The Asset Risk Management Revolution

Bayesian Approach to Assessing Risk In Wood Power Poles

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Risk Reporting Goals



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Risk Context

• Risk = f(Likelihood, Consequence)

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- "the effect of uncertainty on objectives ISO31000 Risk Management Standard
- Objectives: Bushfire, Safety, Service Reliability



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Wood Pole Failure (Likelihood)



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The maximum wind load (N) that can be applied at the tip is calculated as a function of Outside Radius at ground level, Ro(m), Internal Radius Ri(m) at ground level, the modulus of rupture for the fibres MOR (Pascals), the height of the pole H (m)

 $FailureTipLoad = \frac{\pi \times (Ro^4 - Ri^4) \times MOR}{4 \times H \times Ro}$



Consequence Model



Initial Findings – High Risk Poles



Bayesian Belief Network

Wood Pole Example



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Initial Findings – Age v Risk Index replacement strategies

- Aged line represents risk index improvements when targeting old poles first
- Risk index represents targeting low strength poles in high consequence areas first



Note: Network aging not taken into consideration

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Bayesian Model

- Calculating probability of failure where tip load is greater than tip strength
- Can be used where inspection data is available or not available
- Clearly shows sensitivity of inputs
- Includes re-enforcements
- Some inputs are calculated outside the model



Next models - Conductor Clashing



Pick ID	117600
Working sep	710.425
Residual K	-0.449167
Length	03.49
Age	38
Covered	No
Conductor Weight	3.32
Voltage	HV22
Condition Index	8
Tension	1065
Cross-arm 1	HVDeltaShort
Cross-arm 2	HVDeltaShort
Wind Turbulence	High
Past Break	None
Past Clash	High
Damaged/joined	None
Slack Phase	None
Damaged Pole	Moderate
Pole Split	Low
Ties Unserviceable	None
Tap Issues	None
Loose Cross-arm	None
Missing Stay	None
Stay Near Conductor	None

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Multi asset planning





Conclusion

Goals

- Apply Quantitative Risk Management techniques to justify and accelerate risk reduction across the Western Power Network
- Provide a framework to allow assets to be managed proactively

Next Steps

- Model 24 Priority Assets Work with Asset Managers to embed network risk tool in strategy development
- Embed NRMT as a strategic reporting tool in the data warehouse
- Enhance the current work packaging to optimise risk reduction
- Strengthen quantitative risk analysis and data analytics capabilities



"We have a large reservoir of engineers (and scientists) with a vast background of engineering know how. They need to learn statistical methods that can tap into the knowledge."

George E.P. Box Statistician

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