

## Gold Coast Catchment

The Gold Coast catchment has an area of 1,302 km<sup>2</sup> and a population of 366,319. The total length of the streams in the catchment is 859km. The major land uses include urban, tourism, natural forest, grazing and agriculture.

### The Broadwater

Looking north from the Gold Coast Seaway (right, foreground) and Labrador (left, foreground) across The Broadwater



- 1** Catchment is heavily urbanised (lower reaches) with natural forest and grazing in the upper reaches
- 2** Some areas of mangrove and saltmarsh remain
- 3** Increased tidal exchange from stabilisation of The Seaway entrance
- 4** Sewage discharged at The Seaway on outgoing tide
- 5** Sandbanks and seagrass habitat are dynamic

### Gold Coast Broadwater

The conceptual model shows the broadwater looking north from the Gold Coast seaway with Labrador on the opposite side of the Broadwater. The Gold Coast Broadwater is considered to be in good health.

- The water is clear with very little sediment.
- There are extensive seagrass beds, mainly in the northern section.
- There are lots of recreational opportunities available.