

*water sensitive communities  
inevitable or pipe dream?*

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# **understanding context and enabling collaboration**

*insights from a series of regional capacity building workshops*

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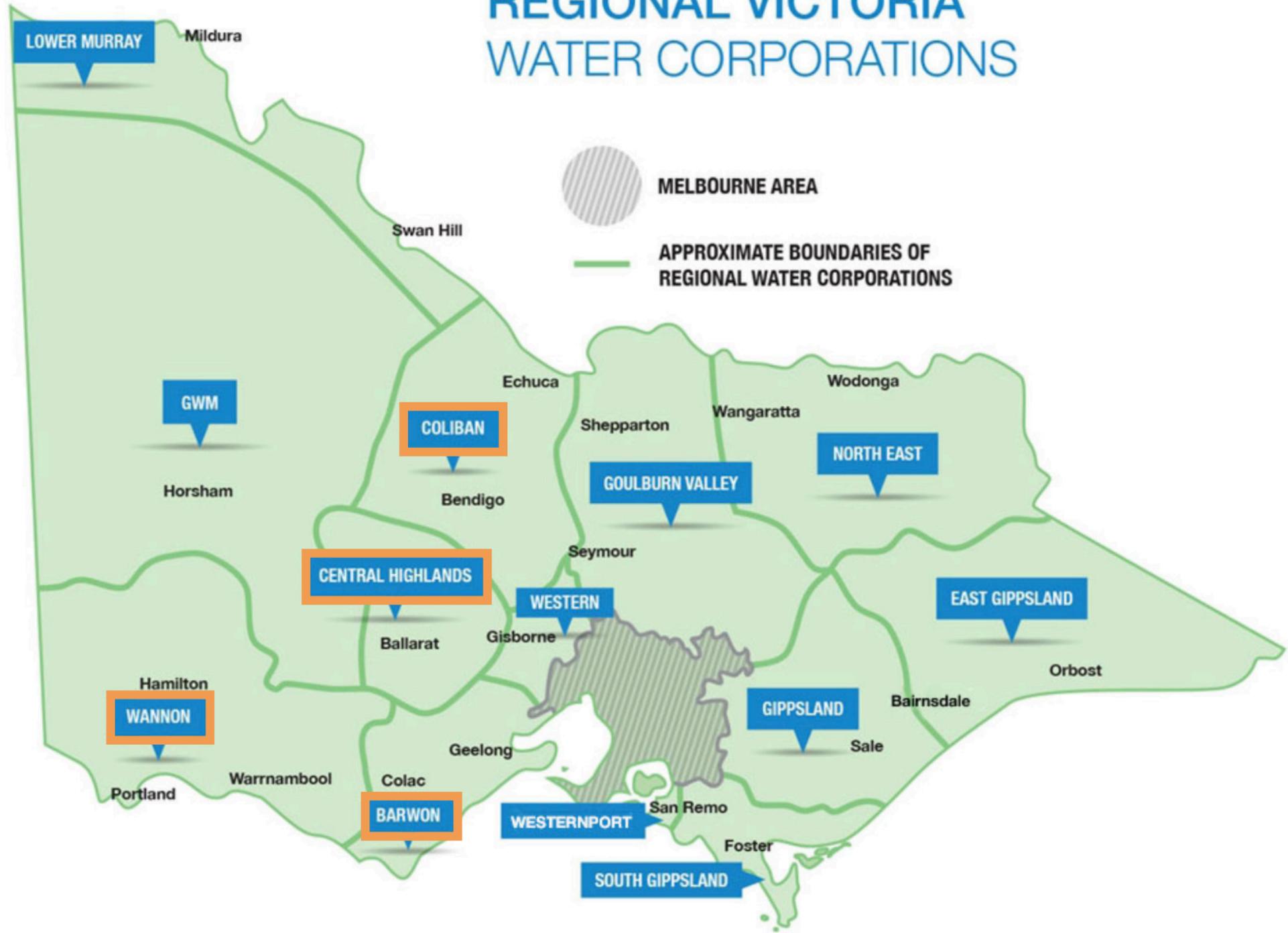
# WATER SENSITIVE COMMUNITIES

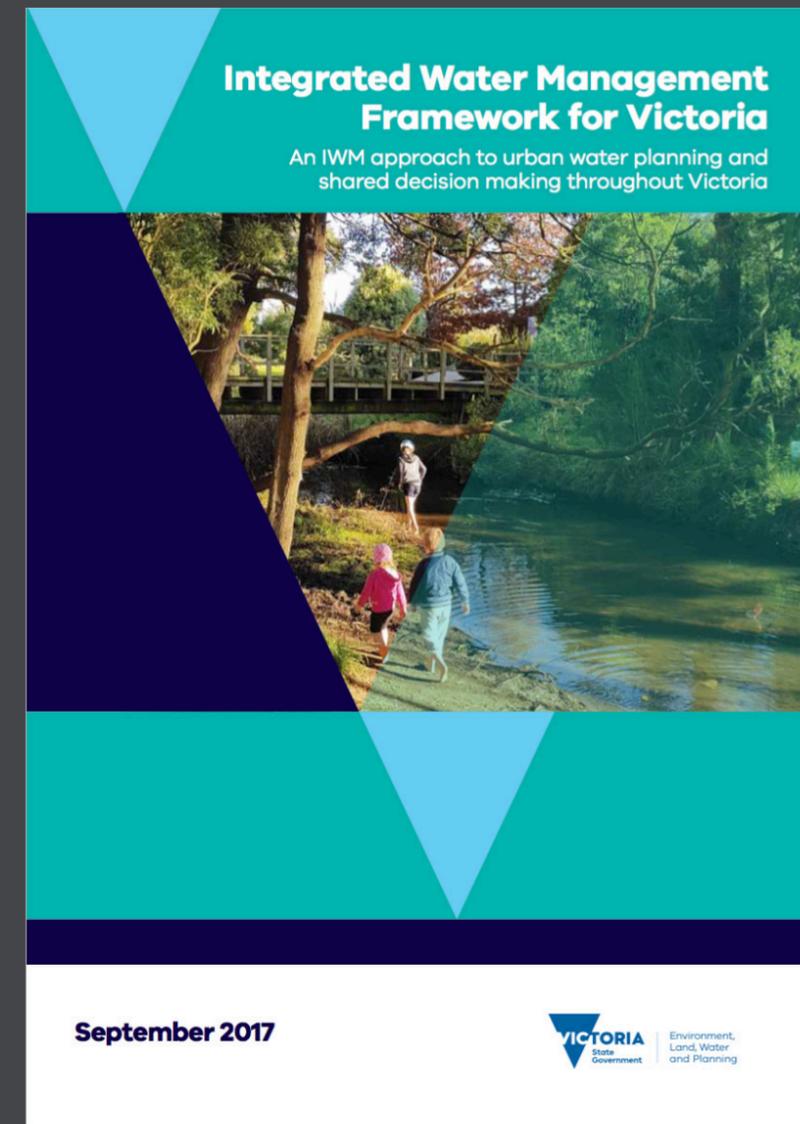
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# REGIONAL VICTORIA WATER CORPORATIONS





Water Corporations · Local Governments · Catchment Management Authorities

## Objective



*enhance integrated water management capacity within the Barwon Region*

develop a **shared understanding** of how local values and community needs relate to liveable and resilient cities and towns in your region, and the **role of integrated water management**.

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## Expert perspectives



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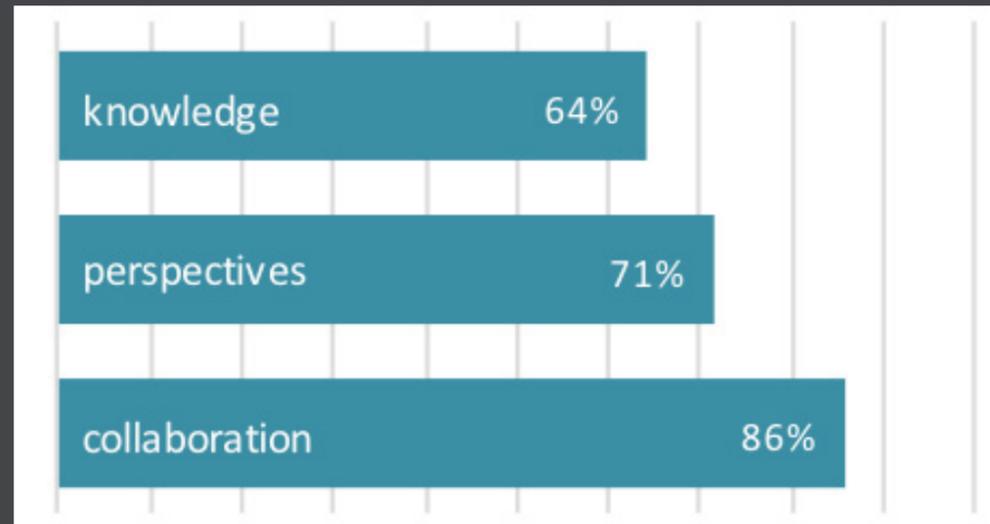


Building regional capacity for collaboration, drawing on:

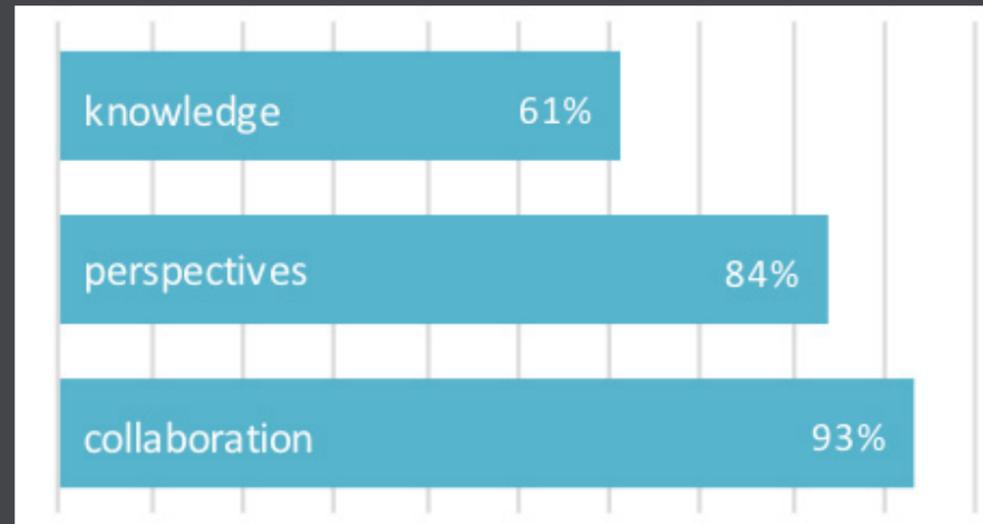
- knowledge and experience of technical experts
- collective wisdom of regional stakeholders

# Capacity building outcomes

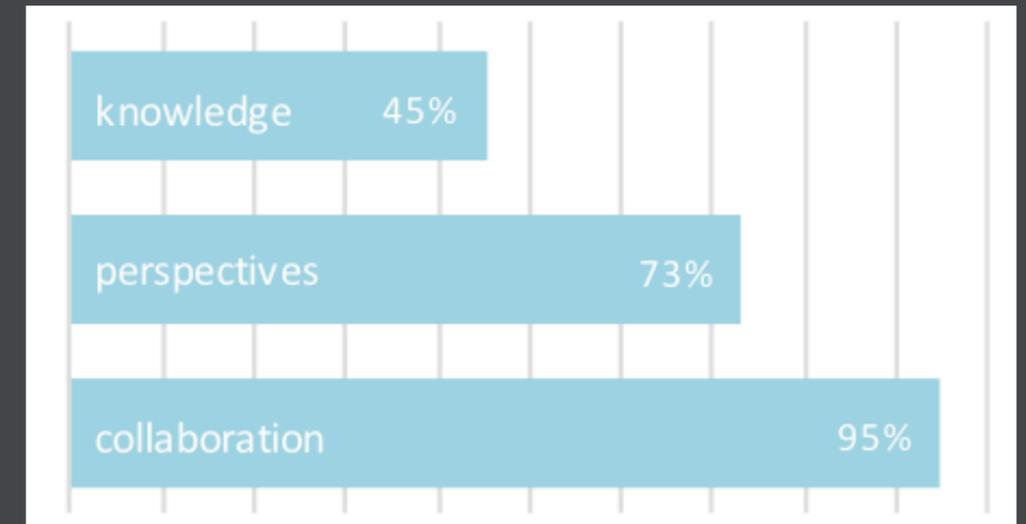
## Senior Managers



## Middle Managers



## Officers



“increased understanding of the different disciplines and perspectives involved in delivering local outcomes related to integrated water management.”

“Increased awareness of the need to seek more opportunities for collaborative and integrated planning.”

## Capacity building insights and reflections

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- influence of *planning context* on opportunities and processes for supporting water-sensitive communities
- factors *enabling collaboration* on integrated water planning and management

## Planning context

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**LOCATION** ▪ urban area / rural area / region

**SIZE** ▪ city / large town / small town / region

**ECONOMY** ▪ urban: growing / stable / declining / transforming  
rural: growing / stable / declining / transforming

## Planning context

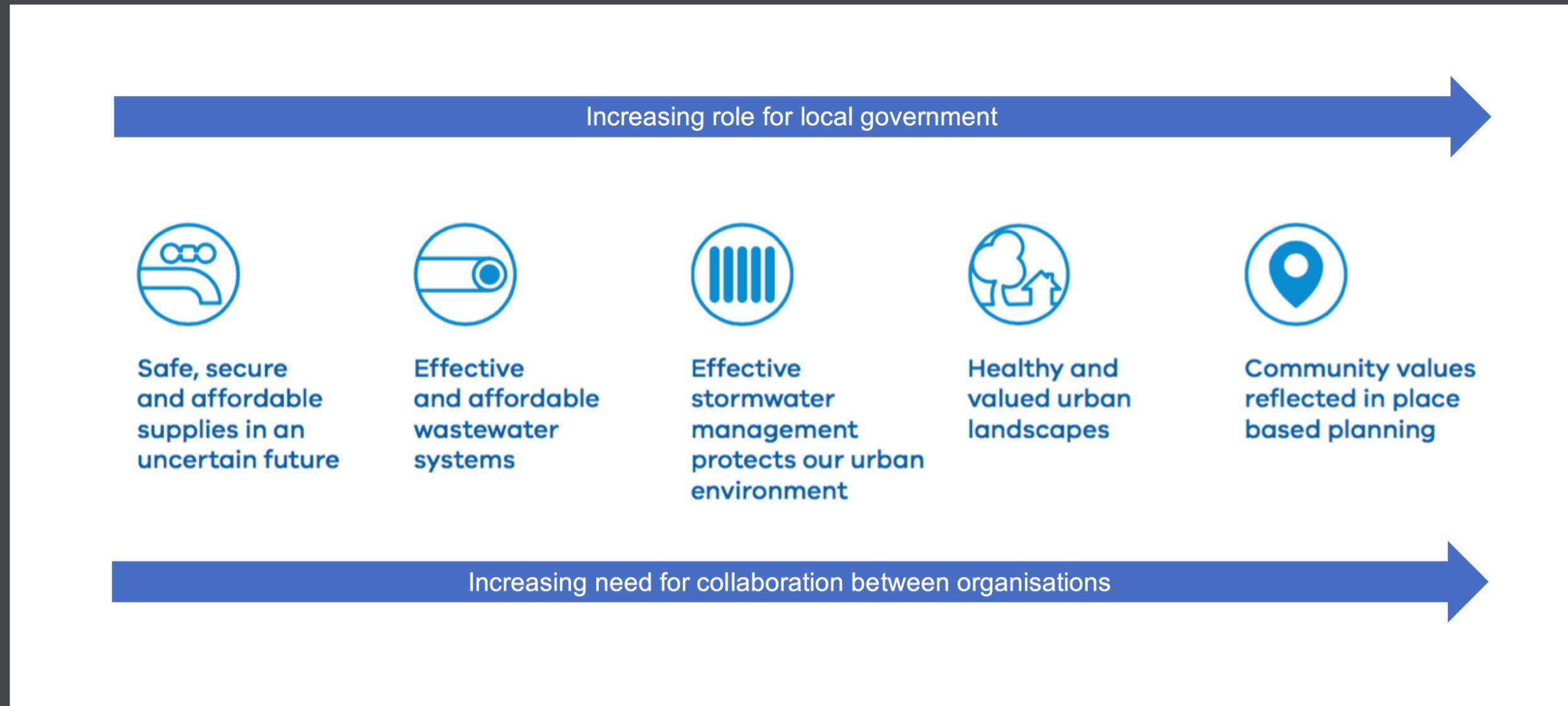
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**OWNERSHIP** ■ public land / private land

**DEVELOPMENT** ■ greenfield development / infill development /  
urban densification / agricultural intensification

**LOCAL CAPACITY** ■ city councils / regional and rural councils  
water corporations  
catchment management authorities

# Planning context



# Enabling collaboration

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- 1. LEADERSHIP**
  - executive / champions
- 2. ALIGNMENT**
  - internal / inter-organisational
- 3. CAPACITY**
  - knowing and doing
- 4. PLANNING**
  - understanding framing context (strategic / statutory)
- 5. RESOURCING**
  - functional / financial

# Enabling collaboration

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## Water-sensitive communities

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A shared understanding the role of water in supporting community values and needs provides a strong foundation for collaboration on planning and management of water-services and urban places.

- *planning context* influences the opportunities and processes for supporting water-sensitive communities
- *collaboration* within and between organisations is required to achieve integrated water planning and management to support water-sensitive communities



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