

Table 8 | Regional outcome targets for waterway management, and the priority directions that will inform their delivery.

Critical Elements <i>What we need to focus on</i>	Priority Management Directions <i>How our actions will be implemented</i>	Priority Strategic Directions <i>How our actions will be targeted</i>	Medium -Term Outcomes <i>What we will deliver by 2028</i>	Long -Term Outcomes <i>What success will look like by 2042</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitat protection and restoration • Habitat re-establishment • Targeted/specialised interventions (where required) • Habitat protection and restoration • Appropriate water regimes and improved connectivity • Water quality • Amenity and recreational opportunities • Mitigation of regional flood risks • Liveability and resilience of urban areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community and government partnerships to support integrated cross tenure delivery • Landscape scale interventions to reduce key threats and provide whole of system benefits • Targeted/specialised interventions (where appropriate) to reduce key threats and provide location and/or issue specific benefits • Incorporation of cultural values, objectives, knowledge and practice; as self-determined by Traditional Owners • Maintaining previous investment where appropriate to ensure the ongoing effectiveness of significant works programs • Applying seasonally adaptive, and where required (e.g. extreme events), responsive approaches • Climate ready interventions to provide for improved resilience and adaptive capacity • Providing shared benefits that complement environmental and economic requirements • Applying integrated water management (IWM) approaches to best utilise all urban water sources for environmental, social and economic outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority for management identified through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Value, threat, risk, and feasibility assessment scores of individual waterways to categorise as high, medium, low • Resources directed to high and medium waterways in the first instance • Resources directed to low priority waterways where actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide connectivity between priority waterways - Address a serious risk to public infrastructure from waterway processes or reduce risks associated with extreme events - Maintain/strengthen community commitment to improving the condition of local waterways - Required to meet statutory or regulatory obligations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300,000 hectares of riparian land protected or improved by targeted works programs • 9,850 hectares of priority waterways protected or improved by water regimes delivering against environmental, social and cultural objectives* • Improved amenity and recreational opportunities provided by regional waterways • Increased mitigation of regional flood risks • Improved utilisation of urban water sources for environmental, social and economic outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The condition of high value aquatic and riparian habitat is improved • Appropriate water regimes are restored to priority waterways and connectivity is improved • Water quality within priority waterways is improved • Flood risks are reduced and being actively managed • Liveability and resilience of urban areas is improved

* Target encompasses area of individual waterway only, does not include inundation of associated floodplain