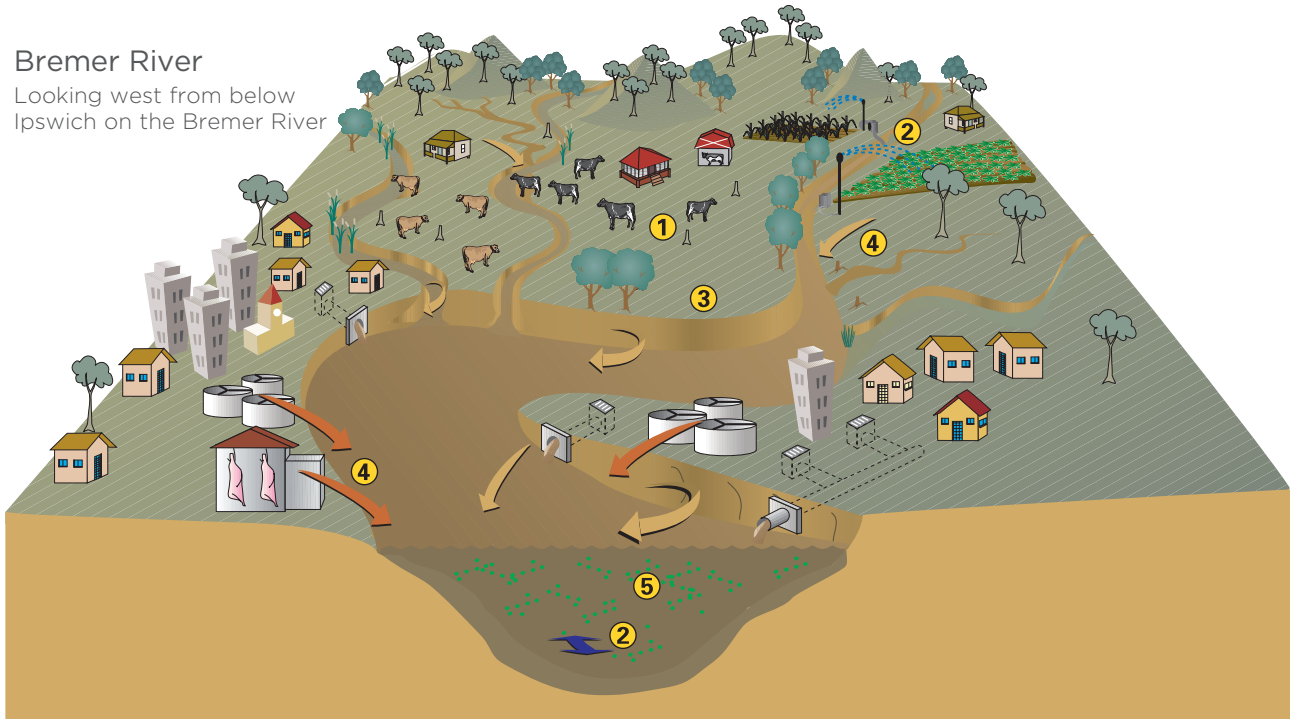


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Looking west from below Ipswich on the Bremer River



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Catchment land-use dominated by grazing, agriculture and natural forest (in upper catchment)
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Downstream flow reduced by water extraction; poor tidal flushing in the lower reaches
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Riparian condition generally poor
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Large sewage discharges currently being upgraded, numerous other point sources of nutrients
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Water quality generally very poor; high turbidity, organics and phytoplankton

The total catchment area for the Bremer is 2,022 km<sup>2</sup> with a total population of approximately 88,752. The total length of streams in the catchment is 1,445 km. The major land uses include grazing, natural forest and agriculture. The Bremer catchment is considered to be in very poor health:

- The water is extremely turbid and contains a large amount of organic matter.
- There is widespread gullying and channel erosion in the network of small tributary streams.
- The water in the lower reaches is a dense greenish brown and has an offensive odour.
- Almost no riparian vegetation remains apart from woody weed infestations.