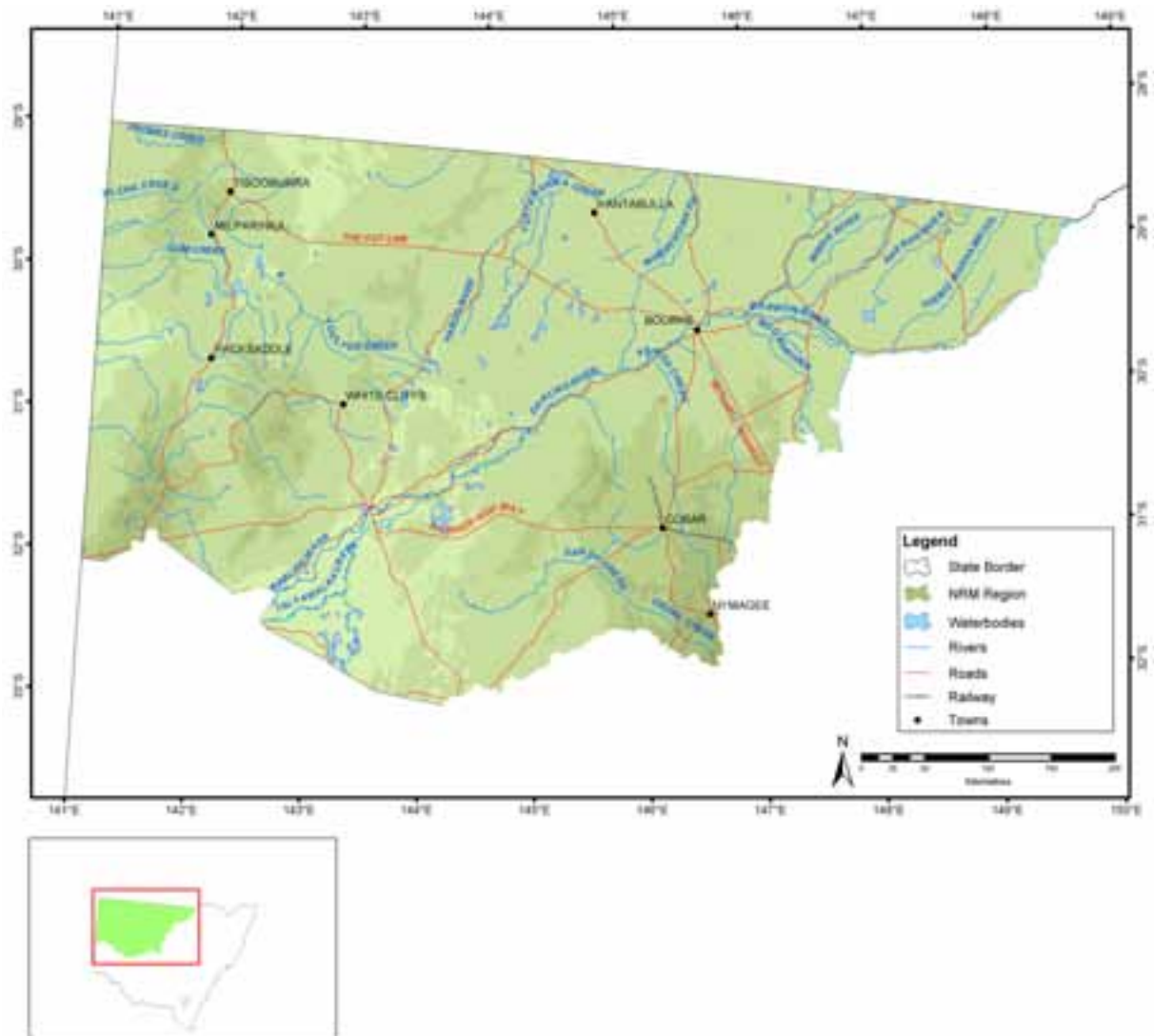


A2.13 WESTERN



Administrative arrangements

Administrative Body:	Western Catchment Management Authority
Trust region:	Western
NAP region:	Condamine – Balonne – Maranoa and Macquarie - Castlereagh

Investment summary

Table A2.13.1 Joint Government approved investments for Western

Funding stream	2003-04 Approvals (\$)		Total Approvals to June 2004 (\$)	
	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust
Priority action	308,624		424,036	355,213
Regional investment	3,442,913	236,000	3,442,913	236,000
Total	3,751,537	236,000	3,866,949	591,213

* Figures reflect Australian Government and State/Territory Government approvals for NAP and only Australian Government approvals for the Trust. State/Territory Government cash and in-kind funding for the Trust is not included.

Table A2.13.2 Reported expenditure for approved investments in Western

Funding stream	Budgeted Activity Expenditure (\$)				Reported Activity Expenditure (\$)			
	July 03 - March 04		Total to March 04		July 03 - March 04		Total to March 04	
	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust
Priority action	157,400	28,500	246,812	28,500	42,486		43,259	
Regional investment	1,079,803	93,000	1,079,803	93,000				
Total	1,237,203	121,500	1,326,615	121,500	42,486		43,259	

Priority action investments

Expenditure

Table A2.13.3 Priority action funding having a major focus on matters for target in Western

Matter for target	Budgeted Activity Expenditure (\$)				Reported Activity Expenditure (\$)			
	July 03 - March 04		Total to March 04		July 03 - March 04		Total to March 04	
	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust
Rivers and wetlands	86,000		175,412		42,486		43,259	
Surface water salinity		1,000		1,000				
Significant invasive species		27,500		27,500				
Other supporting activities	71,400		71,400					
Total	157,400	28,500	246,812	28,500	42,486		43,259	

Table A2.13.4 Priority action funding for types of activities in Western

Activity Type	Budgeted Activity Expenditure (\$)				Reported Activity Expenditure (\$)			
	July 03 - March 04		Total to March 04		July 03 - March 04		Total to March 04	
	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust
Resource assessment		28,500		28,500				
Capacity building	157,400		246,812		42,486		43,259	
Total	157,400	28,500	246,812	28,500	42,486		43,259	

Table A2.13.5 Priority action activities in Western

Matter for target	Activities	Budgeted Activity Expenditure (\$)				Reported Activity Expenditure (\$)			
		July 03 - March 04		Total to March 04		July 03 - March 04		Total to March 04	
		NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust
Rivers and wetlands	Stock Watering Points - A Central Key to Environmental Management	86,000		175,412		42,486		43,259	
Surface water salinity	Location and Significance of Saline Inflows to the Barwon-Darling River System		1,000		1,000				
Significant invasive species	Prioritising Pest Animal and Weed Threats in the Western Catchment		27,500		27,500				
Other supporting activities	Western - Regional Facilitator and Coordinator	71,400		71,400					
Total		157,400	28,500	246,812	28,500	42,486		43,259	

Achievements

Table A2.13.6 Outputs related to priority actions having a major focus on matters for target in Western

Standard output	Land salinity		Soil condition		Rivers and wetlands		Nutrients in aquatic environments		Turbidity in aquatic environments		Surface water salinity		Native vegetation		Significant native species		Significant invasive species		Estuarine, coastal and marine		Other supporting activities	
	03-04	Total	03-04	Total	03-04	Total	03-04	Total	03-04	Total	03-04	Total	03-04	Total	03-04	Total	03-04	Total	03-04	Total	03-04	Total
Resource assessment																						
Decision support tools																						
Number of other decision support tools developed																						
				4	4																	
Investigations (survey, inventory and mapping and data analysis)																						
Number of social studies																						
				2	2																	
Planning																						
Integrated catchment or sub-catchment plans																						
Number of sub-catchment plans developed																						
				2	2																	

Regional investment summary

Plan accredited by Ministers: July 2003

Investment strategy approved by Ministers: February 2004

Expenditure

Table A2.13.7 Regional investment funding having a major focus on matters for target in Western

Matter for target	Budgeted Activity Expenditure (\$)				Reported Activity Expenditure (\$)			
	July 03 - March 04		Total to March 04		July 03 - March 04		Total to March 04	
	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust
Soil condition	57,000	5,000	57,000	5,000				
Rivers and wetlands	272,026		272,026					
Native vegetation	350,974	21,500	350,974	21,500				
Other supporting activities	399,803	66,500	399,803	66,500				
Total	1,079,803	93,000	1,079,803	93,000				

Table A2.13.8 Regional investment funding for types of activities in Western

Activity Type	Budgeted Activity Expenditure (\$)				Reported Activity Expenditure (\$)			
	July 03 - March 04		Total to March 04		July 03 - March 04		Total to March 04	
	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust
Resource assessment	305,526	20,000	305,526	20,000				
Capacity building	264,803	56,500	264,803	56,500				
On-ground activities	509,474	16,500	509,474	16,500				
Total	1,079,803	93,000	1,079,803	93,000				

Activities and achievements

Table A2.13.9 Regional investment activities in Western

Matter for target	Activities	Budgeted Activity Expenditure (\$)				Reported Activity Expenditure (\$)			
		July 03 - March 04		Total to March 04		July 03 - March 04		Total to March 04	
		NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust	NAP	Trust
Soil condition	NHT - Sustainable Grazing Best Management Practice		5,000		5,000				
	Sustainable Farming Best Management Practice	57,000		57,000					
Rivers and wetlands	Accelerate Cap and Pipe the Bores Program	35,000		35,000					
	Aquatic Habitat Improvement Program	60,000		60,000					
	Monitoring the Impact of Water and Salinity	77,000		77,000					
	Riparian Zone Management Program	56,026		56,026					
	Wetlands Identification and Protection	44,000		44,000					
Native vegetation	Landholder Incentives	45,065		45,065					
	NAP - Conservation Land Use Agreements	32,000		32,000					
	NAP - Cultural Heritage Management	44,026		44,026					
	NAP - Develop Conservation Industry	27,500		27,500					
	NAP - Maintenance of Perennial Grass Cover in Rangelands	44,026		44,026					
	NAP - Mapping Best Areas for Conservation/Clearing	49,526		49,526					
	NAP - Sustainable Grazing Best Management Practice	46,831		46,831					
	NHT - Conservation Land Use Agreements		11,500		11,500				
	NHT - Mapping Best Areas for Conservation/Clearing		10,000		10,000				
	Protection of High Conservation Value Areas	62,000		62,000					
Other supporting activities	DSS Climatic Research for the Western Catchment NAP Region	46,000		46,000					
	Monitoring and Evaluation	40,000		40,000					
	NAP - Community Education and Support	264,803		264,803					
	NAP - Research Coordination and Development	5,000		5,000					
	NAP - Technical Based Information Report Development for the CMA	44,000		44,000					
	NHT - Community Education and Support		50,000		50,000				
	NHT - Develop Conservation Industry		6,500		6,500				
	NHT - Research Coordination and Development		5,000		5,000				
NHT - Technical Based Information Report Development for the CMA		5,000		5,000					
Total		1,079,803	93,000	1,079,803	93,000				

Targets for Western

Resource condition targets

Table A2.13.10 Resource condition targets related to regional investment in Western

Matter for Target	Resource condition target
Rivers and wetlands	The Surface Water System Health Index Rating and the Groundwater System Health Index Rating improved at 60 % of relevant monitoring sites and maintained at all other monitoring sites by 2010
Surface water salinity	Salt load in the Barwon-Darling at Wilcannia less than 530, 000 tonnes per year for 80% of the time and less than 160, 000 tonnes per year for 50% of the time by the year 2010
	Salinity in the Barwon-Darling at Wilcannia less than 800EC for 80% of the time as measured on a daily basis and less than 350EC for 50% of the time by the year 2010
Native vegetation	Quality and quantity of vegetation managed to maintain and/or improve designated cover capable of preventing soil erosion (i.e. designated cover greater than or equal to 40%)
Significant native species	Of the area of each other ecological community: 12% is managed for conservation within 10 years and 25% within 25 years
	Ecological communities of high conservation value are adequately protected
	Of the area of each other ecological community: No more than 35% in total is cleared for change of land use

Management action targets

Table A2.13.11 Management action targets related to regional investment in Western

Matter for Target	Management action target
Soil condition	Sustainable Farming Management Practice carried out by 100% of landholders within 10 years of Blueprint approval
Turbidity in aquatic environments	Voluntary management of 40% of priority areas (as identified by the Riparian Zone Health Survey) on Western Catchment rivers, leading to incremental improvement in native vegetation, within 10 years of Blueprint approval
Surface water salinity	Major salt intrusions within the Barwon Darling River not significantly impacting on water quality as defined by the Interim Water Quality Objectives and associated ANZECC criteria within 10 years of Blueprint approval
Native vegetation	Sustainable Grazing Management Practice carried out by 100% of landholders within 10 years of Blueprint approval
Significant native species	Priority areas for targeted rehabilitation of fish and threatened aquatic species habitats identified and mapped, within 18 months of Blueprint approval, and action plans developed and implemented in 20% of areas within 10 years of Blueprint approval
	Ecological communities of high conservation value are identified within 3 years of Blueprint approval and adequately protected throughout the Catchment by negotiation with landholders, within 8 years of Blueprint approval
	An ongoing program is established that allows landholders to incorporate land “managed for conservation” as an alternative land use and part of a viable enterprise, within 2 years of Blueprint approval
	The ideal distribution of land to be managed for conservation and cleared for change of land use, is determined for the Shires of Cobar, Bourke, Brewarrina and Walgett within 1 year of Blueprint approval and the rest of the Catchment within 2 years
Significant invasive species	2.3 million ha under ongoing management to prevent scrub encroachment within 10 years of Blueprint approval
	Decrease area of scrub dominated landscapes by 200,000 ha within 10 years of Blueprint approval
Other supporting activities	Artesian pressure stabilised in key regions as defined by NSW Great Artesian Basin Advisory Committee by 2006