

# Goulburn Broken Regional Catchment Strategy 2021-27

**Purpose:** Collaborative strategy to guide actions to improve and protect the Goulburn Broken Catchment's land, water, biodiversity and community.



## CURRENT SITUATION IN 2021

Why we need to take action

### CATCHMENT CONDITION

#### Water



##### CONDITION



Satisfactory

##### TREND



Declining

#### Biodiversity



##### CONDITION



Poor

##### TREND



Declining

#### Land



##### CONDITION



Satisfactory

##### TREND



Stable

#### Community



##### CONDITION



Satisfactory

##### TREND



Stable

### CATCHMENT DRIVERS AND TRENDS

- Climate change
- Ongoing negative impacts from historic actions.
- Urban population and land use changing.
- People increasingly value the environment for recreation and tourism.
- Biodiversity is under pressure.
- Water issues are more prominent and complex.
- Increasing role and recognition of Traditional Owners and First Nations People.
- Increasing and competing priorities for public resources
- Agriculture is changing.

## PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE CHANGE

How we'll decide what to do



**STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS**



**COMMUNITY-LED**



**EMBED RESILIENCE PRINCIPLES**



**SUPPORTED BY SCIENCE**



**FOSTER STEWARDSHIP**

## PRIORITY DIRECTIONS

What we'll do

### 6-YEAR CATCHMENT PRIORITIES

- 1 Reverse the declining health of the Catchment's land, water and biodiversity.
- 2 Implement pathways to adapt and transform to drivers of change.
- 3 Give effect to priorities in First Nations Country Plans.
- 4 Continue to build our understanding of tipping points and their role in navigating change.
- 5 Build values of environmental stewardship amongst an increasingly diverse community.
- 6 Broaden investment and contributions to natural resource management.

## WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE IN 2040

Our goals

### CATCHMENT VISION

*Resilient landscapes, thriving communities.*

### LOCAL AREA VISIONS

#### Agricultural Floodplains

The Agricultural Floodplains' community leads Australia in producing food in harmony with the environment.

#### Commuting Hills

The Commuting Hills has a safe, sustainable future and a great quality of life, while protecting and enhancing the wonderful natural environment.

#### Productive Plains

Through strong and supportive community networks, the Productive Plains balances land productivity, quality water access and native vegetation quantity and condition in a changing climate.

#### Southern Forests

With the community, the Southern Forests balances ecological, economic, cultural and recreational needs to preserve natural resource health.

#### Upland Slopes

The Upland Slopes is a climate resilient socio-ecological system, supported by a strong sense of place and pride in our engaged, knowledgeable and adaptive community.

#### Urban Centres

Urban Centres offer employment, facilities and services for residents while valuing the natural environment.

### THEME VISIONS



#### Biodiversity

Biodiversity is valued, resilient and flourishing.



#### Land

A diverse and productive landscape with healthy, functioning soils.



#### Community

A motivated and connected community leads positive change for people, land, water and biodiversity.



#### Water

Water resources deliver agreed cultural, environmental, economic and social values now and for future generations.