



MINING-INDUCED DISPLACEMENT AND RESETTLEMENT (MIDR):

DEFINING A RESEARCH AGENDA

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Presentation overview

1. Flag the need for a dedicated research agenda on MIDR.
2. Share preliminary analysis from recent research.
3. Draw attention to CSRM's emerging research agenda on MIDR.



1. THE NEED FOR A DEDICATED RESEARCH AGENDA ON MIDR

DIDR provides a foundation literature for mining

- More than 40 years of research, scholarship, and advocacy has highlighted the detrimental effects of DIDR.
- Widespread agreement that DIDR poses enormous social risk.
- Endorsement of minimum standards, spearheaded by WB safeguards.
- In practice, there is an over-reliance on general DIDR literature and standards, which is limiting our understanding of MIDR.

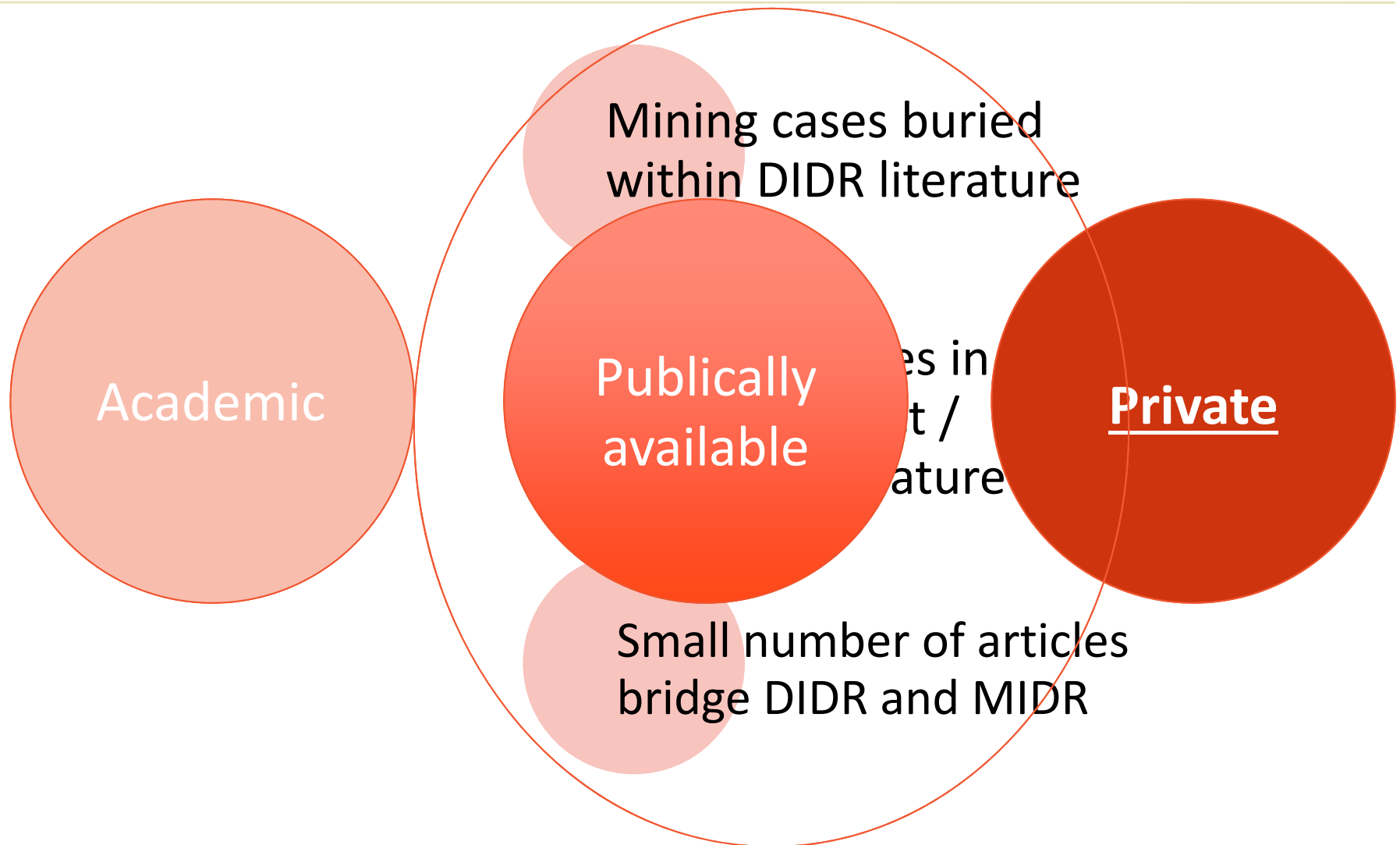


Knowledge of MIDR is under-developed

- Downing (2002) in MMSD: “No global survey has ever assessed the scale of MIDR”
- More than a decade on, mining’s unique features and their effect on resettlement dynamics remain largely unexamined.
 - Project phases and transitions
 - Market volatility and uncertainty
 - Mine expansion patterns
 - Rapid backwards transitions
 - Other related trends (e.g. cost cutting cycles)
- This gap is a major barrier to improvements in MIDR policy and practice.



MIDR literature



Social policy debates in mining

Resettlement

Business and human rights

Equitable distribution of
wealth

Free, prior and informed
consent (FPIC)

Revenue transparency

Negotiated agreements

Conflict minerals

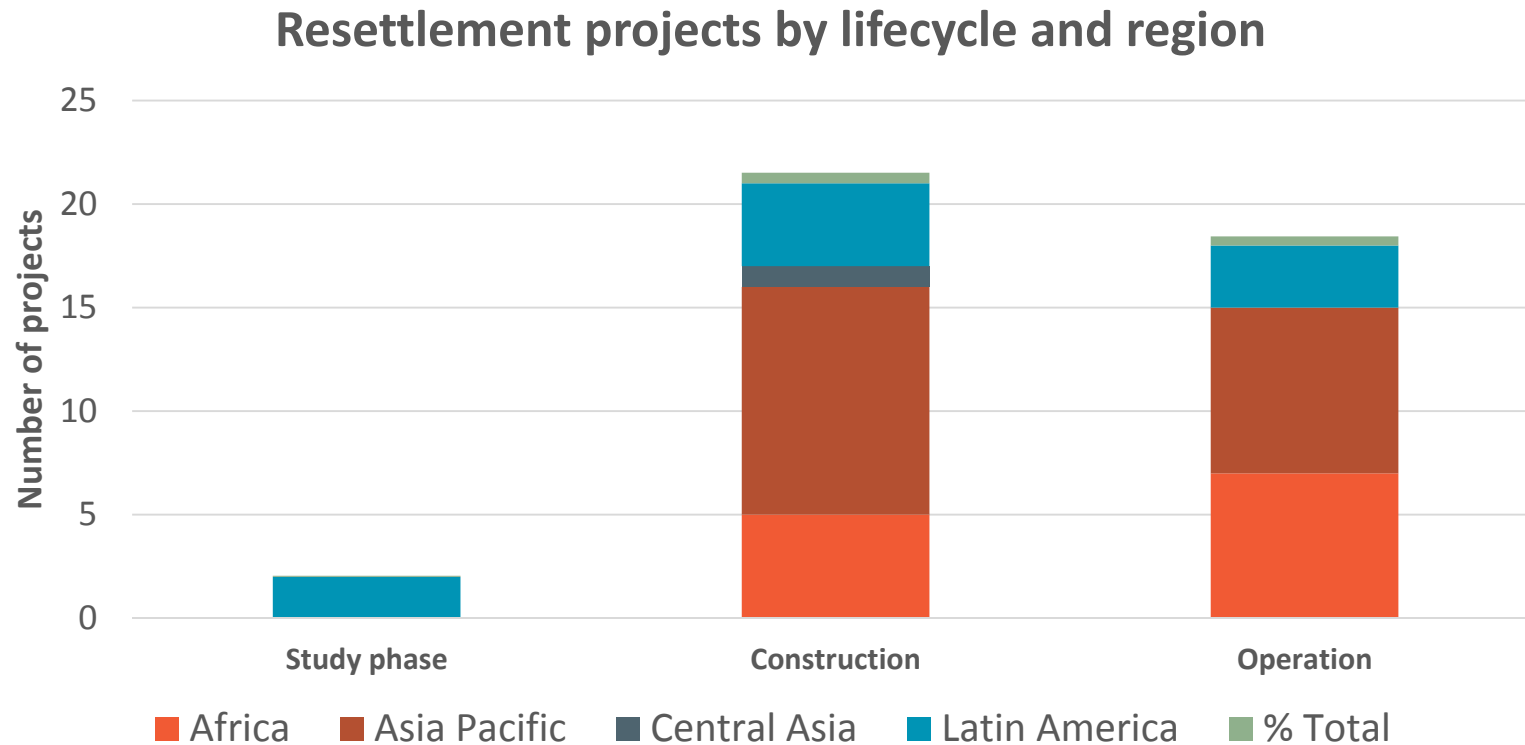


3. PRELIMINARY FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS: FIVE PATTERNS FOR CONSIDERATION

Owen, J. R and Kemp, D. In press. Mining-Induced Displacement and Resettlement: A Critical Appraisal. *Journal of Cleaner Production*.

1. Incremental 'brownfield' expansion

Unlike other industries, mining companies face uncertainty around land use – they are not always able to predict long-term needs. Land is often secured on an 'as needs' basis, as projects expand.



Other forms of the 'brownfield effect'



'Brownfield effect' (at a greenfield project)



2. Cohabitation – Proximity to production

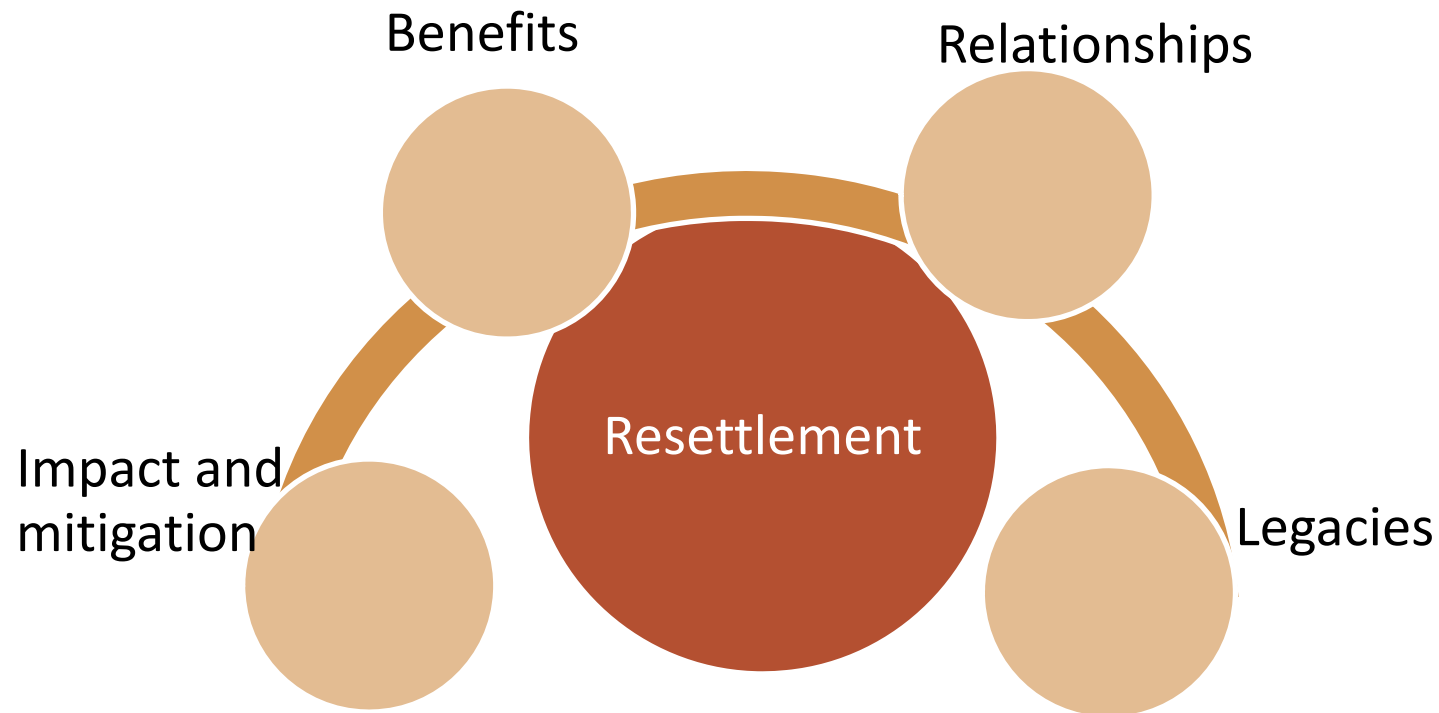
**Many communities will
reside in close proximity,
bearing witness to ongoing
dramatic landscape change**



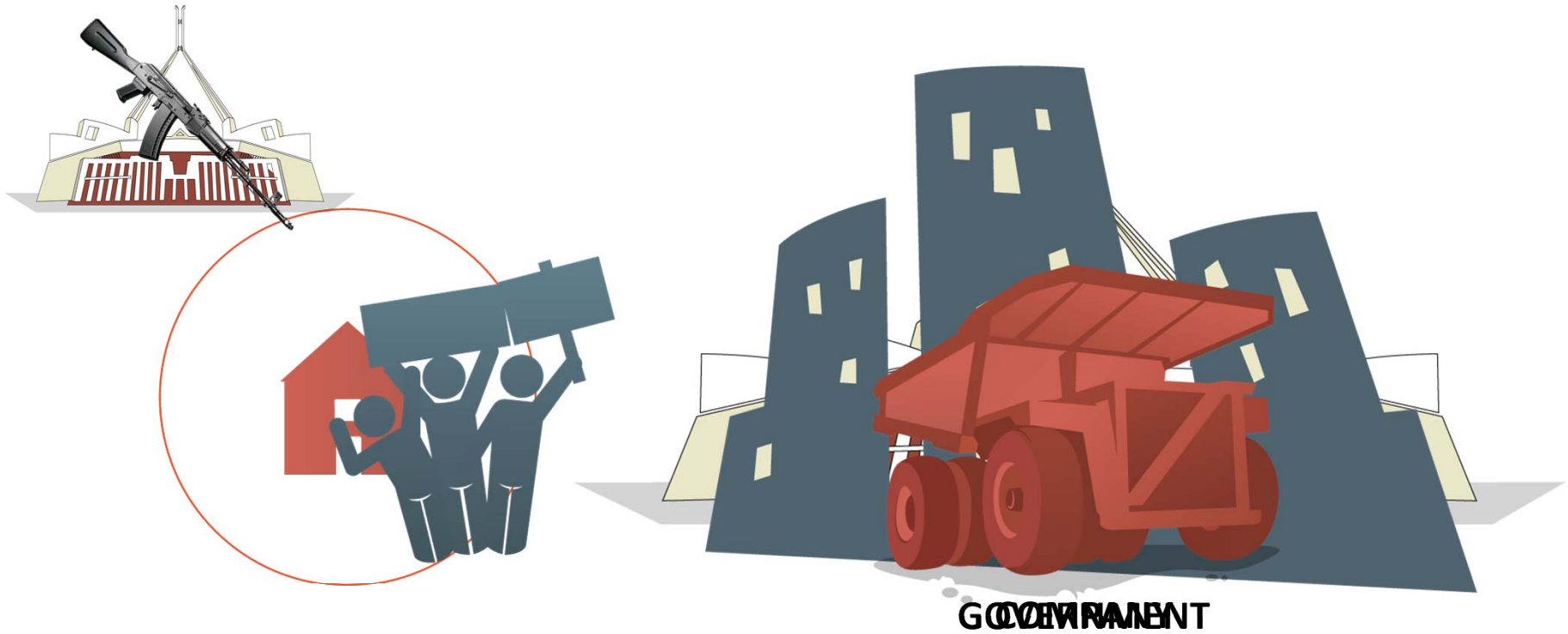
Put Put relocation, Lihir Island



2. Inter-dependency and other entanglements



Issues of dependency



3. Leveraging and exponential cost increase

\$41.6K

Construction-phase costs per HH

\$62.3K

Operation-phase costs per HH

A median cost was calculated for resettlements undertaken at construction (N=8) and at operation (N=6).



Possible explanations for the pattern

01

Less competition at construction, and not industrial prices?

02

Exposure to market processes?

03

Precedents set for land access?

04

General inflationary effect?

05

Legacy and (unrelated) grievance?

06

Internal reliance on crisis?



4. Governance and management



Communities



Government



Companies



Lenders



NGOs



4. CSRM'S EMERGING RESEARCH AGENDA

Dedicated resettlement portal

The screenshot shows the website for the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining (SMI CSR) Sustainable Minerals Institute. The header includes the University of Queensland logo and navigation links. The main content area features a large aerial image of a mining site with the title "Mining-induced Displacement and Resettlement". Below the image, a paragraph states: "This knowledge portal focuses on mining-induced displacement and resettlement (MIDR) as part of CSR's ComRel program of work." This is followed by a description of the multi-party research collaboration and its aims, which include improving understanding of MIDR risks, identifying strategies for improving outcomes, conducting applied research, and contributing to debates on social due diligence. The page also has a sidebar with a "IN THIS SECTION" menu listing various topics like MIDR HOME, CURRENT ACTIVITIES, and PLANNED ACTIVITIES. At the bottom, there are three columns for "CURRENT ACTIVITIES", "PLANNED ACTIVITIES", and "CENTRAL REPOSITORY", each with a small image and a link to more information. The footer includes the SMI CSR logo and a "STAY UPDATED" section with social media icons and a newsletter subscription link.

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Grants, partners and emerging scholars



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- Point us to resources to include in the MIDR repository!
- Write an Occasional Paper
- Serve as a Peer Reviewer for the series
- Share documents for inclusion the MIDR database
- Connect via email: d.kemp@smi.uq.edu.au

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