

INNOVATIONS AND INCENTIVES IN THE BLUE ECONOMY

R. Quentin Grafton (Quentin.Grafton@anu.edu.au)

The Australian National University

Presented at *Law and Economics in New Zealand*

Monday 6 November, 2017

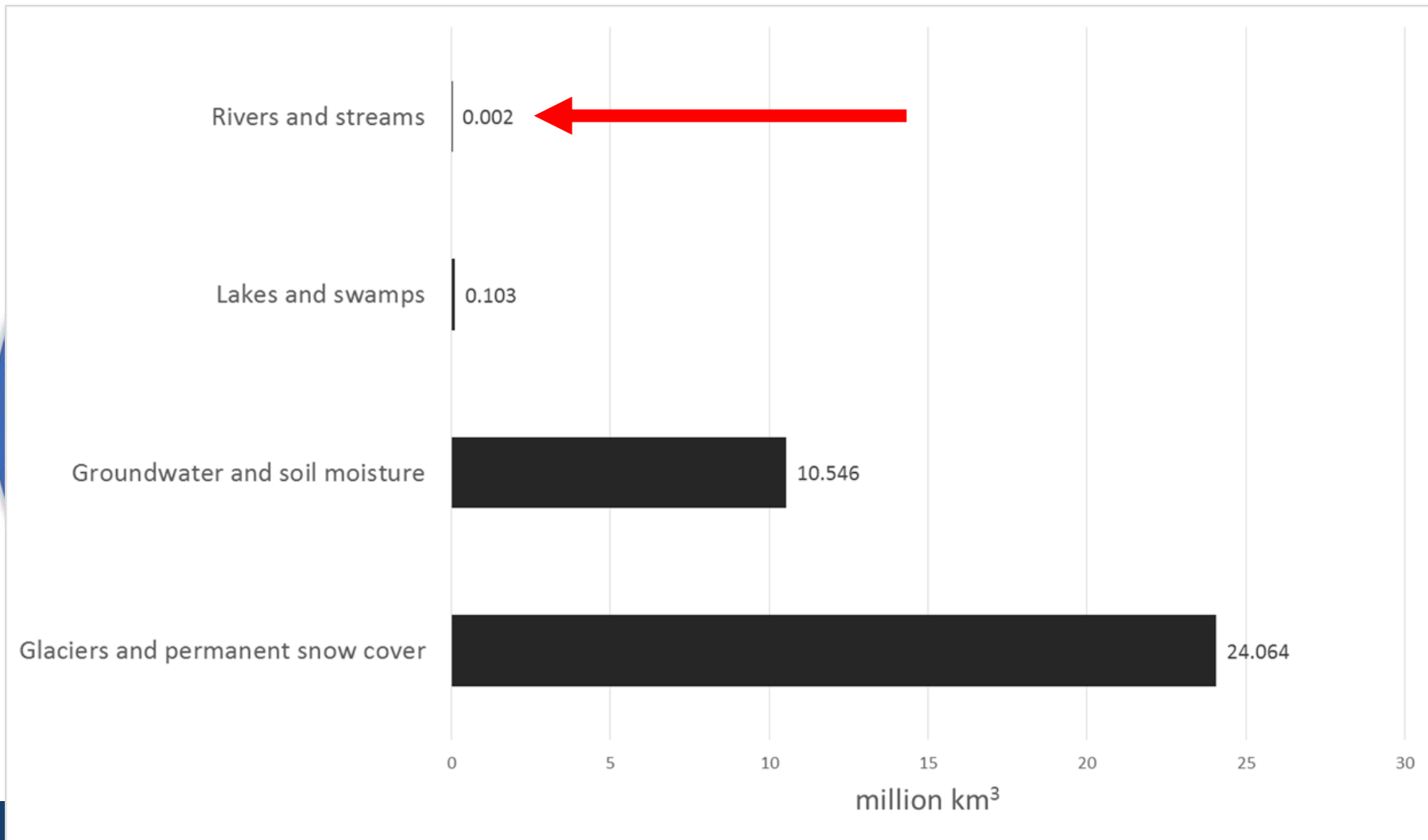
OVERVIEW

- (1) Contexts
- (2) Challenges
- (3) Complexities
- (4) Innovation and Incentives
- (5) Actions

(1) CONTEXT

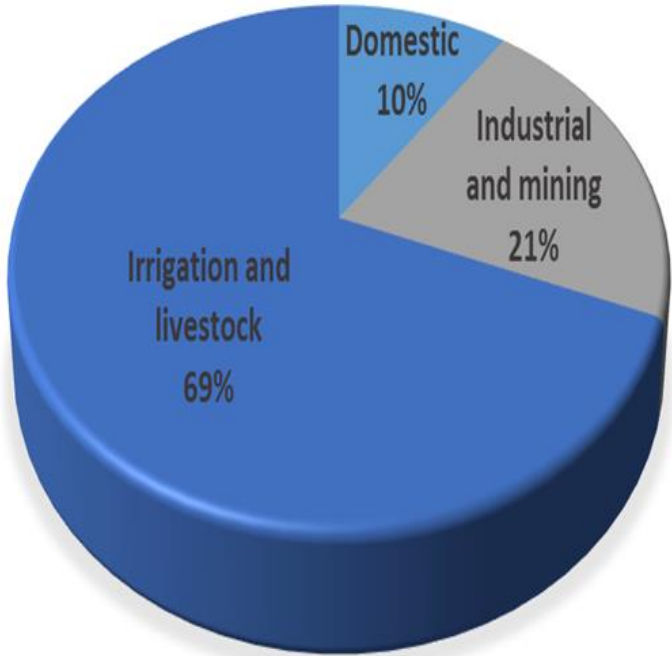


GLOBAL WATER SUPPLY

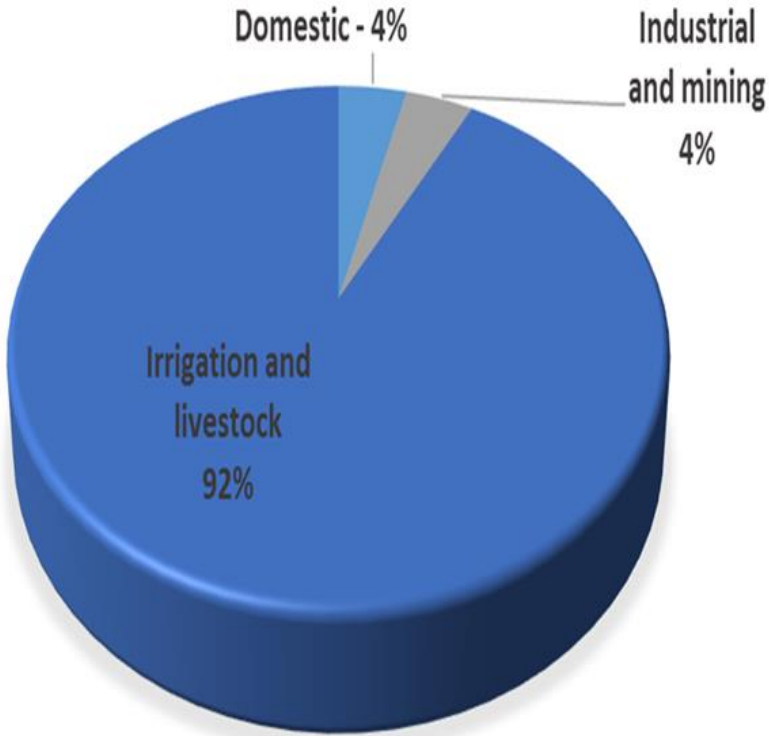


GLOBAL WATER DEMAND

Extraction

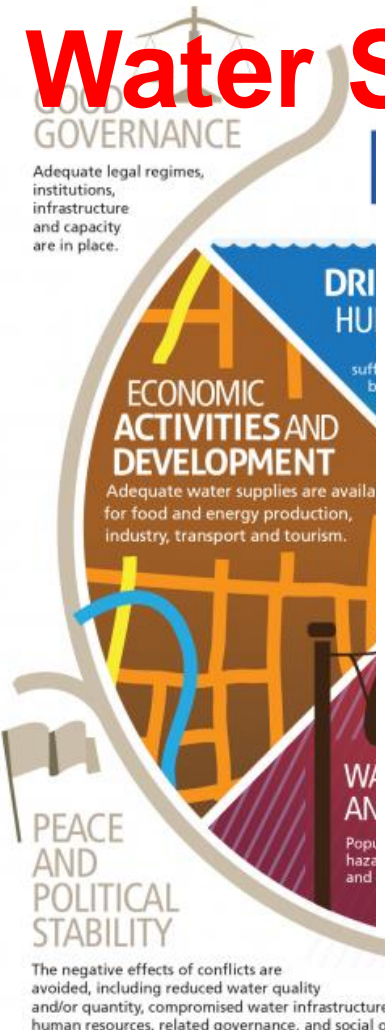


Consumption



BLUE ECONOMY: THE SUSTAINABLE USE, REUSE AND TREATMENT OF FRESHWATER IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC, SOCIO-CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

Water Security



Innovative sources of financing complement funding by the public sector, including investments from the private sector and micro-financing schemes.

BLUE ECONOMY: IMPORTANCE OF WATER VALUES



Socio-cultural

Economic



Environmental

INCENTIVES: INDUCEMENTS, REWARDS OR BENEFITS FOR GIVEN ACTIONS OR BEHAVIOURS



(2) CHALLENGES

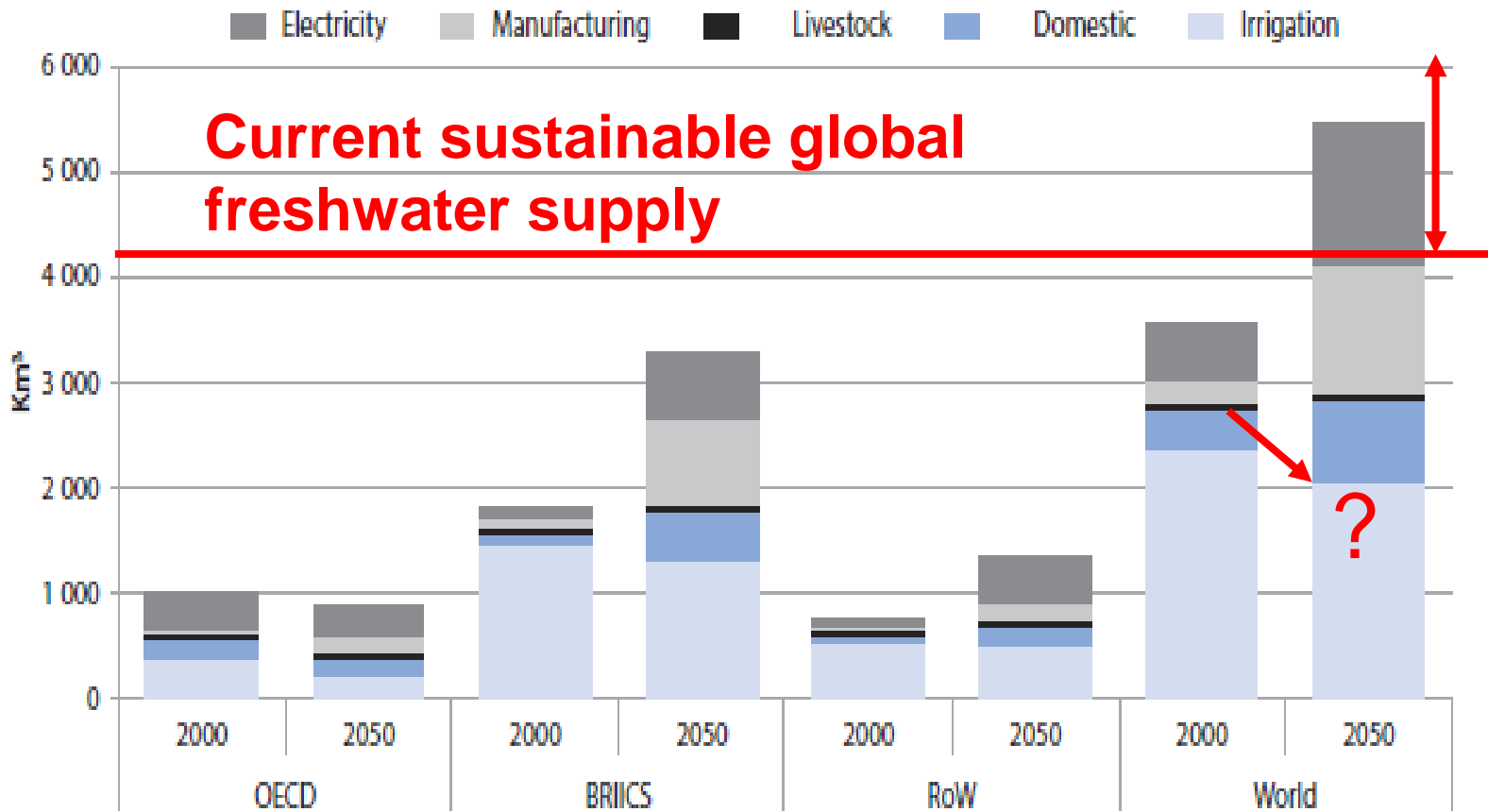


Water Scarcity



Water Quality

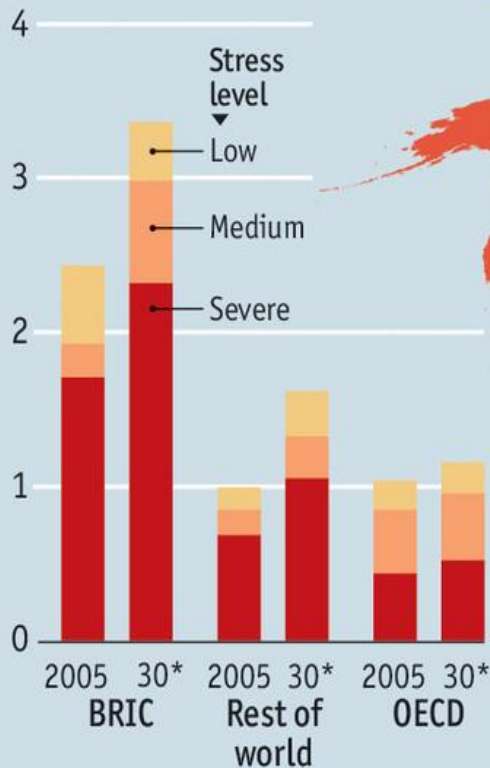
GLOBAL WATER EXTRACTIONS



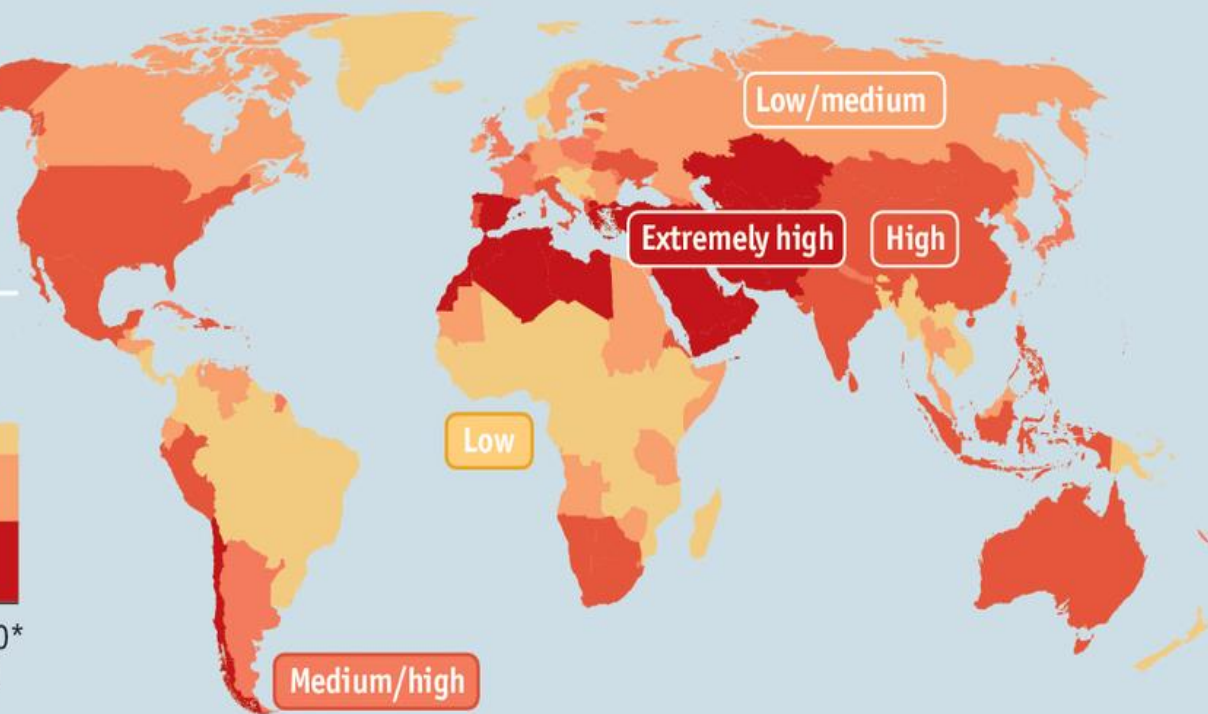
PROJECTED GLOBAL WATER STRESS 2040

Water pressure

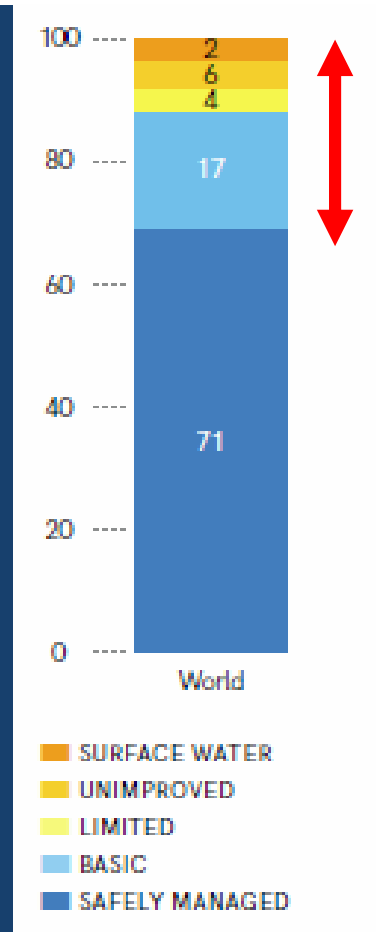
People living in areas of water stress, bn



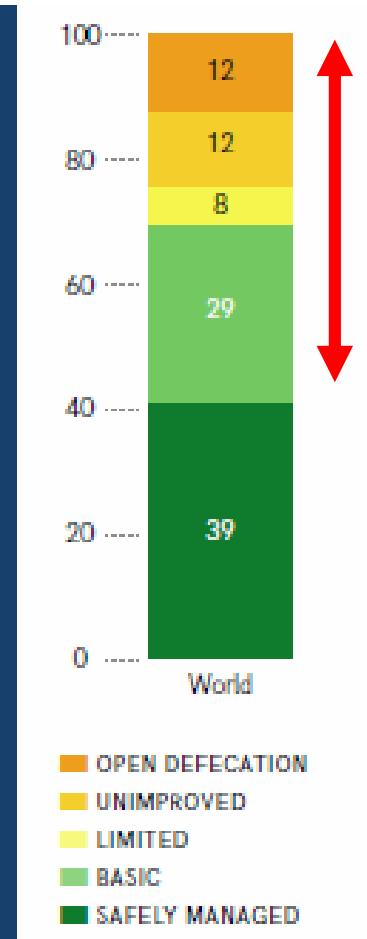
Water stress, ratio of withdrawals to supply, 2040*, %



HUMAN WATER NEEDS



Drinking Water



Sanitation

INADEQUATE WASH INVESTMENTS

Global INCREMENTAL annual investments in WASH estimated at USD 28 billion to achieve SDG 6

Per cent of countries reporting sufficient finance to meet national targets (n= 70)²

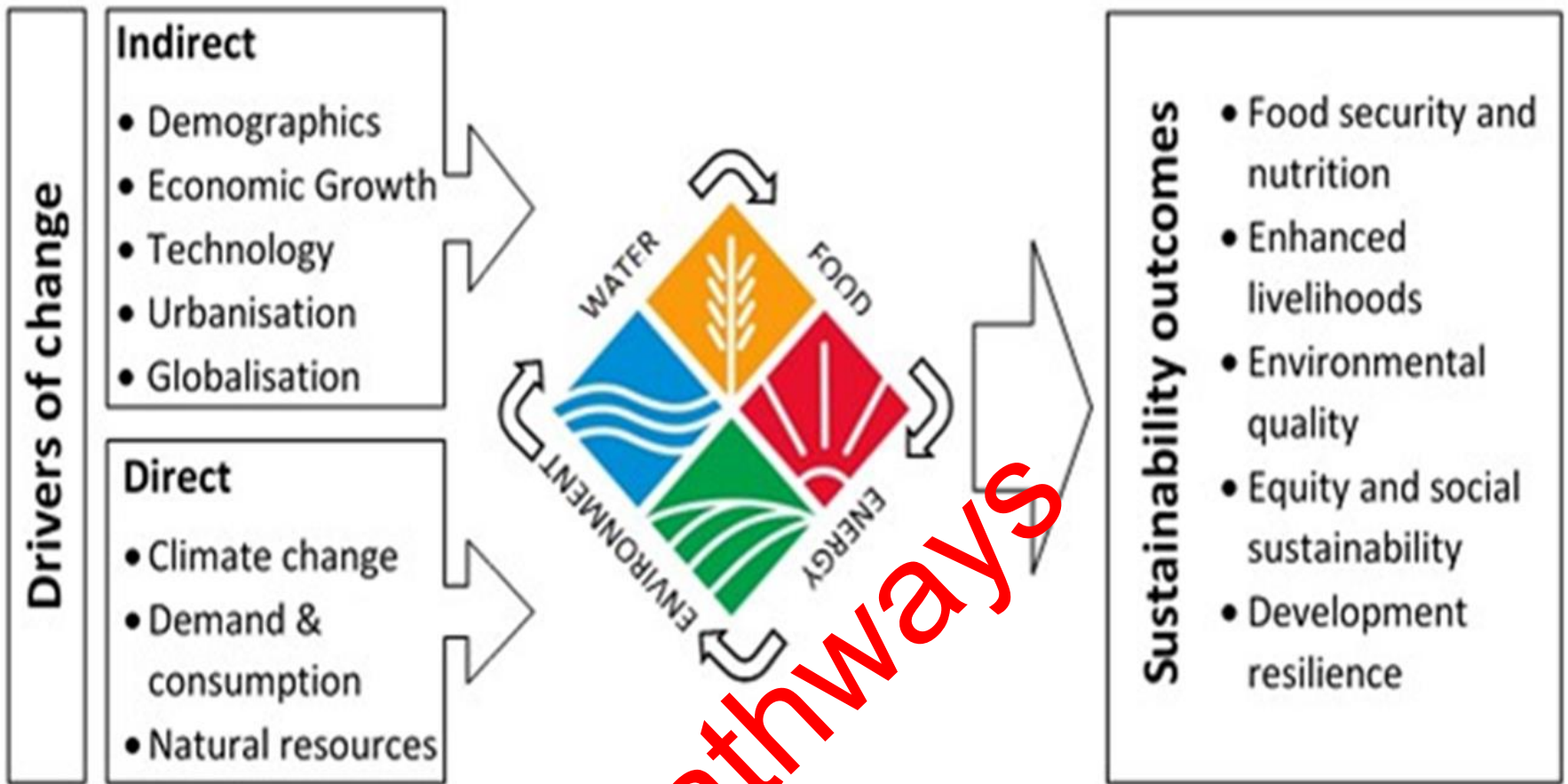
Programme area	Urban	Rural
Drinking-water	22%	10%
Sanitation	13%	10%
Water quality	19%	9%

Source: GLAAS 2016/2017 country survey.

3. COMPLEXITIES

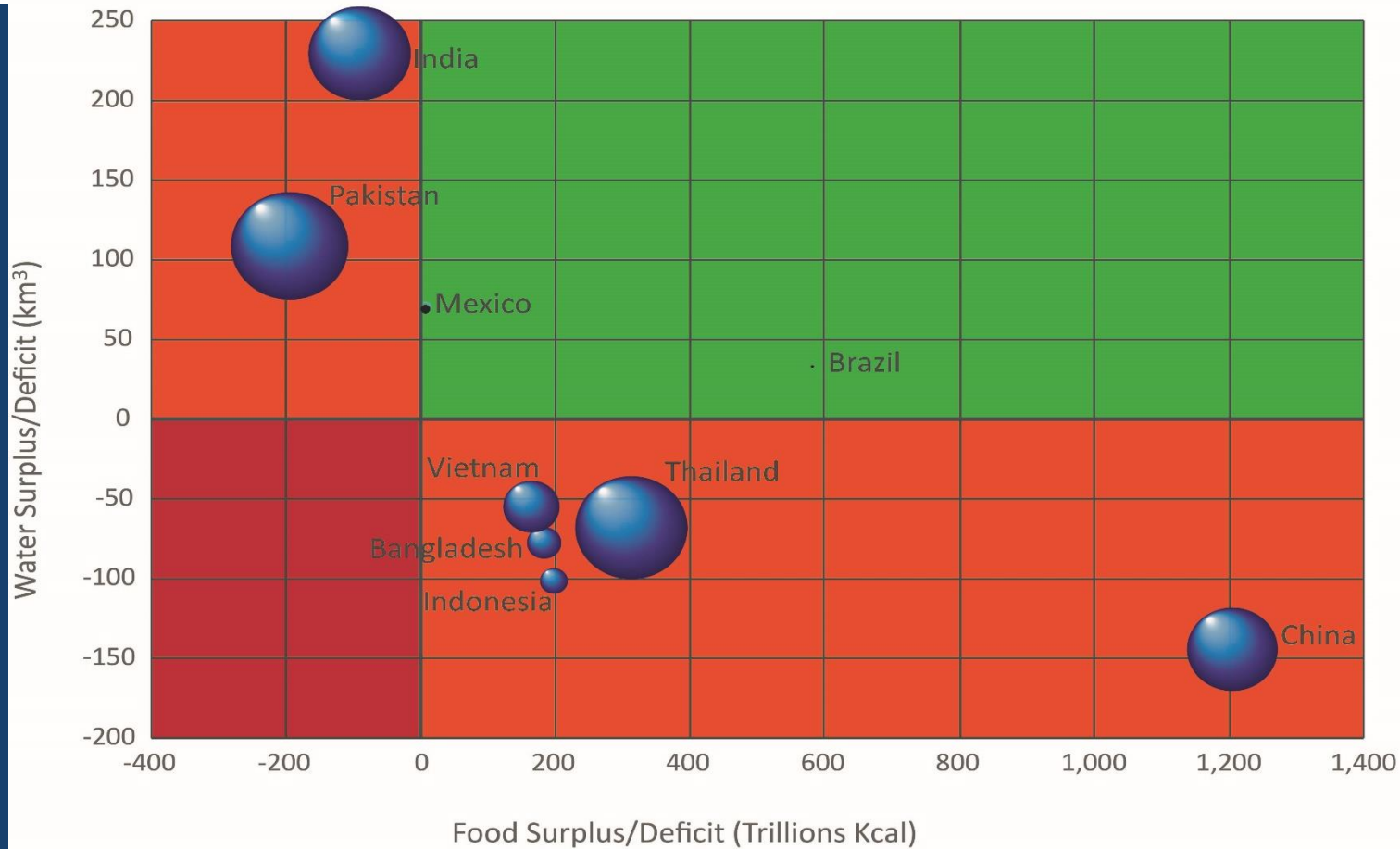


DRIVER, PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES



Pathways

FOOD AND WATER GAPS 2050



TAXONOMY OF WATER CHALLENGES

Types

Transboundary Waters

(60% world's transboundary rivers have co-operative agreement)

Rural versus Rural

(Lack of rights and upstream preference or priority use)

Rural versus Environment

(Tradeoffs between irrigation and environmental flow or aquifer recharge)

Rural versus Urban

('Win-win' transfers fail to happen due to transition costs and missing markets)

Urban versus Urban

(leakage problems, inadequate pricing and rapid urbanization)

Socio-cultural Factors

- 1. Lack of shared norms and social capital**
- 2. Divergent mental models**
- 3. Weak communication and social exclusion**
- 4. Large group size and/or social heterogeneity**
- 5. Legacy of inequitable water use**

Constraints

- 1. System boundaries and limits are poorly defined**
- 2. Water supply is unreliable**
- 3. Inadequate or inappropriate infrastructure**
- 4. Stranded assets**
- 5. Insufficient modelling, metering and monitoring**

Political Economy

- 1. Vested interests**
- 2. Poorly defined property rights**
- 3. Third party effects**
- 4. High transaction costs**
- 5. Limited administrative capacity**
- 6. Institutional fragmentation**
- 7. Inter-governmental coordination challenges**

4. INNOVATION AND INCENTIVES



INNOVATION: RISK-INFORMED DECISION-MAKING



East Coast of Japan, 11 March 2011

RESILIENT DECISION-MAKING

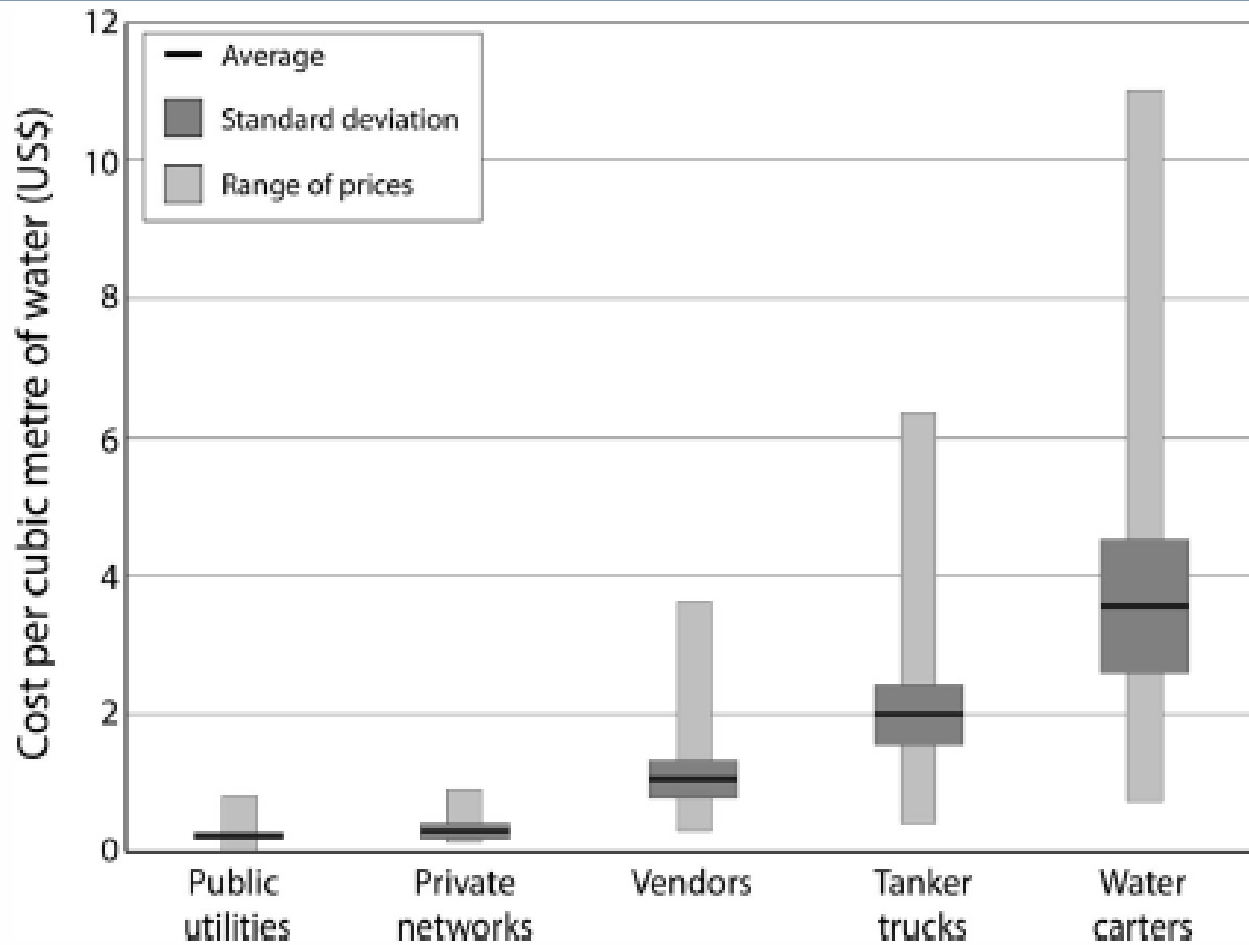
Scoping Stage	1. Identify Stakeholders, Decision-Makers, Data & Knowledge	2. Identify Events & Drivers	3. Develop Options	4. Define Causal Risk Model
Assessment Stage	5. Prepare Tools and Data	6. Assess Risks & Options	7. Prepare Investment Decision Inputs	
Implementation Stage	8. Consult & Revise	9. Implement & Evaluate	10. Document, Review & Update	

INCENTIVES: WATER PRICING & MARKETS

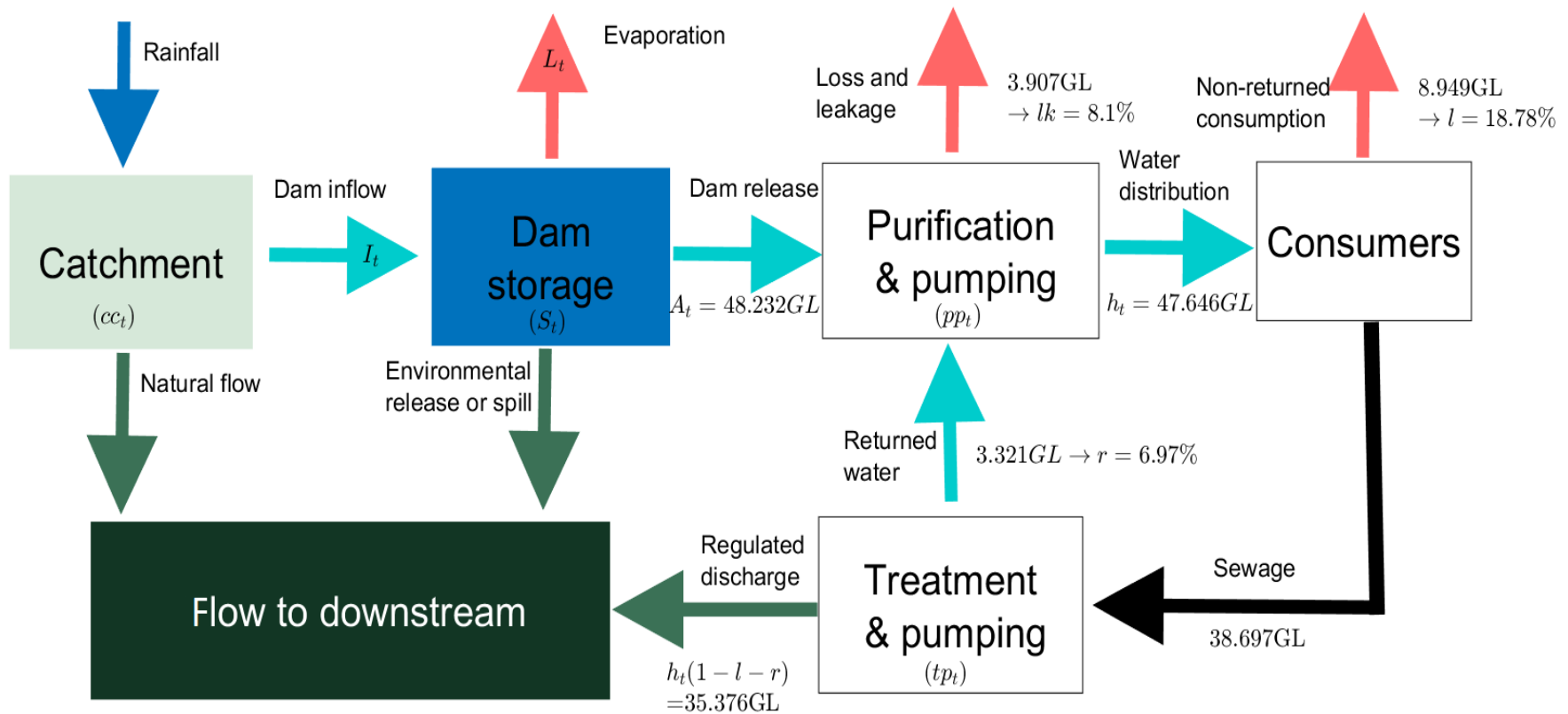
Water markets in the
Murray-Darling Basin



WATER PRICING



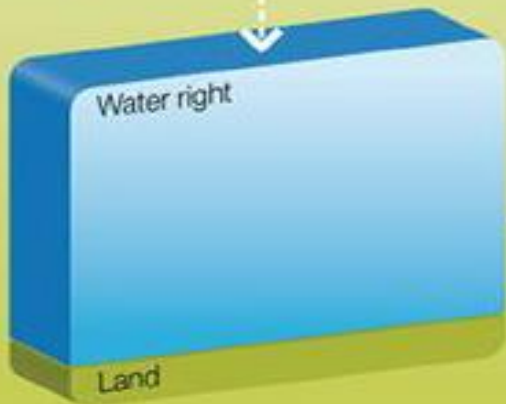
URBAN WATER SYSTEM



WATER MARKETS: MURRAY-DARLING BASIN

**10,000 + trades,
2,000 GL water
allocations
traded in 2016-17**

PRE-WATER REFORM



Traditional water right
a right to an annual volume of water,
subject to available water in storage.
Inseparable from land.

NWI REFORMS



Water use licence
the rights and obligations
relating to the use of water
on a specific parcel of land.

Water access entitlement
a perpetual or ongoing entitlement
to a share of water from a specified
consumptive pool as defined in the
relevant water plan.

Water Allocation
the specific volume of water
allocated to water access
entitlements in a given season.

Delivery share
a share of capacity in an irrigation
supply channel or a water course.

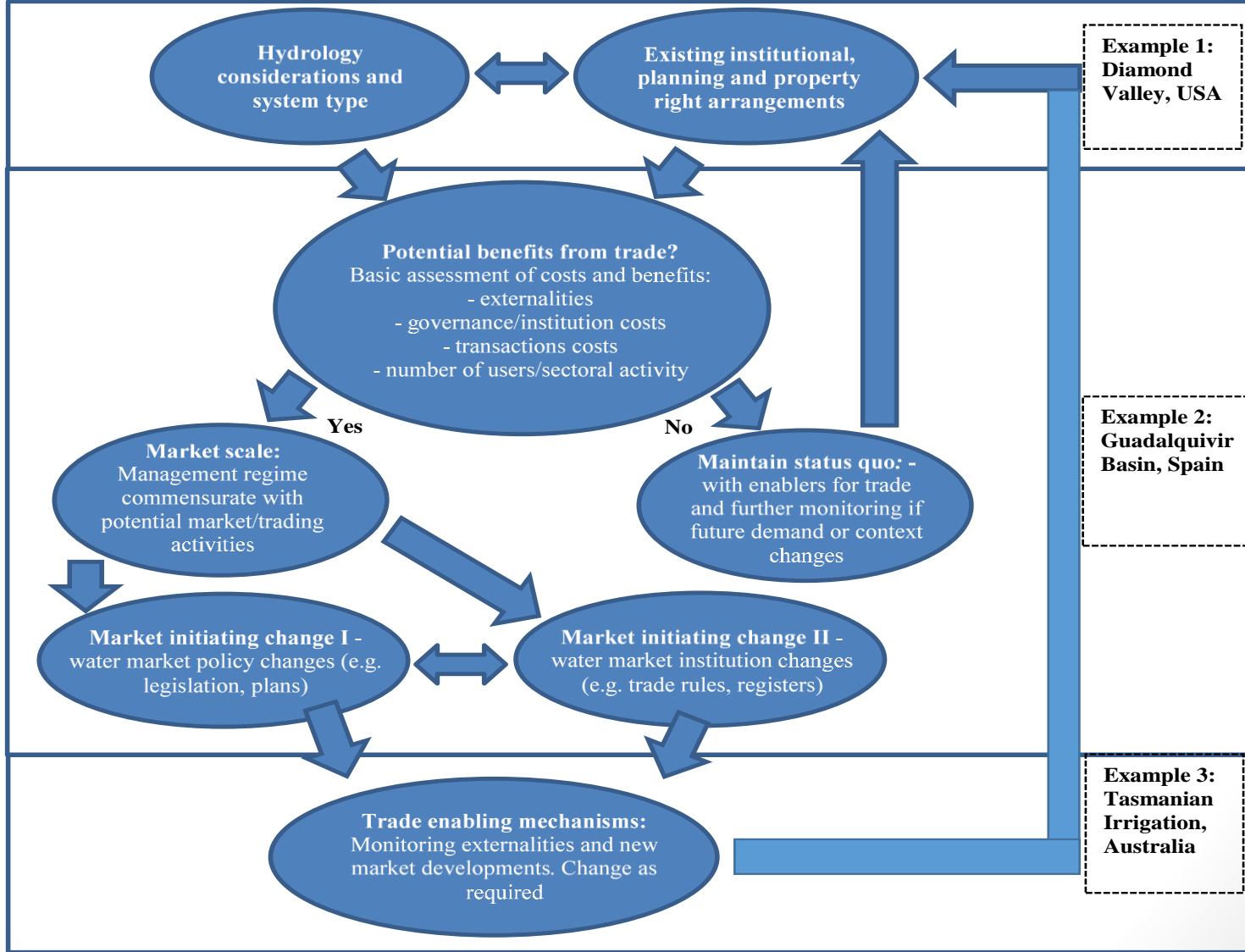
Unbundling →

WATER MARKET READINESS FRAMEWORK

Step 1: Background context

Step 2: Market evaluation, development and implementation

Step 3: Monitoring and continuous review/ assessment



Example 1: Diamond Valley, USA

Example 2: Guadalquivir Basin, Spain

Example 3: Tasmanian Irrigation, Australia

Source: Wheeler et al. (2017)

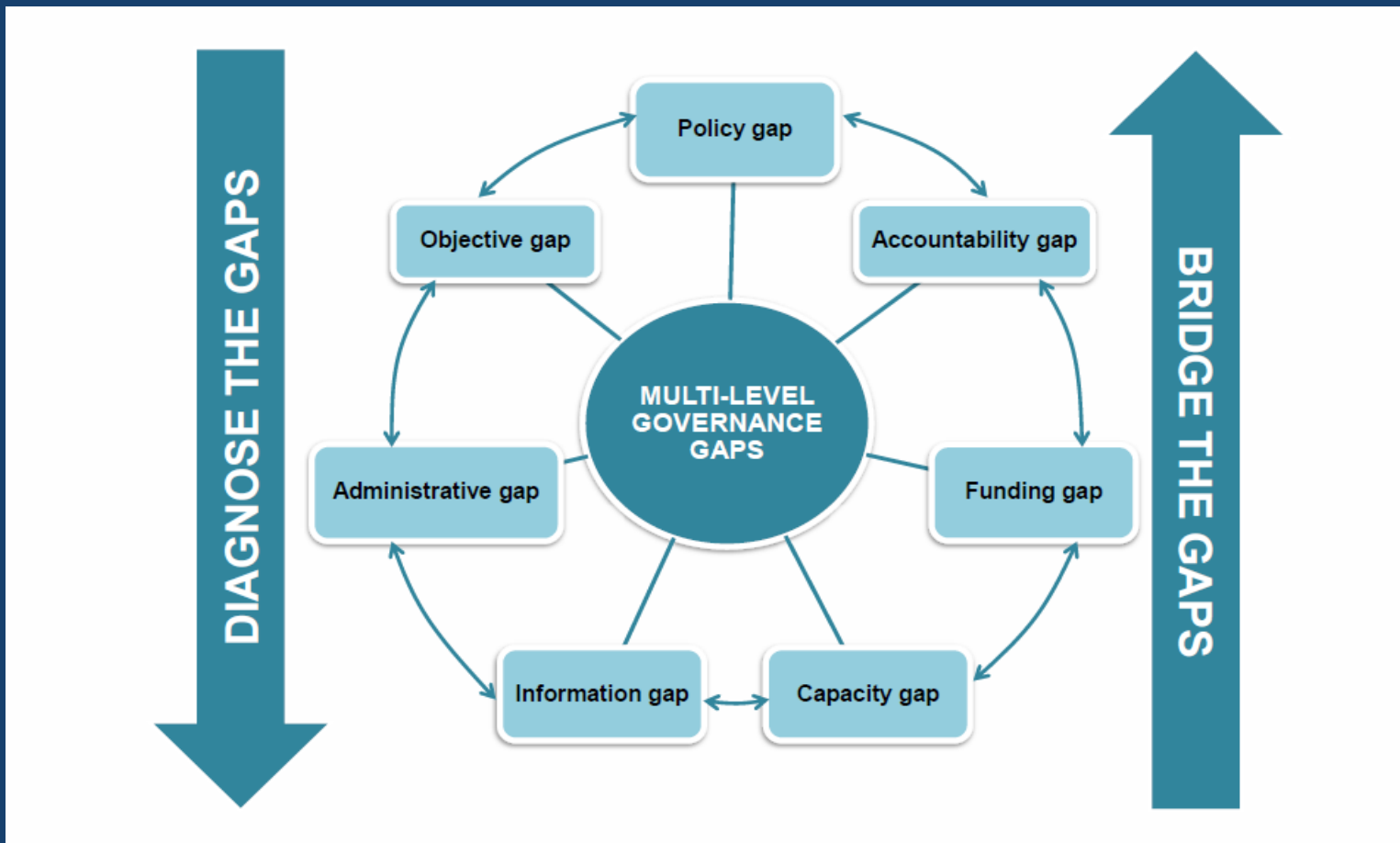
5. ACTIONS

Action
Changes
Things

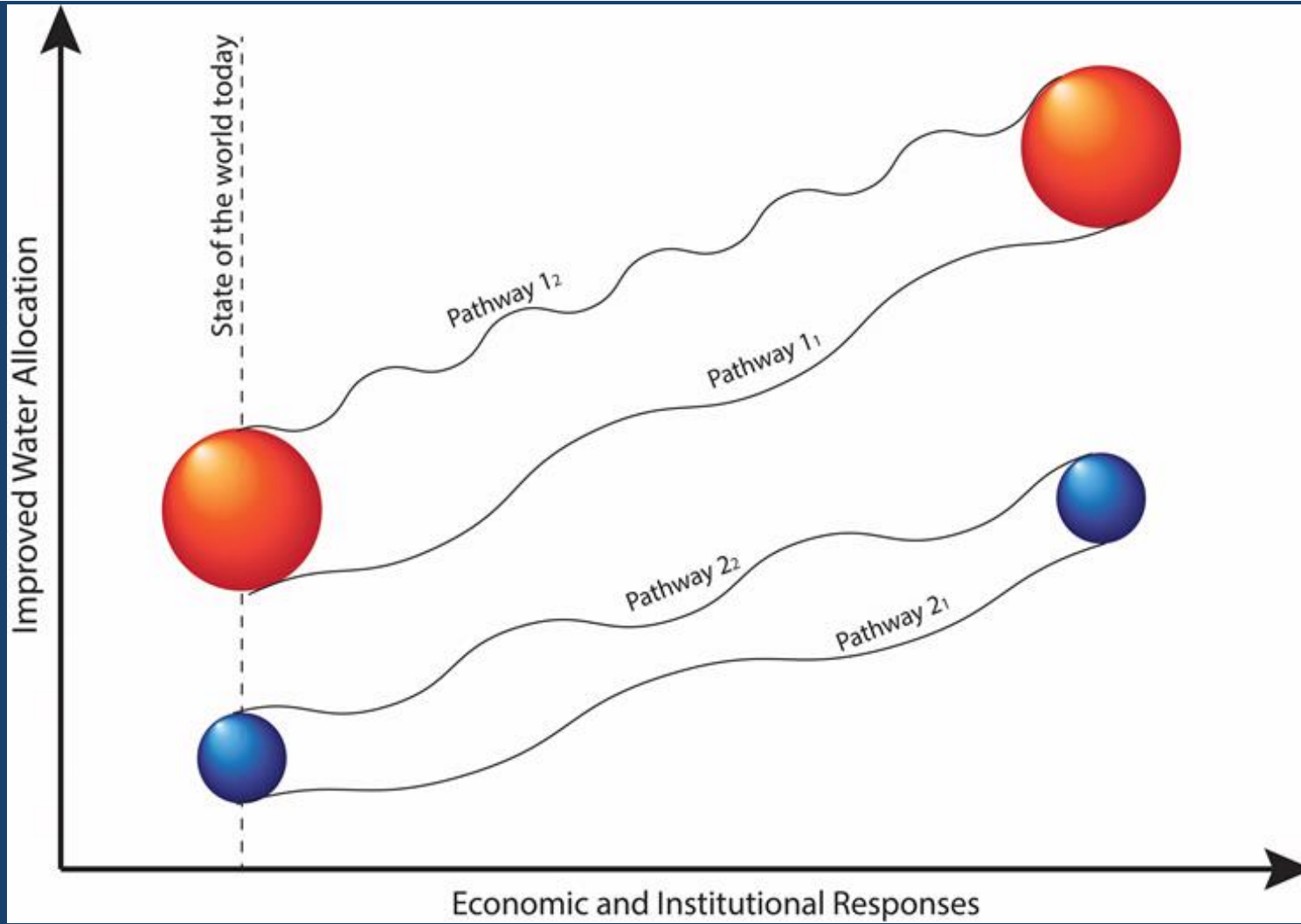
HOW TO ACT: WHO, WHAT AND WHEN?

- **Allocative efficiency (place and purpose)**
- **Scale and scope efficiencies (size and mix)**
- **Inter-temporal; dynamic efficiency (time)**
- **Equity (people)**

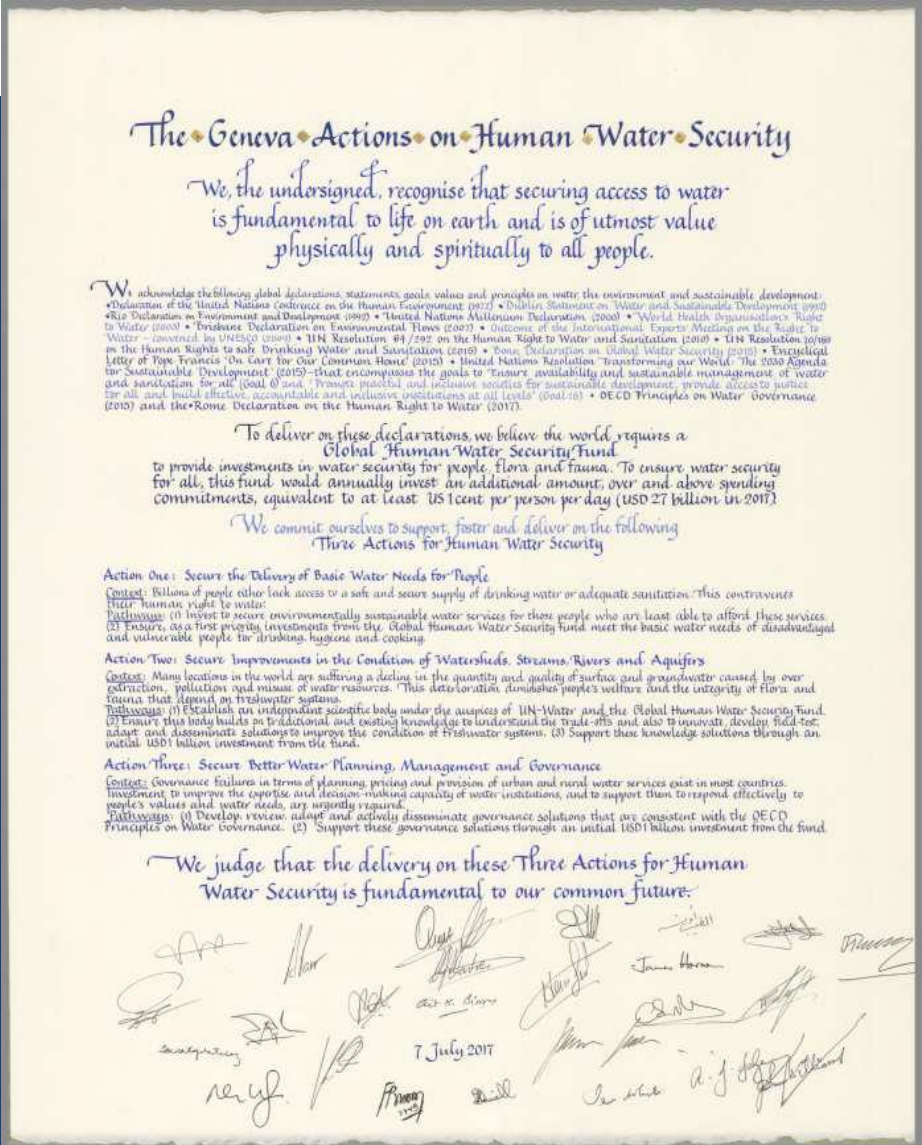
ACT: DIAGNOSING & BRIDGING GAPS



ACT: RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGES



GLOBAL HUMAN WATER SECURITY FUND



The world needs coordinated, prioritised and funded actions to provide basic water needs, respond to the deterioration of watersheds and aquifers, and to correct failures in water governance.

GENEVA ACTIONS

Action One: Secure the Delivery of Basic Water Needs for People

Action Two: Secure Improvements in the Condition of Watersheds, Streams, Rivers and Aquifers

Action Three: Secure Better Water Planning, Management and Governance

<https://genevaactions.org/about>

NEXT STEPS

- (1) Value Water** (socio-cultural, environment, economic)
- (2) Price Water** (rural & urban, scarcity pricing, concessionary rebates)
- (3) Strategically Invest in:**
 - Basic Water Needs
 - Value and conserve catchments and aquifers
 - Improved water governance

