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 **PROJECT F2.4**

QUANTIFYING RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES  
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**The Problem:**

**“THE” Plan...**

## **Risks & Opportunities – Context**

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- Risks based distributions can be positive or negative
- Interrelationships between risks essential
- Integration of planning activities

# The Research Process



- Suitably complex
- Existing strategic planning models

- Multiple design options
- Interrelated risks

- Commodity prices
- Groundwater
- Seismic
- Geotechnical

- Quantification of risk
- Interrelationships
- Impacts on strategic decisions

## Project Objectives

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- Incorporate operational domain design options into a strategic planning framework
- Probabilistic inputs
- Quantify associated risks
- Based on a flexible framework

## Case Study – Operational Context

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- Tier 1 copper/gold operation
- Open pit
- Tropical, mountainous region
- High rainfall
- Seismically active

## Case Study – Operational Context

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- Waste dump design options
- Ultimate pit size
- Waste dump size
  
- Commodity price



# **Risks Quantified**

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## **Waste Dump Based Risks**

- Failure size
- Production impacts
- Impacts on other waste storage capacities

## **Ultimate Pit Based Risks**

- Residual resource risk
- Excess stripping risk

**Values presented are based on standard NPV**

# Probabilistic Analyses

## Geotechnical scenarios

- I. No groundwater and no seismic
- II. No groundwater and critical seismic
- III. Groundwater and no seismic (Bishop)
- IV. Groundwater and no seismic (Janbu)
- V. Groundwater and seismic (Bishop)
- VI. Groundwater and seismic (Janbu)

## Groundwater scenarios

- I. Hydraulic conductivity of face
- II. Hydraulic conductivity of dump core
- III. Hydraulic conductivity of drains

## Mining/commercial scenarios

- I. Small to large ultimate pits (Cu price: USD\$1.00/lb - USD\$5.00/lb)
- II. Operating commodity price ranges (Cu price: USD\$1.00/lb - USD\$5.00/lb)

## Concept Overview

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- Assess and quantify risks
- Quantify how these relate to & impact on value
- Determine if this would impact on strategy

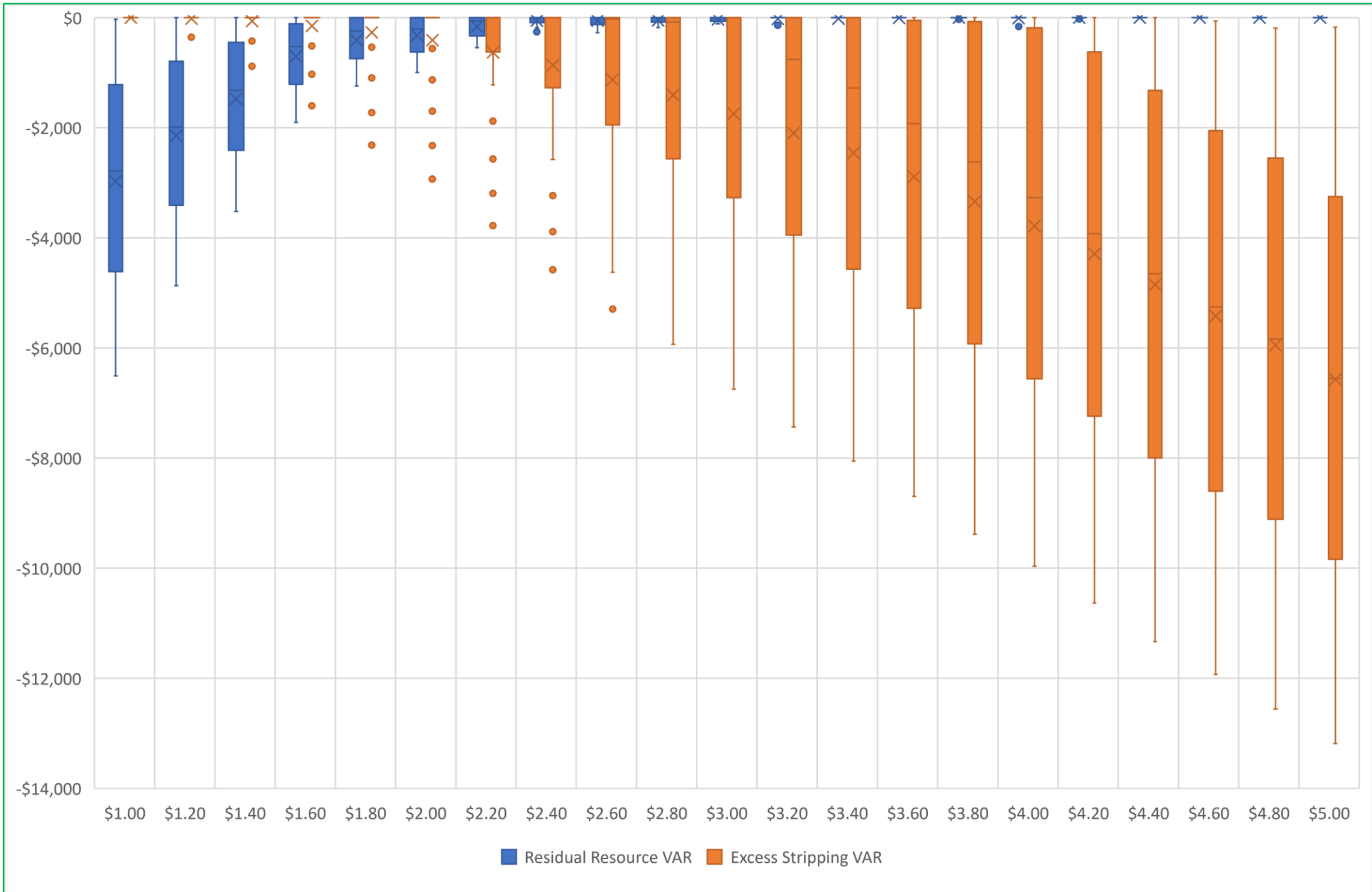


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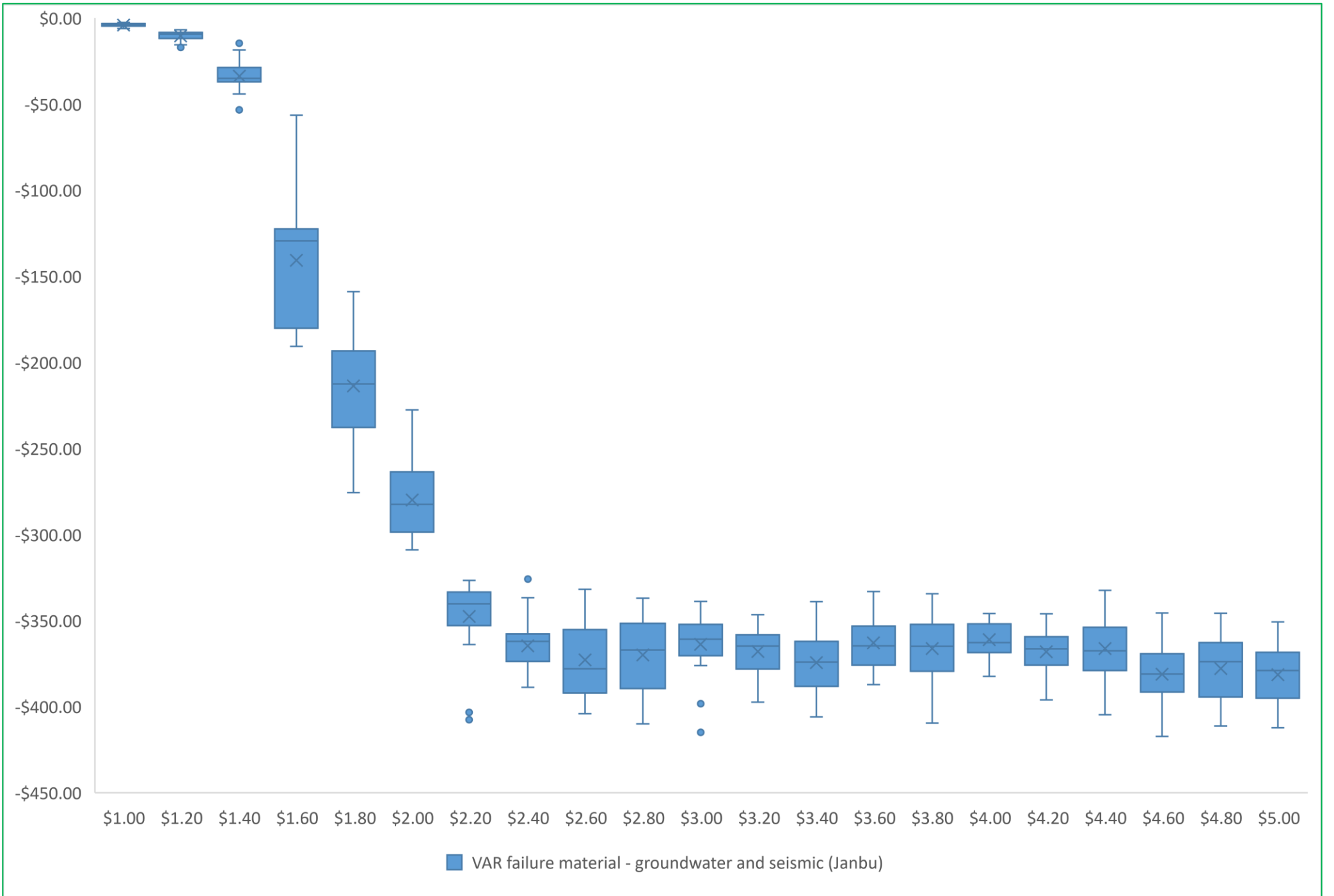


BASED ON THE LARGEST DUMP OPTION

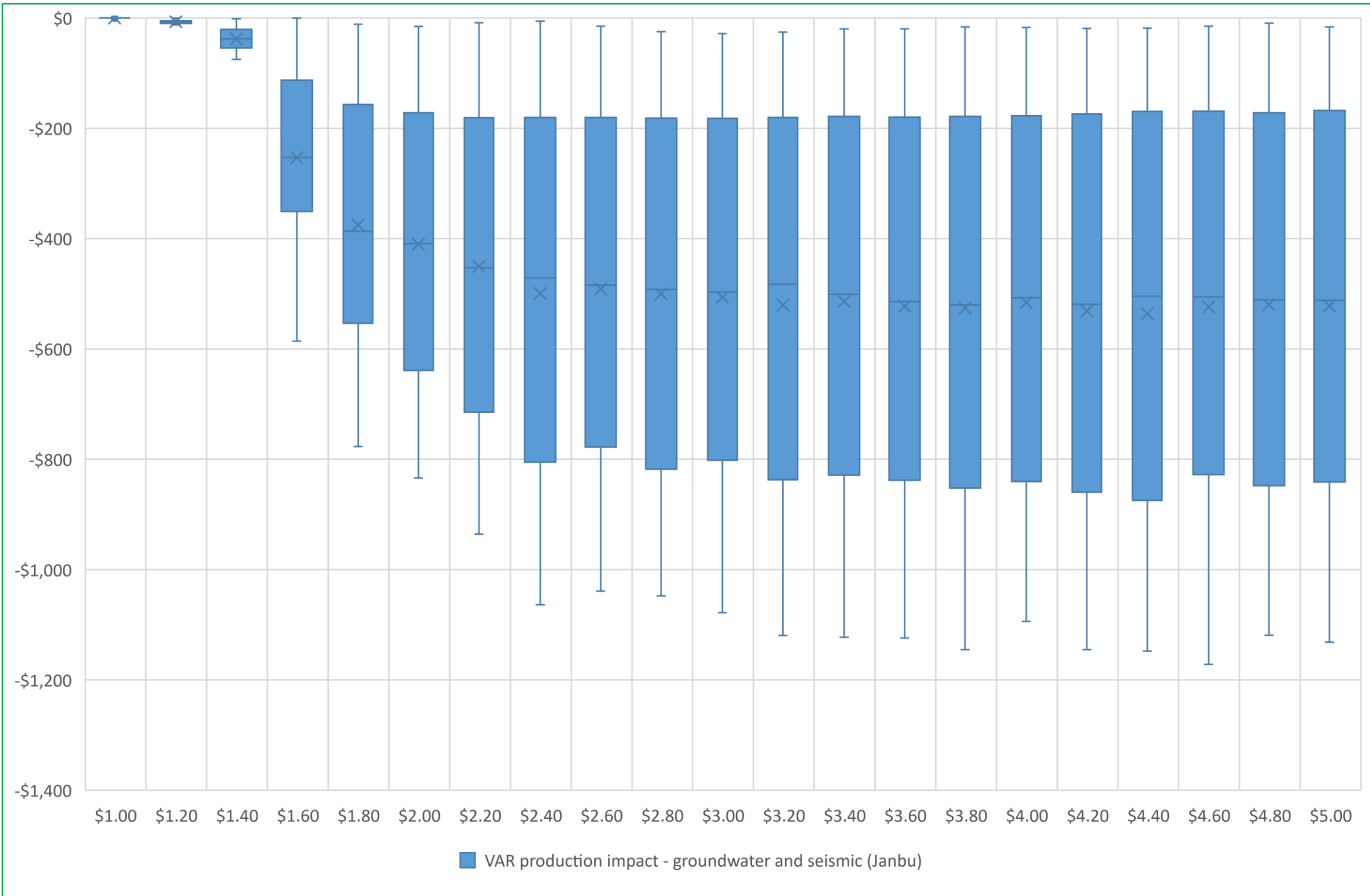
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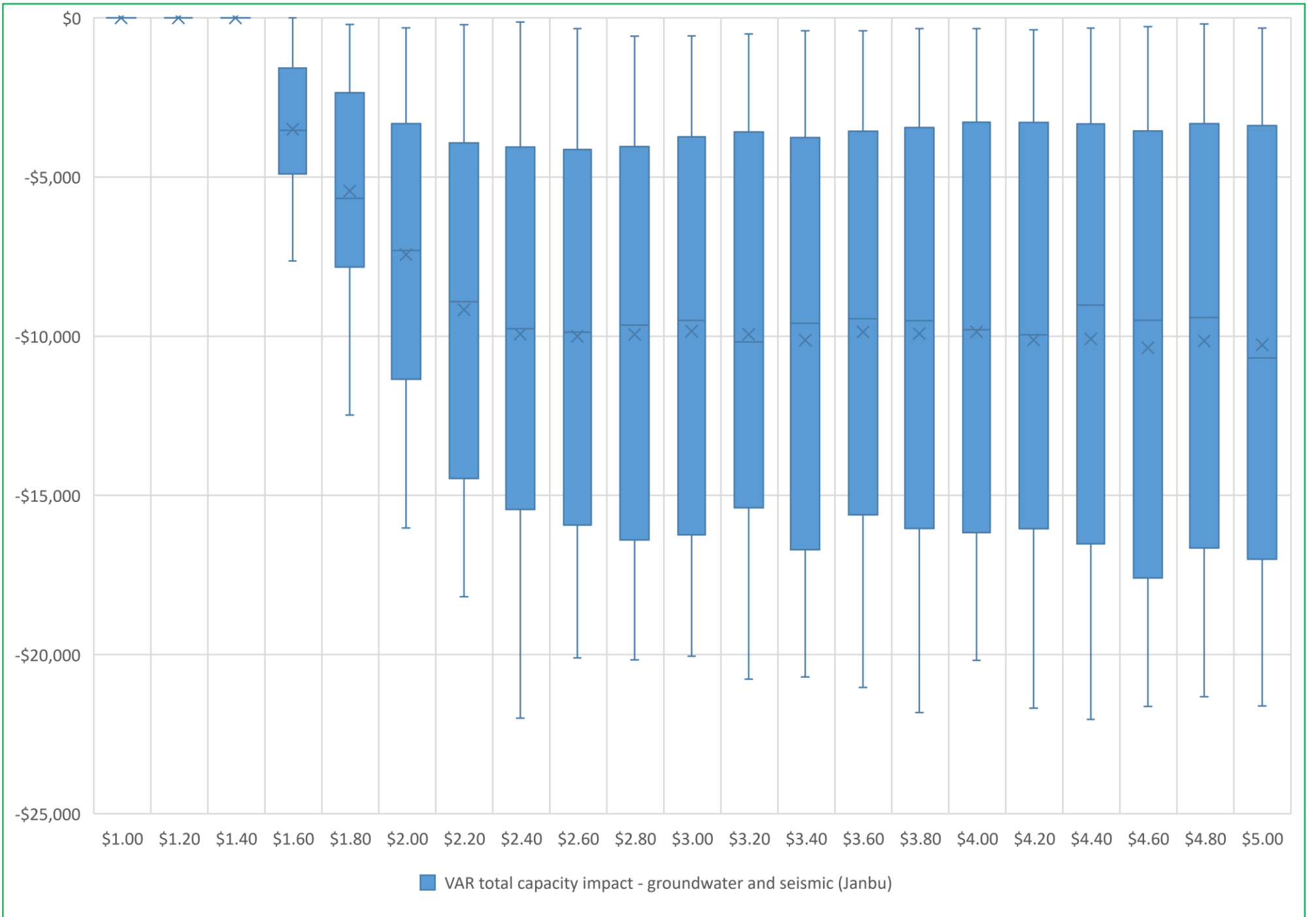
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# VAR - PRODUCTION IMPACT

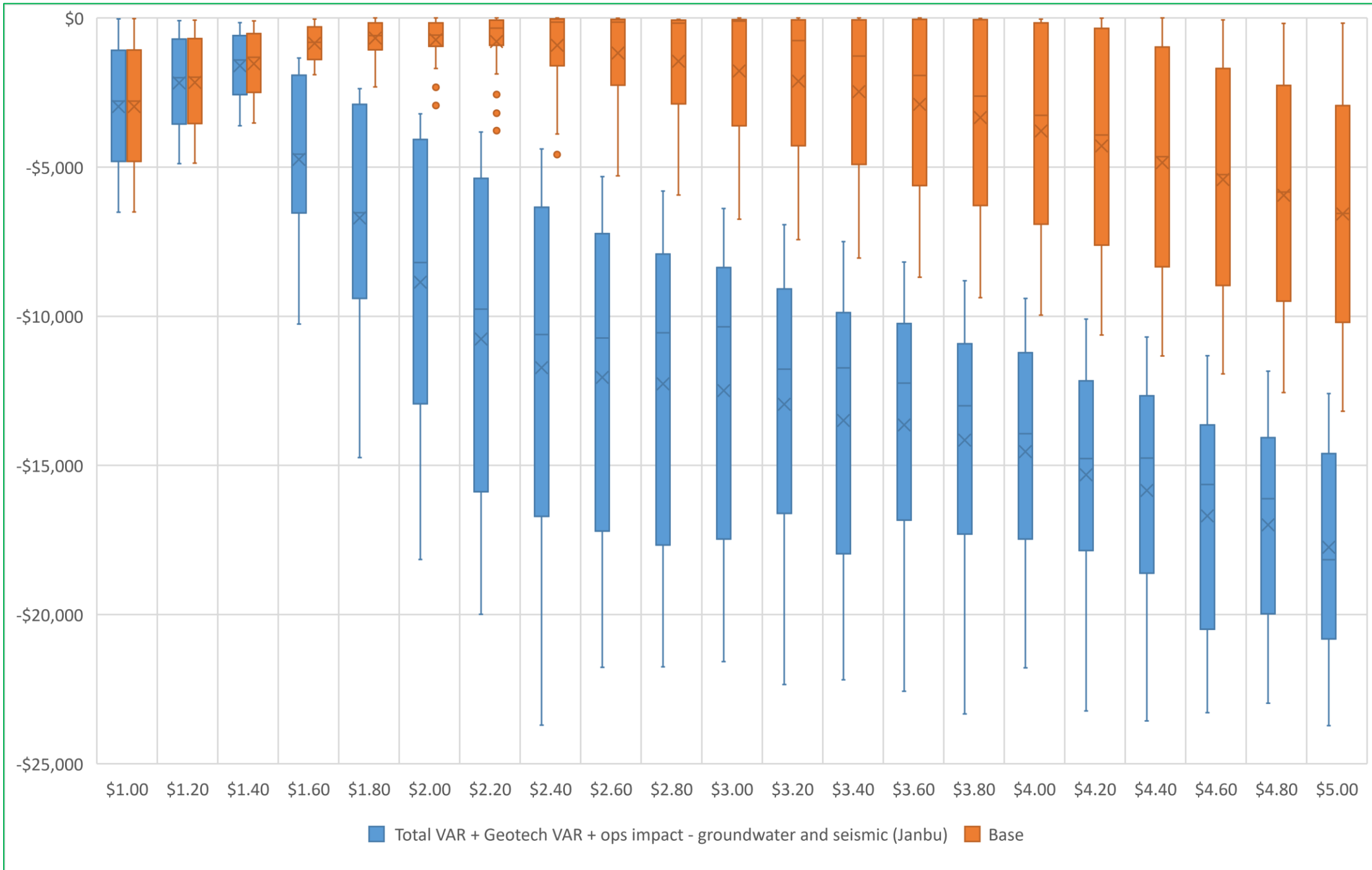


# VAR - IMPACT ON OVERALL WASTE MANAGEMENT





# VAR - GEOTECH + COMMODITY PRICE





## Key Findings

### Risks can be quantified

- Probabilistic inputs
- Focused risks
- Impacts strategy

### Mandates integration

- Understanding of risks
- Greater level of analysis

### Achievable

- Involves more effort
- Scalable computing

## How can Industry use these Findings?

- Informed strategic decision making
- Supporting communication between stakeholders
- Ingrains integrated planning
- Structured capture of corporate IP (wrt risks)
- Understanding of risks by decision makers



## Implications

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- Understanding and quantifying risk is possible
- More effort = superior strategic decision making
- Knowledge = confidence
- Risk reduction – operational, post-closure (& transition)
- Improved communication between all stakeholders

## Future Research

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- Expanded framework
- Risk typology + methodology
- “How to” use...
- Incorporation of a wider range of risks
- Collaboration with other CRC TiME projects



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