# Integrated Catchment - River Modelling of the Parramatta River to Support Achieving Swimmability Targets



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#### **Parramatta River**

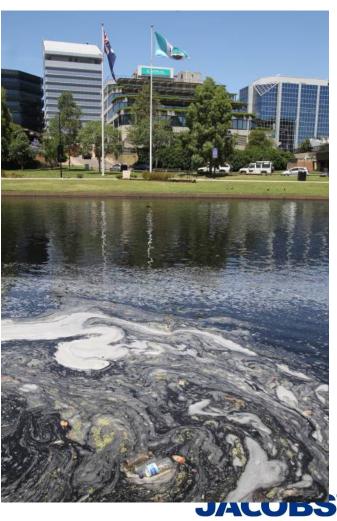






#### **Parramatta River**





#### 'Our Living River' initiative

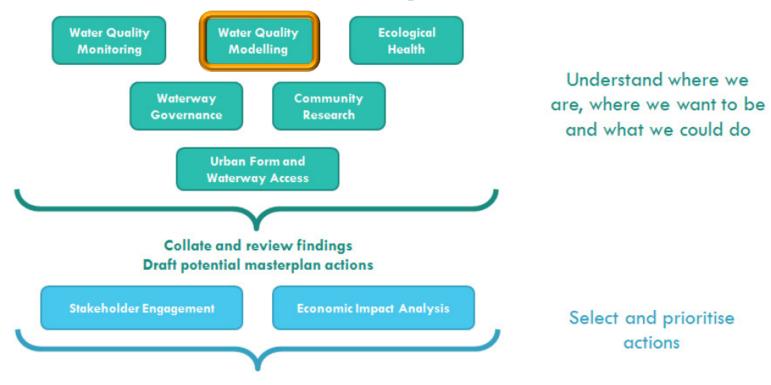
 Parramatta River Catchment Group est. 2014 with the mission of making the river swimmable by 2025



- Develop evidence based strategy, the Parramatta River Masterplan
  - make lasting improvements to the local environment
  - provide tangible benefits to the local community
  - bringing together issues of sewer and stormwater pollution
  - provide direction on what can be done with best cost benefit



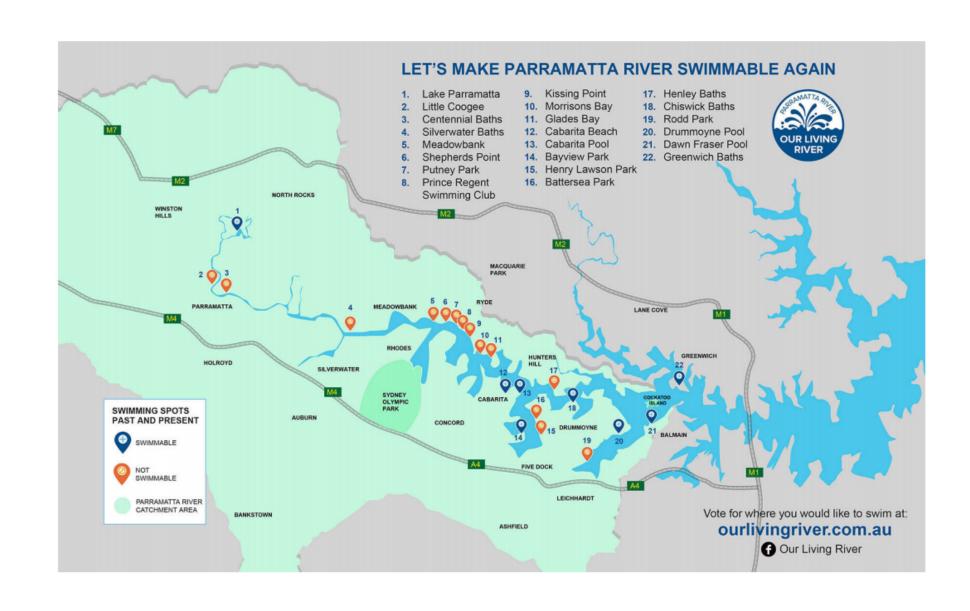
#### Parramatta River Masterplan Process



Finalise Masterplan

Stormwater Victoria Conference 2017





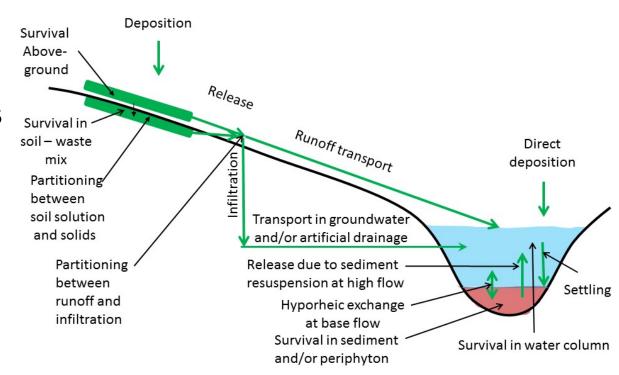
### **Water Quality Modelling**

- Developing an evidence base to:
  - Modelling Enterococci correlates to current primary recreation risk assessment frameworks
  - Identify measures to improve Enterococci levels
  - Model and scenario development informed through stakeholder workshops



## **Evidence base - Modelling**

- Sources
  - Diffuse
  - Point sources
- Pathways
  - -Stormwater
  - Overflows
  - Waterways
- Receptors





#### **Integrated modelling framework**

# **MOUSE model**Sydney Water

- Models trunk sewer network
- Calculates WWOF

# SOURCE model Jacobs

- Models catchment processes
  - Runoff
  - Pathogen generation

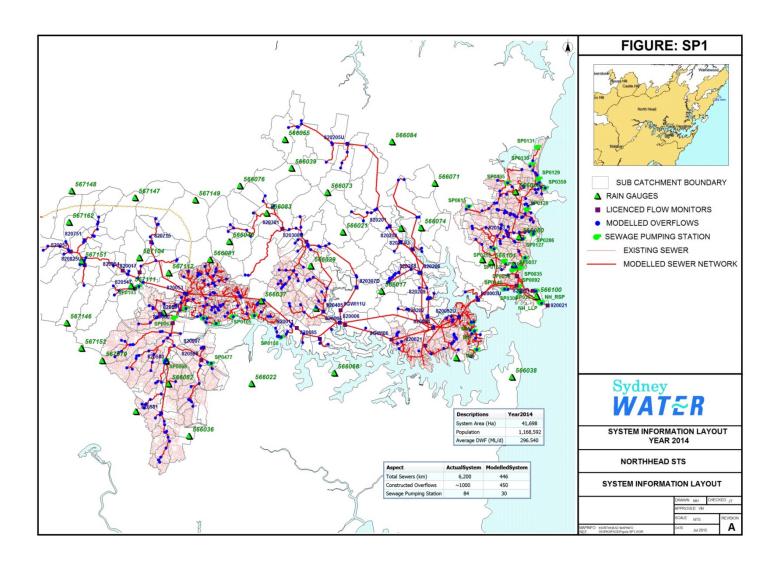
#### RMA model Sydney Water

- Models receiving water
  - Hydrodynamics
  - Pathogen fate & transport

- Sub-daily simulation
- Captures spatial & temporal changes in flow and concentrations (loads)

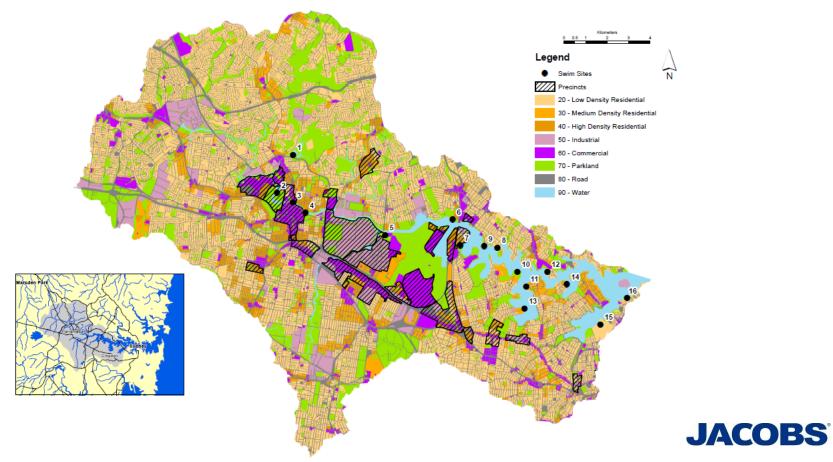


# MOUSE Model

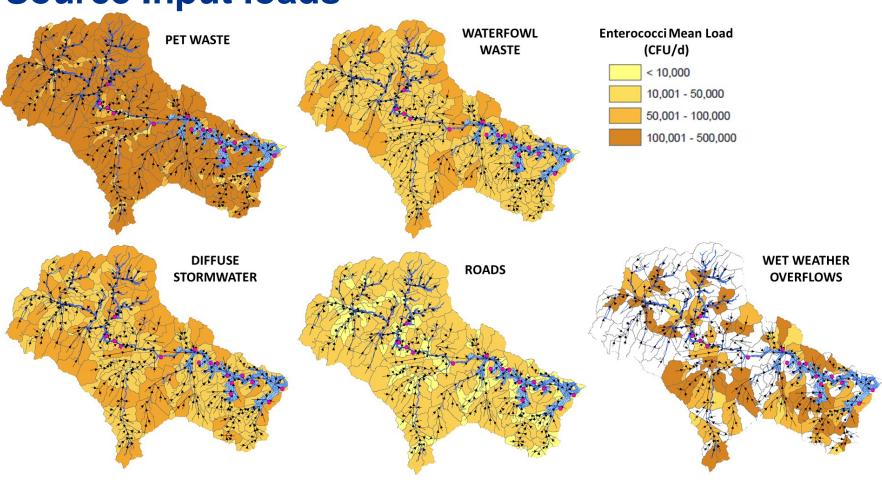


#### **Catchment model – Source Generation**

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# **Source Input loads**

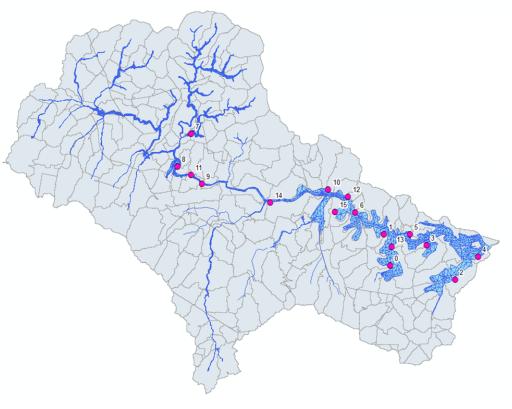


## Receiving water model – Fate & Transport

 Detailed modelling of the Parramatta River and Estuary ~ 30km length of river

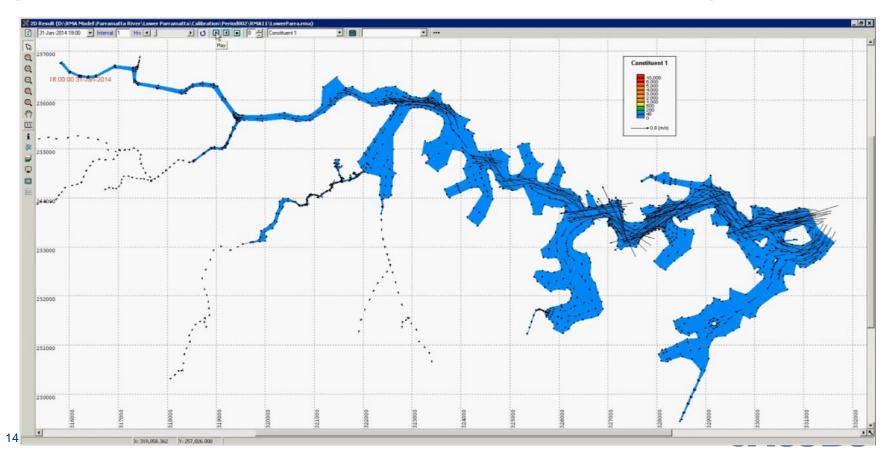
Inflows from Source (incl. WWOF and Diffuse)

 Beach Watch criteria - 95<sup>th</sup> percentile concs to assess swimmability

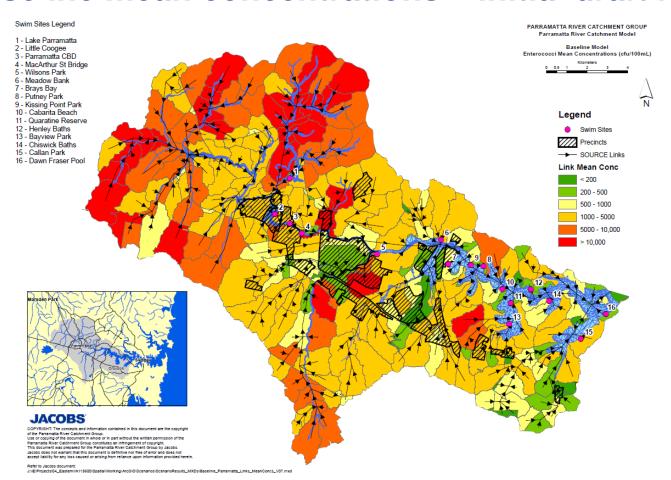




#### Simulation for Lower Parramatta Feb. 2014

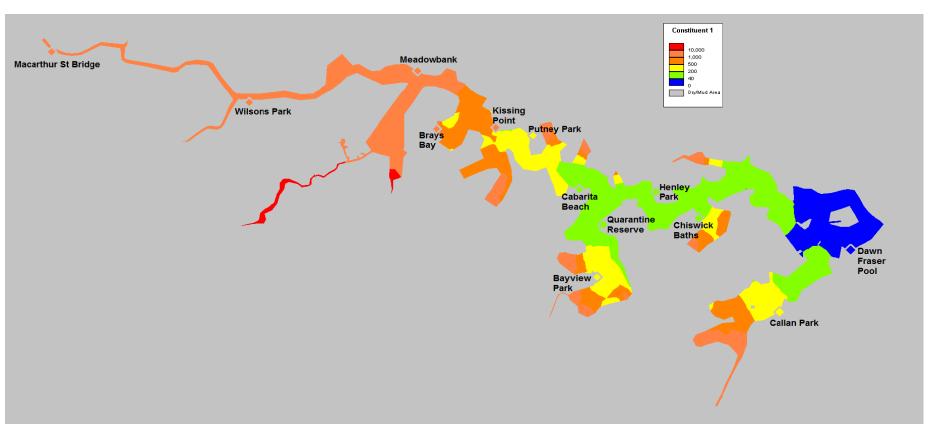


#### **Baseline mean concentrations – initial draft results**



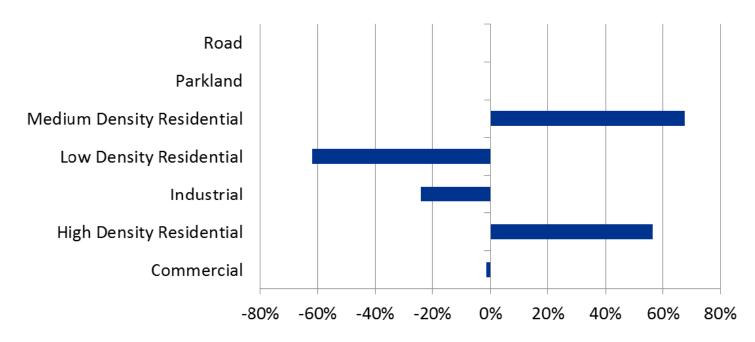


# Water quality targets: enterococci 95<sup>th</sup> percentile over 2 years



#### **Business as Usual 2025 scenario**

#### BAU 2025 % change in landuse area





# **How to fix - Options**

Options	Approach	Scale	Cost
Animal Management	Awareness	Source – Regional	\$
Stormwater Harvesting	Planning / Engineering	Source – Local	\$\$
Target high impact WWOFs	Engineering	Regional	\$\$\$





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