

## FLOOD FORECASTING:

# What can you do with your data?

Floods cost Australia over

# \$4.2m

annually<sup>1</sup>

### 1. Determine the **extent of a flood**



Identify the flooded area and the **potential for properties and infrastructure to be affected** through a flood extent map.

### 2. Determine the **depth of a flood**

by draping the forecast water surface onto a Digital Elevation Model (DEM).



Determine the **severity of flooding - in terms of depth - across a region.**



# 2,000ft<sup>2</sup>

home under 12" of water damage could cost roughly

# \$50k

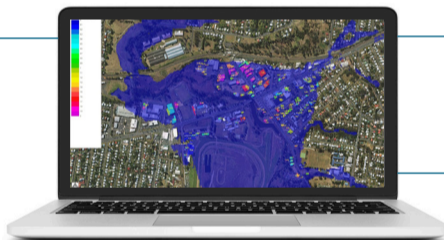
in damages<sup>2</sup>

### 3. Determine the **impact of a flood**

by integrating GIS datasets with a flood forecast surface.



Forecast low points on evacuation routes to **determine what roads are passable or what facilities require managed evacuation.**



Predict the **depth of flooding 'above floor'** for flood-affected properties.



Use time-based flood forecasts to **determine not only what will be affected, but when.**

### 4. Manage **uncertainty**

by quantifying its upper and lower limits.



**Plus or minus 20% to limit uncertainty regarding the extent a community will be affected** by a flood and the response required.



In the Queensland floods of 2010/11

# 200,000

people were affected and

# 35

 lives were claimed<sup>3</sup>

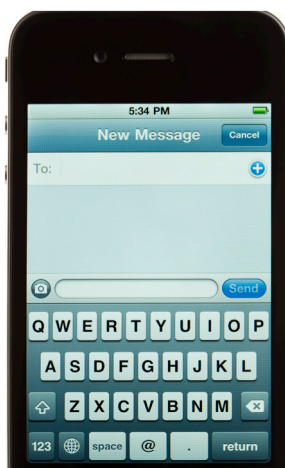
### 5. Save **lives**

The above intelligence can be used by emergency managers to **plan and prioritise response effort.**

A simplified version can be pushed out to affected communities through **SMS alerts and web maps of affected areas.**

This can keep communities safe; **it can save lives.**

This is what you **can do with your data.**



<sup>1</sup>Preventionweb.net. (2016). Australia - Disaster & Risk Profile | PreventionWeb.net. [online] [Accessed 2 Sep. 2016].

<sup>2</sup>FEMA. "Cost of Flooding | Measure Flood Damage | Flood Tool." FloodSmart cited by Dosomething.org. (2016). 11 Facts About Floods | DoSomething.org | Volunteer for Social Change. [online] [Accessed 2 Sep. 2016].

<sup>3</sup>Australian Geographic. (2016). Floods: 10 of the deadliest in Australian history. [online] [Accessed 9 Aug. 2016].