

# Supplementary Materials

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## 1. Synthesis & Overview

**S1.1.** Summary of the historical data sets collated to support development of the DSS. An explanation of acronyms is provided at the bottom of the table.

Year	Data source and type							
	Catchment physico-chemistry	DWER	DoT	DWER	DoT	BoM	BoM	BoM
pre-1970								
1970								
1971								
1972								
1973								
1974								
1975								
1976								
1977								
1978								
1979								
1980								
1981								
1982								
1983								
1984								
1985								
1986								
1987								
1988								
1989								

Year	Data source and type									
	Catchment physico-chemistry	DWER	Sonar	DoT	LIDAR	DWER	Tidal gauge data	DoT	Wave rider buoys	DoT
1990										
1991										
1992										
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2014										
2015										

**DWER**, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation; **DoT**, Department of Transport; **BoM**, Bureau of Meteorology; **MU**, Murdoch University; **MAFRL**, Marine and Freshwater Laboratories (Murdoch University); **ABS**, Australian Bureau of Statistics. **LIDAR**, Light Detection and Ranging, a remote sensing method that uses laser to measure distances to the Earth; **WRF**, Weather Research and Forecasting, a numerical weather prediction model; **GCM**, Global Climate Model.

## 2. Modelling of the Peel-Harvey catchment

**S2. Catchment hydrological model bias correction:** The catchment hydrological model was mostly calibrated to flow data from 2000–15, which had less rainfall and river flow than prior years. To support historical estuary model simulations undertaken in other aspects of this study (see Chapter 3), pre-2000 catchment model flows and nutrient loads required bias correction. Catchments that required bias correction were identified by the model validation statistics for pre-2000 data. Three catchments (Mayfield Drain, Coolup-Harvey and Coolup-Peel) did not require any bias correction as the catchment model replicated pre-2000 flows adequately, while all other catchments required bias correction. For these catchments, daily flows and nutrient loads were increased by the annual factor given in Supplementary Material S2.1. This annual factor was taken as the annual volume bias between measured and modelled flows at Baden Powel (AWRC ref 614006), which had the longest records of measured flows in the catchment (1952-current). Supplementary Material S2.2 summarises the hydrological model pre-2000 validation statistics with and without bias corrections. This bias correction method was exclusively used when providing results for the estuary model.

## S2.1. Annual bias correction factor.

Year	Bias adjustment factor
Pre 1970	1.18
1970	1.18
1971	1.21
1972	1.15
1973	1.12
1974	1.51
1975	1.57
1976	1.13
1977	1.07
1978	1.11
1979	1.07
1980	1.02
1981	1.40
1982	1.23
1983	1.54
1984	1.34
1985	1.67
1986	1.31
1987	1.09
1988	1.25
1989	1.22
1990	1.75
1991	1.22
1992	1.45
1993	1.57
1994	1.41
1995	1.18
1996	1.39
1997	1.15
1998	1.05
1999	1.15
Post 1999	1.00

## S2.2. Validation statistics for modelled flows at flow gauging sites with and without bias correction.

Reporting catchment	Gauge	Modelled flow statistics (1980-1999)				Bias corrected modelled flow (1980-1999)			
		Daily NSE	Monthly NSE	Annual NSE	Bias	Daily NSE	Monthly NSE	Annual NSE	Bias
Harvey	613052	0.80	0.81	0.17	-29%	0.87	0.91	0.65	-6%
Coolup (Harvey)	613027	0.78	0.90	0.83	-9%	-	-	-	-
Mayfield Drain	613031	0.82	0.93	0.87	1%	-	-	-	-
Upper Murray	614006	0.85	0.89	0.68	-25%	0.93	0.99	1.00	0%
Upper Murray	614065	0.88	0.90	0.63	-25%	0.95	0.98	0.98	-2%
Upper Serpentine	614030	0.76	0.74	-0.20	-40%	0.87	0.90	0.57	-21%
Nambeelup	614063	0.68	0.75	0.48	-32%	0.71	0.82	0.66	-8%
Dirk Brook	614094	0.84	0.92	0.75	-14%	0.89	0.96	0.97	3%

## 6. Sediment condition in the Peel-Harvey

**S6.1.** Proportions of the variation in Rapid Assessment Protocol (RAP) sediment condition scores across all basin and river sites explained by the predictors of water depth, %mud and enrichment, as determined by distance-based linear modelling. Reproduced from Hallett et al. (2019) with permission from the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Test	Predictor	SS(trace)	Pseudo-F	Proportion explained	Cumulative proportion explained ( $R^2$ )	Res. SS	Res. df
<b>Basin sites (n = 62; Total SS = 184.55)</b>							
Marginal	Water depth	38.76	15.95	0.21*			60
	Mud	84.05	50.18	0.46*			60
	Enrichment	105.74	80.50	0.57*			60
Sequential	Water depth	38.76	15.95	0.21*	0.21		60
	+Mud	46.46	27.59	0.25*	0.46		59
	+Enrichment	29.53	24.53	0.16*	0.62	69.80	58
Sequential	Mud	84.05	50.18	0.46*	0.46		60
	+Enrichment	29.50	24.52	0.16*	0.62	71.0	59
Sequential	Enrichment	105.74	80.50	0.57*	0.57		60
	+Mud	7.82	6.50	0.04*	0.62	70.99	59
<b>River sites (n = 35; Total SS = 212.59)</b>							
Marginal	Water depth	13.17	2.18	0.06			33
	Mud	88.21	23.40	0.41*			33
	Enrichment	111.36	36.31	0.52*			33
Sequential	Mud	88.21	23.40	0.41*	0.41		33
	+Enrichment	26.25	8.56	0.12*	0.54	98.14	32
Sequential	Enrichment	111.36	36.31	0.52*	0.52	101.23	33

Marginal tests indicate the proportion of the variation the predictor accounts for alone, while sequential tests indicate the proportion added by the predictor to the cumulative proportion of explained variation.

\* Significant ( $p < 0.05$ ); non-significant predictors were excluded from subsequent models.

SS = sum of squares; df = degrees of freedom; Res. = residual.

## 7. Seagrass and macroalgal communities of the Peel-Harvey Estuary from 1978 to 2018

**S7.1.** Three-way crossed PERMANOVA (Permutational MANOVA and ANOVA) of the biomass composition of the macrophyte community recorded in each interannual period from 1978–2018 in each region and water depth of the Peel-Harvey Estuary. Separate tests were undertaken for data collected in autumn and spring. As the focus of these tests was to explore period differences, only those significant terms involving period ( $P < 0.01$ ; shown in bold text) were further interpreted. Df, degrees of freedom; MS, Mean squares;  $P$ , significance value; COV, Components of variation.

	Autumn					Spring				
	df	MS	Pseudo-F	$P$	COV	df	MS	Pseudo-F	$P$	COV
<b>Period (P)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13190</b>	<b>10.667</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>19.577</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9594.4</b>	<b>7.348</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>16.591</b>
Region (R)	3	10336	8.359	0.001	18.362	3	14292	10.946	0.001	22.039
Depth (D)	1	9987.1	8.0769	0.001	12.738	1	12190	9.3362	0.001	14.348
<b>P × R</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3103.1</b>	<b>2.5096</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>15.44</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3818.8</b>	<b>2.9247</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>18.041</b>
<b>P × D</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2100.8</b>	<b>1.699</b>	<b>0.039</b>	<b>7.4449</b>	3	2044	1.5655	0.082	7.003
R × D	3	729.84	0.5902	0.861	-6.1276	3	3443.7	2.6374	0.003	12.647
P × R × D	12	1168	0.9446	0.598	-4.1829	9	1489.1	1.1404	0.267	6.8914
Residual	125	1236.5			35.164	101	1305.7			36.135

**S7.2.** Biomass ( $\text{g m}^{-2}$ , dry weight) of each macrophyte species found across all 51 sites in the Peel-Harvey Estuary in spring 2017 and autumn 2018. Total biomass (and percentage contribution to the total; %) summed for all sites and both seasons is provided, as well as the average seasonal biomass (with standard deviation in superscript text;  $^{\text{SD}}$ ) and corresponding percentage contribution. Species contributing >2% to the total are shaded grey. Macrophyte taxa are coded for their broader group, i.e. ● Seagrass; ● Green macroalgae; ● Red macroalgae; ● Brown macroalgae; ● Charophyte.

Group	Macrophyte species	Total site biomass	%	Average spring 2017 biomass $^{\text{SD}}$	%	Average autumn 2018 biomass $^{\text{SD}}$	%
●	<i>Ruppia</i> sp.	7,945.11	44.29	78.11 $^{130.52}$	41.96	80.85 $^{150.34}$	46.91
●	<i>Willeella</i> sp.	3,320.72	18.51	38.90 $^{248.60}$	20.90	27.28 $^{137.70}$	15.83
●	<i>Chaetomorpha</i> sp.	2,274.13	12.68	26.53 $^{46.75}$	14.25	18.80 $^{40.57}$	10.91
●	<i>Halophila</i> sp.	1,517.85	8.46	9.48 $^{38.30}$	5.09	21.11 $^{69.63}$	12.25
●	<i>Zostera</i> sp.	524.15	2.92	6.38 $^{21.19}$	3.43	4.06 $^{16.15}$	2.35
●	<i>Lamprothamnium</i> sp.	419.18	2.34	7.96 $^{45.24}$	4.28	0.27 $^{0.86}$	0.16
●	<i>Hormophysa</i> sp.	321.95	1.79			6.57 $^{39.19}$	3.81
●	<i>Chondria</i> sp.	308.34	1.72	1.28 $^{3.25}$	0.69	4.96 $^{11.58}$	2.88
●	<i>Spyridia</i> sp.	307.61	1.71	3.17 $^{11.35}$	1.70	2.98 $^{13.37}$	1.73
●	<i>Ulva</i> sp.	277.40	1.55	5.00 $^{15.14}$	2.69	0.46 $^{1.64}$	0.27
●	<i>Rhizoclonium</i> sp.	185.90	1.04	3.39 $^{12.33}$	1.82	0.27 $^{1.33}$	0.16
●	<i>Gracilaria</i> sp.	128.29	0.72	2.50 $^{8.52}$	1.34	0.02 $^{0.14}$	0.01
●	<i>Ceramium</i> sp.	91.58	0.51	1.48 $^{3.25}$	0.79	0.33 $^{1.26}$	0.19
●	<i>Laurencia</i> sp.	81.73	0.46	1.37 $^{5.00}$	0.74	0.24 $^{0.51}$	0.14
●	<i>Cystoseira</i> sp.	69.40	0.39			1.42 $^{8.90}$	0.82
●	<i>Jania</i> sp.	49.00	0.27	0.04 $^{0.32}$	0.02	0.95 $^{4.38}$	0.55
●	<i>Dictyota</i> sp.	47.02	0.26	0.12 $^{0.52}$	0.06	0.84 $^{3.07}$	0.49
●	<i>Caulerpa</i> sp.	30.06	0.17	0.11 $^{0.52}$	0.06	0.50 $^{1.87}$	0.29
●	<i>Polysiphonia</i> sp.	16.85	0.09			0.34 $^{2.41}$	0.20
●	<i>Hincksia</i> sp.	16.55	0.09	0.30 $^{1.96}$	0.16	0.02 $^{0.14}$	0.01
●	<i>Acetabularia</i> sp.	3.82	0.02			0.08 $^{0.33}$	0.05
●	<i>Amphiora</i> sp.	3.27	0.02	0.06 $^{0.46}$	0.03		
●	<i>Heterosiphonia</i> sp.	0.06	<0.01			<0.01 $^{0.01}$	<0.01
<b>Number of species</b>		<b>23</b>		<b>18</b>		<b>22</b>	
<b>Sum of biomass</b>		<b>17,940</b>		<b>186</b>		<b>172</b>	

**S7.3.** Three-way crossed PERMANOVA (Permutational MANOVA and ANOVA) of the biomass composition of the macrophyte community in each region and water depth of the Peel-Harvey Estuary in spring 2017 and autumn 2018. Significant terms ( $P < 0.01$ ) are in bold text). df, degrees of freedom; MS, Mean squares; P, significance value; COV, Components of variation.

	<b>df</b>	<b>MS</b>	<b>Pseudo-F</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>COV</b>
<b>Region (R)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11621</b>	<b>3.9693</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>19.856</b>
Season (S)	1	4507.9	1.5397	0.118	6.0389
<b>Depth (D)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23586</b>	<b>8.0558</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>21.836</b>
R × S	3	1485.2	0.50726	0.986	-11.439
<b>R × D</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6283.8</b>	<b>2.1462</b>	<b>0.003</b>	<b>17.447</b>
S × D	1	3433.4	1.1727	0.279	4.8308
R × S × D	3	1748.4	0.59716	0.966	-14.627
Residual	84	2927.8			54.11

## 8. Assessing the health of the Peel-Harvey Estuary through its benthic invertebrate fauna

**8.1.** List of benthic macroinvertebrate taxa recorded in all regions of the Peel-Harvey Estuary (WP/NH, Western Peel Inlet/Northern Harvey Estuary; EP, Eastern Peel Inlet; SH, Southern Harvey Estuary; SP, Serpentine River; LM, Lower Murray River; UM, Upper Murray River) during winter 2017 and summer 2018. M<sup>SD</sup>, Mean density (invertebrates 0.1 m<sup>2</sup>) and standard deviation; %C, percentage contribution; R, rank by abundance. The phyla (Ph) to which taxa belongs is also provided (Ar, Arthropoda; A, Annelida; C, Cnidaria; Echinodermata; M, Mollusca; N, Nematoda; Ne, Nemertea; P, Phoronida; S, Sipuncula). The most abundant taxa (those contributing >5%) are highlighted in grey for each region.

Invertebrate taxa	Ph	NH/WP			EP			SH			SP			LM			UM		
		M <sup>SD</sup>	%C	R	M <sup>SD</sup>	%C	R												
<i>Corophium minor</i>	Ar	397.9 <sup>698.7</sup>	21.8	1	502.3 <sup>778.9</sup>	28.3	1	574.4 <sup>877.9</sup>	19.0	1	106.1 <sup>198.1</sup>	3.1	8	17.7 <sup>59.1</sup>	0.9	15			
<i>Heteromastus filiformis</i>	A	343.1 <sup>678.7</sup>	18.8	2	61.9 <sup>114.7</sup>	3.5	6	32.0 <sup>48.6</sup>	1.1	19									
<i>Mysella</i> spp.	M	132.6 <sup>227.8</sup>	7.3	3	279.4 <sup>483.5</sup>	15.7	3	111.2 <sup>206.3</sup>	3.7	8	5.3 <sup>23.7</sup>	0.2	22						
<i>Chironomidae</i> spp.	Ar	123.8 <sup>297.0</sup>	6.8	4	46.0 <sup>98.1</sup>	2.6	8	45.5 <sup>161.8</sup>	1.5	14				40.7 <sup>129.5</sup>	2.1	12	47.8 <sup>107.2</sup>	7.1	7
<i>Prionospio cirrifera</i>	A	107.9 <sup>233.4</sup>	5.9	5	316.6 <sup>693.6</sup>	17.8	2	141.5 <sup>358.1</sup>	4.7	7	33.6 <sup>92.9</sup>	1.0	12	19.5 <sup>63.4</sup>	1.0	14			
Tanaidacea	Ar	65.4 <sup>161.2</sup>	3.6	6	1.8 <sup>7.9</sup>	0.1	36	498.6 <sup>2047</sup>	16.5	2									
<i>Spisula trigonella</i>	M	63.7 <sup>139.0</sup>	3.5	7	8.8 <sup>27.8</sup>	0.5	23	20.2 <sup>57.7</sup>	0.7	22									
<i>Grandidierella</i> spp.	Ar	61.9 <sup>93.1</sup>	3.4	8	70.7 <sup>157.8</sup>	4.0	5	70.7 <sup>180.7</sup>	2.3	11	31.8 <sup>72.5</sup>	0.9	13	173.3 <sup>315.5</sup>	9.1	3	60.1 <sup>202.1</sup>	9.0	5
<i>Eusiridae</i> spp.	Ar	60.1 <sup>135.8</sup>	3.3	9	31.8 <sup>70.7</sup>	1.8	12	38.7 <sup>109.0</sup>	1.3	16							3.5 <sup>10.9</sup>	0.5	16
<i>Capitella</i> sp. 1	A	51.3 <sup>90.0</sup>	2.8	10	37.1 <sup>59.1</sup>	2.1	11	74.1 <sup>174.7</sup>	2.4	10	507.6 <sup>596.0</sup>	15.0	3	47.8 <sup>80.6</sup>	2.5	10			
Nematoda spp.	N	47.8 <sup>213.6</sup>	2.6	11	23.0 <sup>94.8</sup>	1.3	14	45.5 <sup>170.8</sup>	1.5	13	5.3 <sup>17.3</sup>	0.2	23						
<i>Prionospio multipinnulata</i>	A	46.0 <sup>189.7</sup>	2.5	12															
<i>Paracorophium excavatum</i>	Ar	35.4 <sup>92.5</sup>	1.9	13	28.3 <sup>118.5</sup>	1.6	13	106.1 <sup>307.0</sup>	3.5	9	150.3 <sup>319.5</sup>	4.5	6	737.5 <sup>1916</sup>	38.5	1	74.3 <sup>172.5</sup>	11.1	2
Amphipoda spp.	Ar	24.8 <sup>83.6</sup>	1.4	14				23.6 <sup>108.1</sup>	0.8	21									
<i>Aoridae</i> spp.	Ar	24.8 <sup>70.8</sup>	1.4	15	3.5 <sup>15.8</sup>	0.2	28				7.1 <sup>24.6</sup>	0.2	18						
Nemertea spp.	Ne	19.5 <sup>40.5</sup>	1.1	16	12.4 <sup>33.0</sup>	0.7	18												
<i>Polydora tentaculata</i>	A	19.5 <sup>64.4</sup>	1.1	17				3.4 <sup>15.4</sup>	0.1	32									
<i>Caprella scaura</i>	Ar	17.7 <sup>52.0</sup>	1.0	18				25.3 <sup>108.0</sup>	0.8	20									
<i>Theora lubrica</i>	M	17.7 <sup>45.2</sup>	1.0	19	5.3 <sup>13.0</sup>	0.3	27												
<i>Arcautula senhousia</i>	M	12.4 <sup>38.5</sup>	0.7	20							97.3 <sup>208.8</sup>	5.1	6	180.4 <sup>303</sup>	27.0	1			
Bivalvia spp.	M	12.4 <sup>26.4</sup>	0.7	21	3.5 <sup>10.9</sup>	0.2	29	1.7 <sup>7.7</sup>	0.1	34									



Invertebrate taxa	Ph	NH/WP			EP			SH			SP			LM			UM		
		M <sup>SD</sup>	%C	R	M <sup>SD</sup>	%C	R	M <sup>SD</sup>	%C	R	M <sup>SD</sup>	%C	R	M <sup>SD</sup>	%C	R	M <sup>SD</sup>	%C	R
<i>Sphaerosyllis</i> sp. 1	A	1.8 <sup>7.9</sup>	0.1	54													10.6 <sup>39.9</sup>	1.6	10
<i>Tanea</i> sp. 1	M	1.8 <sup>7.9</sup>	0.1	55	54.8 <sup>229.1</sup>	3.1	7	45.5 <sup>138.4</sup>	1.5	15	7.1 <sup>31.6</sup>	0.2	20						
<i>Australonereis ehlersi</i>	A				10.6 <sup>23.2</sup>	0.6	19	6.7 <sup>24.0</sup>	0.2	27	7.1 <sup>18.5</sup>	0.2	19						
<i>Palaemonetes australis</i>	Ar				8.8 <sup>25.3</sup>	0.5	22	8.4 <sup>24.8</sup>	0.3	26									
Actiniaria spp.	C				7.1 <sup>31.6</sup>	0.4	24	8.4 <sup>24.8</sup>	0.3	25	7.1 <sup>31.6</sup>	0.2	17	1.8 <sup>7.9</sup>	0.1	20			
<i>Ampithoe</i> sp. 1	Ar				5.3 <sup>23.7</sup>	0.3	25												
<i>Mysida</i> spp.	Ar				5.3 <sup>17.3</sup>	0.3	26	3.4 <sup>10.6</sup>	0.1	31	3.5 <sup>10.9</sup>	0.1	24						
<i>Donax</i> sp. 1	M				1.8 <sup>7.9</sup>	0.1	31												
<i>Olividae</i> sp. 1	M				1.8 <sup>7.9</sup>	0.1	32												
<i>Plecoptera</i> sp. 1	Ar				1.8 <sup>7.9</sup>	0.1	33												
<i>Hiatula biradiata</i>	M				1.8 <sup>7.9</sup>	0.1	35	1.7 <sup>7.7</sup>	0.1	36				15.9 <sup>63.4</sup>	0.8	16			
<i>Boccardia chilensis</i>	A							11.8 <sup>40.8</sup>	0.4	23	5.3 <sup>23.7</sup>	0.2	21						
<i>Pseudopolydora kempfi</i>	A							1.7 <sup>7.7</sup>	0.1	35	99.0 <sup>334.5</sup>	2.9	9	254.7 <sup>543.2</sup>	13.3	2	40.7 <sup>142.1</sup>	6.1	8
<i>Boccardiella limnicola</i>	A										8.8 <sup>27.8</sup>	0.3	15	46.0 <sup>107.7</sup>	2.4	11	70.7 <sup>78.7</sup>	10.6	3
<i>Serpulidae</i> sp. 1	A										1.8 <sup>7.9</sup>	0.1	26						
Diptera spp.	Ar																7.1 <sup>18.5</sup>	1.1	11
Caenidae spp.	Ar																3.5 <sup>10.9</sup>	0.5	14
Coleoptera spp.	Ar																3.5 <sup>10.9</sup>	0.5	15
<b>Total density</b>		<b>36,434</b>			<b>35,550</b>			<b>60,311</b>			<b>67,457</b>			<b>38,274</b>			<b>13,371</b>		
<b>Number of taxa</b>		<b>55</b>			<b>36</b>			<b>37</b>			<b>27</b>			<b>21</b>			<b>18</b>		

**S8.2.** Three-way crossed PERMANOVA (Permutational MANOVA and ANOVA) of the species composition of the Peel-Harvey benthic macroinvertebrate community recorded in (a) each region, season and water depth; (b) each region, depth and sediment condition during winter and (c) each region, depth and sediment condition during summer. Note that for the latter two tests, only those significant terms involving sediment condition were interpreted. Significant terms ( $P < 0.01$ ) are shown in bold text. df, degrees of freedom; MS, Mean squares; P, significance value; COV, Components of variation. \*\*Term has one or more empty cells.

(a)

	df	MS	Pseudo-F	P	COV
<b>Region (R)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18229</b>	<b>7.1748</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>28.248</b>
<b>Season (S)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10773</b>	<b>4.2401</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>11.815</b>
<b>Depth (D)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16649</b>	<b>6.553</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>15.467</b>
<b>R x S</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5503.1</b>	<b>2.166</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>17.359</b>
<b>R x D</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5977.2</b>	<b>2.3526</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>18.697</b>
<b>S x D</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4365.7</b>	<b>1.7183</b>	<b>0.039</b>	<b>7.8669</b>
R x S x D	5	2993.5	1.1782	0.116	9.597
Residual	96	2540.7			50.406

(b)

	df	MS	Pseudo-F	P	COV
<b>Region (R)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7204.9</b>	<b>3.1857</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>29.465</b>
Depth (D)	1	3228.2	1.4274	0.14	10.859
<b>Condition (C)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6763.8</b>	<b>2.9907</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>21.964</b>
R x D	5	2578.2	1.14	0.222	11.794
<b>R x C</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3255.3</b>	<b>1.4394</b>	<b>0.004</b>	<b>22.62</b>
D x C	2	2337.3	1.0335	0.423	5.6965
R x D x C**	1	3010.2	1.331	0.197	21.449
Residual	33	2261.6			47.556

(c)

	df	MS	Pseudo-F	P	COV
<b>Region (R)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6862.7</b>	<b>3.073</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>26.452</b>
<b>Depth (D)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6752.9</b>	<b>3.0238</b>	<b>0.002</b>	<b>20.213</b>
<b>Condition (C)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4520.5</b>	<b>2.0242</b>	<b>0.004</b>	<b>16.07</b>
<b>R x D</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4112.5</b>	<b>1.8415</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>25.653</b>
R x C**	6	2419.1	1.0832	0.318	8.7013
D x C	2	3205.1	1.4352	0.078	15.892
R x D x C**	3	2259.3	1.0117	0.487	4.1102
Residual	35	2233.2			47.257

## 9. Assessing the health of the Peel-Harvey Estuary through its fish communities

**S9.1.** List of fish species caught in the Peel-Harvey Estuary during historical (1979–2014) and/or contemporary (2016–2018) studies. Their functional guild (group) allocations are also provided, reflecting their habitat (D, demersal; P, pelagic; BP, benthopelagic; SP, small pelagic; SB, small benthic), estuary usage (MS, marine straggler; MM, marine migrant; SA, semi-anadromous; ES, estuarine species; FM, freshwater migrant) and feeding mode (ZB, zoobenthivore; PV, piscivore; ZP, zooplanktivore; DV, detritivore; OV, omnivore/opportunist; HV, herbivore. See Hallett et al. (2012a) for explanation of these guilds.

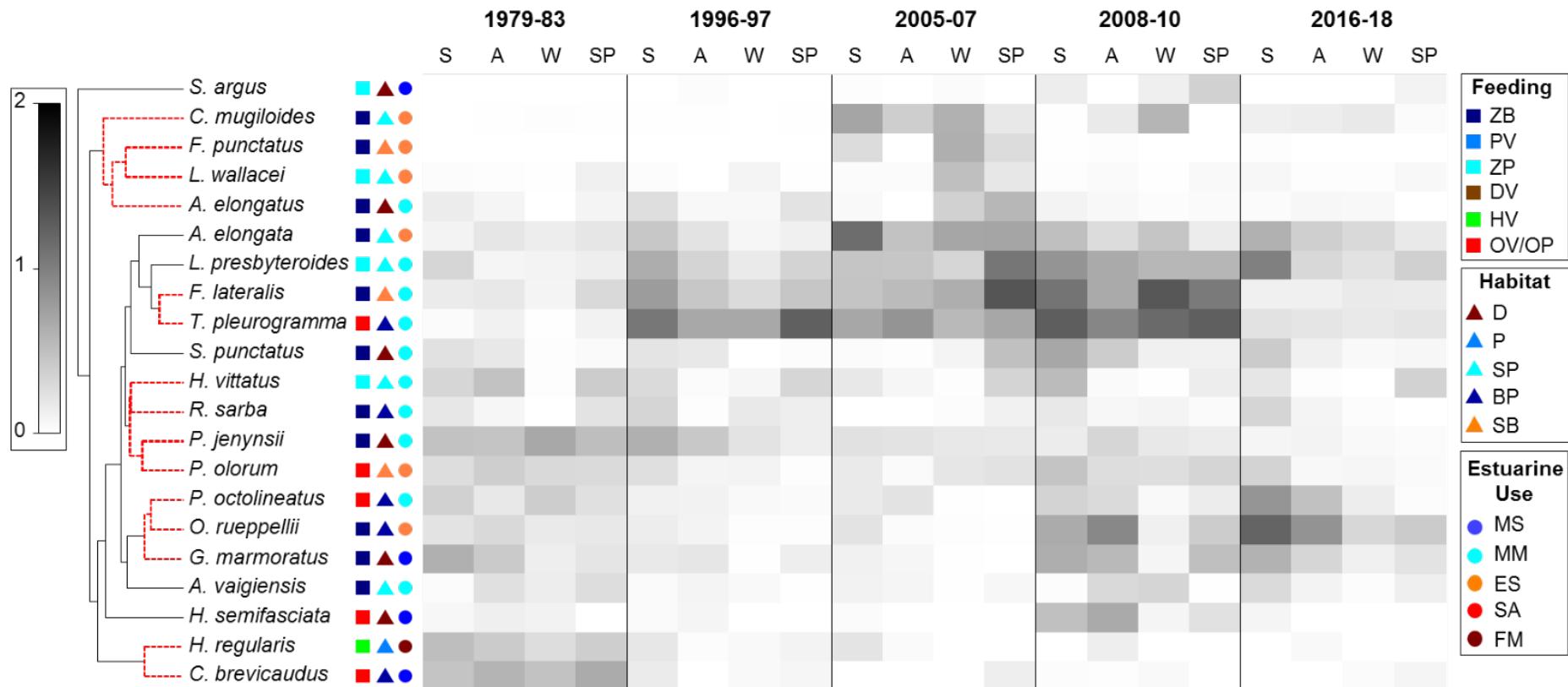
Species name	Common name	Habitat group	Estuary usage/life history group	Feeding group
<i>Bathyraja brevicaudata</i>	Smooth stingray	D	MS	ZB
<i>Myliobatis tenuicaudatus</i>	Southern eagle ray	D	MS	ZB
<i>Elops maculatus</i>	Giant herring	P	MS	PV
<i>Hyperlophus vittatus</i>	Whitebait / Sandy sprat	SP	MM	ZP
<i>Spratelloides robustus</i>	Blue sprat	SP	MM	ZP
<i>Sardinops neopilchardus</i>	Australian pilchard	P	MS	ZP
<i>Nematalosa vlaminghi</i>	Perth herring	BP	SA	DV
<i>Engraulis australis</i>	Southern anchovy	SP	ES	ZP
<i>Galaxias occidentalis</i>	Western minnow	SB	FM	ZB
<i>Galaxias maculatus</i>	Common jollytail	BP	FM	OV
<i>Cnidoglanis macrocephalus</i>	Estuarine cobbler	D	MM	ZB
<i>Hyporhamphus melanochir</i>	Southern sea garfish	P	ES	HV
<i>Hyporhamphus regularis</i>	Western river garfish	P	ES	HV
<i>Gambusia holbrooki</i>	Mosquito fish	SP	FM	ZB
<i>Atherinosoma elongata</i>	Elongate hardyhead	SP	ES	ZB
<i>Leptatherina presbyteroides</i>	Presbyter's hardyhead	SP	MM	ZP
<i>Atherinomorus vaigensis</i>	Ogilby's hardyhead	SP	MM	ZB
<i>Craterocephalus mugiloides</i>	Mugil's hardyhead	SP	ES	ZB
<i>Leptatherina wallacei</i>	Wallace's hardyhead	SP	ES	ZP
<i>Stigmatophora nigra</i>	Wide-bodied pipefish	D	MS	ZB
<i>Hippocampus angustus</i>	Western spiny seahorse	D	MS	ZP
<i>Stigmatophora argus</i>	Spotted pipefish	D	MS	ZP
<i>Urocampus carinirostris</i>	Hairy pipefish	D	ES	ZP
<i>Filicampus tigris</i>	Tiger pipefish	D	MS	ZP
<i>Pugnaso curtirostris</i>	Pugnose pipefish	D	MS	ZP
<i>Gymnapistes marmoratus</i>	Devilfish	D	MS	ZB
<i>Platycephalus laevigatus</i>	Rock flathead	D	MS	PV
<i>Platycephalus westraliae</i>	Yellowtail flathead	D	ES	PV
<i>Levirra inops</i>	Long-head flathead	D	MS	PV
<i>Platycephalus speculator</i>	Southern blue-spotted flathead	D	ES	PV
<i>Amniataba caudavittata</i>	Yellow-tail trumpeter	BP	ES	OP

<b>Species name</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Habitat group</b>	<b>Estuary usage/life history group</b>	<b>Feeding group</b>
<i>Pelates octolineatus</i>	Western striped grunter	BP	MM	OV
<i>Edelia vittata</i>	Western pygmy perch	BP	FM	ZB
<i>Ostorhinchus rueppelli</i>	Gobbleguts	BP	ES	ZB
<i>Siphonia cephalotes</i>	Woods siphonfish	BP	MS	ZB
<i>Perca fluviatilis</i>	Redfin perch	BP	FM	PV
<i>Sillago bassensis</i>	Southern school whiting	D	MS	ZB
<i>Sillago burrus</i>	Western trumpeter whiting	D	MM	ZB
<i>Sillaginodes punctata</i>	King George whiting	D	MM	ZB
<i>Sillago schomburgkii</i>	Yellow-finned whiting	D	MM	ZB
<i>Sillago vittata</i>	Western school whiting	D	MM	ZB
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	Tailor	P	MM	PV
<i>Trachurus novaezelandiae</i>	Yellowtail scad	P	MS	ZB
<i>Pseudocaranx dentex</i>	Silver trevally	BP	MM	ZB
<i>Pseudocaranx wrightii</i>	Sand trevally	BP	MM	ZB
<i>Arripis georgianus</i>	Australian herring	P	MM	PV
<i>Arripis esper</i>	Southern Australian salmon	P	MS	PV
<i>Gerres subfasciatus</i>	Roach	BP	MM	ZB
<i>Acanthopagrus butcheri</i>	Black bream	BP	ES	OP
<i>Rhabdosargus sarba</i>	Tarwhine	BP	MM	ZB
<i>Argyrosomus japonicus</i>	Mulloway	BP	MM	PV
<i>Upeneus trigula</i>	Bartail goatfish	D	MS	ZB
<i>Pampeneus spilurus</i>	Black-saddled goatfish	D	MS	ZB
<i>Upeneichthys vlamingii</i>	Bluespotted goatfish	D	MS	ZB
<i>Microcanthus strigatus</i>	Stripey	BP	MS	ZB
<i>Enoplosus armatus</i>	Old wife	D	MS	ZB
<i>Aldrichetta forsteri</i>	Yellow-eye mullet	P	MM	OV
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	Sea mullet	P	MM	DV
<i>Sphyraena obtusata</i>	Striped barracuda	P	MS	PV
<i>Notolabrus parilus</i>	Brownspotted wrasse	D	MS	ZB
<i>Halichoeres brownfieldi</i>	Brownfield's wrasse	D	MS	ZB
<i>Haletta semifasciata</i>	Blue weed whiting	D	MS	OV
<i>Siphonognathus radiatus</i>	Long-rayed weed whiting	D	MS	OV
<i>Neoodax baltatus</i>	Little weed whiting	D	MS	OV
<i>Parapercis haackei</i>	Wavy grubfish	D	MS	ZB
<i>Lesueurina platycephala</i>	Flathead sandfish	D	MS	ZB
<i>Petroscirtes breviceps</i>	Short-head sabre blenny	SB	MS	OV
<i>Omobranchus germaini</i>	Germain's blenny	SB	MS	ZB
<i>Parablennius intermedius</i>	Horned blenny	D	MS	ZB
<i>Trinorfolkia incisa</i>	Notched threefin	SB	MS	ZB
<i>Cristiceps australis</i>	Southern crested weedfish	D	MS	ZB
<i>Favonigobius lateralis</i>	Long-finned goby	SB	MM	ZB
<i>Afurcagobius suppositus</i>	Southwestern goby	SB	ES	ZB
<i>Pseudogobius olorum</i>	Blue-spot / Swan River goby	SB	ES	OV

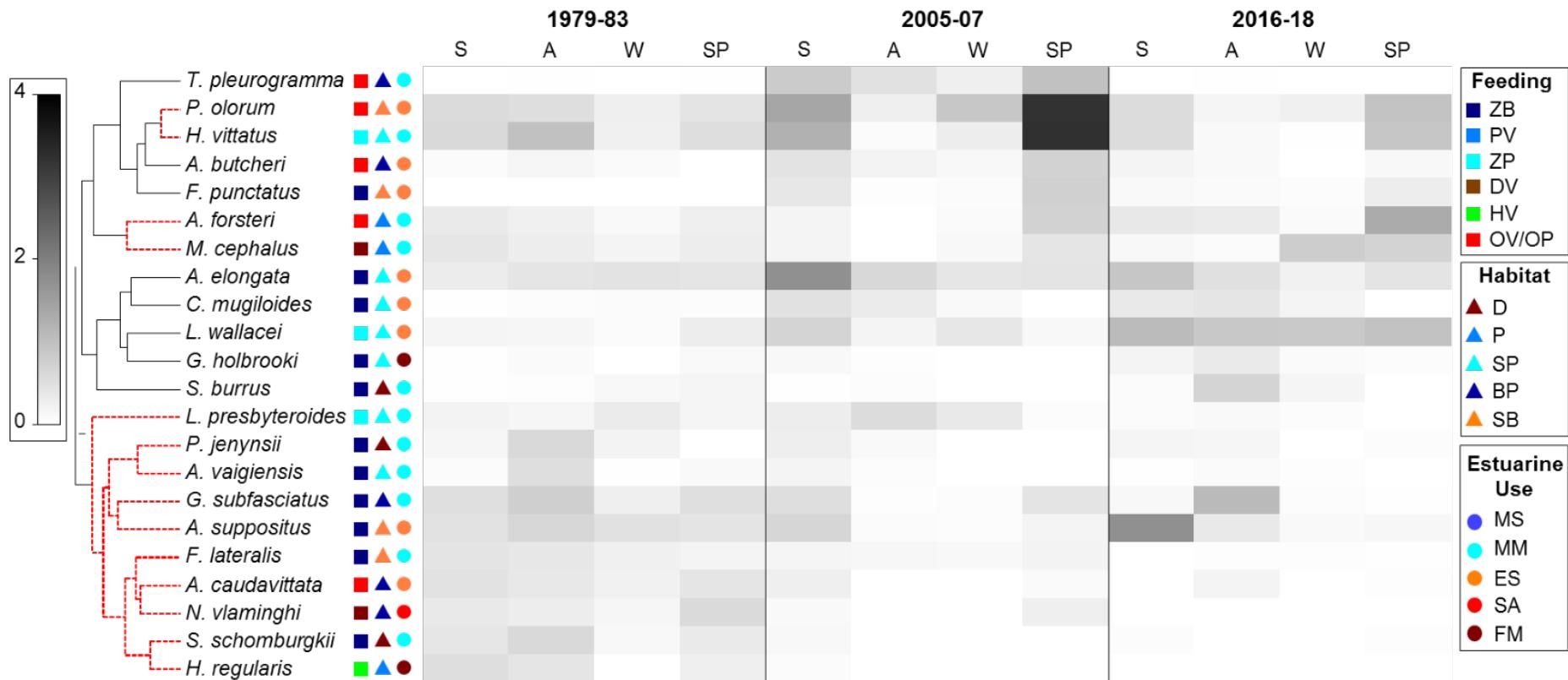
<b>Species name</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Habitat group</b>	<b>Estuary usage/life history group</b>	<b>Feeding group</b>
<i>Arenigobius bifrenatus</i>	Bridled goby	SB	ES	ZB
<i>Callogobius mucosus</i>	Sculptured goby	SB	MS	ZB
<i>Callogobius depressus</i>	Flathead goby	SB	MS	ZB
<i>Favonigobius punctatus</i>	Yellow-spotted sandgoby	SB	ES	ZB
<i>Pseudorhombus jenynsii</i>	Small-toothed flounder	D	MM	ZB
<i>Ammotretis rostratus</i>	Longsnout flounder	D	MM	ZB
<i>Ammotretis elongatus</i>	Elongate flounder	D	MM	ZB
<i>Acanthalutereres brownii</i>	Spiny-tailed leatherjacket	D	MS	OV
<i>Brachalutereres jacksonianus</i>	Southern pygmy leatherjacket	D	MS	OV
<i>Scobinichthys granulatus</i>	Rough leatherjacket	D	MS	OV
<i>Meuschenia freycineti</i>	Sixspine leatherjacket	D	MM	OV
<i>Monacanthus chinensis</i>	Fanbellied leatherjacket	D	MM	OV
<i>Acanthalutereres vittiger</i>	Toothbrush leatherjacket	D	MS	OV
<i>Acanthalutereres spilomelanurus</i>	Bridled leatherjacket	D	MM	OV
<i>Torquigener pleurogramma</i>	Weeping toadfish / Blowfish	BP	MM	OP
<i>Contusus brevicaudus</i>	Prickly toadfish	BP	MS	OP
<i>Kyphosus sydneyanus</i>	Silver drummer	BP	MM	HV
<i>Girella tricuspidata</i>	Luderick	BP	MS	ZP

**S9.2.** Environmental variables derived from the estuary response models (Chapters 3 and 4) that were related to observed Fish Community Index grades from 1979-2018 using GAMs (see section 9.3.2) to identify key environmental drivers of estuary condition. NB: all environmental variables were defined at two spatial scales, (i) a site scale, i.e. averaged environmental values across all model cells within a 100 m radius of each shallow fish sampling site (constrained to a maximum water depth of 1 m) and within a 250 m radius of deeper fish sampling sites (not constrained by water depth), and (ii) region scale, i.e. averaged environmental values across all model cells within the sampling region to which a site was assigned (see Fig. 9.2).

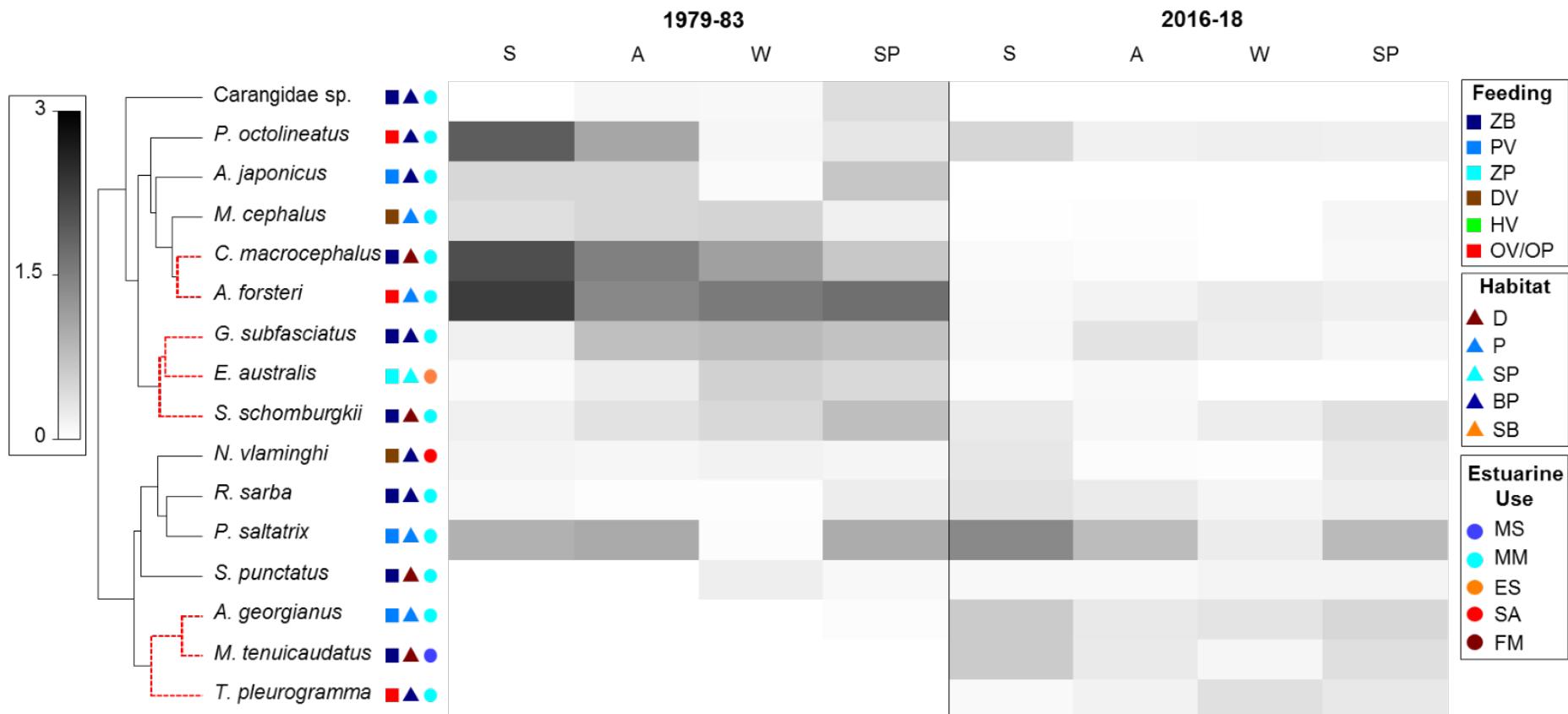
Environmental variable	Definition
Age_surface	Average age of surface water on the sampling day
Age_bottom	Average age of bottom water on the sampling day
Oxygen_surface	Average dissolved oxygen concentration (mg/L) of surface water on the sampling day
Oxygen_bottom	Average dissolved oxygen concentration (mg/L) of bottom water on the sampling day
Ammonium_surface	Average ammonium concentration (mg/L) of surface water at the site on the sampling day
Ammonium_bottom	Average ammonium concentration (mg/L) of bottom water at the site on the sampling day
Salinity stratification_average	Average difference between bottom and surface salinities on the sampling day
Salinity stratification_area	Areal footprint (%) of the model polygon with (bottom salinity–surface salinity) >6 on the sampling day
Low oxygen_area	Areal footprint (%) of the bottom cells in the model polygon for which dissolved oxygen was <4 mg/L on the sampling day
Hypoxia_area	Areal footprint (%) of the bottom cells in the model polygon for which dissolved oxygen was <2 mg/L on the sampling day
Temperature_surface_average	Average temperature of surface water on the sampling day
Temperature_surface_max	Maximum temperature of surface water on the sampling day
Chlorophyll a	Average Chlorophyll a concentration at the site on the sampling day



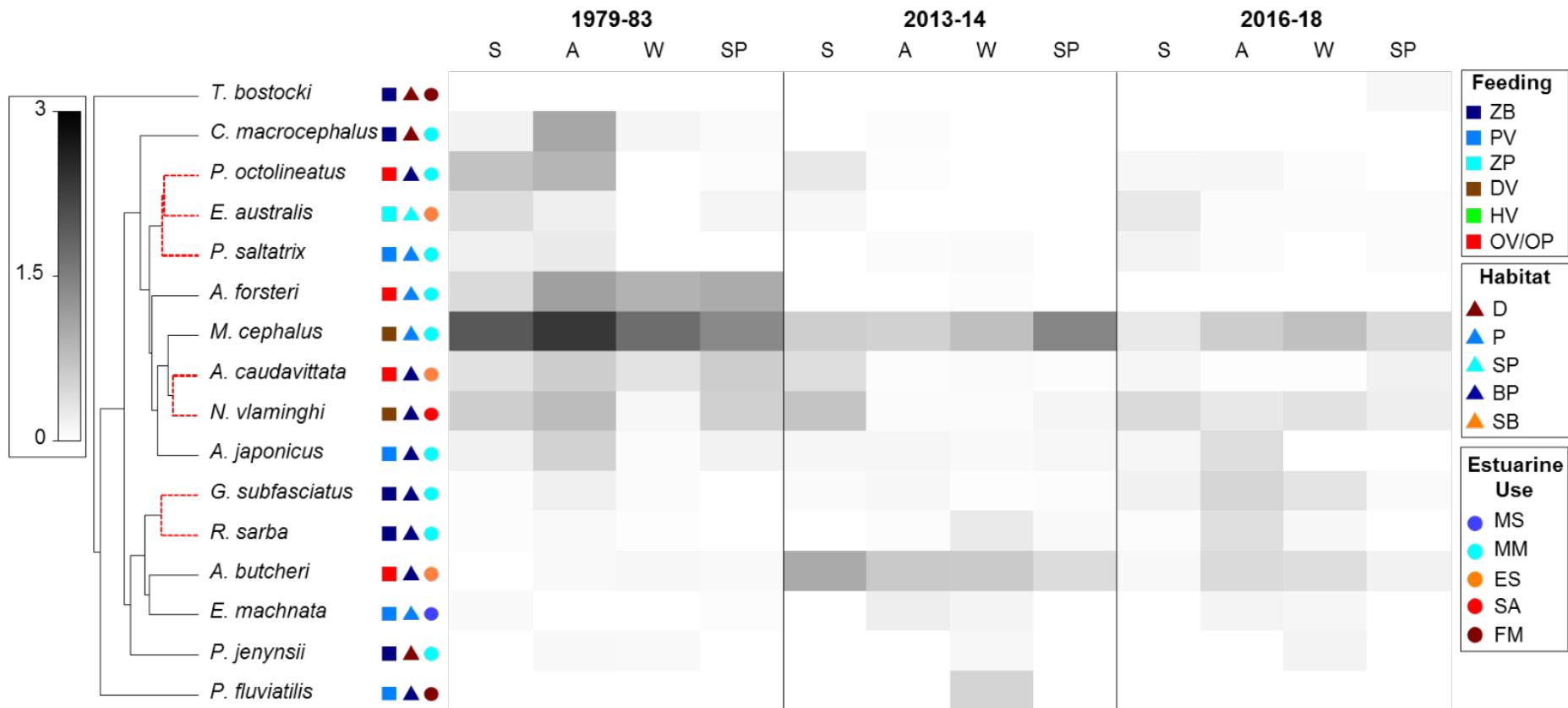
**S9.3.** Shadeplot of the average abundance of the most prevalent fish species recorded in the shallow waters of the basins in each sampling period and season (S, summer; A, autumn; W, winter; SP, spring). Each fish species has been coded for its feeding, habitat and estuarine usage group (see Supplementary Material S9.1 for explanation of codes). Abundance is shown on a grey scale from most abundant (black) to absent (white) and has been plotted from pretreated not raw data.



**S9.4.** Shadeplot of the average abundance of the most prevalent fish species recorded in the shallow waters of the rivers in each sampling period and season (S, summer; A, autumn; W, winter; SP, spring). Each fish species has been coded for its feeding, habitat and estuary usage group (see Supplementary Material S9.1 for explanation of codes). Abundance is shown on a grey scale from most abundant (black) to absent (white) and has been plotted from pretreated not raw data.



**S9.5.** Shadeplot of the average abundance of the most prevalent fish species recorded in the deeper waters of the basins in each sampling period and season (S, summer; A, autumn; W, winter; SP, spring). Each fish species has been coded for its feeding, habitat and estuarine usage group (see Supplementary Material S9.1 for explanation of codes). Abundance is shown on a grey scale from most abundant (black) to absent (white) and has been plotted from pretreated not raw data.



**S9.6.** Shadeplot of the average abundance of the most prevalent fish species recorded in the deeper waters of the rivers in each sampling period and season (S, summer; A, autumn; W, winter; SP, spring). Each fish species has been coded for its feeding, habitat and estuarine usage group (see Supplementary Material S9.1 for explanation of codes). Abundance is shown on a grey scale from most abundant (black) to absent (white) and has been plotted from pretreated not raw data.

**S9.7.** The best-fit GAM model for each major estuarine region and water depth. See Supplementary Material S9.2 for full definitions of environmental variables.

<b>Region and depth</b>	<b>Best-fit model</b>	<b>Deviance explained</b>
Rivers, deeper waters	FCI score ~ bottom water age + bottom salinity + bottom DO + sampling period	38.8%
Basins, deeper waters	No significant correlation	0%
Rivers, shallow waters	FCI score ~ bottom salinity + hypoxia area + sampling period	12.4%
Basins, shallow waters	FCI score ~ bottom salinity + hypoxia area + sampling period	18.7%

## **10. Understanding local economic competitiveness for the Peel-Harvey: Identifying key and strategic industries, 2006-2016**

**S10.1.** Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC).

<b>ANZSIC Classification</b>	<b>Mnemonic</b>
Accommodation & food services	AAF
Arts & recreation services	AAR
Administrative & support services	AAS
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	AGR
Construction	CON
Education & training	EAT
Electricity, gas, water & waste services	EGW
Financial & insurance services	FAI
Health care & social assistance	HAS
Information media & telecommunications	IMT
Inadequately described/Not stated	INS
Manufacturing	MAN
Mining	MIN
Other services	OTS
Public administration & safety	PAS
Professional, scientific & technical services	PST
Retail trade	RET
Rental, hiring & real estate services	RHR
Transport, postal & warehousing	TPW
Wholesale trade	WHO

**S10.2.** Formulae for calculating local economic growth rates and specialization.

### **1. Relative Growth Rates:**

Let  $E_{ir,t}$  define the number of persons employed in industry  $i$  in region  $r$  at time  $t$ . It follows that the local growth rate  $g_{ir}$  can be defined as:

$$g_r = \frac{E_{ir,t+1}}{E_{ir,t}} - 1$$

Similarly, the average growth rate across the benchmark economy, in this instance Western Australia,  $g_{iWA}$ , can be defined as:

$$g_{iWA} = \frac{E_{iWA,t+1}}{E_{iWA,t}} - 1$$

It follows that the relative local economic performance,  $A_{ir}$ , in terms of job creation is defined as:

$$A_{ir} = g_{ir} - g_{iWA}$$

If  $A_{ir} > 0$  then industry  $i$  in region  $r$  is performing better than the same industry in the benchmark economy. Conversely, if  $A_{ir} < 0$  then industry  $i$  in region  $r$  is performing worst than in the benchmark economy.

### **2. Local Specialization and the Economic Base:**

Conventionally, basic sector employment is assumed to include Agriculture, Mining, Tourism, State/Federal Government and manufacturing (partially) whereas non-basic economic activities include retailing, commercial banking, local government, local public schools, services. However, this rule-of-thumb can be augmented with a more objective measure of local specialization, the location quotient. An employment location quotient ( $LQ_{ir}$ ) is used to define the relative specialization of an industry  $i$  in a region  $r$  relative to the employment in the same industry in a benchmark economy:

$$LQ_{ir} = \frac{E_{ir}/E_r}{E_{iWA}/E_{WA}}$$

Where,  $E_{iWA}$  is the level of employment in industry  $i$ , in the benchmark economy and  $E_{WA}$  is the total employment in the benchmark economy, in this instance Western Australia.

Where local economic data on trade flows does not exist regional trade patterns need to be imputed from measures of local economic structure. Specifically, it is assumed that the patterns of trade can be imputed from the patterns of industrial specialization.

In general,

- (a) the greater is the  $LQ_{ir}$  above unity, the larger will be the regions net sectoral exports
- (b) the greater is the  $LQ_{ir}$  below unity, the larger will be the regions net sectoral imports
- (c) for an  $LQ_{ir}$  of unity, the region is neither a net exporter nor a net importer.

From which it is possible to calculate the level of base sector employment in a local economy:

$$E_{ir}^B = (1 - 1/LQ_{ir})E_{ir} = \left( \frac{E_{ir}}{E_{iWA}} - \frac{E_r}{E_{WA}} \right) E_{iWA}, \quad \forall LQ_{ir} > 1$$

The first term on the righthand side of this equation can be considered as a proxy for the local economy's share of the total production, or quantity supplied, of the products of industry  $i$  for the base economy WA. Similarly, the second term can be considered a proxy for the region's share of the 'base' economy's consumption, or quantity demanded. If the difference is positive (i.e. a  $LQ_{ir} > 1$ ) then the local economy produces a greater share of the 'base' economy's production than it consumes and the excess is assumed to be exported. As a corollary, this equation can be used to calculate net export employment, that is the local economic base by aggregating across all industries,  $E_r^B = \sum_{i=1}^n E_{ir}^B$ .

## 11. Estuarine and societal health trade-offs for the Peel-Harvey under 2050 scenarios

S11.1. Survey provided to Peel stakeholders during June 2018 workshop to determine key values and 2050 scenarios of interest.

# 2050 Scenarios for the Peel

## Stakeholder views

ARC Linkage Project *Balancing estuarine and societal health in a changing environment*



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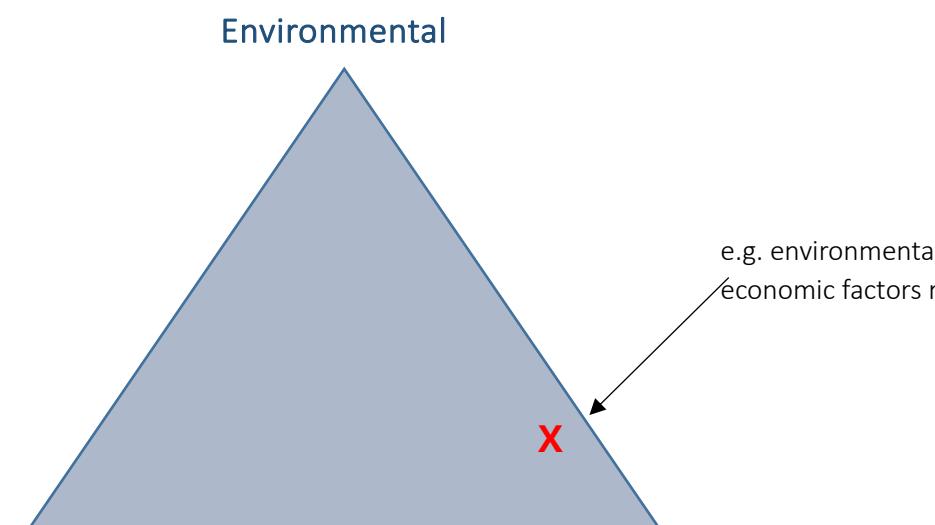
Government of Western Australia  
Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Environmental (estuary focus)	Rk

Social (regional focus)	Rk

Q1b. What is the relative importance of environmental, social and economic factors in shaping the future of the Peel?

Place a cross on the triangle opposite.



*blowfish. Swimming in the estuary is limited to accidental “man overboard” instances as boat owners travel out to sea to fish and swim. In general, the community see the e*

Narrative 1:

Narrative 2:

Narrative 3:

- Maps are provided at the end of this survey if you would like to depict scenarios spatially. Please write the scenario rank number on each map.
- Please prioritise catchment or sub-catchment scales rather than highly localised scales.
- Projected 2050 climate conditions will be incorporated into all scenarios.

Land-use and/or management practice scenario

Rank

Dissolved oxygen levels throughout the estuary will remain sufficiently high to not cause major fish kill events

Harmful algal blooms will not occur in any part of the estuary

The overall ecological health of the estuary, reflected by its fish and invertebrate fauna, consistently scores a grade of B (good) or higher (A, excellent)

The estuary maintains its Ramsar status

Riparian buffer zones are prioritised above all other land-uses along key waterway margins, including drainage networks

All relevant industries or operators will comply with mandatory nutrient testing programs for soil or waste-water (e.g. agriculture, wastewater treatment)

Total annual nutrient inflows to the estuary (total nitrogen and phosphorous) are at least half of current levels

Recycled water will provide the majority of the regions' industrial and urban water requirements

Water sensitive urban design is mandatory for all new urban developments and retrofitted to existing urban areas where possible

Peel's rate of employment will exceed the WA average

Peel's income per capita will exceed the WA average

The proportion of people employed in important growth industries (high employment growth, specialisation and export value) and emerging industries (high employment export demand) is significantly greater than current levels

The employment growth and export potential of Peel's agricultural and horticultural industries will be significantly greater than current levels



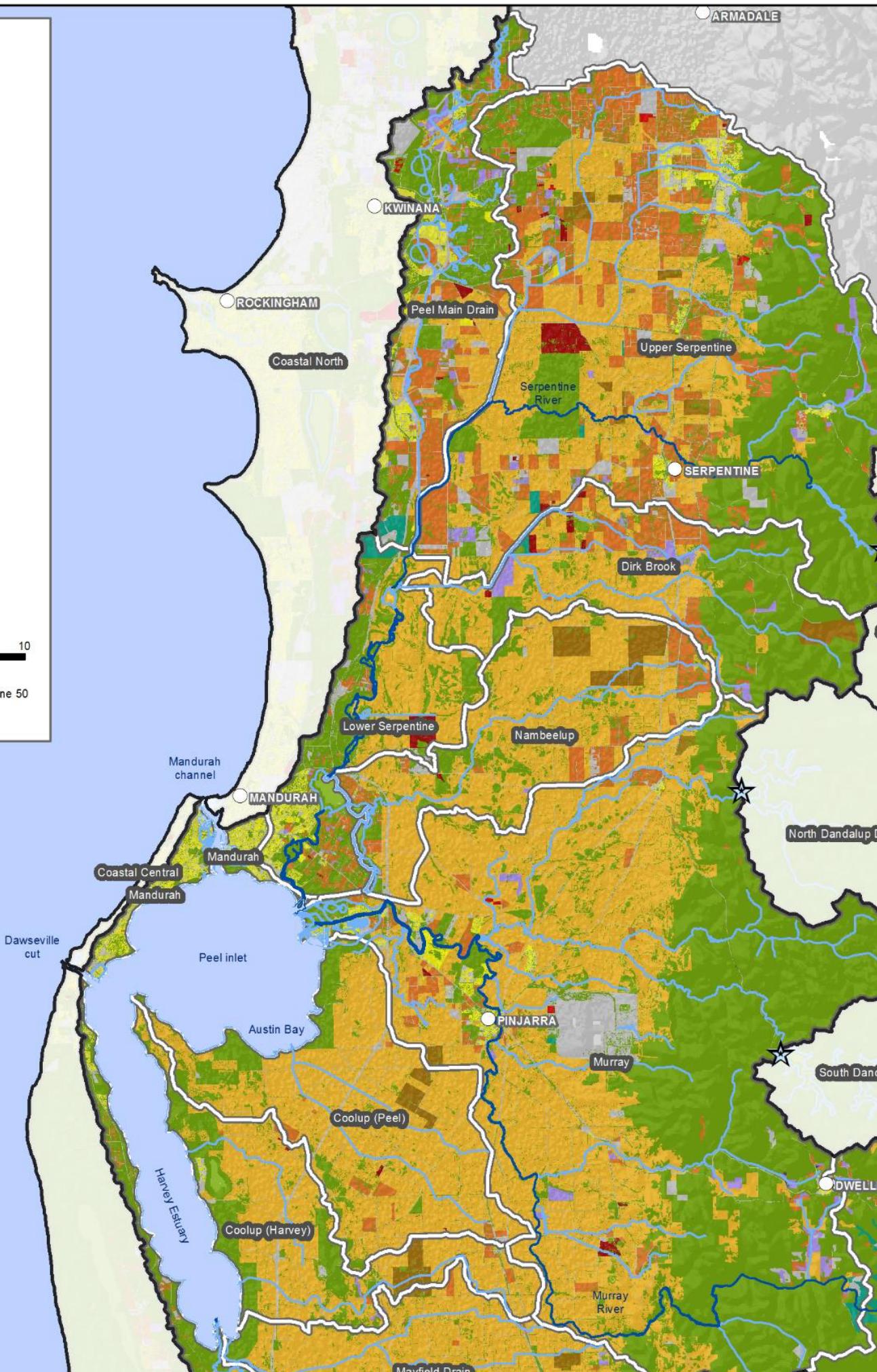
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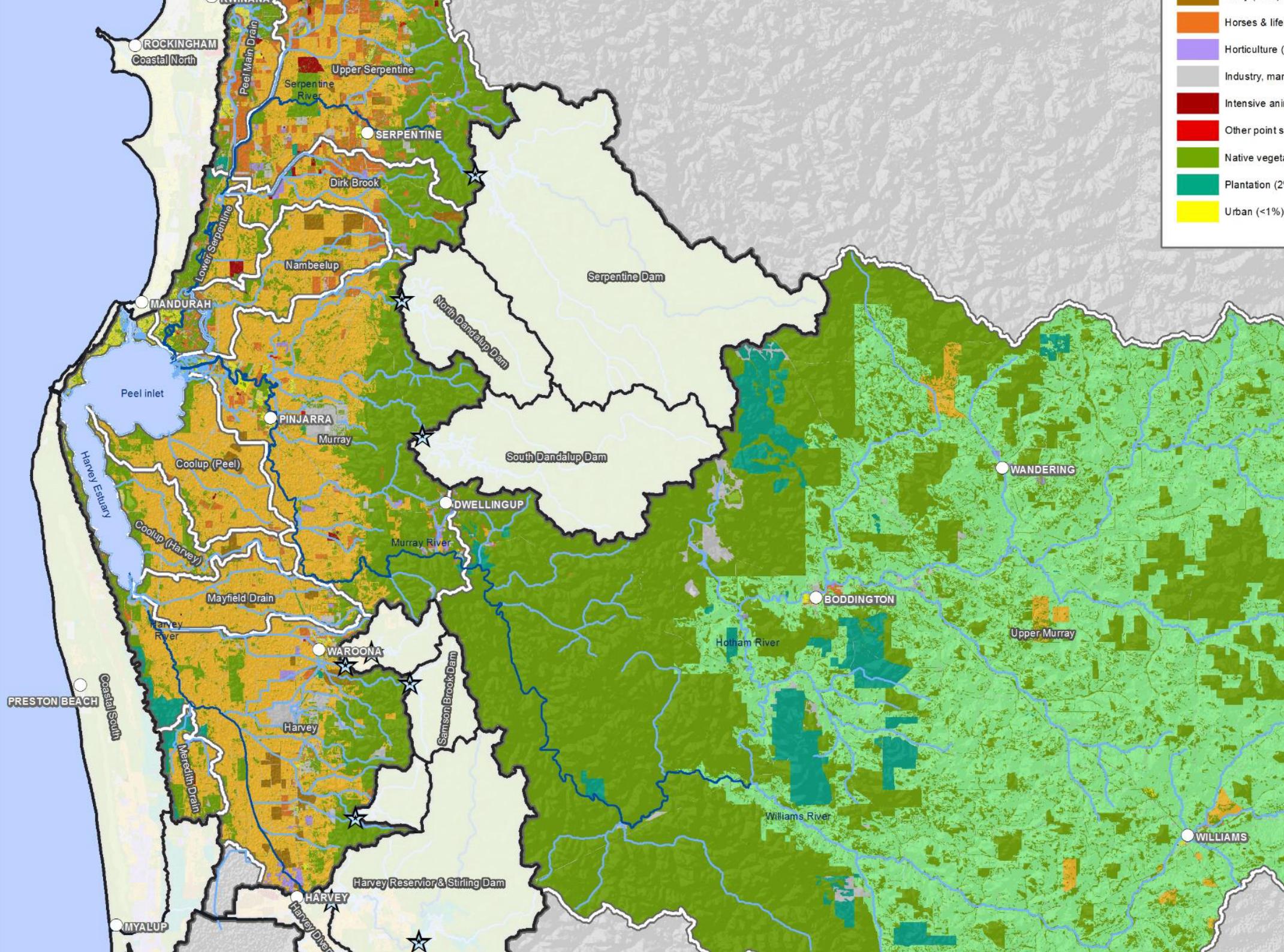
Residential (42%)  
Commercial (2%)  
Recreational & lifestyle blocks (6%)  
Agriculture (1%)  
Industry, manufacturing & transport (3%)  
Extensive animal use (<1%)  
Other point sources (<1%)  
Native vegetation (42%)  
Urbanisation (1%)  
Urban (2%)

## Geobiology

Major contributing catchments  
Streams & ocean draining catchments  
Major Rivers  
Image features

0 5 10 km  
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Projection: GDA 94 MGA Zone 50





## S11.2. Summary of water quality and ecosystem indicators computed for scenario comparison.

### Water Quality

Seasonal changes	$\bar{\tau}, \bar{S}, \overline{DO_{bot}}$	Used to explore spatial patterns in water quality attributes
Regional-scale or estuary-scale changes	$\bar{\tau}, \bar{S}, \overline{DO_{bot}}$	Used to summarise and compare average conditions
Relative change (delta) between two periods	$\frac{\Delta\tau}{\Delta TN}, \frac{\Delta S}{\Delta TP}, \frac{\Delta DO}{\Delta CHLA}$	Used to compare spatial differences between specific scenarios

### Ecosystem Indicators

NEA <i>Nutrient Export &amp; Assimilation</i>	$\overline{N_{ret}}, \overline{P_{ret}}$	Time-averaged and estuary-scale retention of nutrients
IWQ <i>Composite Index of Water Quality</i>	$\frac{\overline{IWQ}}{\overline{A_{IWQ}^A}}$	Time-averaged water quality index Area of estuary considered A grade quality
HYP <i>Hypoxia Likelihood</i>	$P(DO DO < DO_{crit})$ $\overline{A_{hypoxia}}$	Probability of dissolved oxygen below a critical value (4mg/L); Average area of estuary with low DO
TUR <i>Water clarity</i>	$\overline{C_T}, \overline{\overline{C_T}}$	
HAB <i>Harmful Algal Bloom Likelihood</i>	$\frac{\overline{HAB}_{cyan}^{salinity}}{\overline{HAB}_{dino}}$ $\frac{\overline{HAB}_{dino}}{\overline{A}_{HAB}^{dino}}$	Time-averaged Harmful Algal Bloom index for cyanobacteria, salinity factor; Time-averaged Harmful Algal Bloom index for dinoflagellate, overall; Time & space averaged dinoflagellate index area of suitable habitat dinoflagellate blooms
CHI <i>Crab Habitat Suitability</i>	$\frac{\overline{CHI}_{juv}^{salinity}}{\overline{CHI}_{juv}}$ $\frac{\overline{CHI}_{juv}}{\overline{A}_{CHI}^{juv}}$	Time-averaged Crab Habitat Index (CHI) for juvenile life-stage, for salinity; Time & space averaged juvenile crab habitat suitability; Area of suitable habitat for juvenile crabs
FCI <i>Fish Community Index</i>	$\frac{\overline{FCI}}{\overline{FCI}}$ $\frac{\overline{FCI}}{\overline{A}_{FCI}^A}$	