



# The Next Big Thing in NRM?

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***Prediction is very difficult,  
especially if it's about the future!***

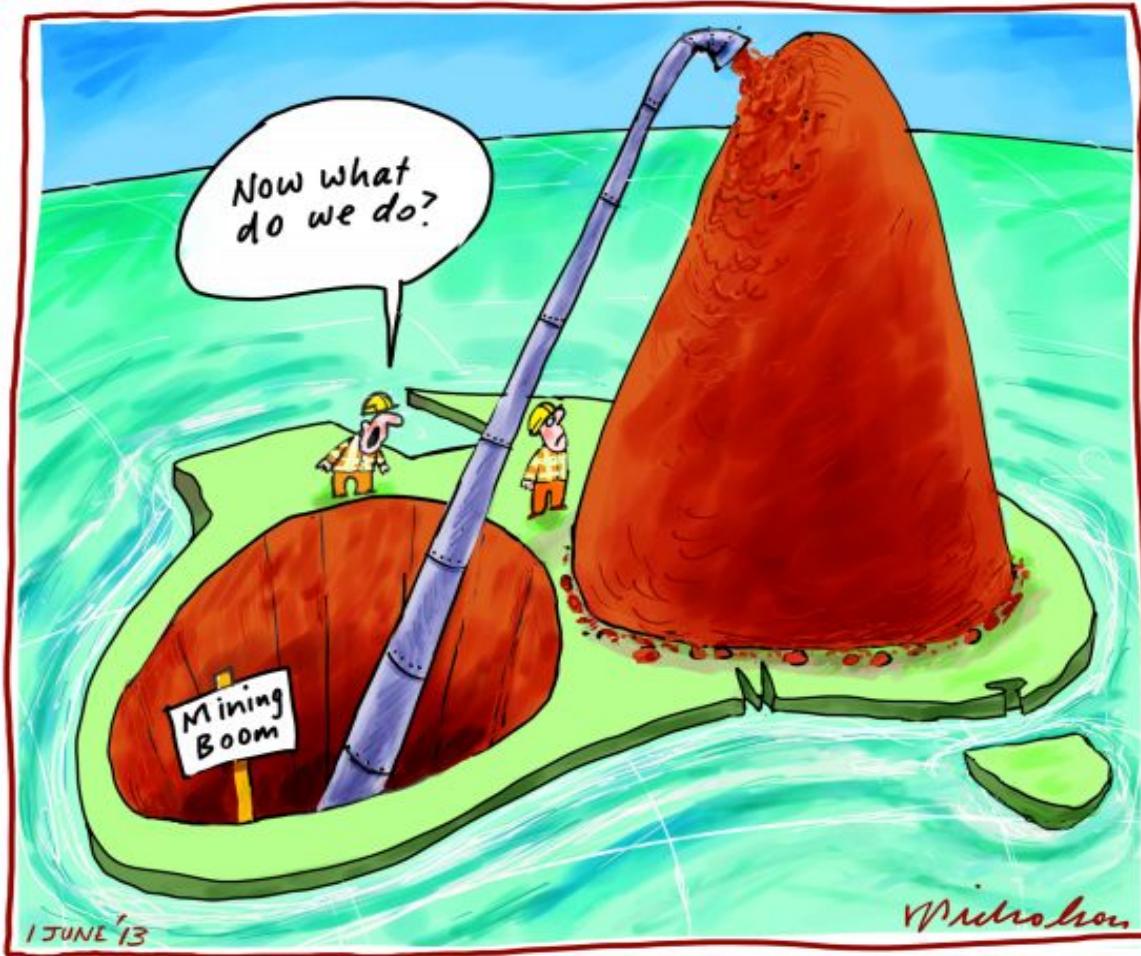
**Niels Bohr**  
**Nobel Prize in Physics 1922**

# A changing world.....



Source: Reuters

# Plan B for Australia?????



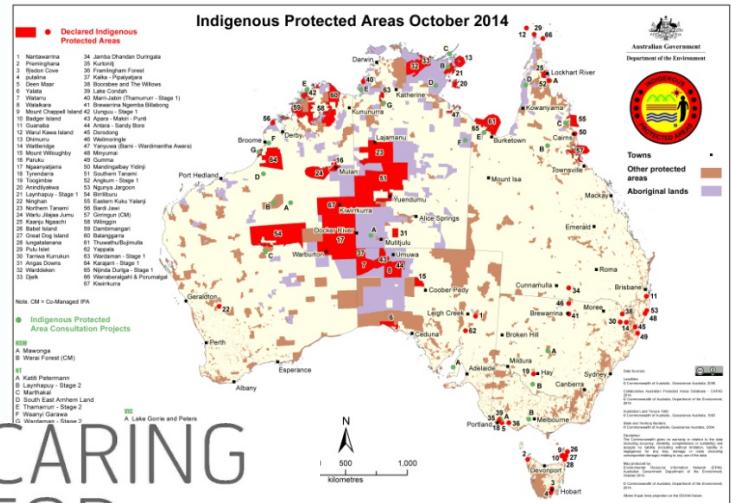
Source: Nicholson Cartoons, 2013

# Fruits of consensus.....



Source: Australian Government

NRM - The Next Big Thing!



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NATIONAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REGIONS  
Australia



# Digital revolution.....



Source: BBC, 2012

# Flash in the pan????



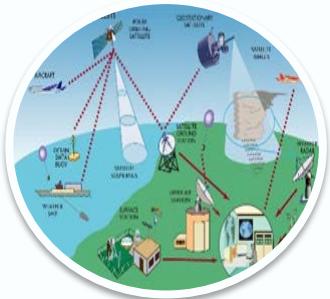
Source: The Whitehouse, 2015

# Complex transformations.....

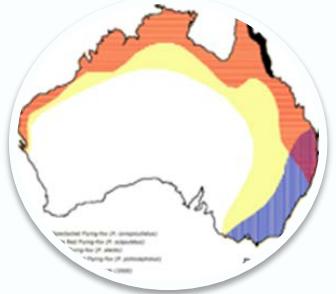


Source: AFP

# Digital revolution and NRM....



Measuring and monitoring the environment



Evaluating environmental performance



Organizing and influencing decision making

# Power to the people.....



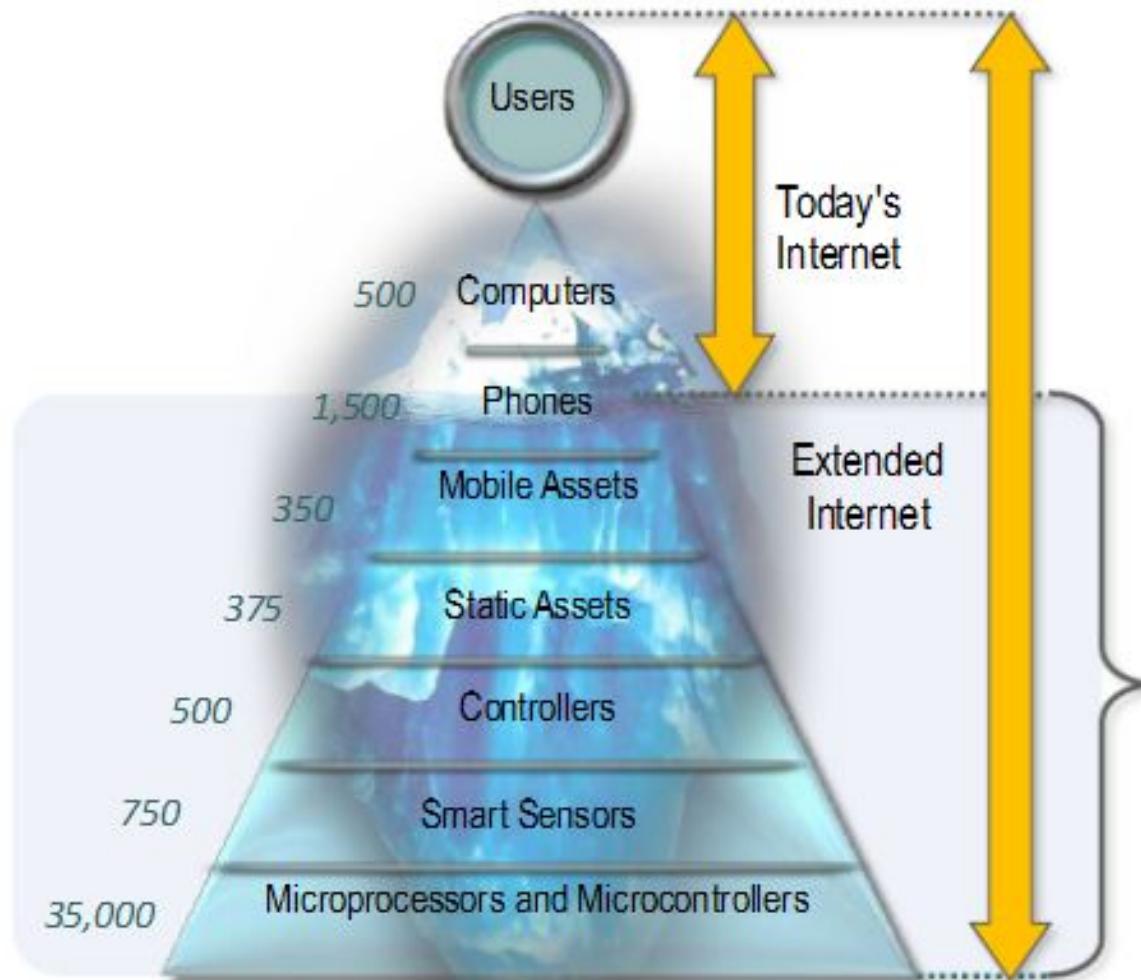
Source: The Economist, 2015

# The next frontier: mm-nano scale sensing....



Source: Tim Wark, CSIRO

# The “Internet of Things”.....



As IP becomes  
pervasive, devices that  
do not exist today will be  
connected to the Internet

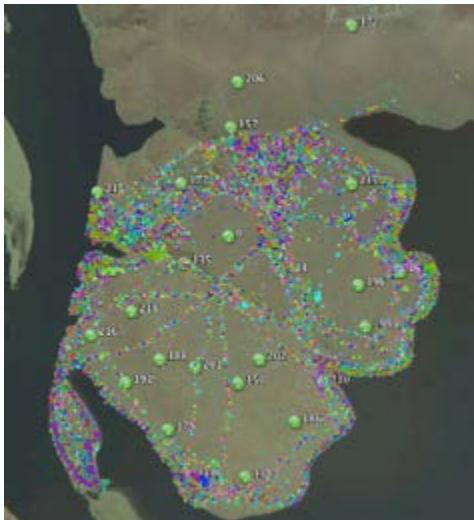
Source: Harbor Research, Inc.; Forrester Research, Inc.; Cisco IBSG, 2006-2011

# Digital data and citizen science....

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Atlas of Living Australia. At the top, there's a search bar with the placeholder "Search the Atlas" and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar is a large image of a Kookaburra. On the left, there's a section titled "Explore" with six categories: "Australia's species" (lizard), "Species by location" (map of Australia), "Natural history collections" (moss), "Mapping & analysis" (map of Australia with red dots), "Data sets" (mushroom spores), and "Partner Profiles" (building). On the right, there's a sidebar with the title "Sharing biodiversity knowledge" and a small map of Australia. Below that, it says "Contributed by Australia's academic, scientific, environmental communities and you." There's also a "Get involved" button. At the bottom, there's a footer with links for "Contact us", "Partners", "Communications", "About the Atlas", "Citizen science", and "Help". The footer also includes links for "Map & analyse", "Download", "Share", "Data", "Publications", and "Associated sites". At the very bottom, there's a toolbar with icons for various applications like Google Chrome, Microsoft Word, and others.

Source: [www.ala.org.au](http://www.ala.org.au)

# Sensors and sensor networks.....



Deploy unobtrusive sensors and actuators on and inside livestock and in the farm environment



Measure position, context, food intake, and behavior of farm animals and correlate these with environmental factors

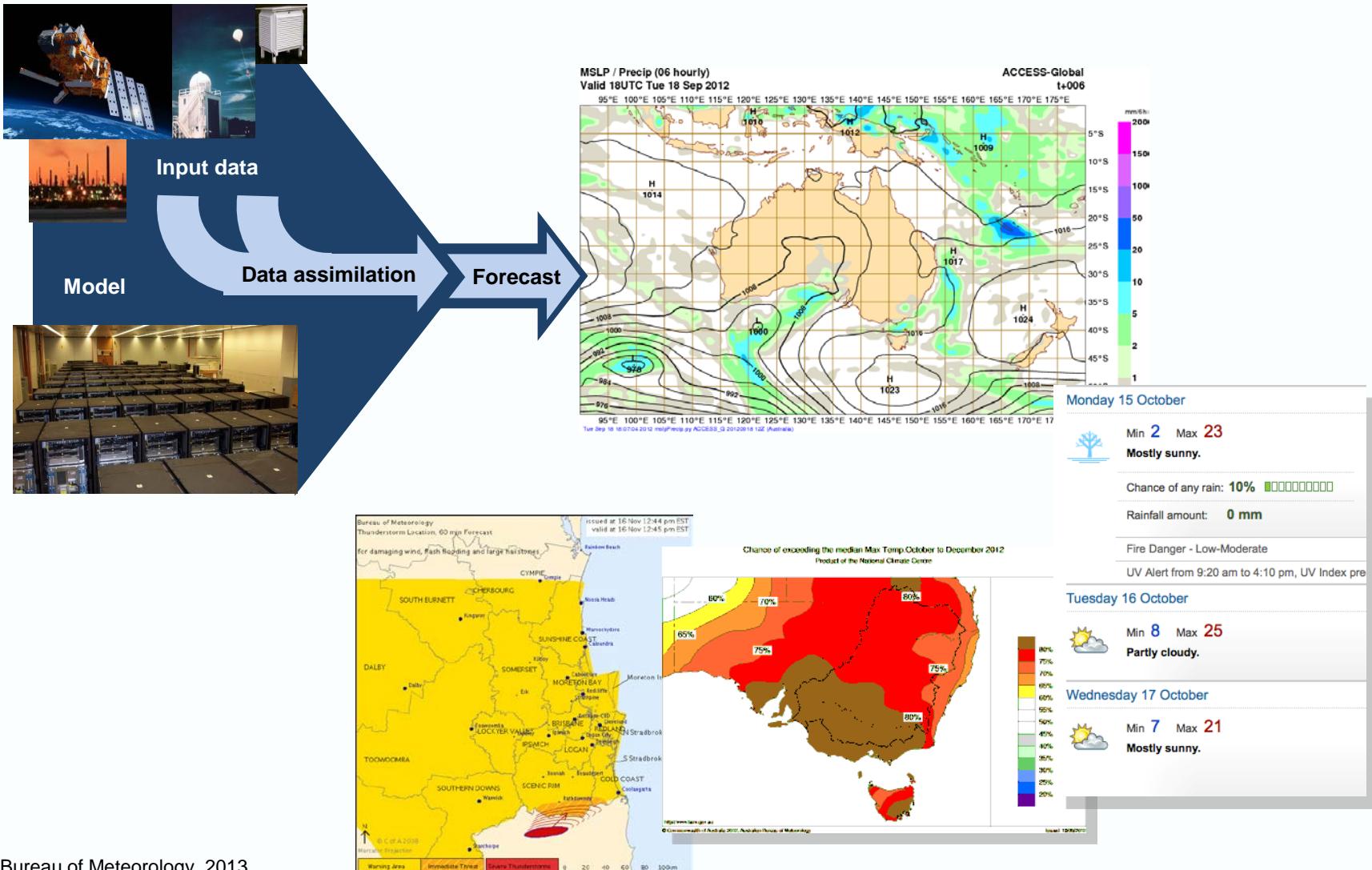
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# Size does matter.....



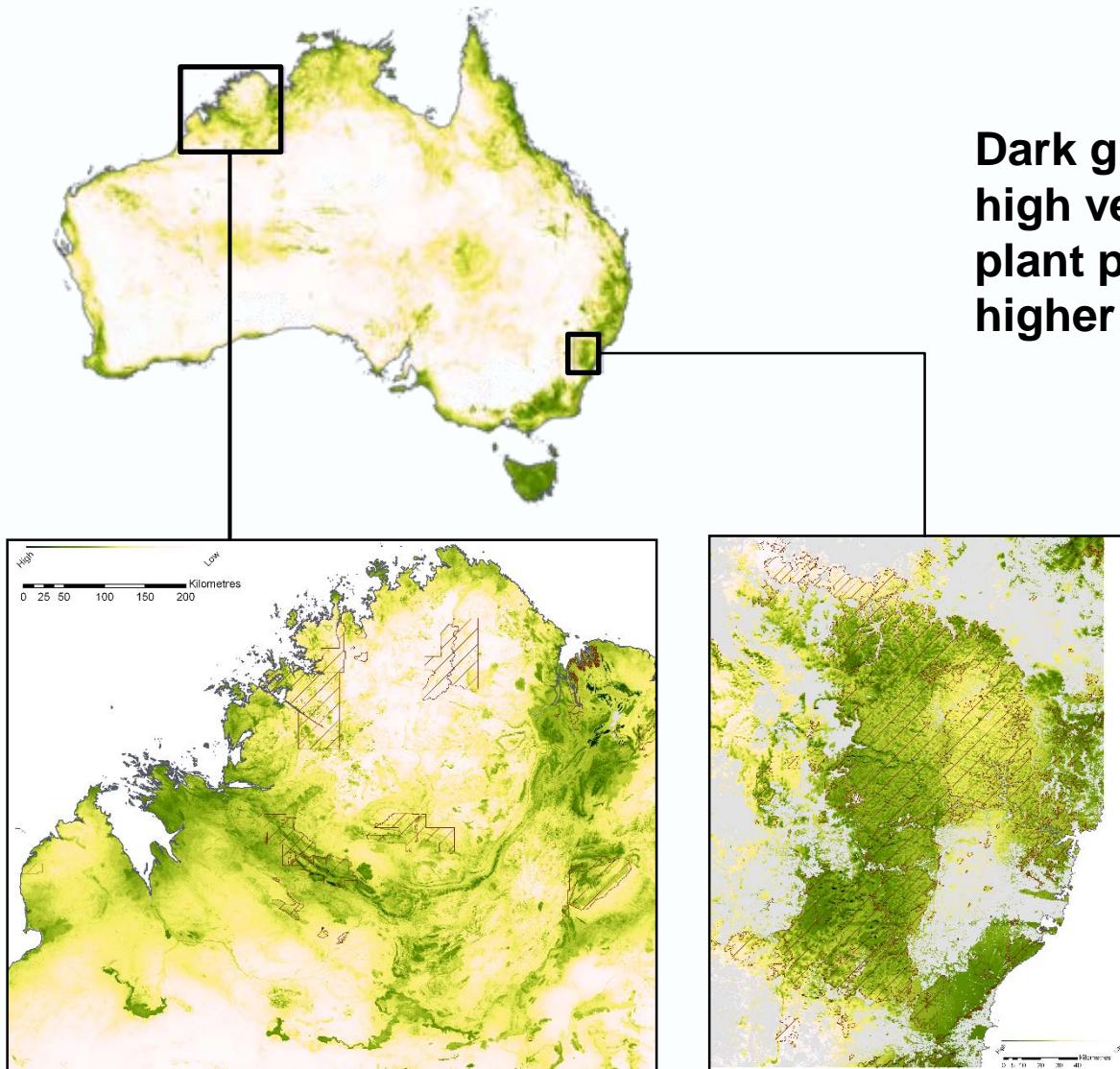
Source: sfdata.startupweekend.org

# Big data in action..... weather forecasting



Source: Bureau of Meteorology, 2013

# Big data in action..... species persistence



Source: Sheppard, A., Ferrier, S., and Cowardine J., CSIRO, 2014

# A world of difference.....

## Old Power Values

Managerialism, institutionalism,  
representative governance

Exclusivity, competition, authority,  
resource consolidation

Discretion, confidentiality, separation  
between private and public spheres

Professionalism, specialisation

Long-term affiliation and loyalty, less  
overall participation

## New Power Values

Informal, opt-in decision making: self-  
organisation; networked governance

Open source collaboration, crowd  
wisdom, sharing

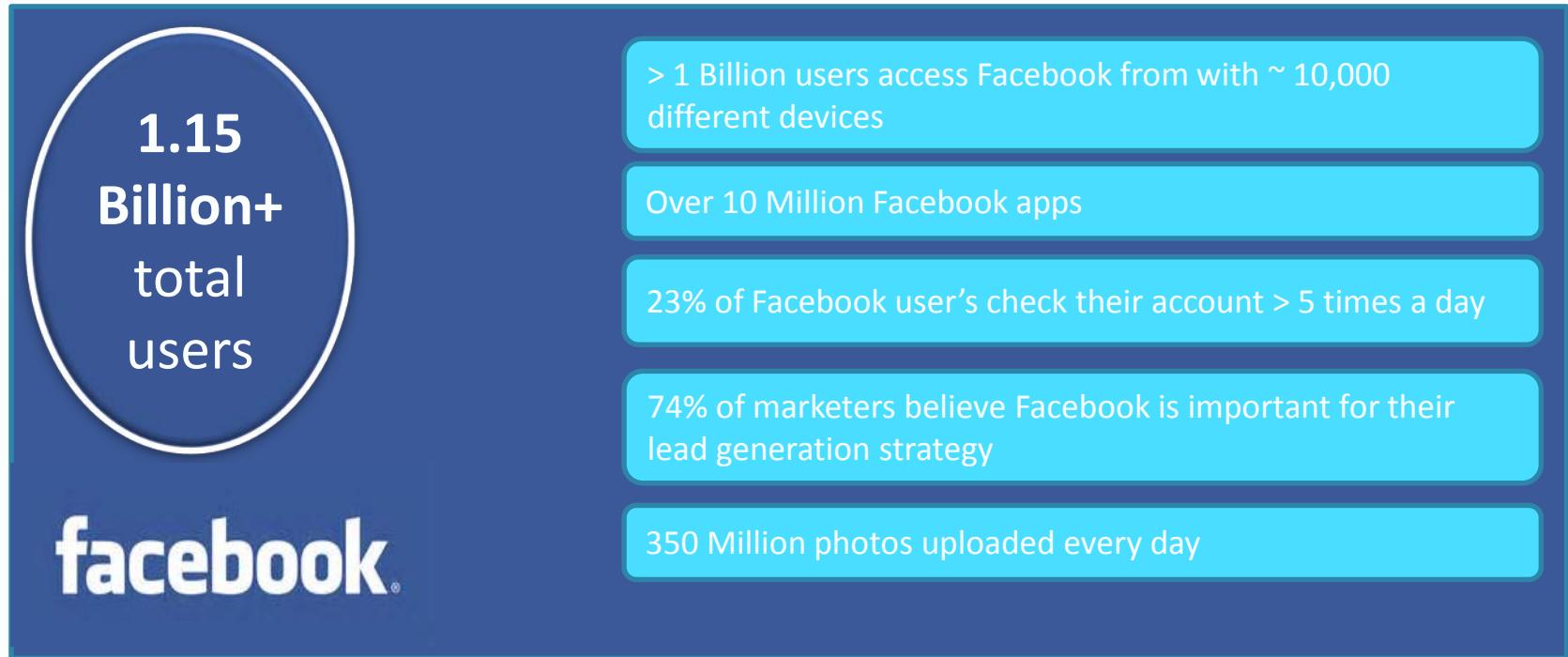
Radical transparency

Do-it-ourselves, “maker culture”

Short-term, conditional affiliation; more  
overall participation

Source: Heimans, J. & Timms H. Harvard Business Review 2014

# New media.....a new frontier.....



Source: [www.digitalbuzzblog.com](http://www.digitalbuzzblog.com)

# Public participation 2.0....

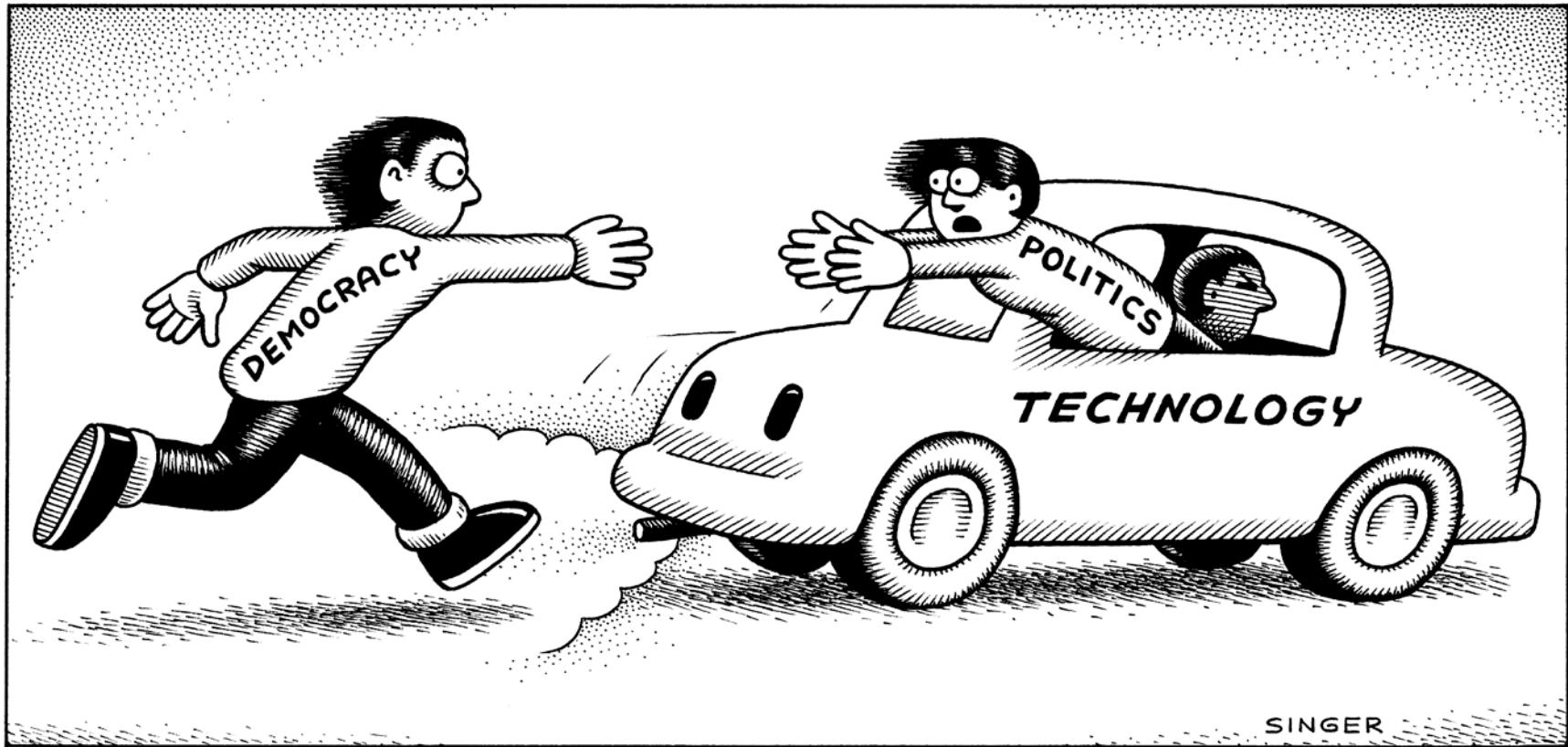


Source: Brad Moore, Wordpress.com, 2014

# ....not all beer and skittles.....

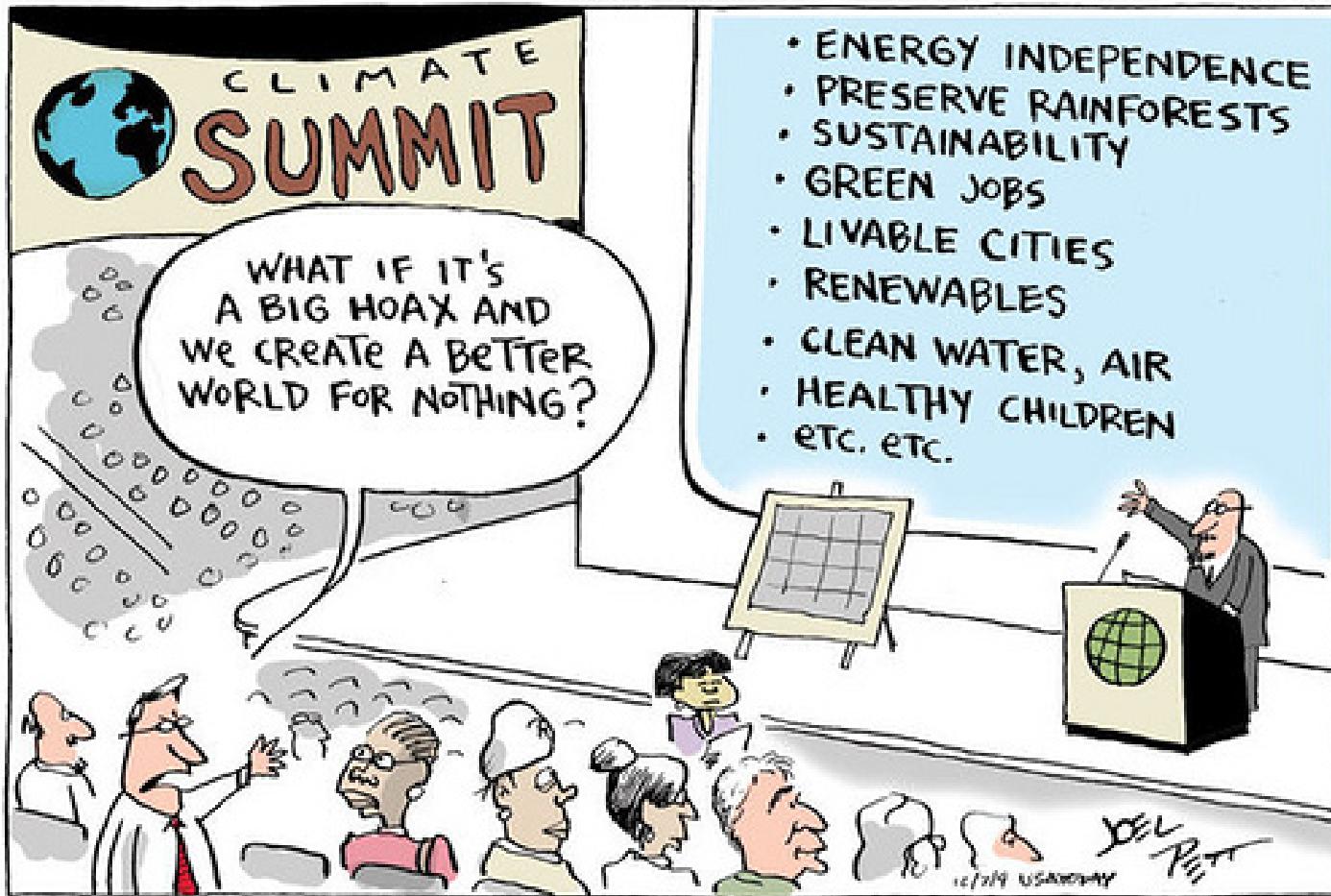
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Source: politicalcartoons.com, 2005

# Big conversations....critical choices....



Source: USA Today, 2012