

## **Greg Raisin – The Plight of our Rivers and Wetlands: An overview of the pressures impacting these critical ecosystems**

Rivers and wetlands are ecological hotspots in the landscape and are indicators of catchment health. These ecosystems are resilient but are under immense pressure from pollution of various forms, habitat loss, changes in food availability, plant and animal invaders, changes in flow volume, variability and seasonality, water temperature change and climate change.

Environmental flows will help but are not sufficient and a coordinated catchment approach is required to maximise rehabilitation and ensure ecosystem health for future generations.