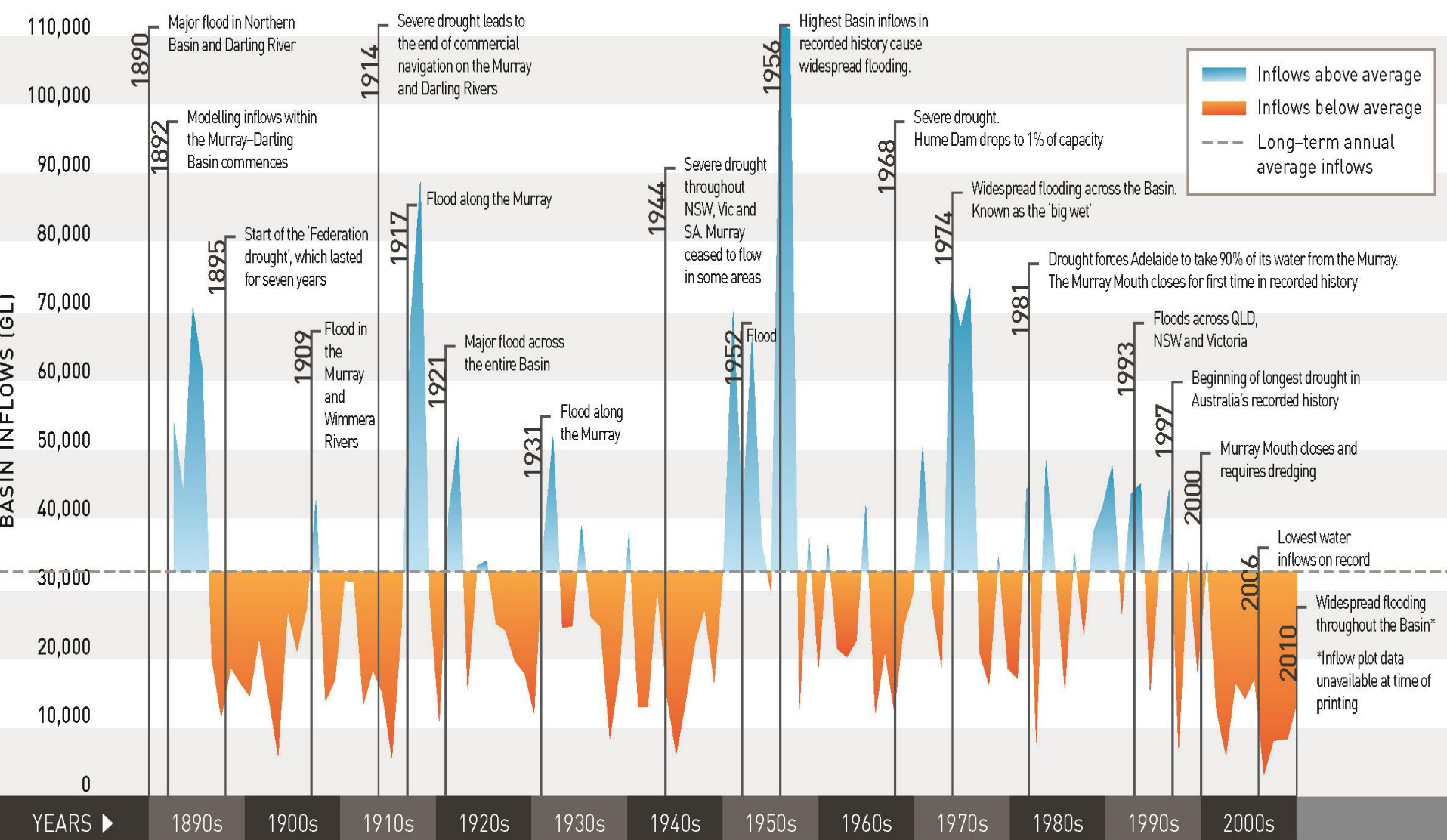


Australia's Tools to support adaptive Multi-Purpose River Basin Water Management and Water Sensitive Urban Design

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Coping with Annual Variability embeds resilience



eWater

Not-for-profit Australian Government-owned company



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Government
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Department of Environment,
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Department of
Primary Industries
Office of Water



Queensland
Government
Natural Resources
and Mines

eWS provides software development, capacity building
and adoption services



Models and Data to support decisions



💧 Driving Philosophy:
You **can't manage** what you
can't **describe** and **measure**

💧 Must move from
perceptions to fact

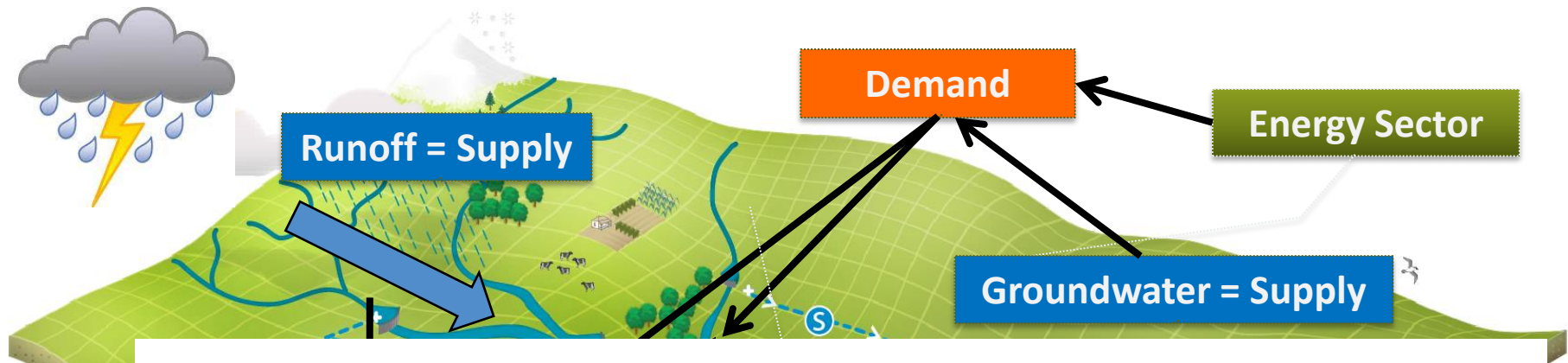
💧 **Sufficient certainty**
enables the hard
questions and tradeoffs
to be tackled.

💧 It is better to be
approximately right
than definitely wrong

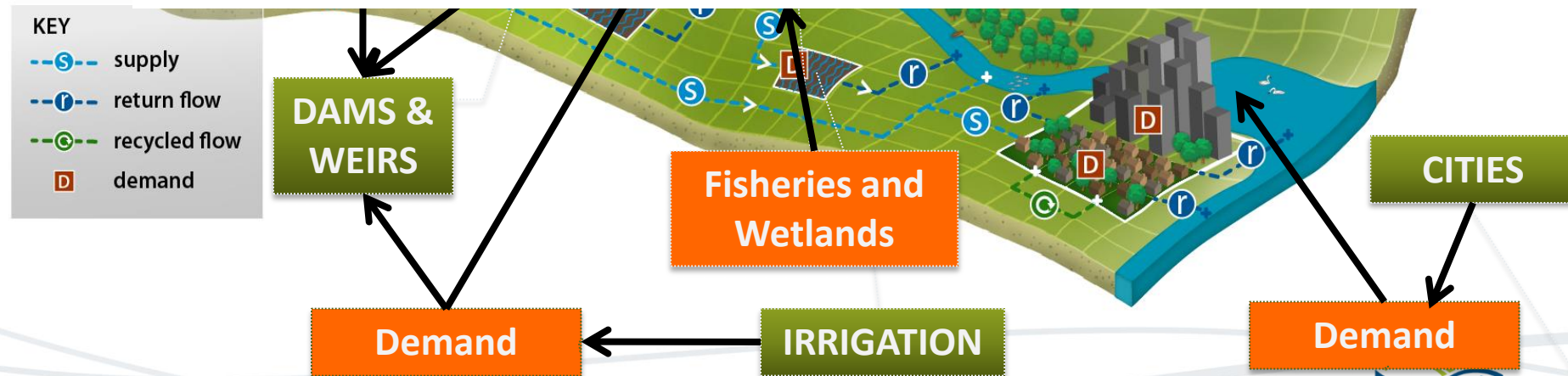
Entitlements and Allocations – Water as an Asset

- A Water entitlement is a right to a share of the water available in the river system each year as a maximum volume of water that can be taken.
- Water has different levels of reliability depending on whether it is held in dams or dependent on local rainfall etc. These are generally divided into High Reliability (>90%) and Low Reliability (<90%)
- Users have different water ‘products’ that they can access depending on the type of needs (irrigators, cities etc).
- Each year, depending on the seasonal conditions, an annual allocation is made to each license holder as a percentage of the entitlement
- Some Allocations and Entitlements may be traded subject to regulations and approvals
- Allocation System & Contestability extended to Urban Systems

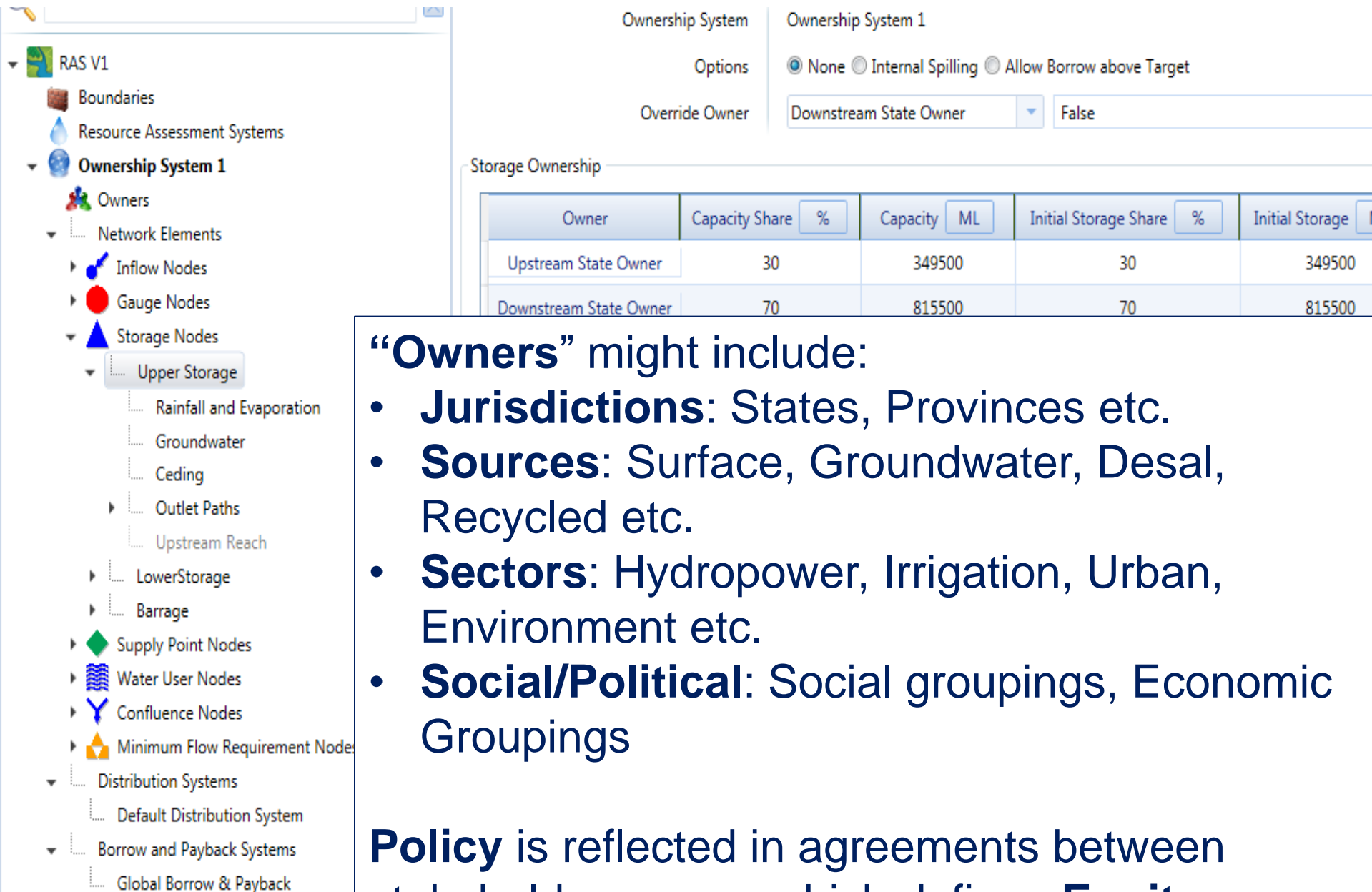
eWater Source – IWRM supply and demand of water quantity and quality - local to basin scale



Plus addition of the policy dimension



Define Sectors/Jurisdictions According to Policy Group



Ownership System

Ownership System 1

Options

☒ None ☐ Internal Spilling ☐ Allow Borrow above Target

Override Owner

Downstream State Owner

False

Storage Ownership

Owner	Capacity Share %	Capacity ML	Initial Storage Share %	Initial Storage ML
Upstream State Owner	30	349500	30	349500
Downstream State Owner	70	815500	70	815500

“Owners” might include:

- **Jurisdictions:** States, Provinces etc.
- **Sources:** Surface, Groundwater, Desal, Recycled etc.
- **Sectors:** Hydropower, Irrigation, Urban, Environment etc.
- **Social/Political:** Social groupings, Economic Groupings

Policy is reflected in agreements between stakeholder groups which defines **Equity**

Accounts Allocation Trigger Priority

The 'user' who has the right to use water

The sector under which status

The share for this user as a portion of that available for the sector according to the agreements

How to treat the 'Accounting' – rules like a financial system

Water Accounting

A general purpose water accounting report provides information useful to users of that report for making and evaluating decisions about the allocation of resources.

Decisions about the allocation of resources may include:

- decisions about the management or trade of water and water rights or obligations over time
- the provision of water-related services
- whether there is a need to build additional infrastructure to store the water of a water report entity.

The elements of a general purpose water accounting report are:

- water assets;
- water liabilities;
- net water assets;
- changes in water assets; and
- changes in water liabilities

[link to example](#)

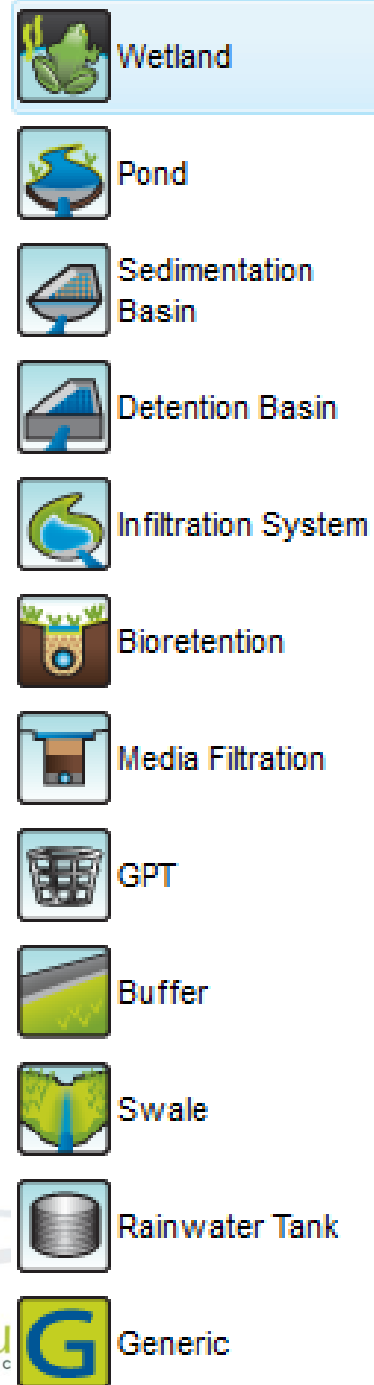
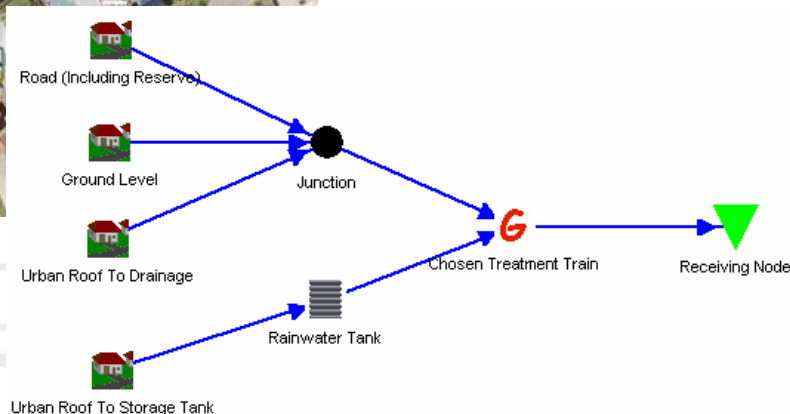


MUSIC

(Model for Urban Stormwater Improvement Conceptualisation)

Key features:

- Rainfall-Runoff modelling
- Pollutant modelling
- Water balance modelling
- Stormwater harvesting/reuse
- Life cycle costing



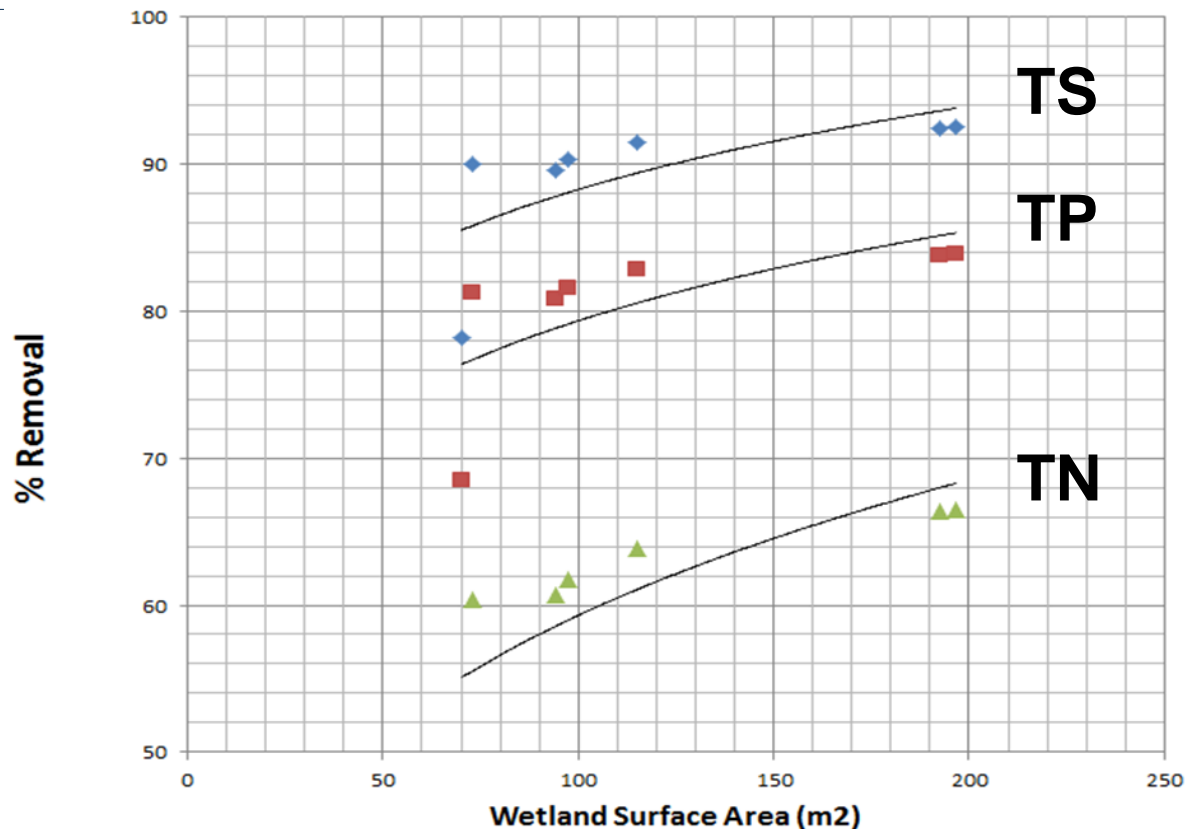
WSUD System Optimisation

Objective

To size a Wetland (i.e. calculate the required surface area & permanent pool volume) to meet pre-defined constituent reductions.

Target Reduction

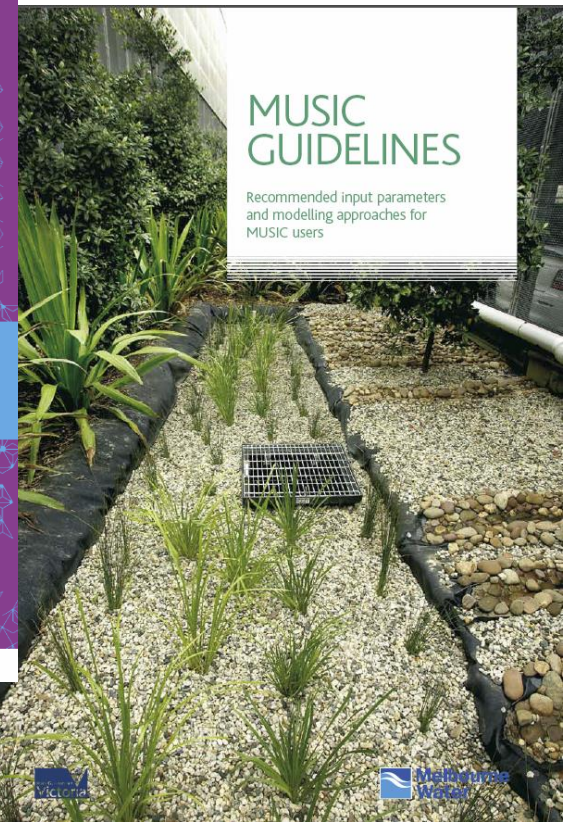
TSS: 90%; TP: 80%
and TN: 60%



MUSIC Modeling Guidelines

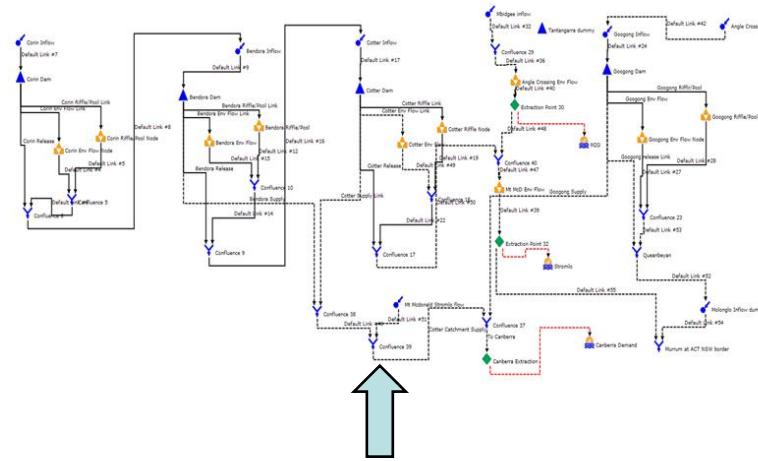
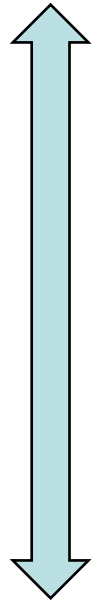


Using MUSIC in Sydney's
Drinking Water Catchment
A Sydney Catchment Authority Standard

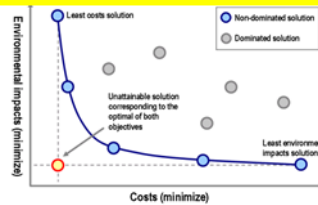


Urban Policy Framework Structure

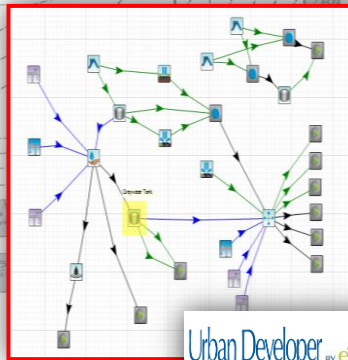
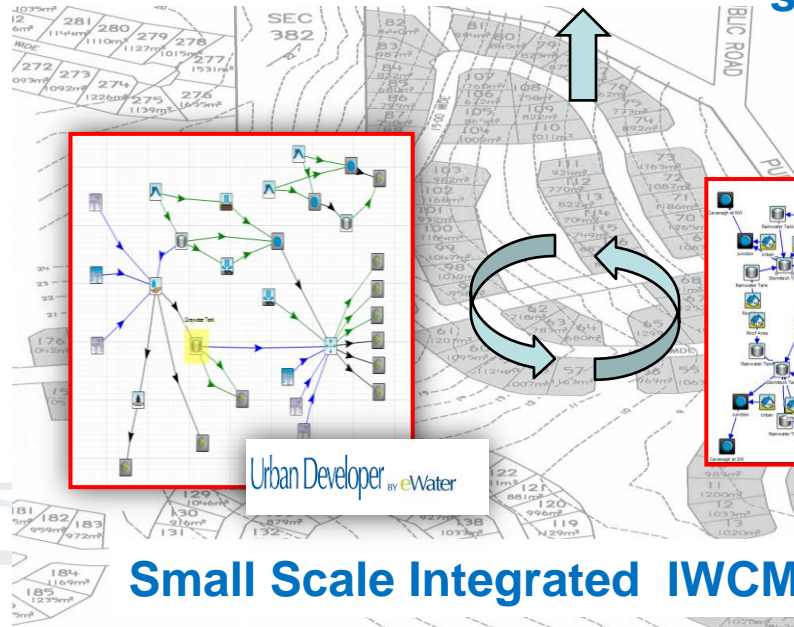
Broad Policy Direction



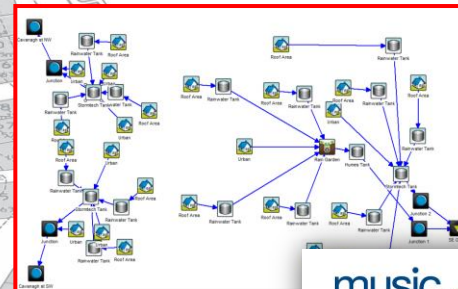
Trunk System



Feasibility and Objectives to support policy



Urban Developer by eWater



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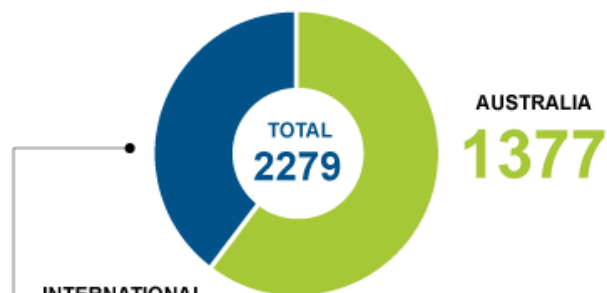
Small Scale Integrated IWCM/WSUD Analysis

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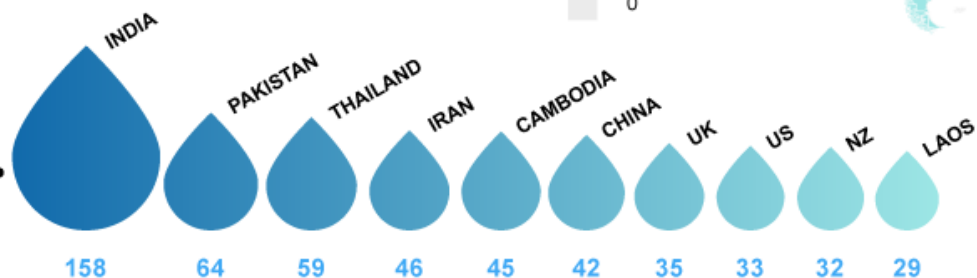
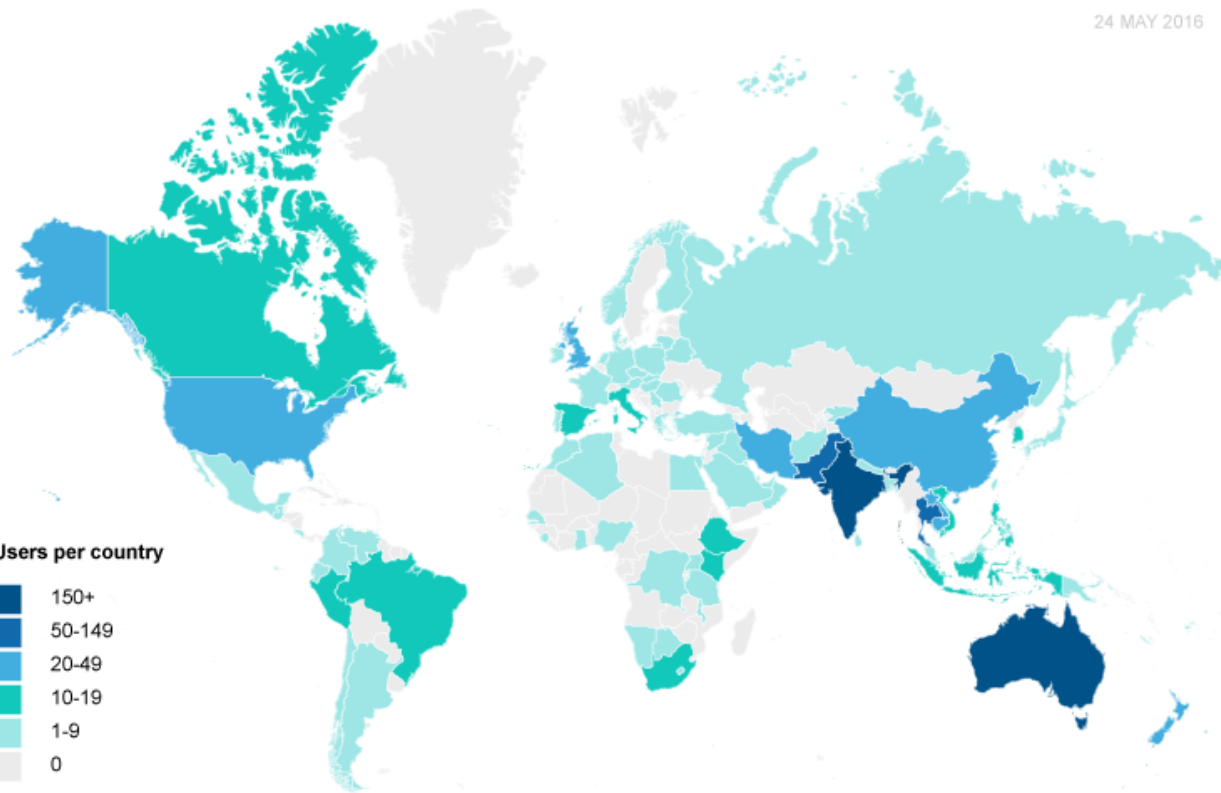
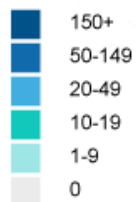


SOURCE USERS WORLDWIDE



INTERNATIONAL
902

Users per country



BY COUNTRY (TOP 10 INTERNATIONAL)



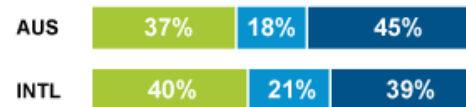
Education



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BY SECTOR



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