

The 2019 Flood in Townsville - Drought and Deluge in a Historical Perspective

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This presentation explores Townsville's complex relationship with water. It notes that at the start of 2019, just before Townsville's worst recorded flood, the city was struggling with drought. This pattern of drought-breaking rains sometimes also bringing devastation has been repeated irregularly throughout the history of the urban settlement. This presentation argues that Townsville continues to face two water problems (drought and deluge) but is yet to find a way to manage both.