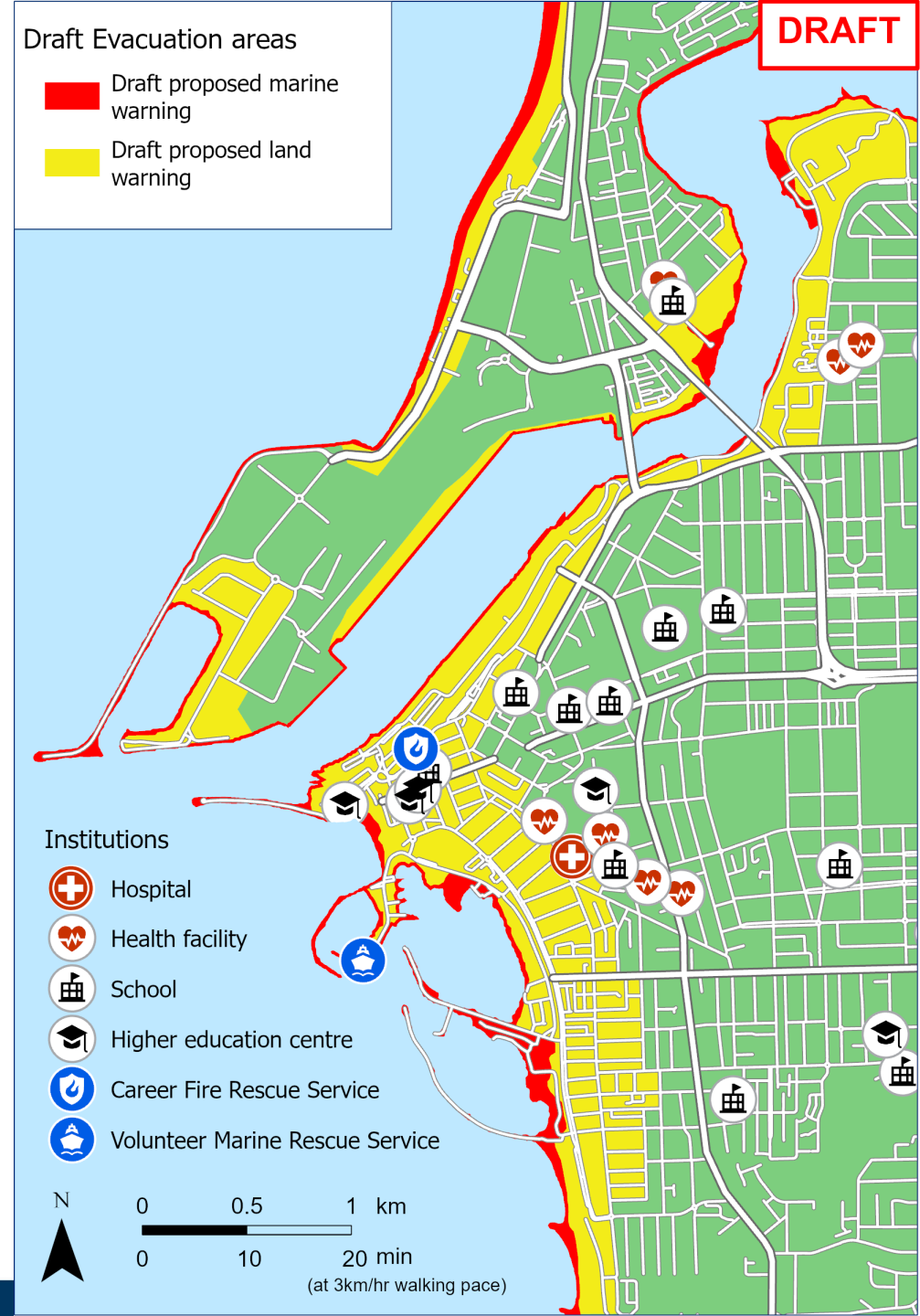
Alignment with Tsunami Ready Indicators

- mapped and designated tsunami hazard zones
- estimated the number of people at risk in the tsunami hazard zones
- identified economic, infrastructure, social and political resources
- started producing easily understandable tsunami maps
- co-operates with the DFES community preparedness branch to ensure that outreach and public awareness products are available and distributed



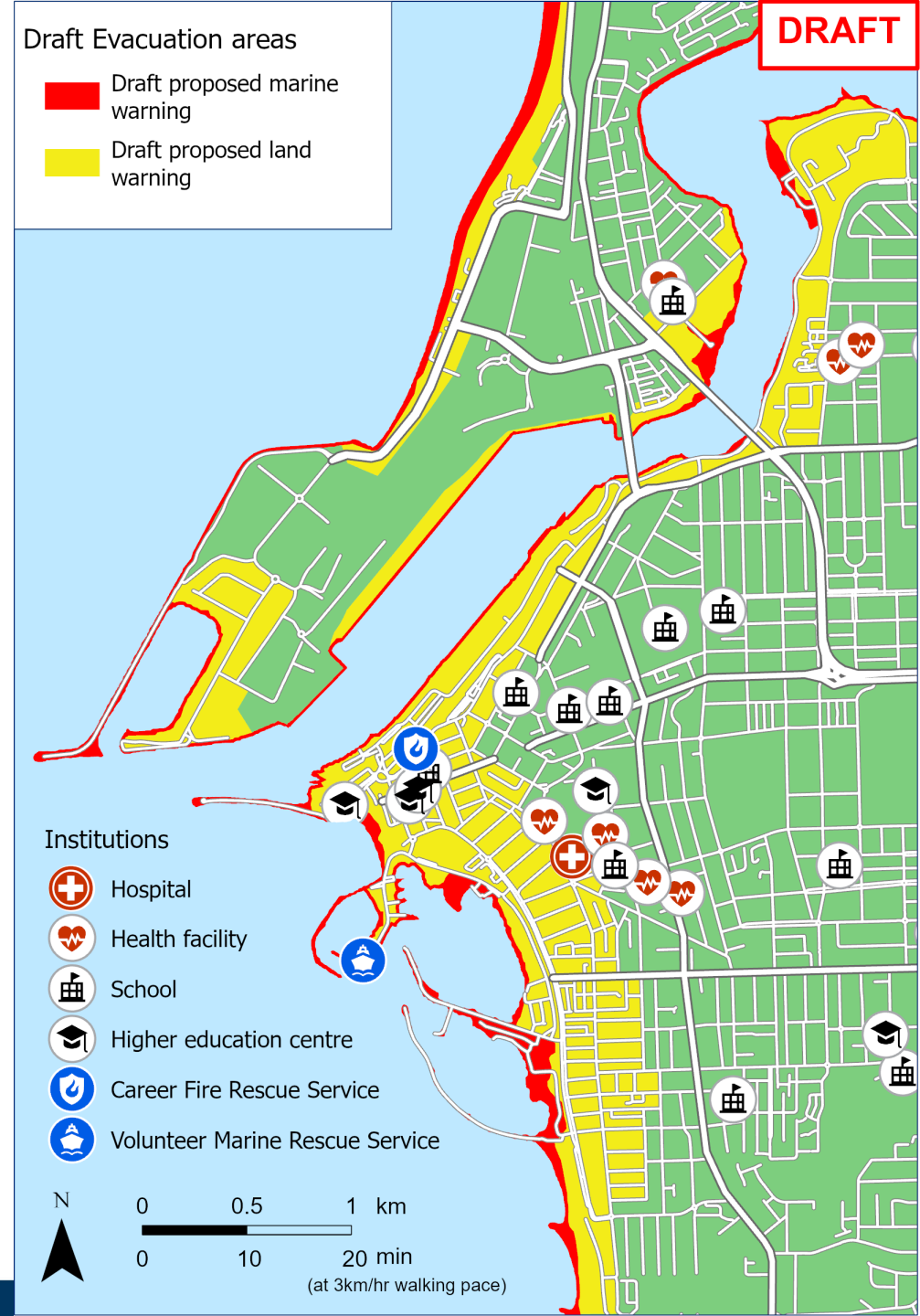
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- will complete outreach and education activities by collaborating with Local Emergency Management Committees, together with DFES regional staff
- will develop community tsunami emergency response plans
- will enhance DFES's capacity to manage emergency response operations
- will exercise the receiving and disseminating tsunami alerts and warnings process in a reliable manner.



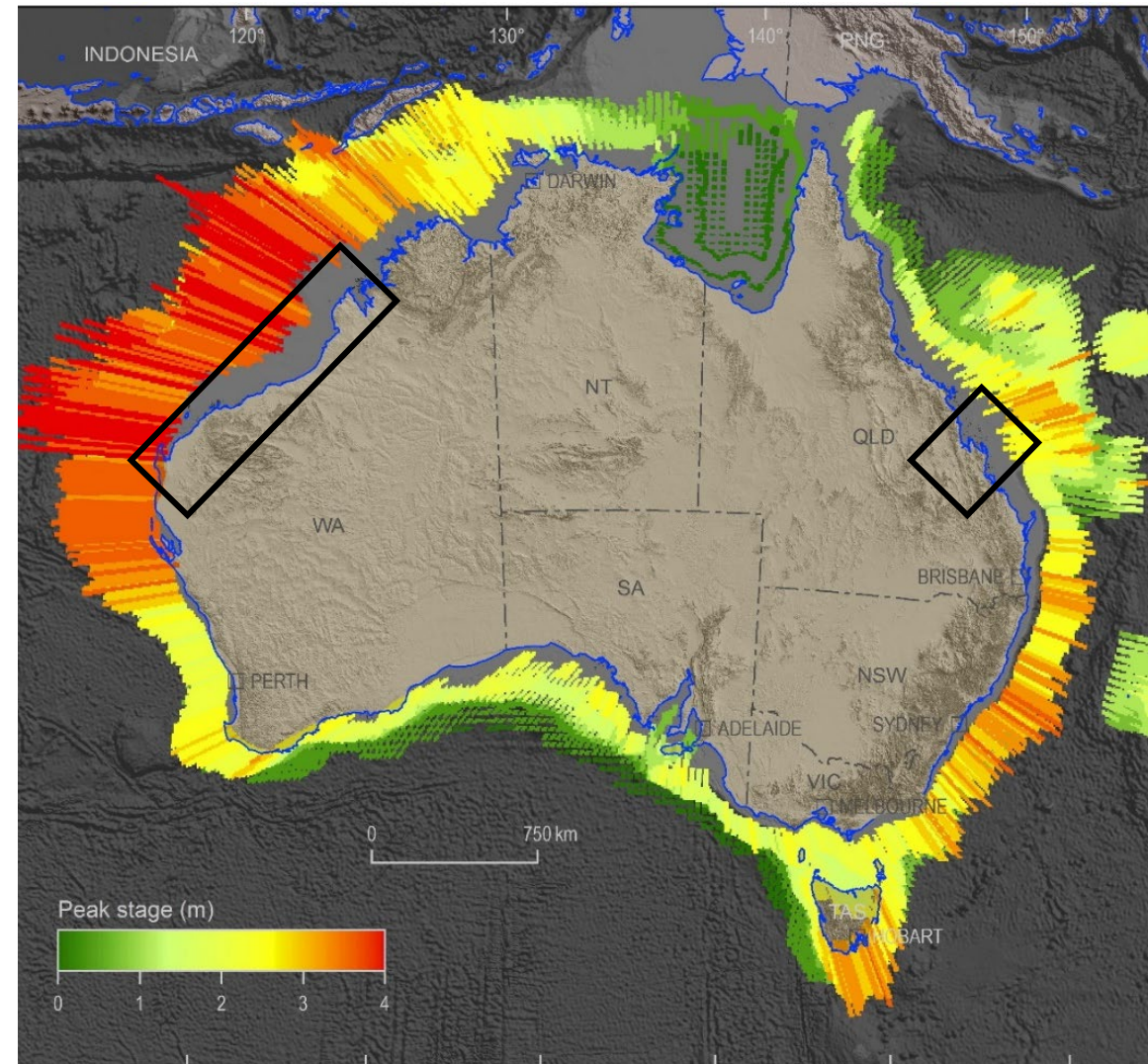
Next steps

- Embedding in the Department of Fire Emergency Services through the IOWave23 Exercise
- Other Australian States may implement similar projects in the future



Future projects

- High-resolution elevation data capture project in North-West Australia to provide a basis to undertake 2D inundation modelling in this area
- Tsunami project for Gladstone, Queensland

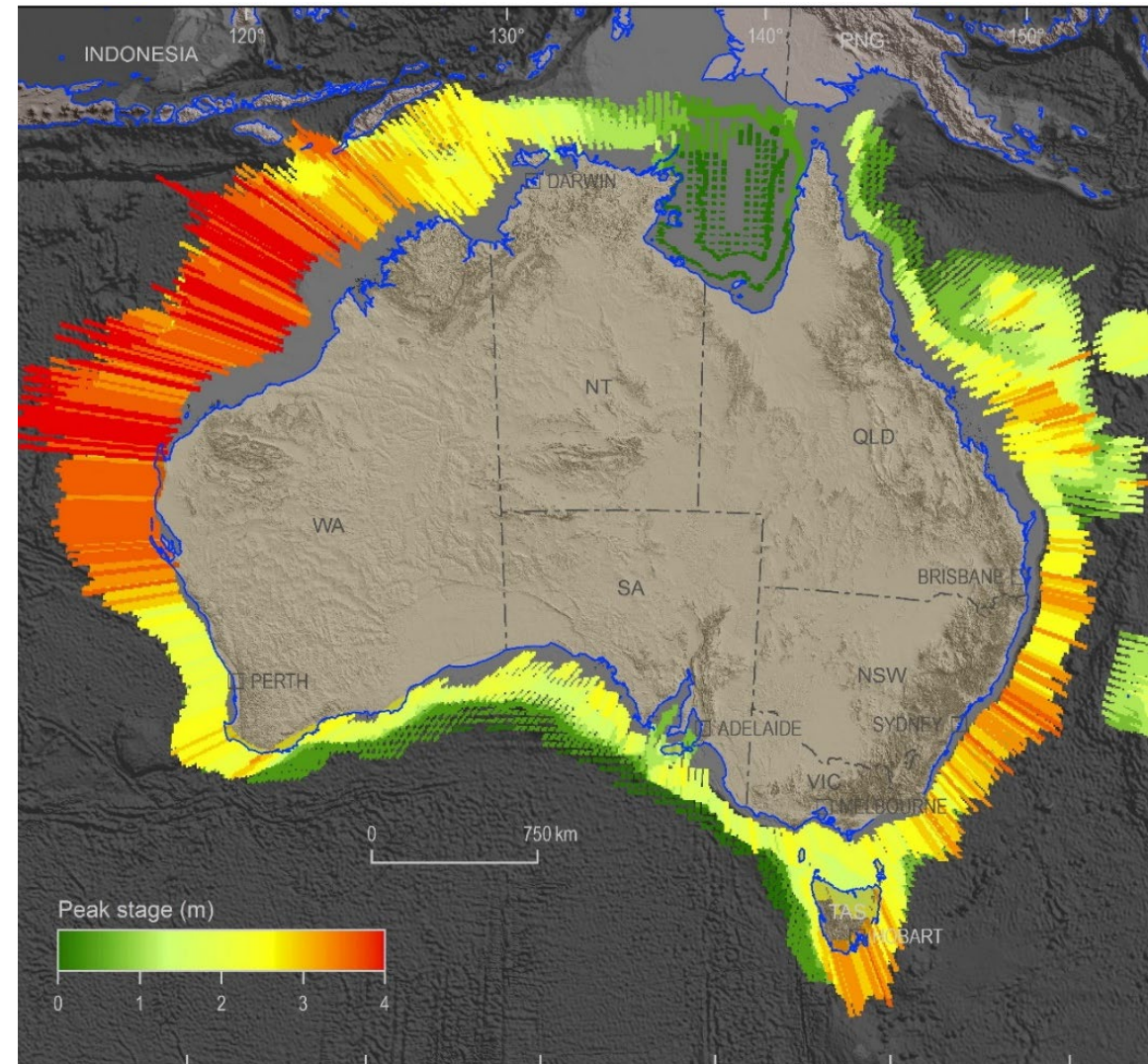


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Thank you

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- Bureau of Meteorology
- DFES



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