

Protecting Queensland's waterways

Effectiveness of Receiving Environment Monitoring Programs to support Environmental Regulation in Queensland

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Background to REMPs

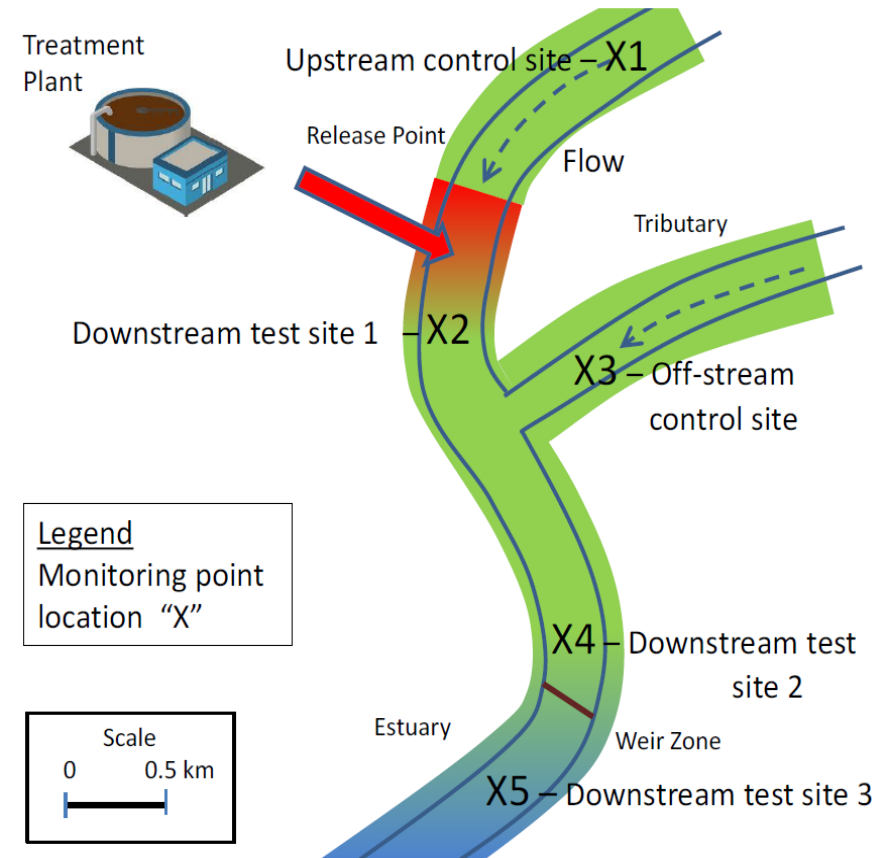
- Large industries in Qld are regulated under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 and require an Environmental Approval to operate.
- A Receiving Environment Monitoring Program (REMP) often required if potential impact on water quality.
- Many regulated activities have REMPs.
- Focus often on releases to surface water. Groundwater REMPs common also.
- Often the only water quality information available in some locations.

Purpose of
REMP
data?

Compliance
check?

Are limits
adequate?

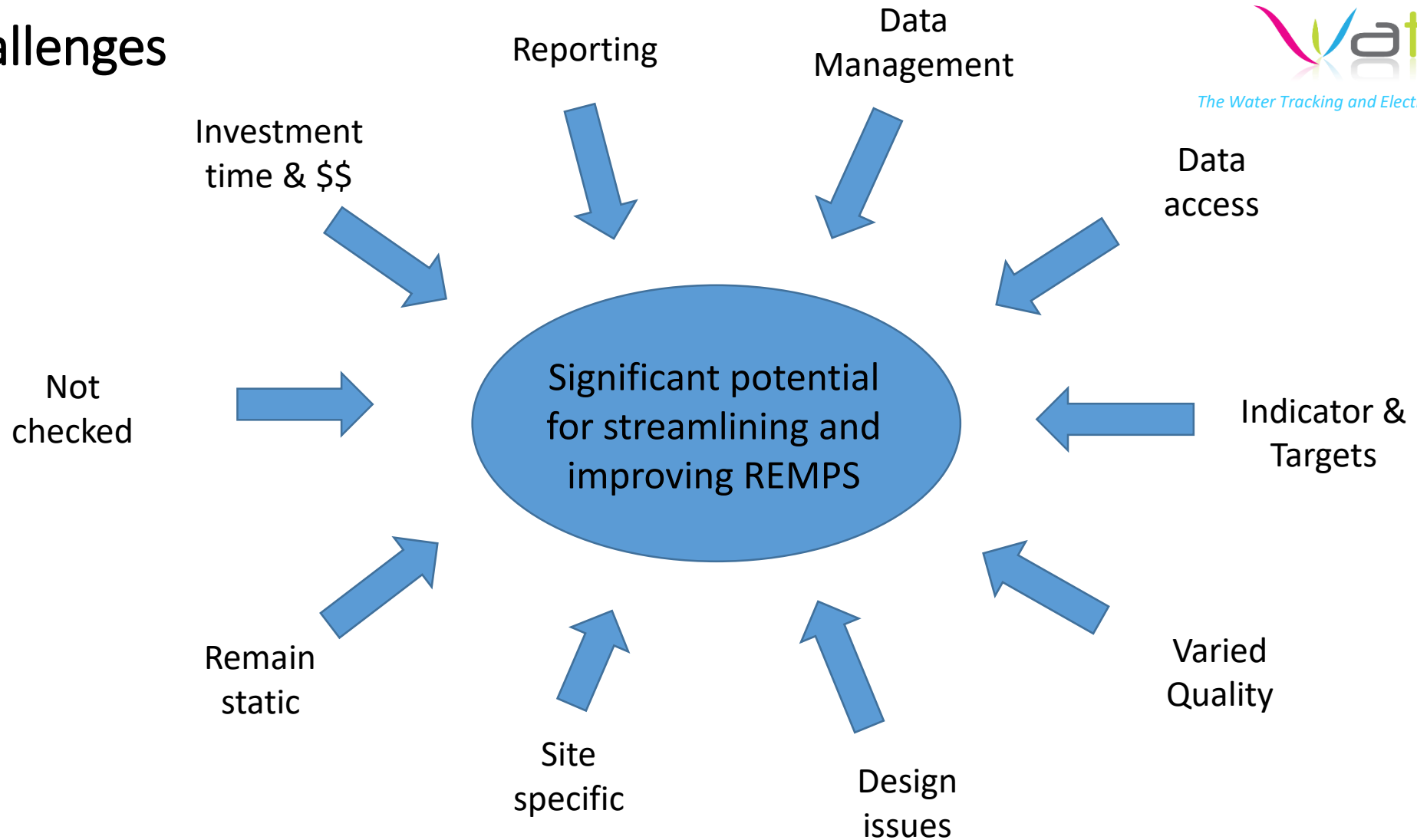
Expand
facility?



REMP Challenges



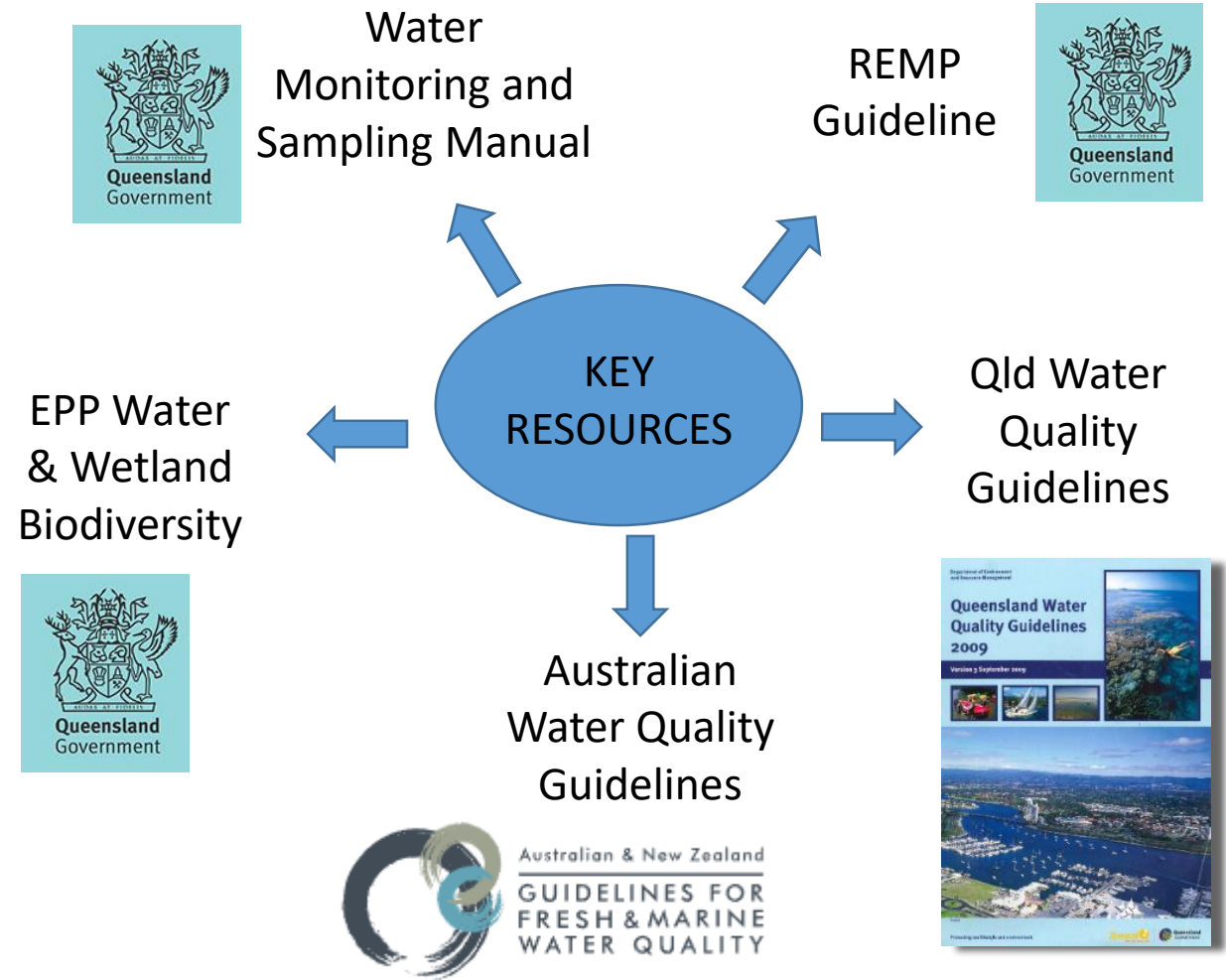
The Water Tracking and Electronic Reporting System



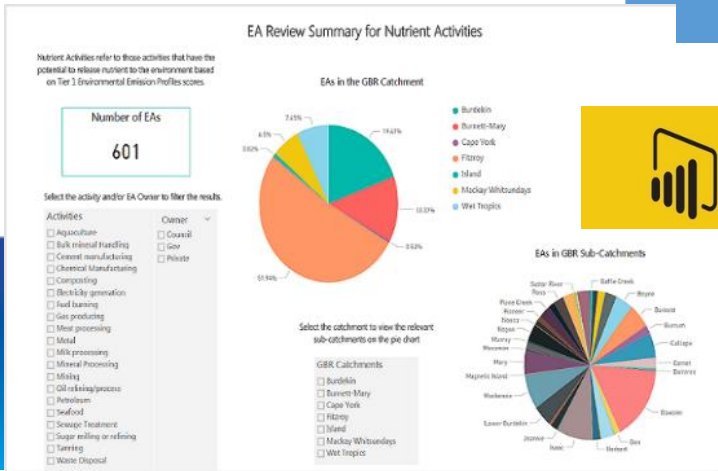
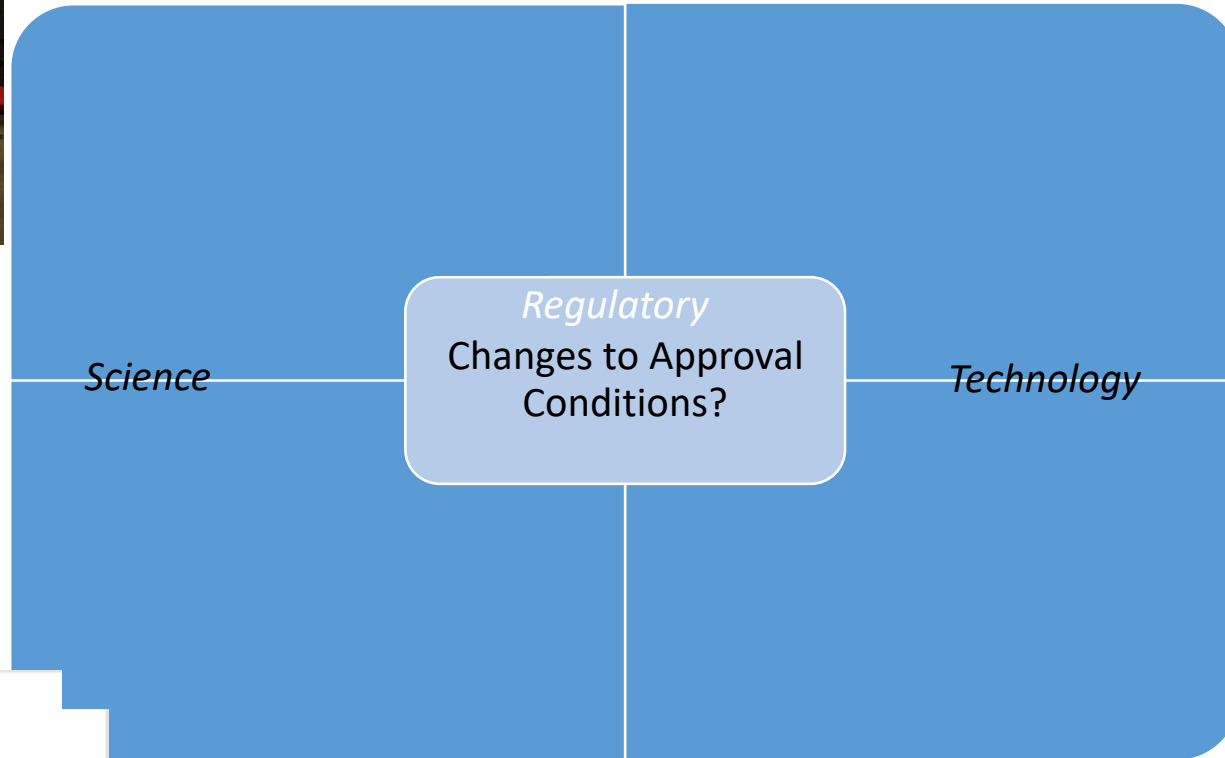
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Key REMP design considerations:

- Clear Objectives – why monitor?
- Relevant indicators – WQ, sediment, biological?
- Suitable monitoring locations
- Adequate sample timing and frequency
- Correct sampling & analysis methods
- Relevant Water Quality Objectives & Guidelines for assessment



Strategy for improving REMP's





Thank you

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