

NTI'S FLOOD PREPAREDNESS GUIDES.

Featuring Paul Bressan, Heavy Motor Risk Engineer

It's been a horrific few years in Australia for natural disasters, particularly flooding events.

Due to recent flood events and loss, NTI's risk engineers developed an industry-specific flood mitigation guide with examples of business continuity plans.

"We did all the background work and then developed a template for risk and business continuity, specifically for the transport industry," explained NTI Heavy Motor Risk Engineer Paul Bressan.

"We looked at data such as rainfall patterns, flood paths, and whether a client's premises are in man-made areas where the environment has been changed. Then we provided examples from high flood zones based on recent reports on specific areas.

"That research and our learnings from it are all contained within our flood mitigation guide."

NTI also developed podcasts and video presentations - which can now be found on our website - to provide further examples of business continuities and flood mitigation across various media.

While the information and suggestions are for the whole industry rather than business-specific, plenty of practical lessons are easily applied.

"For example, if you know you are in a high flood zone and you've got a yard full of vehicles, you may not be able to get every single vehicle out of harm's way when the need occurs," Paul said.

"So, concentrate on your more expensive equipment. Try to get them to higher ground and have essential machinery or plant ready to move.

"You don't want to jump in a 40-year-old truck and protect that one when you've got the \$300,000 prime mover, fitted out with all the best technology, left on site.

"You'd be surprised how much cost reduction can happen by simply moving the more expensive equipment out first, rather than the old, bashed-up one.

"Simple things like that certainly go a long, long way."

The key, Paul said, is for clients to identify their risk patterns and prepare in advance. Each business will have unique risk points and needs, and this is where NTI's risk engineers are highly valuable.

"People tend to push disaster preparation aside because it's not a risk they face every day. But this means it can fall by the wayside and only really becomes evident when there is a problem," Paul said.

"We are just trying to assist our clients in the preparedness space, and then if something does happen, assuring them that NTI is here to help."

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