



**TABLE 29.** TARGETS FOR THE REGIONAL ASPIRATION - HEALTHY RIVERS AND STREAMS, LAKES AND WETLANDS

ASSET	THREAT	RESOURCE CONDITION TARGETS	MANAGEMENT ACTION TARGETS
Surface Waters	Poor on-ground management practices, inadequate industrial/urban waste management	<p>F. Ramsar lakes and wetlands to meet at least the minimum Ramsar requirements by 2010.</p> <p>G. Maintain the area of those wetland types where their extent has declined since 1750.</p> <p>H. By 2010, all Corangamite Region priority waterways condition is maintained to 2003 condition.</p>	<p>8. Develop the Corangamite River Health Strategy by 2004.</p> <p>9. Determine salinity threats and the risks to rivers, streams and wetlands in the Region by 2006.</p> <p>10. Increase the capacity of asset managers to manage primary salinity for ecological outcomes by 2008.</p> <p>11. Undertake ISC assessment of major river reaches in 2004.</p> <p>12. Develop active management plans for 4,000 ha of primary salinised land and wetlands by 2008.</p> <p>13. Stabilise the beds of 50 km of high-risk streams by 2008.</p> <p>14. From 2003, fence and revegetate 100 km of Regional priority streams by 2008.</p> <p>15. By 2008, fence and revegetate an additional 300 km of streams.</p> <p>16. By 2008, increase fish passage in high priority river reaches by 300 km.</p> <p>17. From 2003, stabilise gullies in an additional 200 km of streams by 2008.</p> <p>18. From 2003, 100 km of streams to be willow-free by 2008.</p> <p>19. By 2004, develop a long-term community involvement program for river health.</p> <p>20. By 2005, develop an index of wetland and estuary condition assessment.</p> <p>21. Develop a Regional Wetlands Plan by 2004.</p>



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	Excess nutrient loads and sedimentation	I. By 2020 nitrogen, phosphorous and sediment loads at the end of valley target sites in the four river basins will be 30% less than 2003 levels.	22. By 2004, identify and prioritise major areas of nutrient and sediment mobilisation. 23. By 2005, develop nutrient and sediment targets for major state and regionally significant waterways. 24. By 2005, develop monitoring, evaluation and research framework for water quality parameters. 25. By 2005, identify the major sediment sources and transport mechanisms of high priority catchments in the Barwon, Moorabool, Woady Yaloak and Otway Coast river systems.
	Salinity	J. Reduce salinity in the surface storages of the Moorabool River system from an average 1,000 µs/cm/yr to an average of 700 µs/cm/yr by 2020.	26. By 2008, establish baseline hydrological monitoring in all major river systems. 27. By 2008, treat 3,000 ha of recharge to achieve a 6-µs/cm/yr decrease of salt (or 10,510 tonnes of salt per year) entering into the Moorabool River system potable water supplies.
	Land use change, land clearing	K. Ensure that land management practices are not degrading surface water supplies by 2020.	28. By 2008, implement the outcomes of the Water and Landuse Change project. 29. By 2008, develop a strategic landuse management-planning tool for local government.
	Population pressure	L. Decrease the individual reliance on water resources by 2020.	30. By 2008, develop and implement a community awareness program, with partners, to reduce the level of individual's use of the natural resource base. 31. By 2008, develop partnerships with water authorities and other stakeholders to investigate options for reducing water use.

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