



# **The Future of Catchment Management**

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# Welcome

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- Bryce Wilde, NRC
- Michael Bullen, Sydney Catchment Authority
- Dr Daniel Deere, Water Futures

# Natural resource management in NSW

- **Aiming for resilient landscapes**
  - Targets set goals
  - Standard for how to do it
  - Audit to keep on track
- **Catchment Action Plans**
- **Starting to see successes in our catchments**

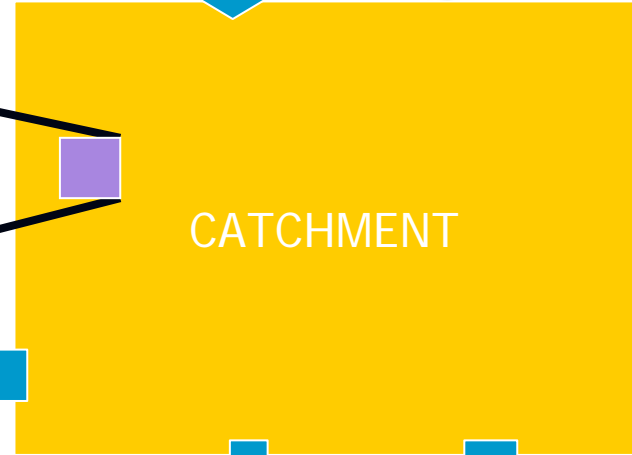
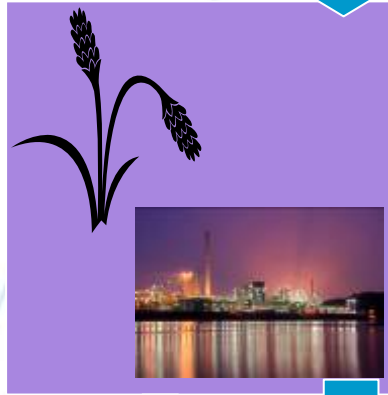
# What are we planning for?

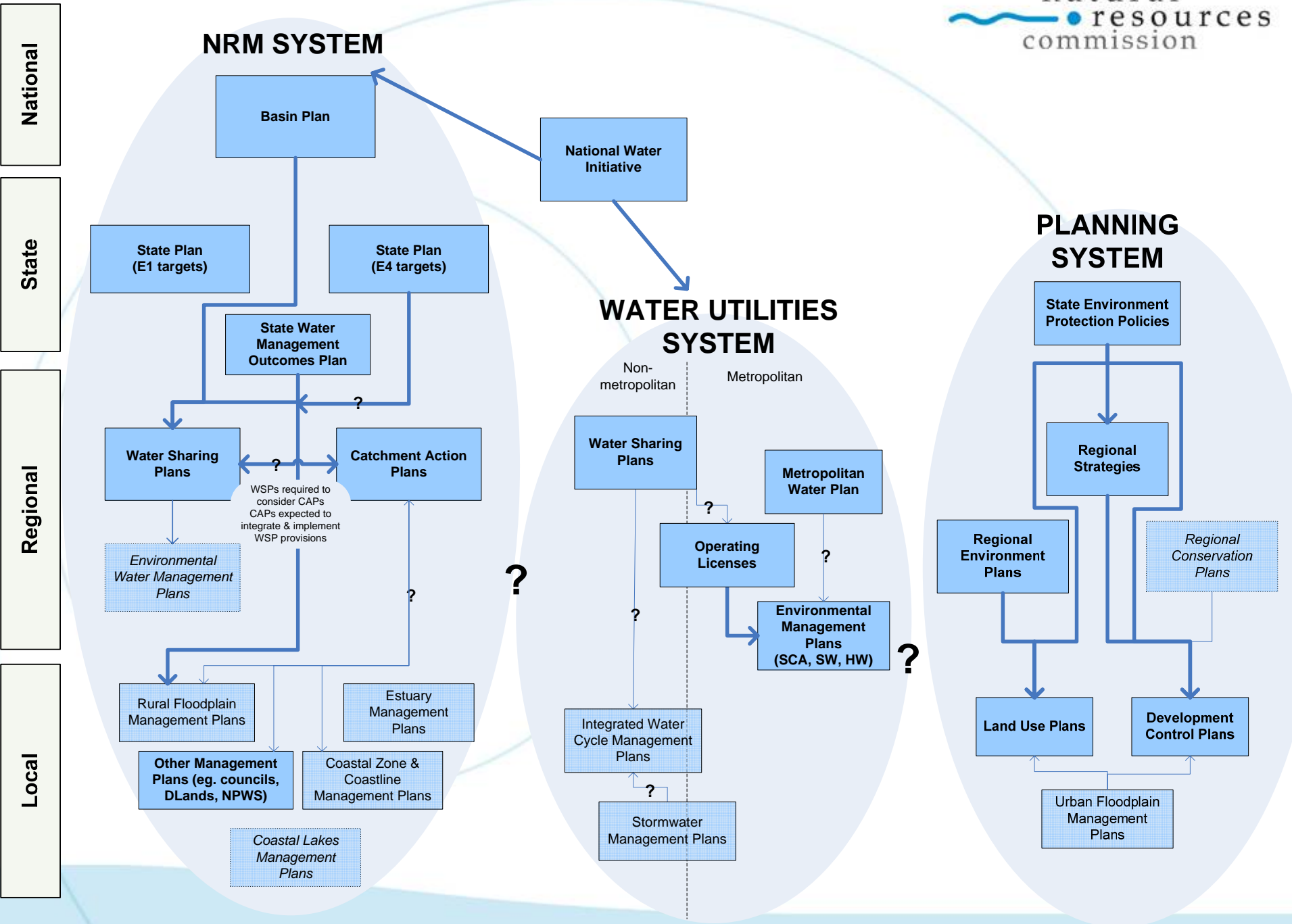
## *State-wide targets - Water*

- Riverine ecosystems
- Groundwater systems
- Marine waters and ecosystems
- Wetlands
- Estuaries and coastal lake ecosystems



CLIMATE SHIFT and CHANGE  
Rainfall





# The future

- Managing water as part of the landscape
- Managing the whole landscape together
- Remember what we are planning for
- Different disciplines working towards the same objectives