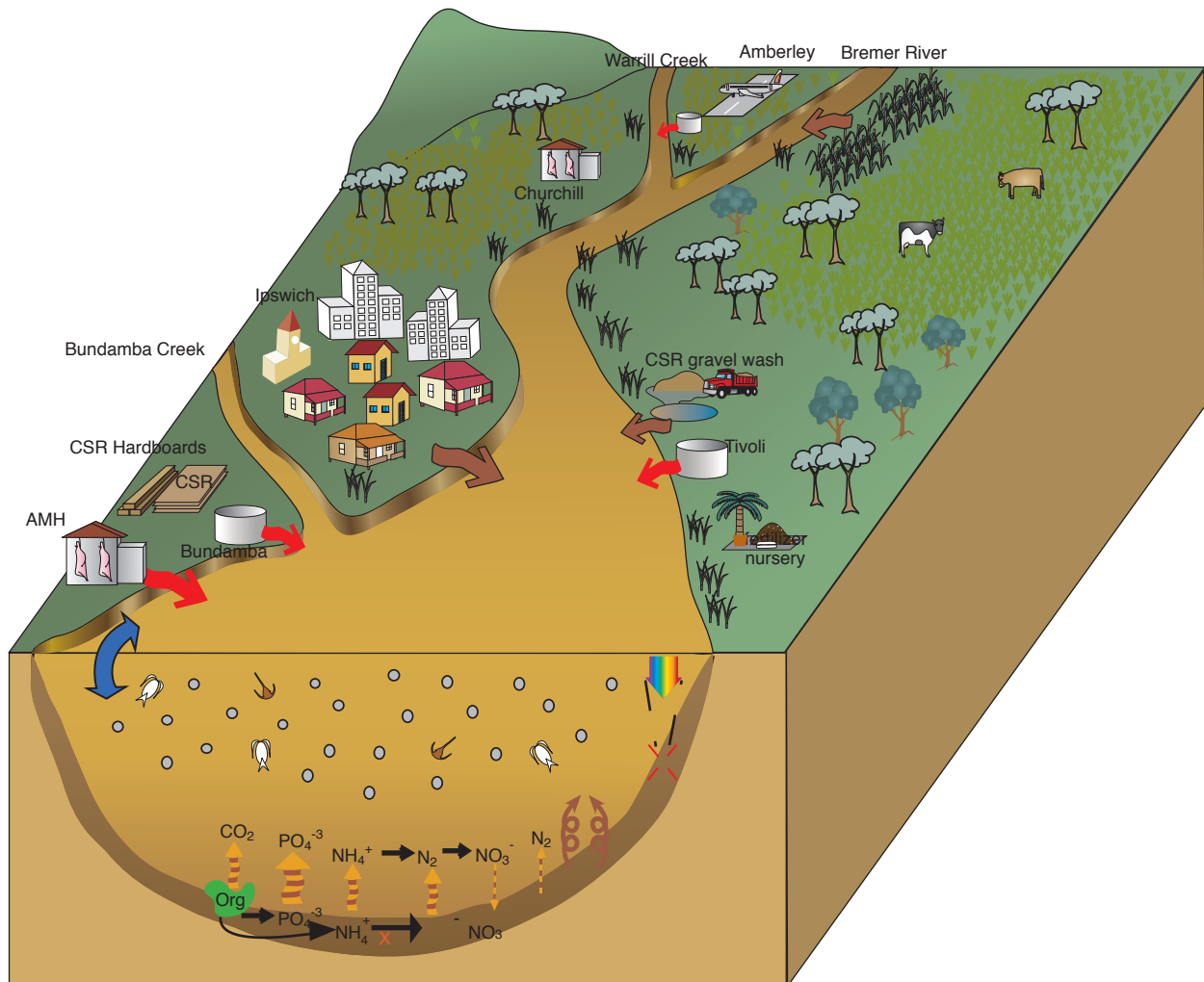


Bremer River



Between Mt Cordeaux and Wilson's Peak, on the Great Dividing Range, many of the creeks and streams of the Bremer River catchment begin. Reynolds, Warrill and Purga Creeks and the Greater Bremer River and others flow down from the Scenic Rim and into the valleys of the Brisbane region. They flow past the townships of Aratula, Kalbar, Warrill View, Peak Crossing and Rosewood and through extensive dairy and beef grazing pastures. The catchment supplies water for irrigated pastures, crops, livestock, and for the towns and other smaller settlements.

- The Bremer River is a degraded system, characterised by high nutrient loads and turbidity, high phytoplankton biomass, light-limited phytoplankton especially along the estuarine reaches.
- The riparian vegetation in lower reaches has been mostly cleared and the riverbanks are predominantly weed-infested.
- Stormwater and sewage inputs predominate in the urban areas around Ipswich. In the lower reaches, there is a range of nutrient and sediment sources, including run-off from farming activities, sewage discharge and industries. Its distance from the bay means there is little tidal flushing of the system to remove nutrients and pollutants.