

**Division 60: Water —**

**[Supplementary Information No A89.]**

*Question:* Ms S.F. McGurk asked where the groundwater monitoring sites are located, and where additional ones have been provided, over the past three years.

*Answer:* The Department of Water actively monitors a network of 3,222 water measurement sites with the majority of these sites monitoring groundwater resources.

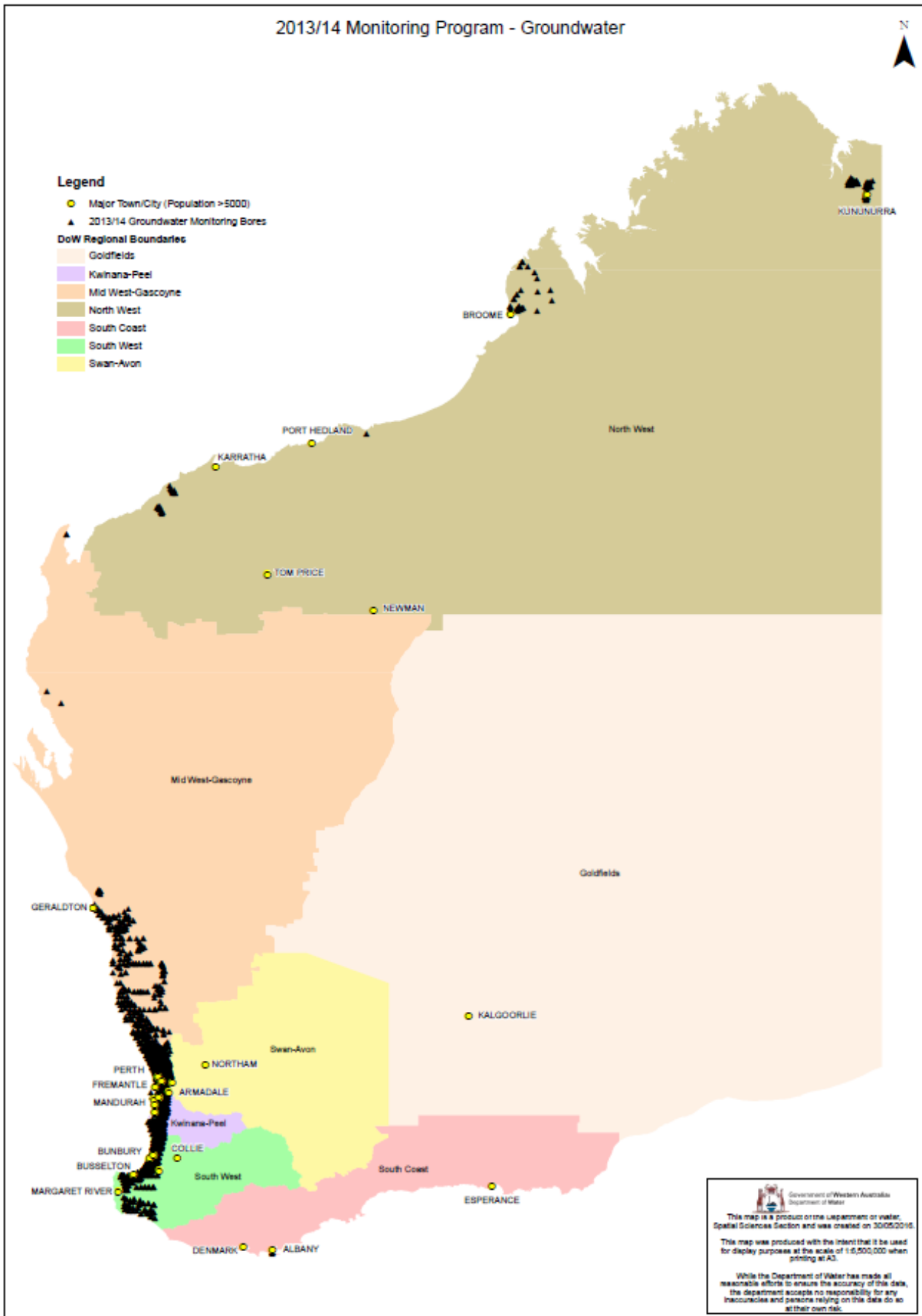
Groundwater monitoring sites being measured in any given year varies slightly from year to year. The past three years have seen a slight increase in the number of groundwater monitoring sites measured as follows:

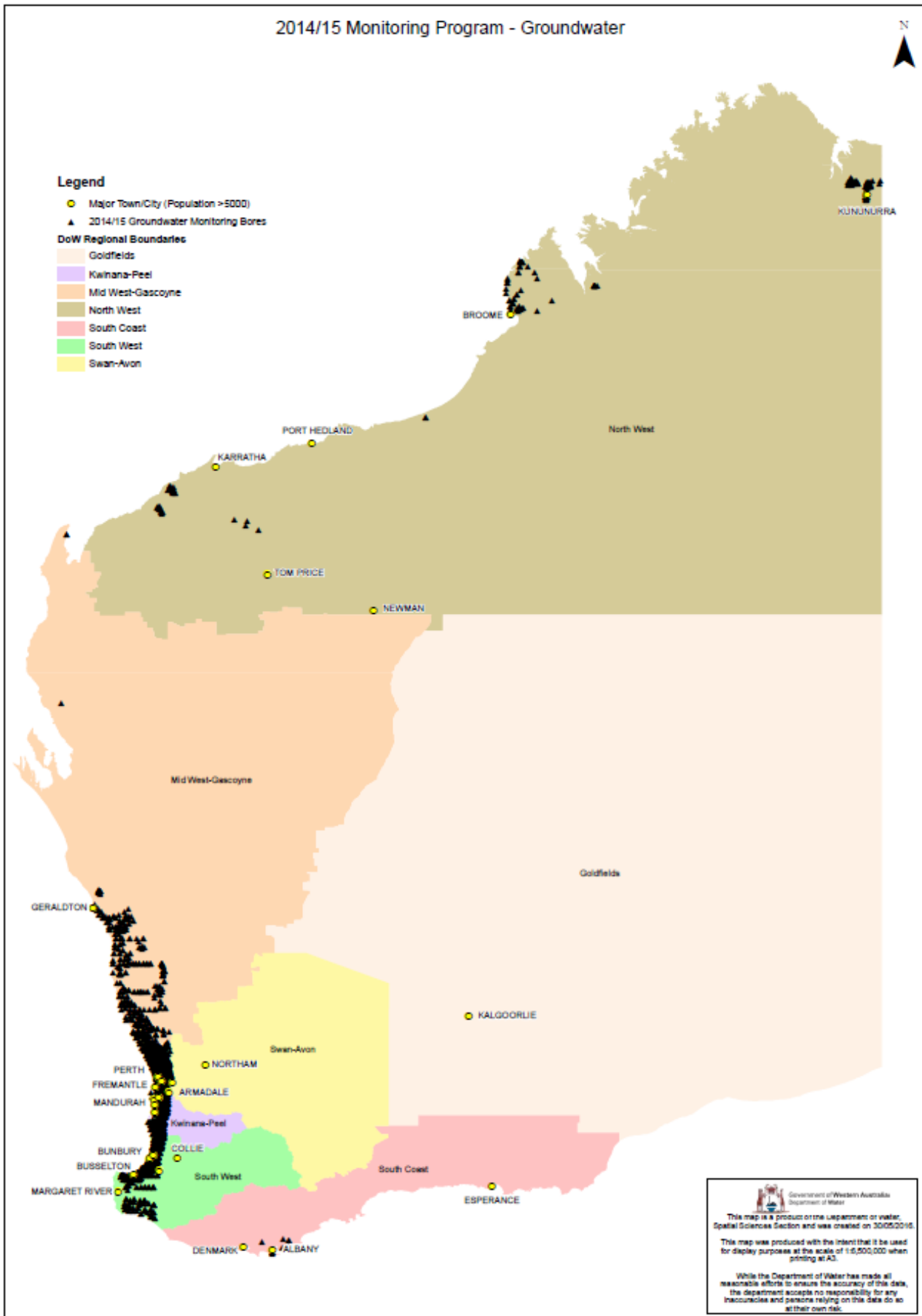
2013/2014 = 2,294

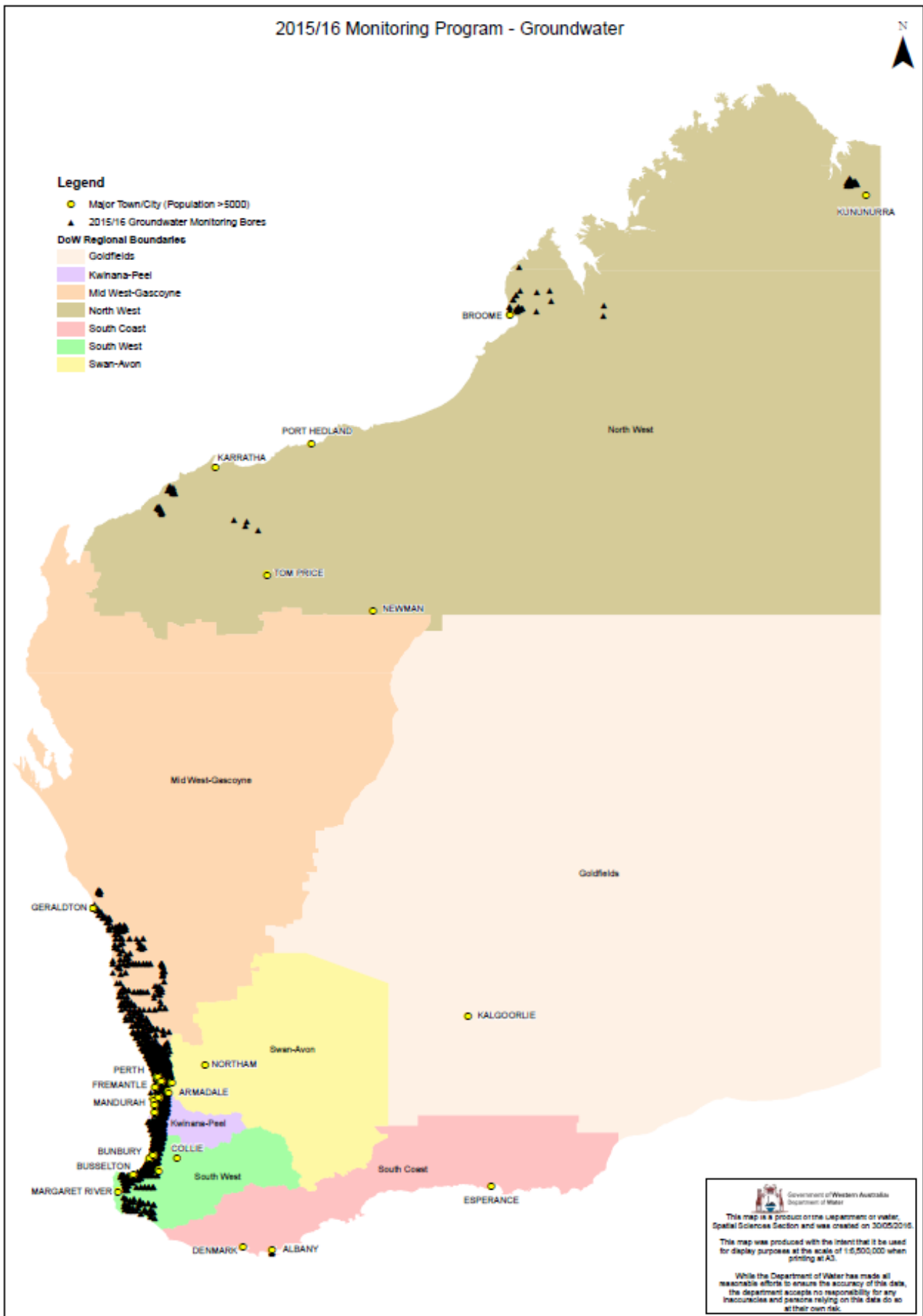
2014/2015 = 2,358

2015/2016 = 2,446

The below maps shows the locations groundwater monitoring bores measured for the above financial years.







**[Supplementary Information No A90.]**

*Question:* Mr D.J. Kelly asked what work was being done by contract staff in the corporate services area.

*Answer:* The type of work that was being undertaken by external contractors who are no longer being used includes:

- System administration of the TechOne financial system used by the Department of Water;
- Procurement of replacement ICT equipment;
- Management of legacy IT systems pending the roll out of all Water Online functionality; and
- Reconciliation of assets.

**[Supplementary Information No A91.]**

*Question:* Mr D.J. Kelly asked what contracts the department had previously that it will no longer utilise.

*Answer:* Up to two temporary agency contract staff funded through consolidated funds have been used at stages to assist departmental staff who have been developing capabilities to undertake priority water supply planning and provide advice on water sensitive urban design.

The agency expenditure review savings measure reduces the amount of non-salary consolidated funds available to support these functions by \$150,000 per annum which will now be undertaken by departmental staff, supported if necessary by contractors/consultants paid through project-specific funds.

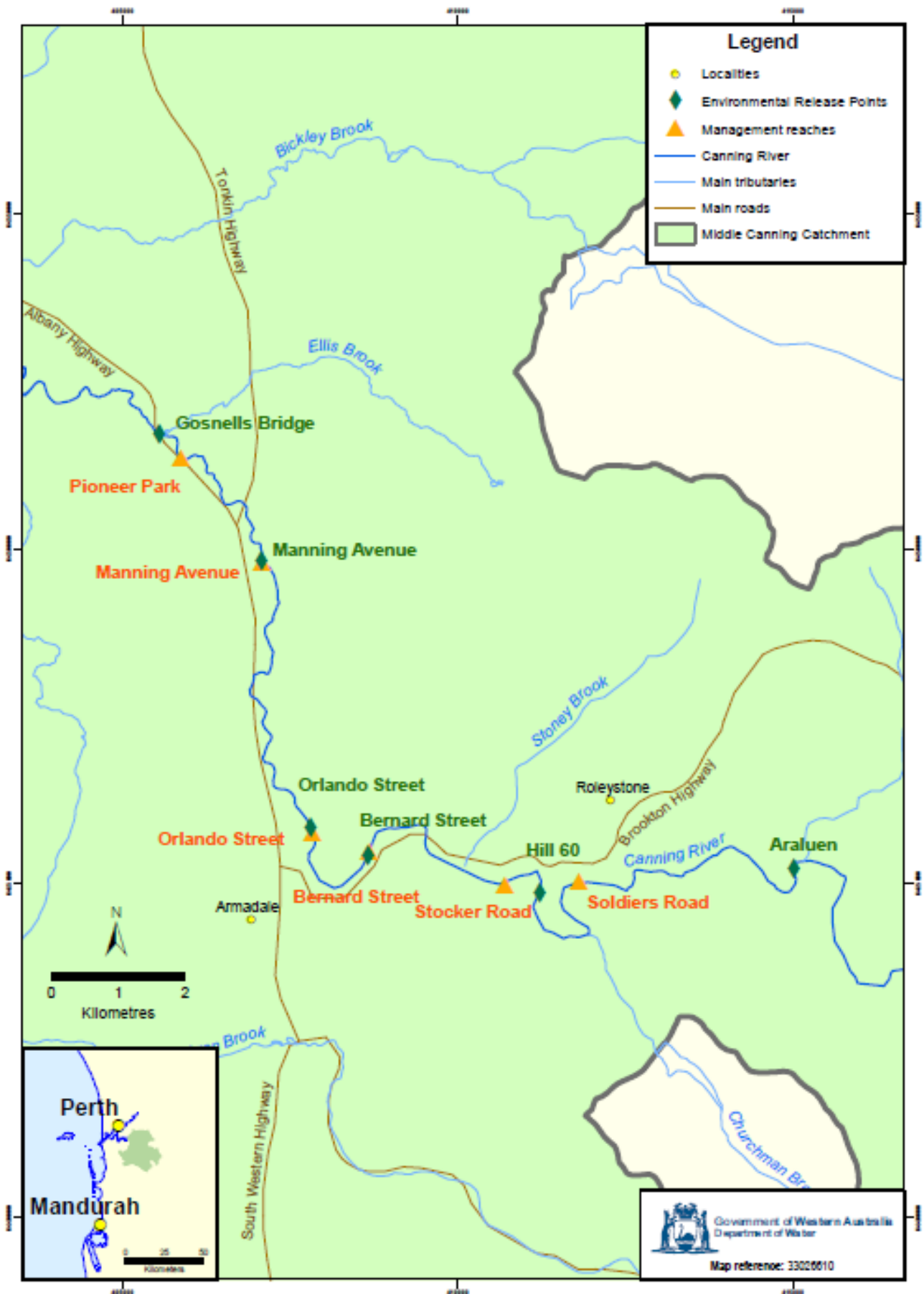
**[Supplementary Information No A92.]**

*Question:* Mr C.J. Tallentire asked: How much scheme water is being released into the Canning River, and what is its value? Could the minister also detail the different points at which it is released into the Canning River?

*Answer:* Scheme water is released into the Canning River during the summer months to support environmental, cultural and social values of this urban river, and some licensed water use. Water is released from six main release points (see the attached map) located at:

- Araluen
- Stocker Road (Hill 60)
- Bernard Street
- Orlando Street
- Manning Avenue
- Gosnells Bridge

Releases to the river are a longstanding practice recognising the effect of the Canning River Dam on flows in the river below the dam. An average of 1.5 gegalitres per year (1.5 billion litres per year) of scheme water is released to the Canning River. The releases are made by the Water Corporation as a requirement of its licence to operate Canning Dam. The long run marginal cost to produce the water that is released is \$1.85/kilolitre.



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