## Title Murray-Darling Basin floodplain vegetation mapping, Condamine-Balonne - VIS\_ID 4453

## Alternative title(s)

BalonneMDB 2016 PCT E 4453

## **Abstract**

The Murray-Darling Basin Plan (available at

http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2012L02240) was developed under the Commonwealth Water Act 2007and aims to deliver a coordinated approach to water use by States and Territories in the Murray-Darling Basin (MDB), underpinned by a commitment to restoring the long-term health of rivers and wetlands in the Basin. To achieve this, the Basin Plan sets a long term average Sustainable Diversion Limit (SDL) for surface water and groundwater use across the major valleys in the MDB, and incorporates an Environmental Watering Plan (EWP) that ensures surplus water beyond SDLs is made available for the natural floodplain and wetland systems. The EWP is central to the Basin Plan as it aims to achieve the best possible environmental outcomes in its use of environmental water, in terms of size, timing and nature of river flows. The EWP is supported by the Environmental Water Recovery Strategy, a voluntary water buyback instrument (SEWPAC 2012).

The long term average SDL for surface water flow is currently set by the Basin Plan at 10,873 gigalitres per year (GL/y). This includes 3,468 GL/y for the northern Basin, which establishes a water 'saving' of 390 GL/y from water allocations previously set under the Living Murray initiative (MDBA 2011). These savings are available as 'environmental water' which is regulated by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office (CEWO) via the EWP.

Water allocations in the northern Basin are currently under review via the Northern Basin Review, which is due for finalisation in mid-2016. This review is expected to improve environmental science in relation to floodplain systems in the Condamine-Balonne and Barwon-Darling River systems, and may recommend changes to the Basin Plan accordingly. A key part of the Review is to improve knowledge about environmental assets within river systems of the northern Basin (e.g. floodplain and wetland vegetation, fish, water birds), and how they respond and interact to fluctuations in surface water flow. Improved knowledge about the native vegetation of inland floodplain systems is fundamental to the Northern Basin Review.

To improve information about the distribution and extent of floodplain and wetland vegetation types in the northern Basin, Eco Logical Australia (ELA) was commissioned by the Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) to map the distribution of plant community types (PCTs) within a large section of the Darling floodplain west of Louth, and within the Condamine-Balonne system south of the NSW-Queensland border. An improved knowledge about the distribution and extent of floodplain PCTs will inform how environmental water allocations might be refined, and is thus an important component of the Northern Basin Review.

Attributes: PCT\_ID = NSW Plant Community Type Code PCT\_LABEL = Plant Community Type Label BROAD\_VEG = Broad Vegetation Type HYDROL\_ECOL = Hydro-Ecological Functional Group VEG\_FORMAT = Vegetation Formation VEG\_CLASS = Vegetation Class Floodplain = Floodplain vegetation (yes or no) MAP\_LABEL = Short vegetation label suitable for display on map products RE = Regional Ecosystem Code RE\_LABEL = Regional Ecosystem Label ACCURACY = Attribute accuracy (values 1 to 5) 5 - Verified in the field by either full floristic, rapid or API (observational) site 4 - Not verified in the field but likely to be correct due to extrapolation from similar verified pattern or verified in field but uncertain of boundary 3 - Probably correct although could be one of a few related communities 2 - Possibly correct but might be one of several other communities 1 - Unlikely to be correct

For more information please refer to the technical report. Eco Logical Australia 2015. Vegetation of the Barwon-Darling and Condamine-Balonne floodplain systems of New South Wales: Mapping and survey of plant community types. Prepared for Murray-Darling Basin Authority. VIS\_ID 4453

## Resource locator

Data Quality
Statement Murray-Darling
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Name: Data Quality Statement - Murray-Darling Basin floodplain vegetation mapping, Condamine-Balonne - VIS ID 4453

Protocol: WWW:DOWNLOAD-1.0-http--download

Description:

NSW Government standards direct that data should be made available with a Data Quality Statement (DQS) to enable potential users to determine whether the data is suitable for their requirements.

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VIS\_ID 4453 Function: download Name: Murray-Darling Basin floodplain vegetation mapping, Condamine-Balonne -Murray-Darling **Basin** floodplain Protocol: WWW:DOWNLOAD-1.0-http--download vegetation mapping, Description: Condamine-Download Data Package Balonne -VIS\_ID 4453 Function: download Unique resource identifier Code 5a36d412-9515-4567-985f-cbb4e5aefa39 Presentation documentDigital form Edition 1 Dataset eng language Metadata standard ANZLIC Metadata Profile: An Australian/New Zealand Profile of AS/NZS ISO Name 19115:2005, Geographic information - Metadata 1.1 Version Dataset URI https://datasets.seed.nsw.gov.au/dataset/5a36d412-9515-4567-985f-cbb4e5aefa39 To map the distribution of plant community types (PCTs) within a large section of the Purpose within the Condamine-Balonne south of the NSW-Queensland border. Status completed Spatial representation Type vector Spatial reference system Authority code GDA94 Geographic (Lat\Long) Code identifying the 4283 spatial reference system Spatial 12 m resolution Ref: Eco Logical Australia 2015. Vegetation of the Barwon-Darling and Condamine-Additional Balonne floodplain systems of New South Wales: Mapping and survey of plant information community types. Prepared for Murray-Darling Basin Authority. see also VIS\_ID 4454 for related dataset Darling Floodplain source Topic category

Keyword s	set		
keyword val	ue	FLORA-Native	
		ECOLOGY-Community	
		Plant Community Type	
		VEGETATION	
		Vegetation Map	
Originating of	controlled vocabulary		
Title		ANZLIC Search Words	
Reference date		2008-05-16	
Geographi	ic location		
West bounding longitude		146.623535	
East bounding longitude		148.73291	
North bounding latitude		-29.723933	
South bounding latitude		-28.861609	
NSW Place Name		Balonne	
Vertical ex	xtent information		
Minimum value		-100	
Maximum value		2228	
Coordinate r	reference system		
Authority code		urn:ogc:def:cs:EPSG::	
Code identifying the coordinate reference system		5711	
Temporal	extent		
Begin position		2015-01-01	
End position		N/A	
Dataset re	eference date		
Resource	maintenance		
Maintenance and update frequency		None	
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Organisation name		Murray-Darling Basin Authority	
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Lineage	This project involved the detailed mapping of PCTs across the extent of the study region guided by on-screen aerial photographic interpretation, incorporation of existing map data, and an extensive program of field reconnaissance.		
Limitations	on public access		
Scope		dataset	
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