



Wood Flow Revision

SERIC was engaged by the Green Triangle Regional Plantation Committee late last year to undertake a revision of the Green Triangle Wood Flow model. First developed in 2005 and revised again in 2008, the modelling enables transport infrastructure planners to get a clearer idea of the volumes of timber that will be flowing along regional roads and the time frames in which this will be occurring. Data and maps from the model are provided to Local and State government and have been critical in developing a rationale for the Green Triangle Freight Action Plan which is again being presented to Infrastructure Australia.

The 2010 modeling takes into account the decision by some hardwood companies to lengthen the first rotation period prior to harvest, the impact of the South West Fibre chipping plant at Myamyn as a destination and more precise yield information now that the blue gum harvest is well and truly underway.

*Loading hardwood logs into the chipper at SWF, Myamyn
 Photo courtesy of The Border Watch, 2009*



Herbert River Resource Information Centre, Ingham, QLD



Flooding in Ingham

The South East Resource Information Centre (SERIC) was based on the successful Herbert River R.I.C. located in Ingham, Queensland. Developed as a partnership between the Sugar Cane Industry and Hinchinbrook Shire, the Herbert River RIC has gone from strength to strength over the past decade. The staff at SERIC have been in communication with our GIS colleagues up north as they have battled severe floods and tropical cyclone "Yasi". Herbert River manager Ray De Lai sent us some graphic imagery and text which we thought you might be interested in. There is something to be said for the sunny South East of SA.

Rural Property Addressing

SERIC completed the first phase of its Rural Addressing project last October and regional councils will shortly begin the rollout of roadside addresses. Residents of the District Council of Grant have been informed of their allocated address with other councils expected to follow within months.

"We are slowly getting sorted out here. Lots of cleaning up to do and we only got power back on Saturday (11 days), just as I was starting to get used to the cold showers. We didn't have running water for 4 days, landline phones for 1, and mobiles for 3 days. There are some areas here not likely to get power for another month yet. It took me two hours to cut the trees away just to get into my office (and fight the green ants).

After work routine involved a search for ice, washing clothes by hand, starting a small generator for lights, cooking on a BBQ, etc. Everything took so much longer. Cleaning up will take a while. My yard is not too bad, but it's the relatives and elderly neighbours who need a hand to chainsaw and clean up. It would be a lot easier to just bring in a dozer."



Pine plantation cyclone damage

nrmSPACE gets a Flex

Coinciding with an upgrade from ArcGIS Server 9.3.1 to 10, nrmSPACE web mapping modules have been rebuilt using Flex, which is based on widely popular Flash technology, to enable a more intuitive, visually rich and responsive user interface. These changes will 'go live' soon so keep an eye out!