

# Smoke Plume Behaviour - Variable Source Heights

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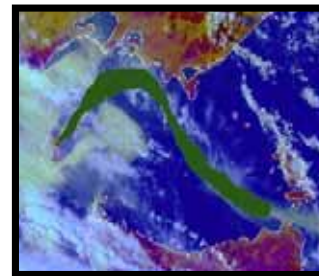
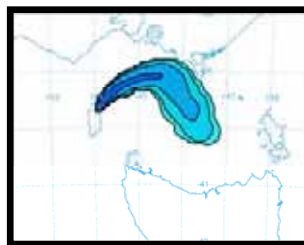
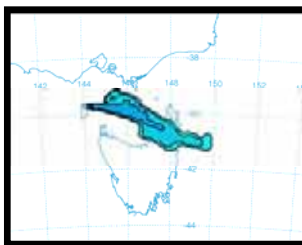
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- Correct plume height reduces one source of forecast error
- Current fixed height of 1500m is not a bad approximation but is not suitable in all cases
- A dynamic method for specifying plume height is desirable
- Full plume rise model not currently practicable
- Mixed Layer Depth is proposed as interim solution
- Initial results are very encouraging
- Operational implementation beginning soon

Fixed Plume 1500m Height

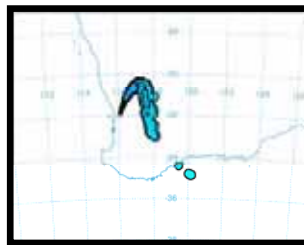
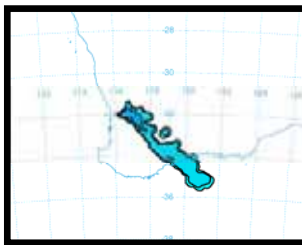
Plume Height = MLD, updated hourly

Verification



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Concentration Scale

