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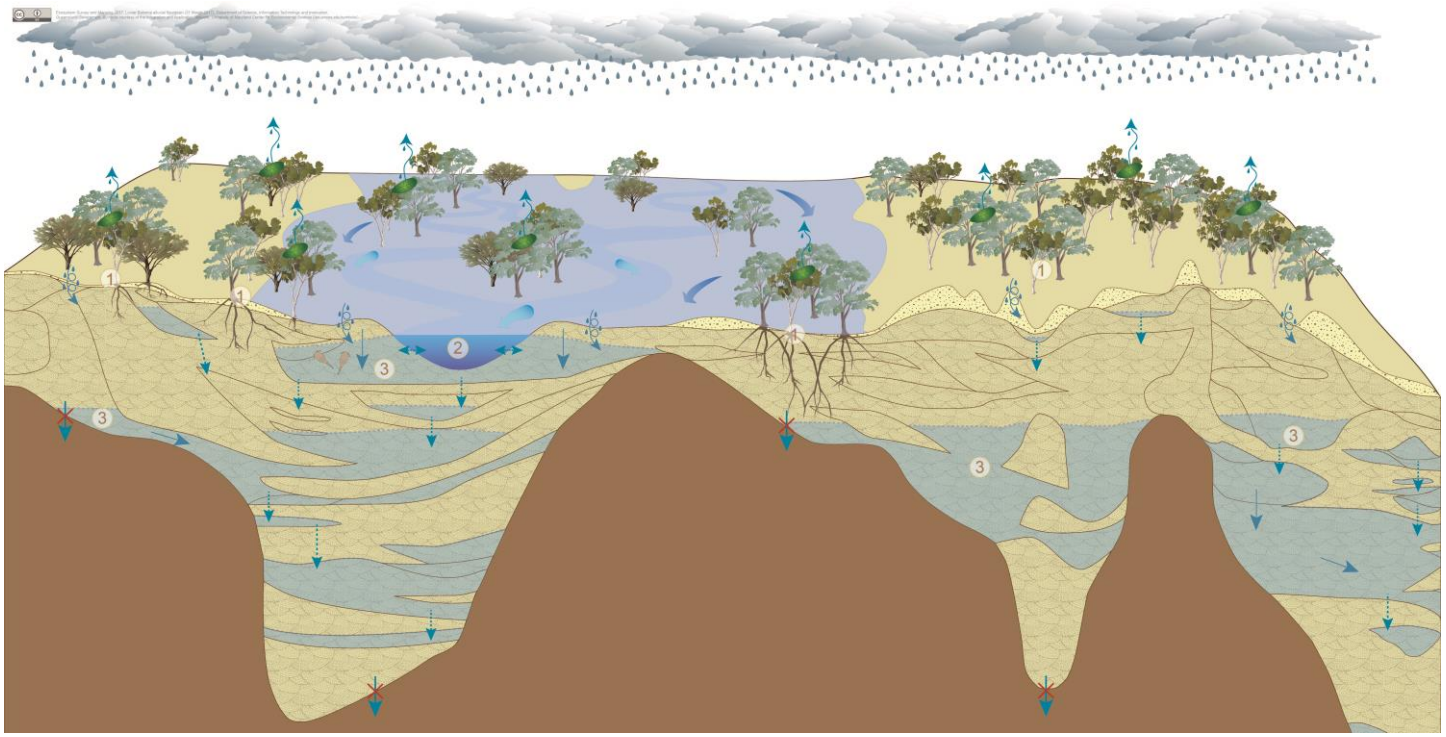
Groundwater dependent ecosystem pictorial conceptual model ‘lower Balonne alluvial floodplain’

Version 1.5

Lower Balonne alluvial floodplain

Alluvial aquifers are formed from particles such as gravel, sand, silt and/or clay deposited by physical processes in river channels or on floodplains. These deposits store and transmit water through intergranular voids. In floodplain environments these alluvial aquifers may have groundwater flow systems ranging from a local (e.g. a few kilometres) to regional (e.g. hundreds of kilometres) scale.



Geology legend

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Groundwater hydrology legend


Alluvia (saturated)


Alluvia (unsaturated)


Colluvia (unsaturated)


Low permeability rock (unsaturated)

Groundwater table


Infiltration and percolation
Rain infiltrates through the soil to recharge the aquifer below


Direction of groundwater movement


Groundwater leakage


Negligible groundwater movement


Direction of surface water movement in the channel


Direction of surface water movement outside of a channel

Flora legend


Casuarina spp.


Eucalyptus spp.


Evapotranspiration
Process whereby plants draw water up through their roots and move it out through their leaf pores

Fauna legend


Stygofauna
Aquatic fauna that live in groundwater

Groundwater dependent ecosystem legend

Terrestrial GDEs
Regional ecosystems and riverine wetlands may depend on the subsurface presence of groundwater within the capillary zone for some or all of their water requirements.

Surface expression GDEs
Lacustrine wetlands, palustrine wetlands and riverine water bodies may depend on the surface expression of groundwater for some or all of their water requirements.

Subterranean GDEs
Aquifer and cave subterranean wetlands may depend on the subterranean presence or expression of groundwater for some or all of their water requirements.

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