Tiered report cards: Lessons from the Murray

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Why have tiered Report Cards?

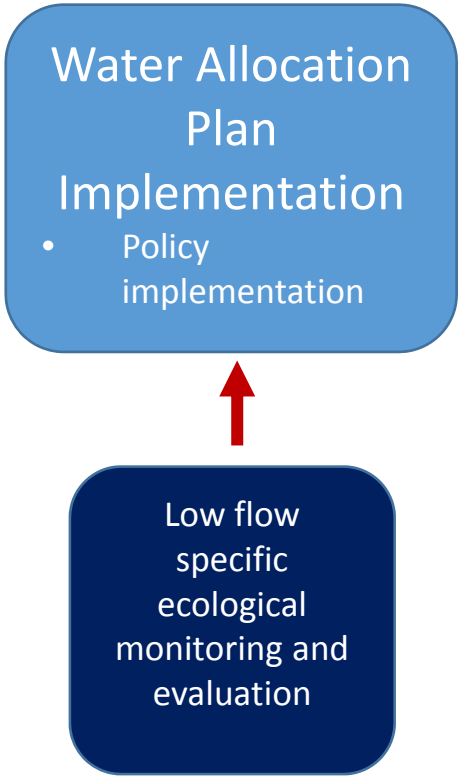
- Consistent messaging
- Cost effective
- Allows for an integrated approach to reporting
- Better linked to informing management

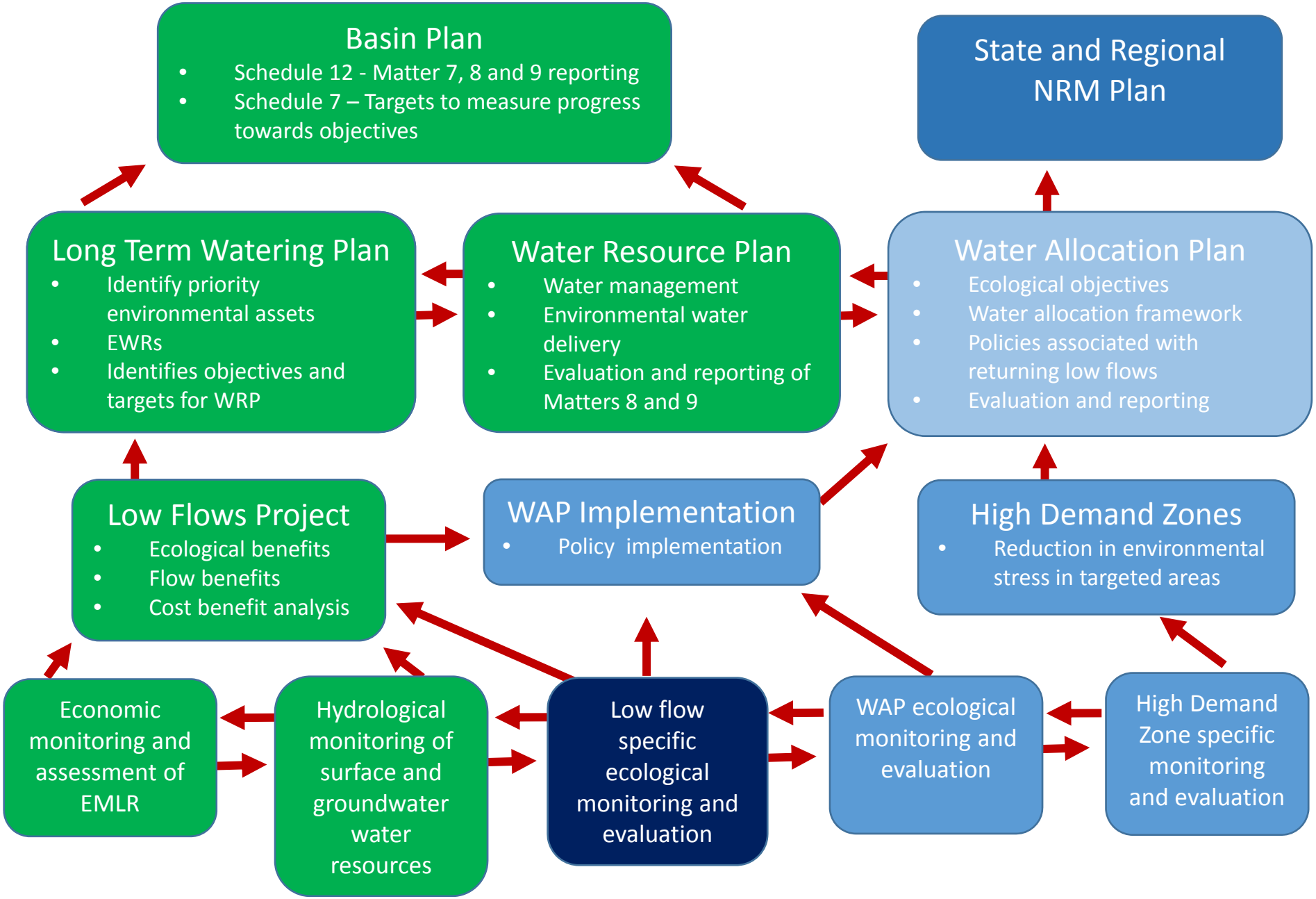
Steps to help structure tiered report cards

1. What's out there?
2. What, for who and why?
3. Seek alignment
   - Objectives and targets
   - Spatial scales
   - Projects and programs
4. The logic test
5. Structure you reporting

1. What's out there?

- Brainstorm
- Map it all out - plans, programs, projects, reporting
- What influences what?
- What's connected, what isn't?




Basin Plan
Schedule 12 - Matter 7, 8 and 9 reporting
Schedule 7 – Targets to measure progress towards objectives
State and Regional NRM Plan
Long Term Watering Plan
Identify priority environmental assets
EWRs
Identifies objectives and targets for WRP
Water Resource Plan
Water management
Environmental water delivery
Evaluation and reporting of Matters 8 and 9
Water Allocation Plan
Ecological objectives
Water allocation framework
Policies associated with returning low flows
Evaluation and reporting
Low Flows Project
Ecological benefits
Flow benefits
Cost benefit analysis
WAP Implementation
Policy implementation
High Demand Zones
Reduction in environmental stress in targeted areas
Economic monitoring and assessment of EMLR
Hydrological monitoring of surface and groundwater water resources
Low flow specific ecological monitoring and evaluation
WAP ecological monitoring and evaluation
High Demand Zone specific monitoring and evaluation

2. What, for who and why?

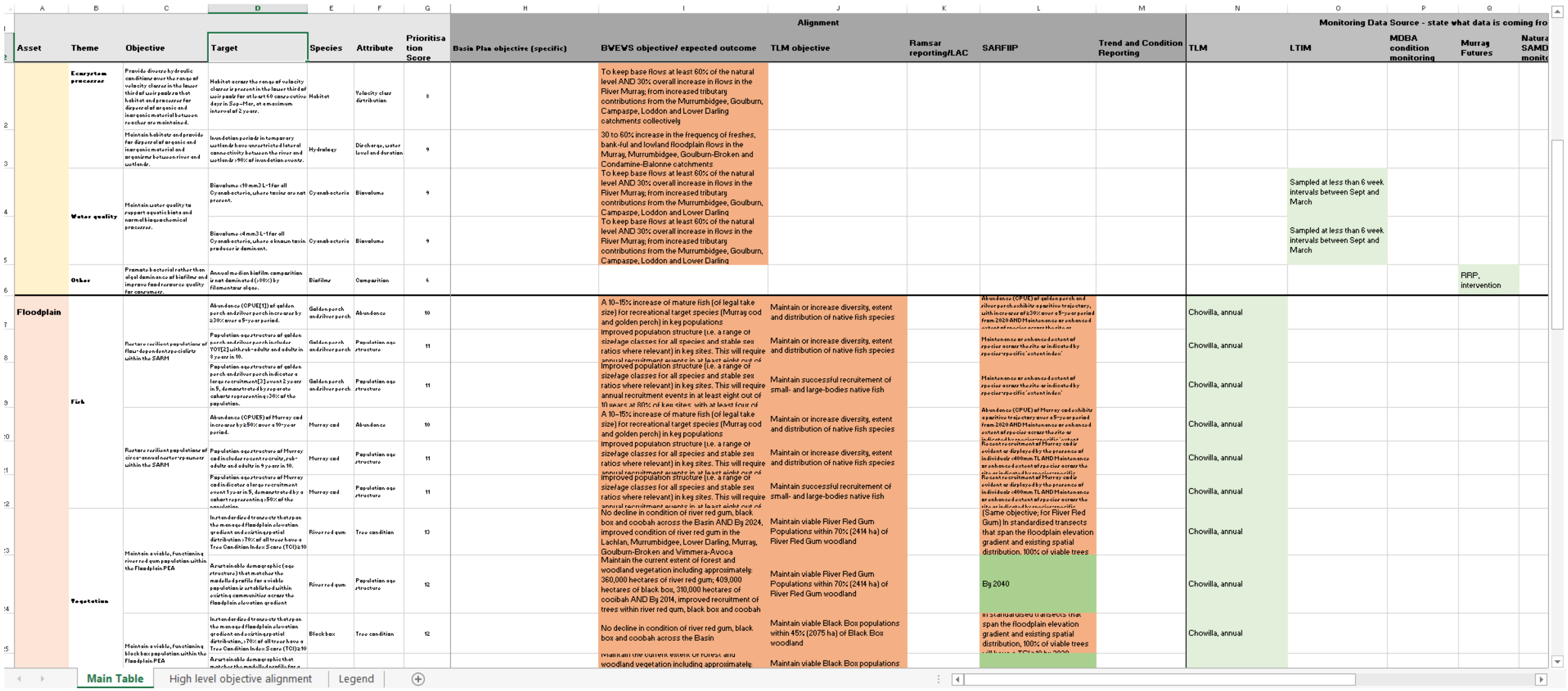
Who wants what report card and for what reason?
Consider spatial scales and how that links to decision making

Local scale = local planning
State scale = investment at a large scale

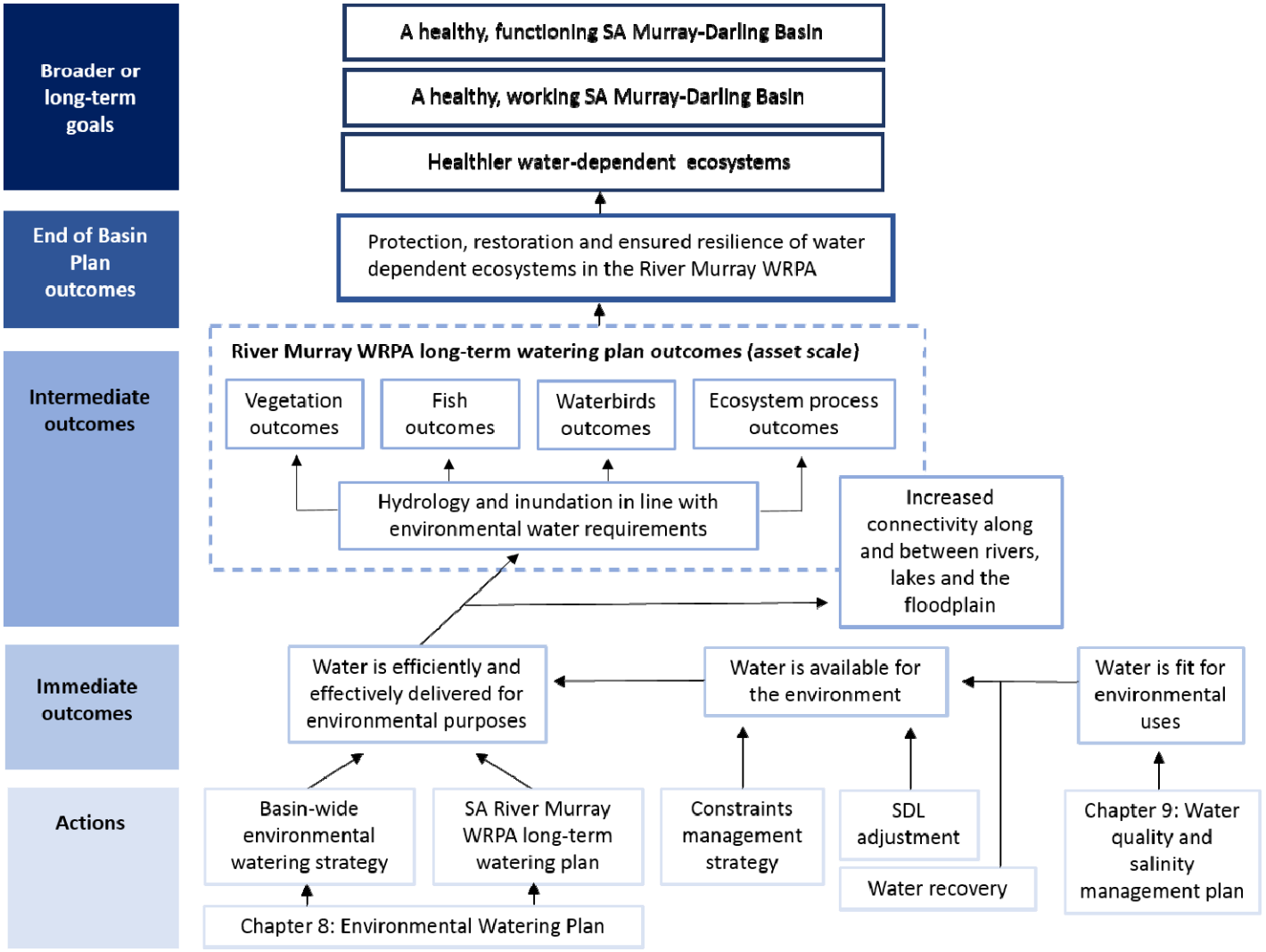

The Murray-Darling Basin
Qld
SA
NSW
Vic
Tambo
Augathella
Charleville
Roma
Chinchilla
Tara
Bollon
Cunnamulla
St George
Brisbane
Goondiwindi
Stanthorpe
Hungerford
Moree
Wanaaring
Bourke
Narrabri
Armidale
Coonamble
Gunnedah
Coonabarabran
Tamworth
Wilcannia
Broken Hill
Dubbo
Wellington
Ivanhoe
Lachlan River
Darling River
Forbes
Bathurst
Cowra
Sydney
Renmark
Mildura
Griffith
Hay
Balranald
Leeton
Narrandera
Murrumbidgee River
Yass
Adelaide
Mannum
Murray Bridge
Goolwa
Meningie
Swan Hill
Murray River
Wagga Wagga
Canberra
Deniliquin
Kerang
Albury
Echuca
Wodonga
Shepparton
Cooma
Horsham
Seymour
Omeo
Melbourne

3. Align objectives, targets, evaluation questions and spatial scales

How do existing/proposed report cards fit together?
What are the programs/projects which feed into, drive or support your report cards?



4. Do these fit together? Is what you are doing what you want and need?



5.Using the above, come up with your tiered report card structure

Trend and Condition Report Cards
(State scale)

Matter 8 reporting

River Murray WRPA | Eastern Mt. Lofty Ranges WRPA | Murray Region WRPA

Technical reports and evaluation reports

Ramsar Reporting

Commonwealth Based Murray Programs & Reporting

State Based Murray Programs & Reporting

DATA

Things to remember so it doesn't end in tears

- There is no such thing as green fields - it probably won't come together naturally
- Don't be driven by the data, be drive by the questions
- Ask yourself regularly: are we doing the right stuff?
- Are your questions likely to change over time? Can you adapt to this if they do?
- Remember: It's unlikely to be straight forward!

The ultimate goal:

To create a story and narrative through your report cards to affect decision making

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