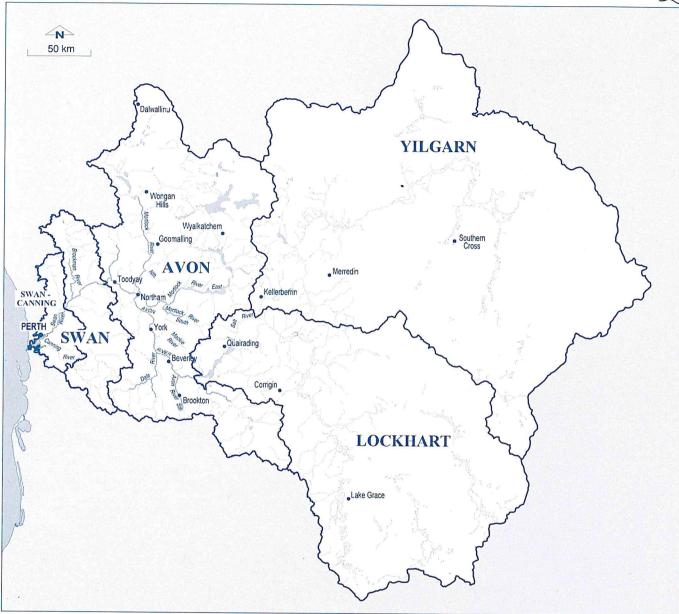
## Catchments of the Swan-Avon river system





A catchment is an area of land from which all the water (both surface water and groundwater) flows to a common low point. The low point might be a lake, a river, or stream, a wetland or the mouth of a river where it enters the sea. The high points might be the tops of steep slopes where the water starts to flow.

## The Swan-Avon catchment

The catchment of the Swan and Avon rivers represents one of the largest in Western Australia. It covers over one-twelfth of the State, being about 125 000 square kilometres in area. This is about the size of Tasmania! The Swan-Avon catchment extends inland from the coast at Perth and stretches from Dalwallinu in the north, past Southern Cross in the east and through to Lake Grace in the south-east. The Swan-Avon catchment supports more than 75 per cent of Western Australia's population,

mostly in Perth. The coastal subcatchments of the Swan-Canning river system are shown overleaf.

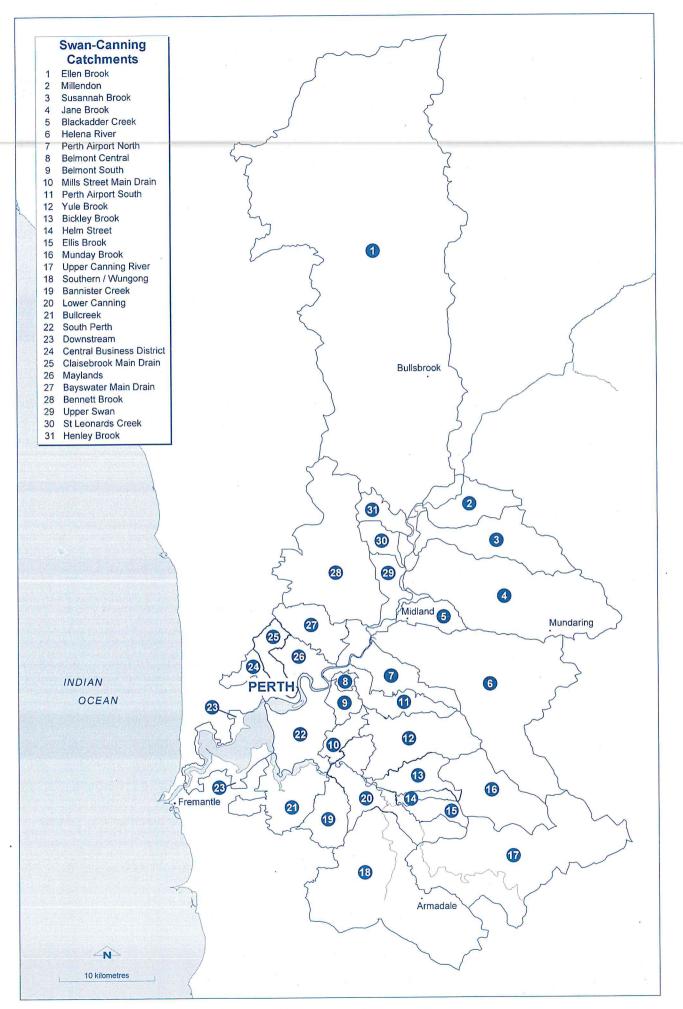






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## Subcatchments of the Swan-Canning river system