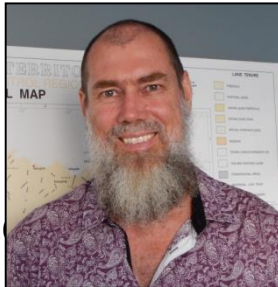


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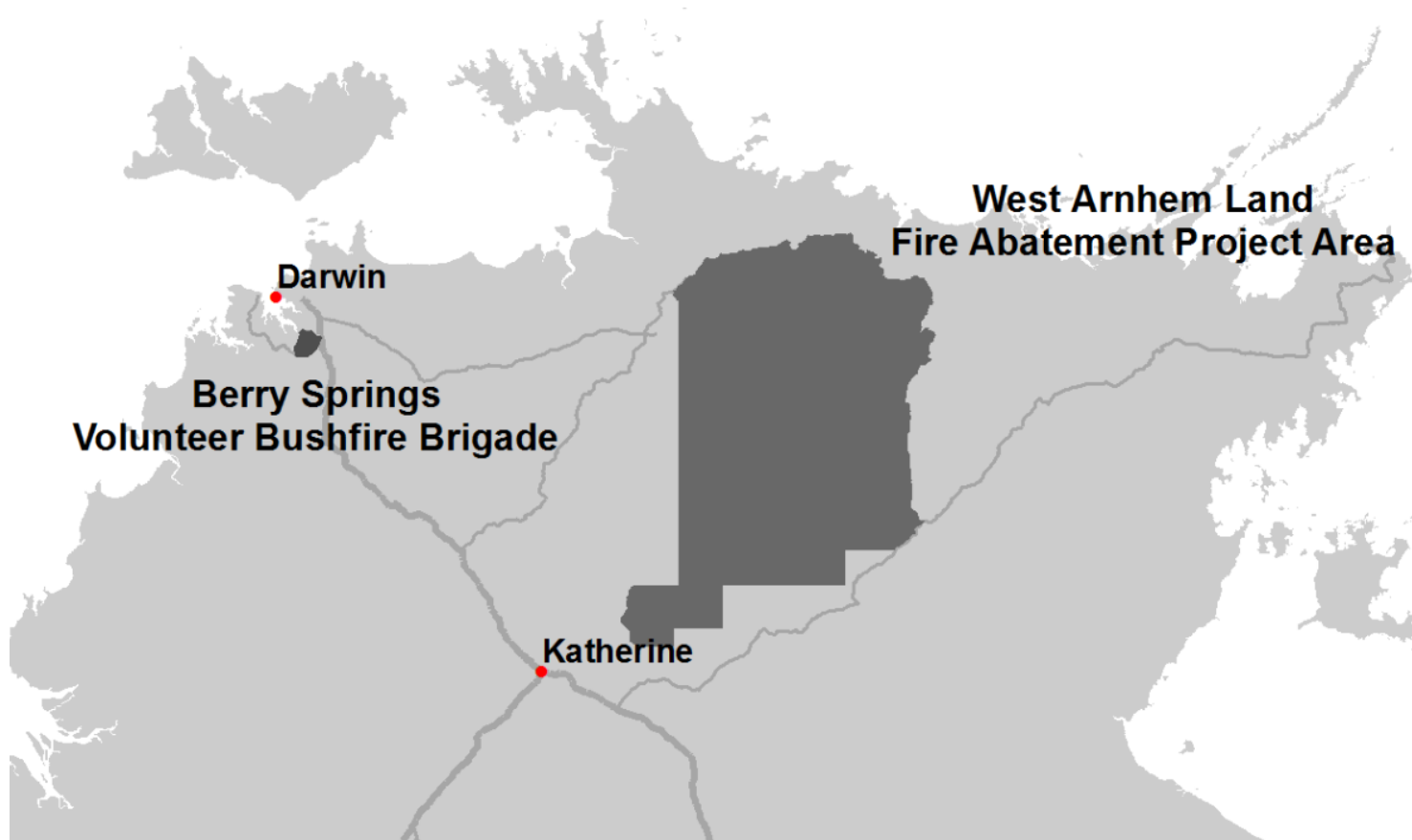
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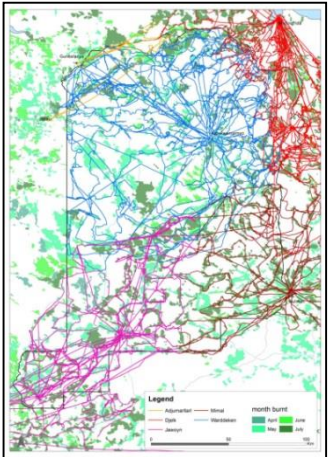
- Bushfires don't recognise boundaries
- Bushfires management is about people
- We face common challenges and opportunities
- For bushfire management to be effective, a collective understanding of scale, people and risk is needed



Tale of two scales



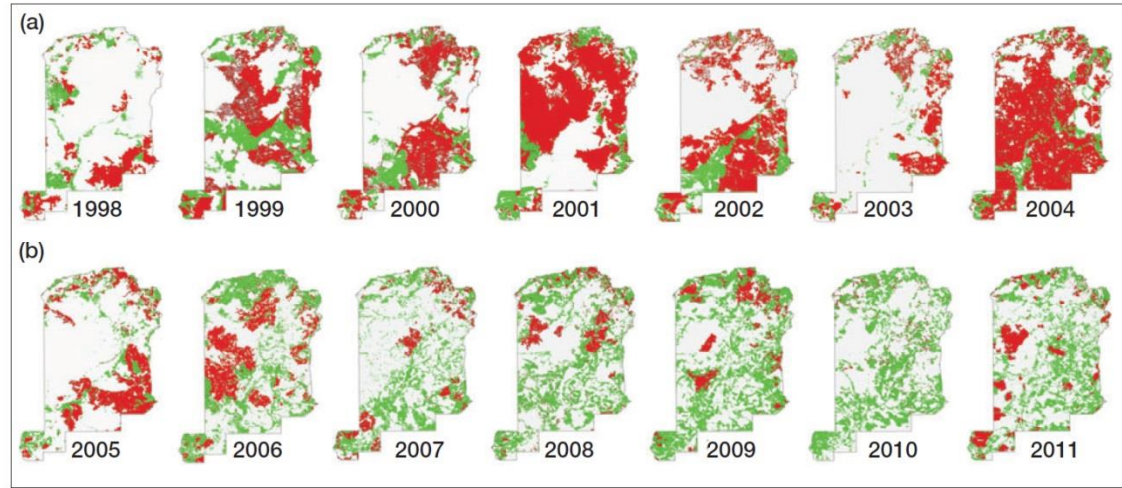
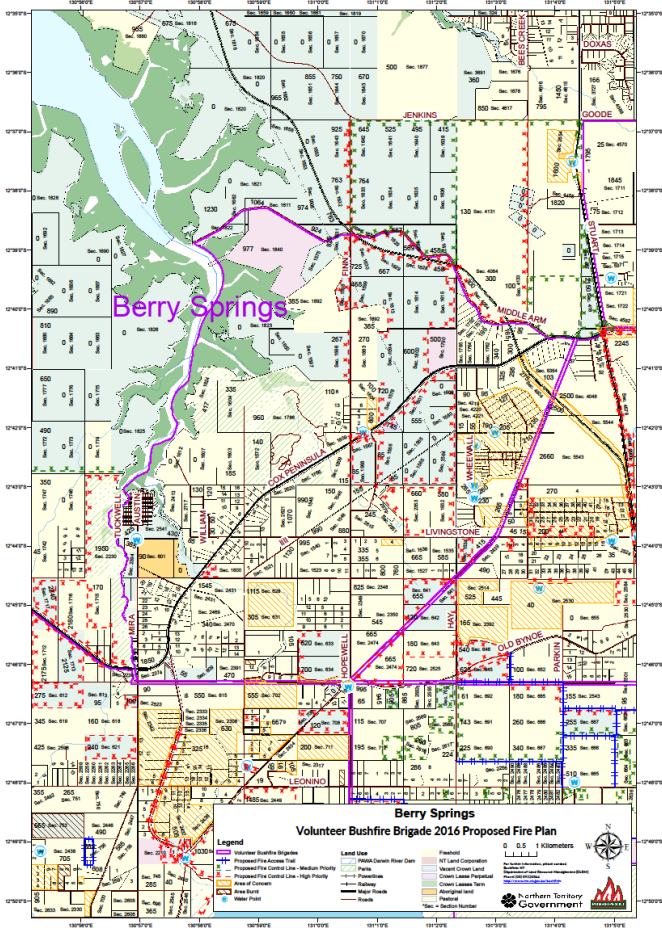
Scale: objectives, timing, mitigation options



Players: responsibilities, neighbours



Risks can change



Early (green) and late season burns (red)
Russell-Smith et al 2013

Bushfires Management Act 2016

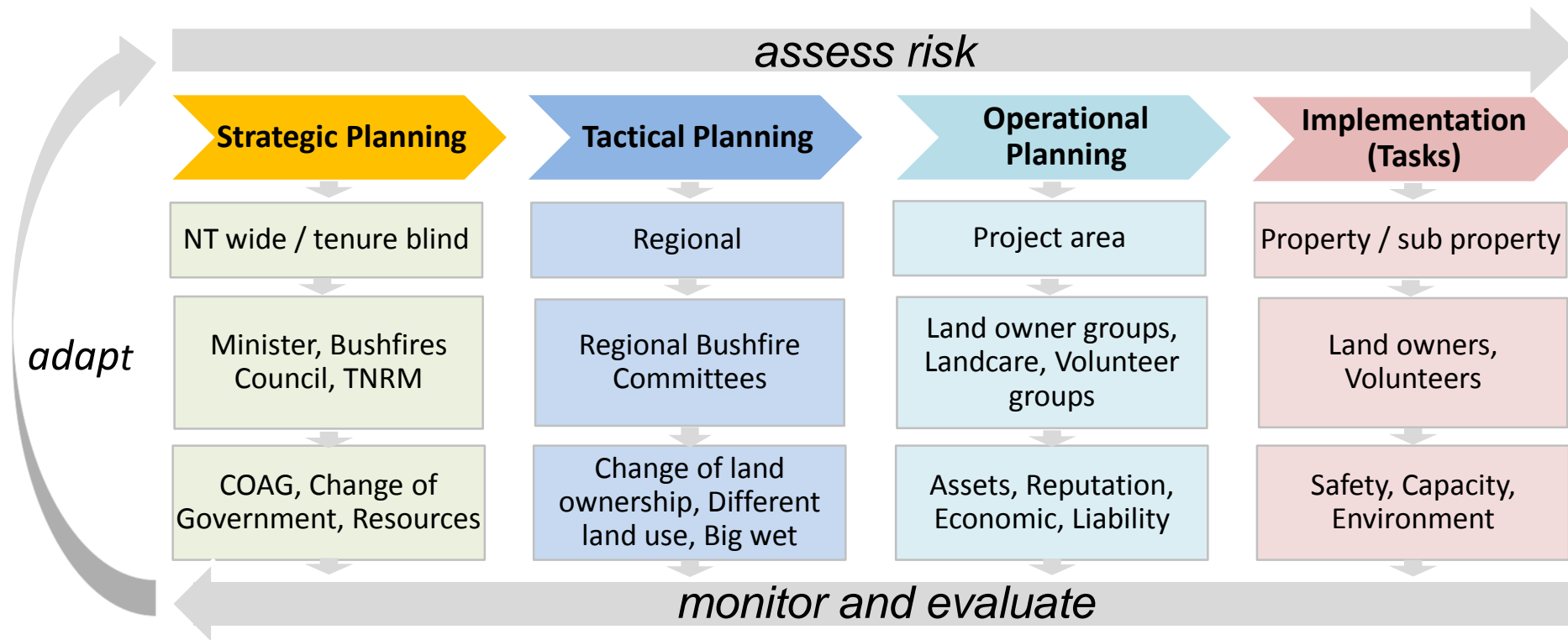
- New Act links people, scale and risk
- Enshrines concept of landholder responsibility
- Reinforces role of planning
- Requirement for Regional Bushfire Management Plans
- Declared Bushfire Management Areas – temporary in response to unusual risk
- Property plans



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Planning framework: scale, people and risks

consult communicate collaborate



Summary

- Bushfire management is about scale, people and risk
- We want people to manage fire on their own land
 - Scale appropriate objectives
 - Clear roles and responsibilities
 - Decisions based on risk
 - Standardised planning and evaluation tools

