



## Using Climate Knowledge

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# Using climate information: practical challenges

- **What does this mean for me / my organisation / my neighbourhood?**
- **The economic crisis means that we can't afford to deal with climate change now: we'll come back to it in a couple of years**
- **Our users / staff / members / electorate won't see this as a priority**



# Research: what has it already done for us?

- Evidence base
- Government funding: legitimacy
- No definitive answers, but better questions?
- New ways of thinking about uncertainty and risk



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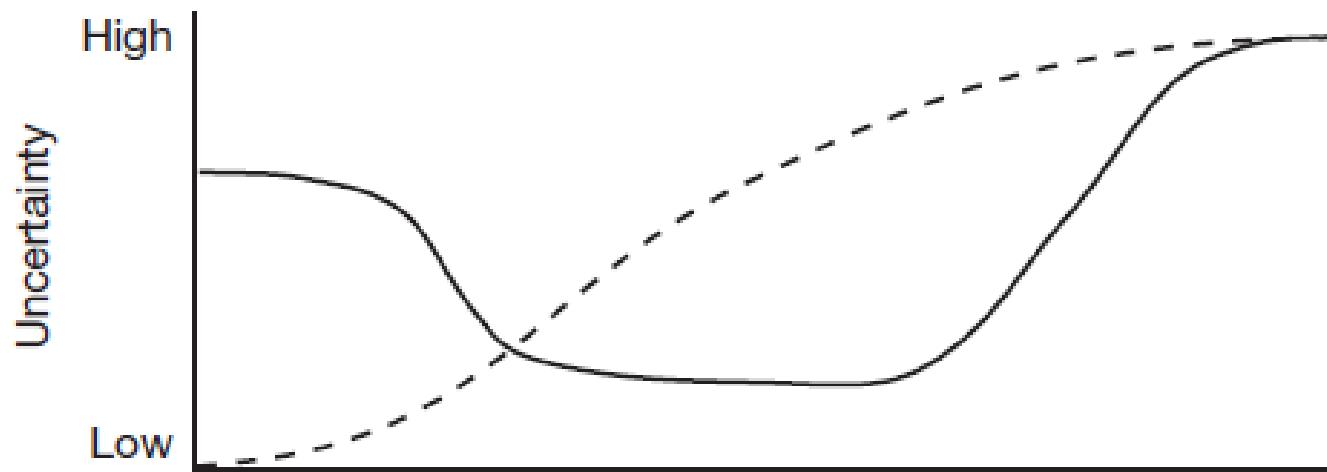


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# Challenges

- Large volumes can become unusable by target groups
- Different audience, different format
- Caveats: how accurate is too accurate?
- Information about risk isn't always welcome!





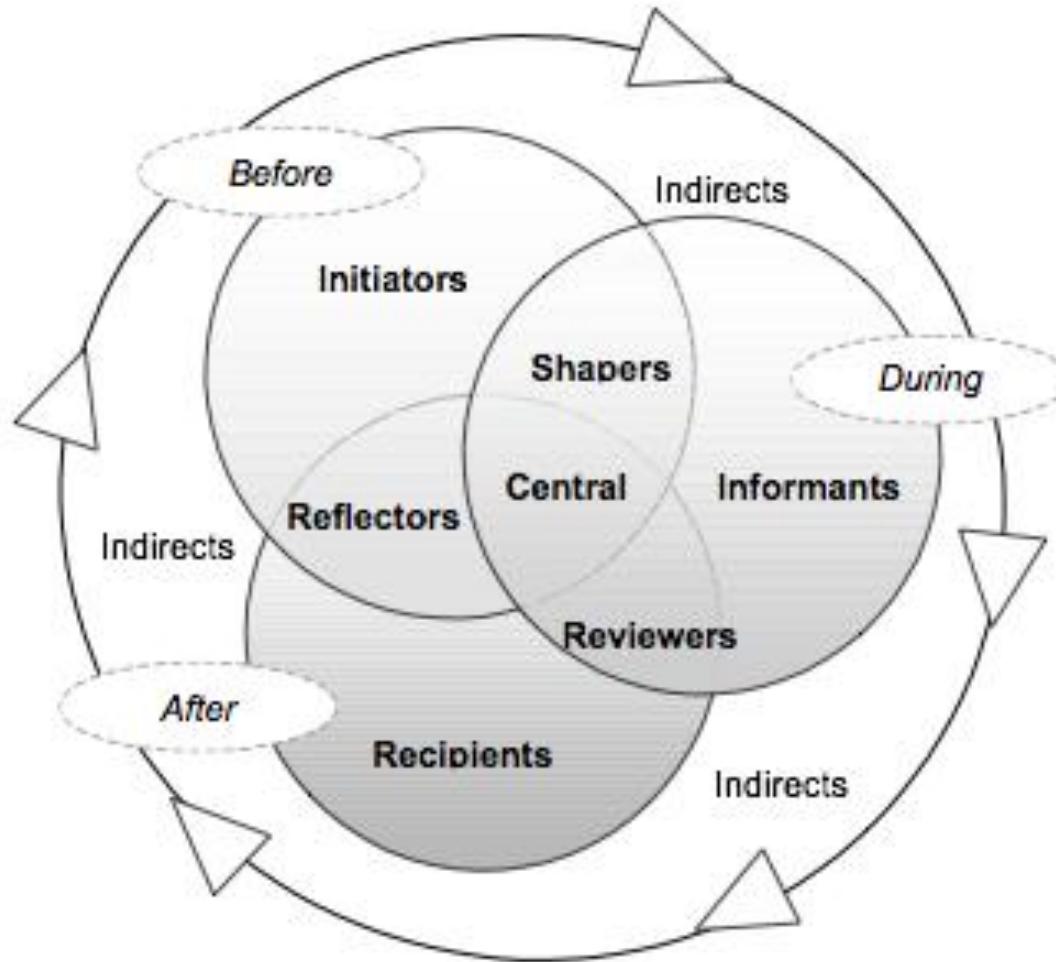
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MacKenzie (1990) & Lahsen (2005)

# What we (as users) would like from research

- Two-way information exchange throughout the process: space for discussion
- A clear exit strategy: how will dissemination of the research impact on the outside world?
- Identify custodians for the knowledge and engage them early in the process





**A new stakeholder engagement, cycle / typology**  
(from Carney, Whitmarsh *et al* 2009)



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