

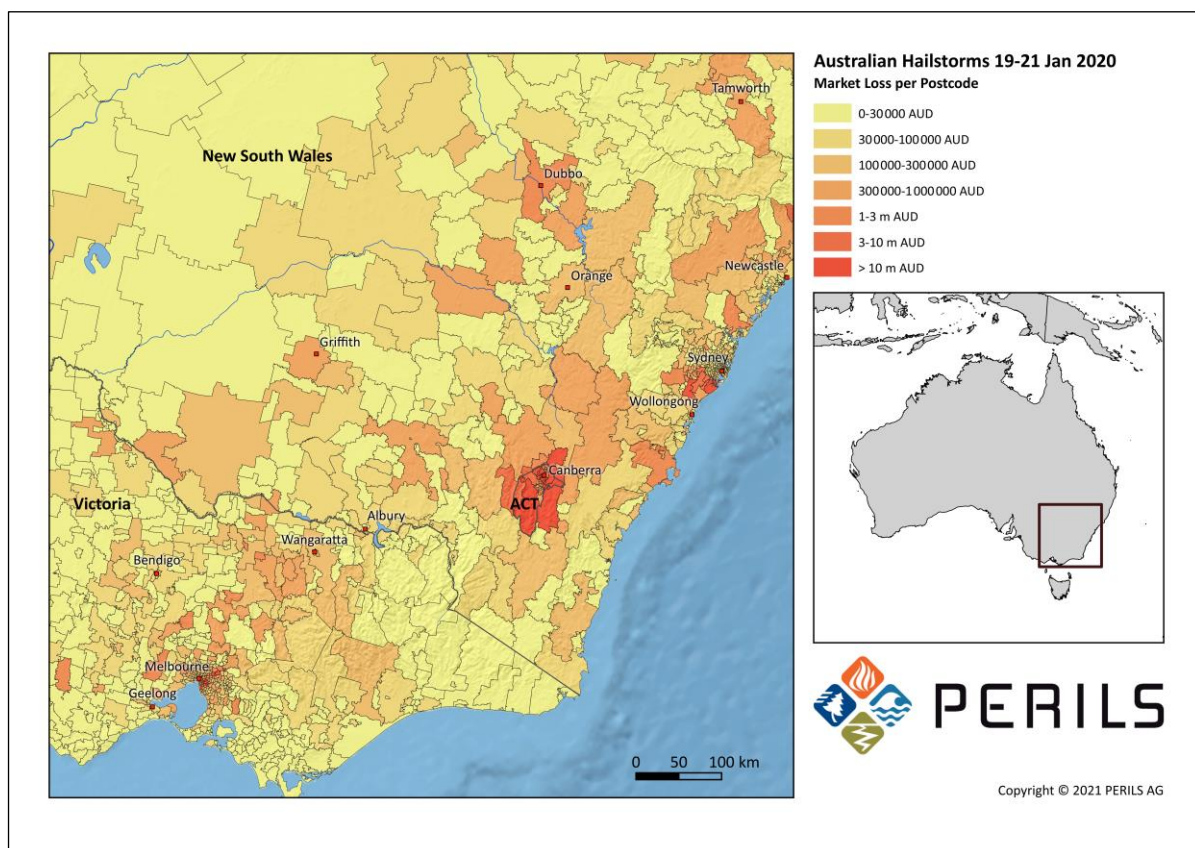


AUD 1,887M - PERILS RELEASES FINAL INDUSTRY LOSS FOOTPRINT FOR JANUARY 2020 AUSTRALIAN HAILSTORMS

Zurich, 21 January 2021 – PERILS, the independent Zurich-based organisation providing industry-wide catastrophe insurance data, has today disclosed its fourth and final industry loss estimate for the January 2020 Australian Hailstorms. The final estimate of the insurance market loss is AUD 1,887m. This compares to the third loss estimate of AUD 1,811 million which was issued by PERILS on 21 July 2020, six months after the event. In line with the PERILS event definition, the loss number covers the Property and Motor Hull lines of business.

The industry loss data covers the hailstorms which occurred between 19-21 January 2020 and affected the Australian states of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory. The industry loss of AUD 1,887m is based on detailed loss data collected from the majority of the Australian insurance market.

In this final report, a comprehensive breakdown of property and motor losses by postcode is provided, with the data further divided by residential and commercial lines and loss amounts split into buildings, contents and business interruption losses where available. It is complemented with information on damage degrees and hail intensities based on radar measurements by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology. This high-resolution data can be used to validate hail vulnerability functions for motor and property risks in probabilistic Cat models.



Industry loss footprint of the Australian Hailstorms of 19-21 January 2020.

This report is released twelve months after the series of hailstorms struck Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory. The event was unusual given that it impacted all three states and the Australian Capital Territory within a three-day period. The largest impact was experienced in Canberra which



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reported hailstones of up to 6cm in size. Insurance losses during the period were most severe in the Australian Capital Territory, which accounted for 56% of the overall industry loss, followed by Victoria (25%), New South Wales (15%), and Queensland (4%). Across the affected areas, motor losses contributed 42% of the total industry loss, while 58% were due to losses in Property lines of business.

Darryl Pidcock, Head of PERILS Asia-Pacific, commented: "This release is the final report for one of the largest Australian hailstorm events in the last 30 years. Given its impact on the industry, we are convinced that the detailed industry loss footprint we have provided today will contribute to a better understanding of hail risk in Australia. The need for detailed loss and exposure data for hail was further highlighted by the two significant hail events in Queensland that occurred later in the year. Together with the January event, these hailstorms have generated more than AUD 3.5bn in losses for the insurance industry in 2020."

About PERILS

PERILS is an independent Zurich-based organisation providing industry-wide natural catastrophe exposure and event loss data. The PERILS Industry Exposure & Loss Database is available to all interested parties via annual subscription. The database contains industry sums insured and event loss information on a CRESTA zone level and per line of business. PERILS industry loss estimates provided via the PERILS Industry Loss Index Service can be used as triggers in insurance risk transactions such as industry loss warranty contracts (ILW) or insurance-linked securities (ILS). The service currently covers the following 17 countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United Kingdom. The use of PERILS exposure and loss data other than in conjunction with a valid PERILS License and according to its terms is illegal and expressly forbidden.

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