

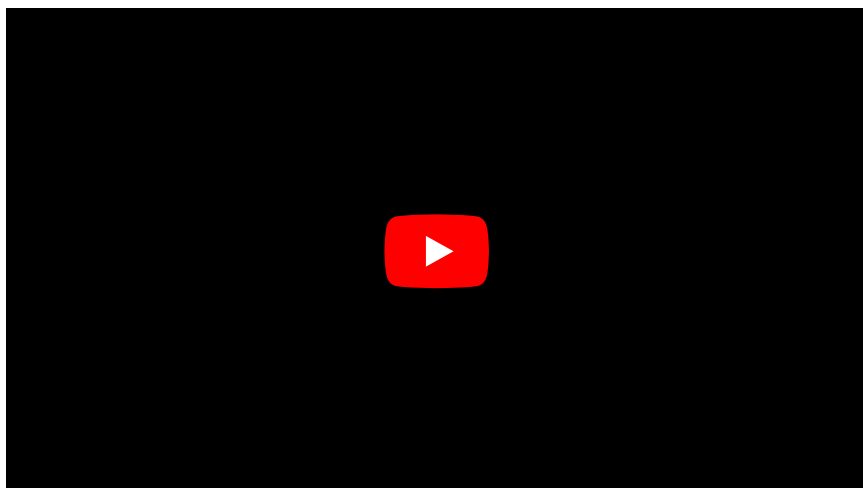
Microsoft Highlights GIS Solution for Disaster Response



Microsoft have produced a video that showcases GIS People's Gruntify and its use in Queensland Government to streamline the state's disaster response efforts. Queensland Government saw huge potential for Gruntify to be used in their rapid damage assessment following disasters, and the platform was set up to meet just that purpose for them. When Tropical Cyclone Debbie swept down the Queensland coast in March this year, the Gruntify technology was really put to the test.

Critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges and power lines were damaged up and down the state. To assist with quick recovery, the Gruntify mobile apps and web platform were used to collect evidence of this damage, document it, and prepare reports, so that recovery and reconstruction activities can be expedited. The recovery operation is still

ongoing and Gruntify is an integral part of managing that process.



With natural disasters becoming more prevalent, organizations across the world are looking for solutions that can help reduce the impacts to communities. Gruntify is GIS People's flagship software solution for collecting, mapping and managing large numbers of field reports.

Gruntify is built on the Microsoft Azure cloud platform. Through GIS People's partnership with Microsoft under the CityNext programme, the technology giant heard about the work that the Brisbane-based company have been collaborating on with Queensland Government. Microsoft loved the project so much, they decided to film a case study. This led to a film crew flying out from the USA to Brisbane, where they conducted interviews with Queensland Deputy Premier Jackie Trad, the Deputy Director General of the Department of Transport Queensland Miles Vass, and GIS People's CEO Jamie Leach, who spoke about Gruntify and the work that that has been done in Queensland.

The Microsoft production crew also filmed the GIS People and Queensland Government teams in action, using Gruntify in the field and in the office.