

INDIGENOUS

me for the Ngawaya (freshwater mussel) as the makes them move to the banks of pools and Good eating. They can also be boiled and the drunk to treat cold sick" Gooniyandi person

↓ habitat areas & water

"If you lose springs then people get sick. They are losing heritage and culture and connection and that is definitely not ok, and if people are sick they are not going to want to maintain anything else. Binuaba person

- ↓ stygofauna,
- ↓ water for
- ↓ terrestrial fauna,
- ↓ phreatophytic flora,
- ↓ bioavailable carbon
- ↓ for aquatic food web

**CUSTODIAL RES**

... river(s) must 'run free,' so that the spiritual force of ... and so that the ... not a species is maintained. Nganyin person

**TESTED SCALES**

The river[s] must "run free" so that the spiritual force of the river is not interfered with or blocked, and so that the increase of all species is maintained. Nishinjin person

**nursery habitat for aquatic fauna,**  
**bush tucker**

**sediment & trident input to estuary,**  
recruitment & w/h of aquatic fauna, **bush tucker**

"The floodwater chain up all the country gumwangs  
wadeable mangroves, like rain up all the rubber trees  
out, get rid of all the land weeds) - this water into the  
year in food will bring fish, water into the pool at all the  
mangroves belonging to the turtles and bees."

Nganyin people

STATE GOVERNANCE & INSTITUTIONS

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## USE & WELLBEING

—when we're getting ready for July [ceremony] along the river, we catch and share fish for ceremonies. It's culturally important for us, all the water holes, we can't use some of those places; they're *tairuku* [sacred]—Goonyandi person

