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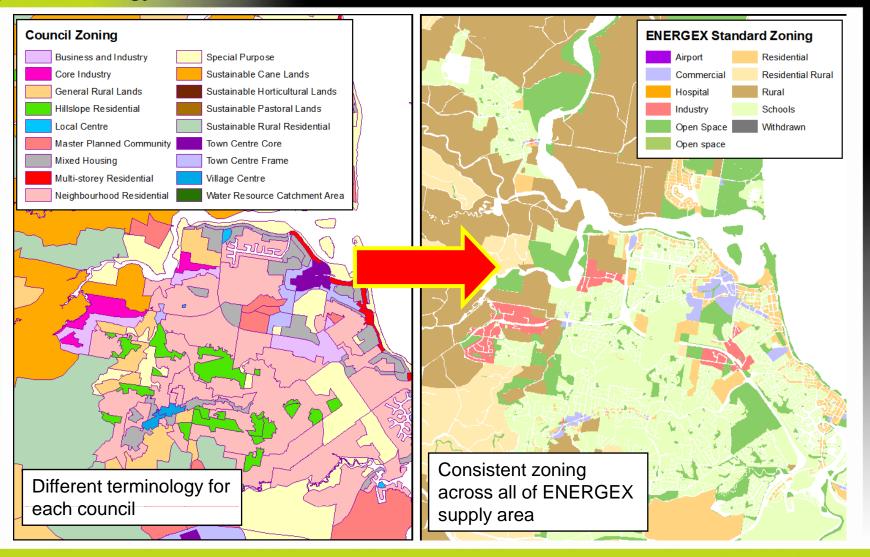


Spatial Load Forecasting & Substation Location Optimisation

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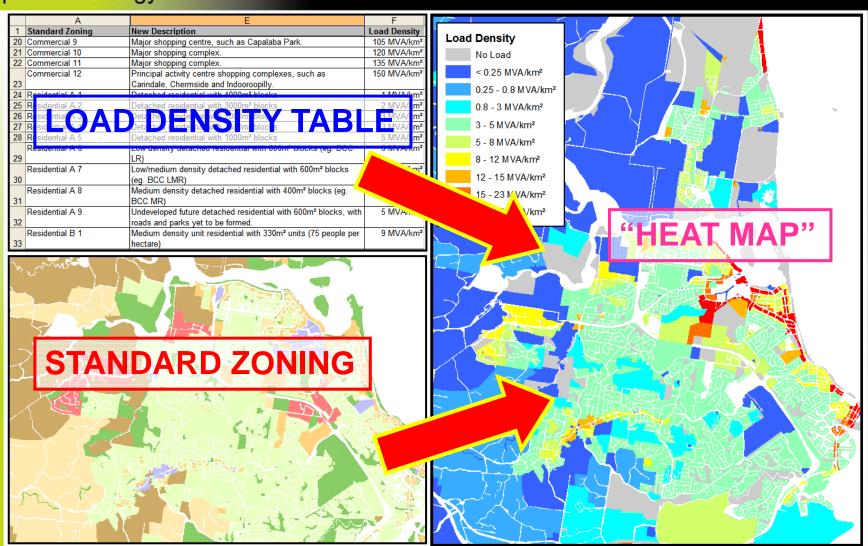


Conversion of planning schemes



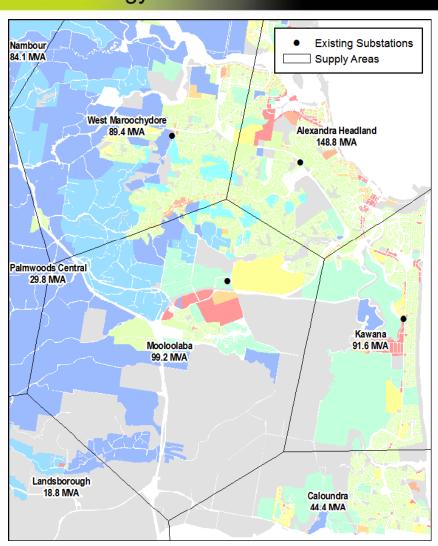


Load density map





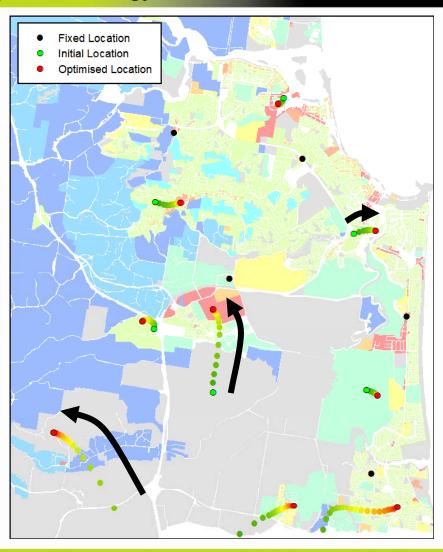
"Fully Developed" load existing substations



- "Fully developed" load is determined for existing substations.
 - Assumption is that no new substations are built.
 - Loads will be too high for existing substations, but gives an indication of number of future substations that will be required.
- 'Supply area' is the boundary of land that is closest to any given substation.



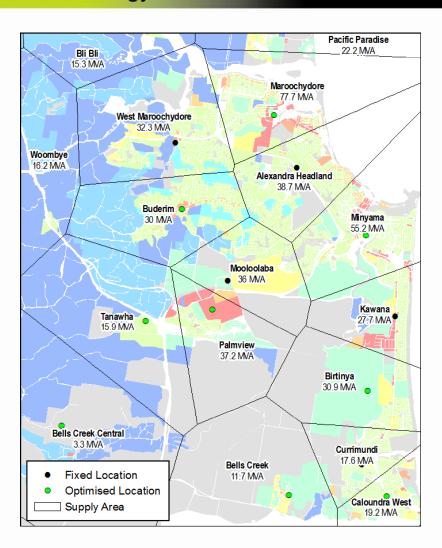
Substation location optimisation



- Additional substations are added.
 - Some will be fixed in known locations if a site has been purchased.
- "Variable" substations have their location optimised to minimise the load-substation distance.
 - Minimises voltage drop.
- Each iteration moves the substation a small amount.
- Stop when the maximum shift is within a given tolerance.



"Fully developed" load with additional substations



- Check loads again after optimisation.
- Loads on each substation have reduced.
- Some substations are lightly loaded.
 - May not be required.
- Loads on some may still be too high.
 - Add additional sites.
 - Run optimisation again.



For further information ...

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- Two papers (oldies but goodies):
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