



Disaster Risk Management through Regional Associations

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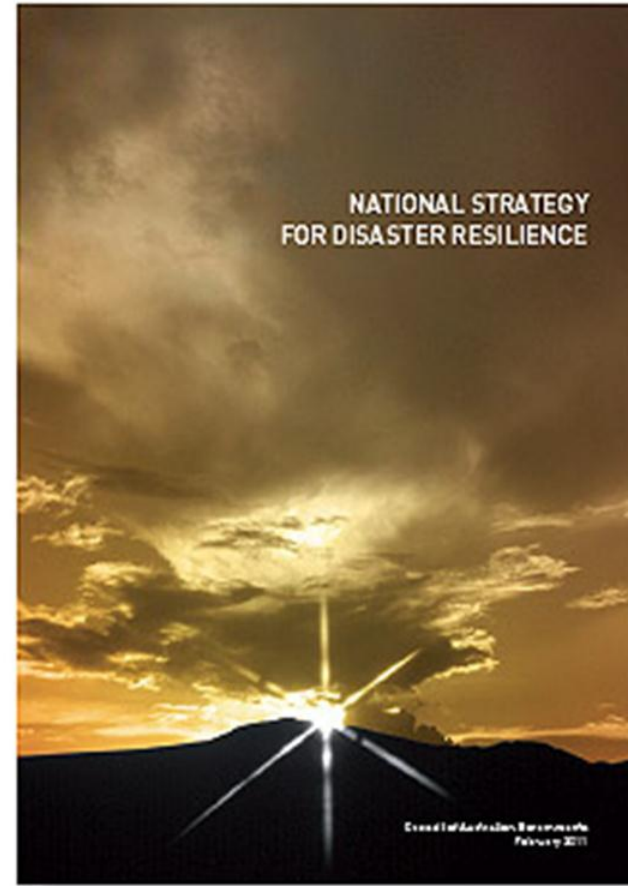


Australia is prone to natural disasters



- *Building the resilience of our nation to disasters*

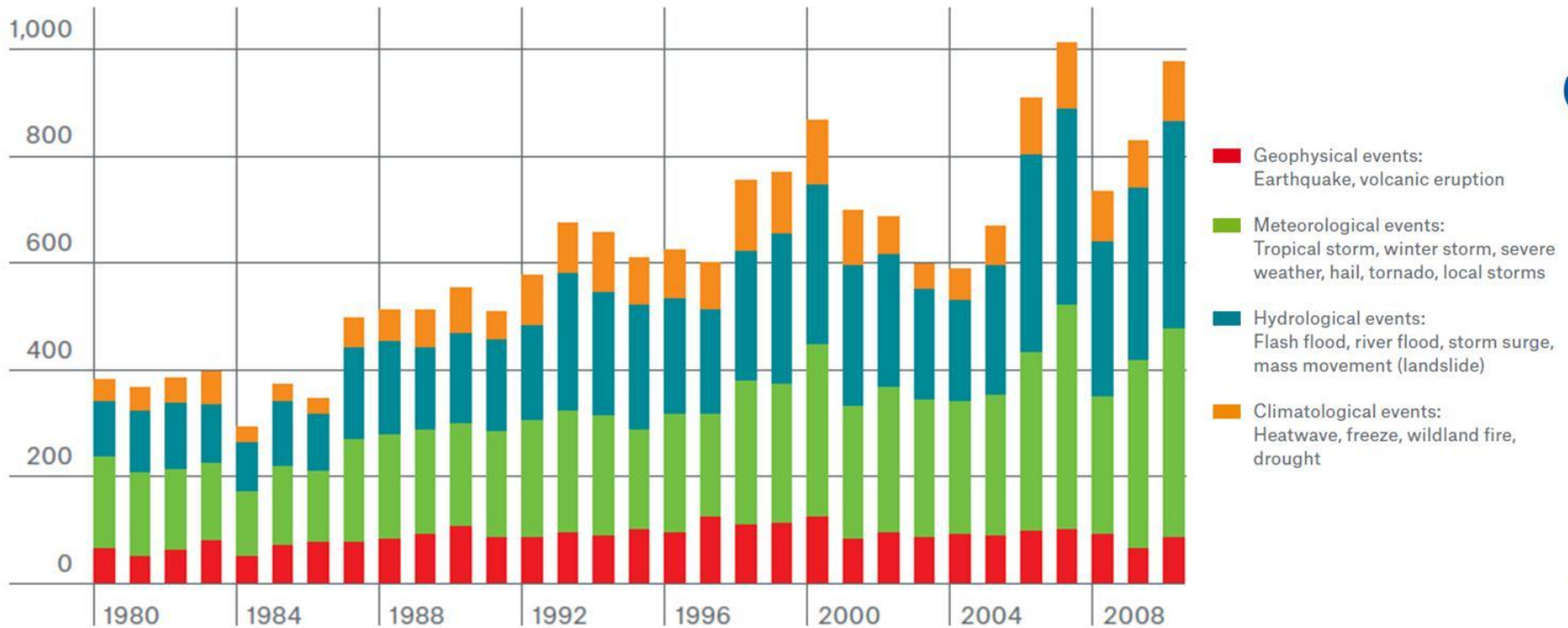
<http://www.ag.gov.au/EmergencyManagement/Pages/NationalStrategyForDisasterResilience.aspx>



Disasters – growing in number



Number of natural catastrophes 1980-2010



Source: Munich Re 2010





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Regional Processes

- IORA: Disaster Response Dialogue
 - IORA DRM officials share expertise.
 - Links to global dialogues (eg: WHS)
- 2011 EAS Disaster Management Initiative
 - Australia and Indonesia co-lead implementation
 - Australia contributes to India's EAS initiatives
- ASEAN: Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER)
 - Supports AADMER to strengthen AHA Centre and deliver AADMER Work Programme.
 - Supports Regional exercises



Key Messages

- Disaster risk reduction is everybody's business.
- Risks are increasing.
- IORA and other regional groupings can build disaster risk management capacity.
- Disaster events distract governments and communities and investing in disaster risk reduction is good governance.



THANK YOU

