

# **Evolving freshwater management in the face** of intensification and climate change

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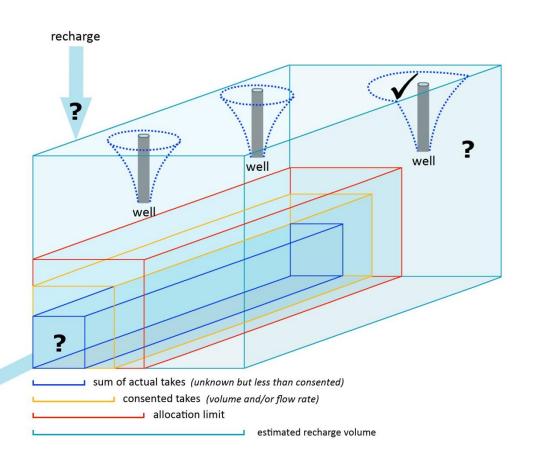
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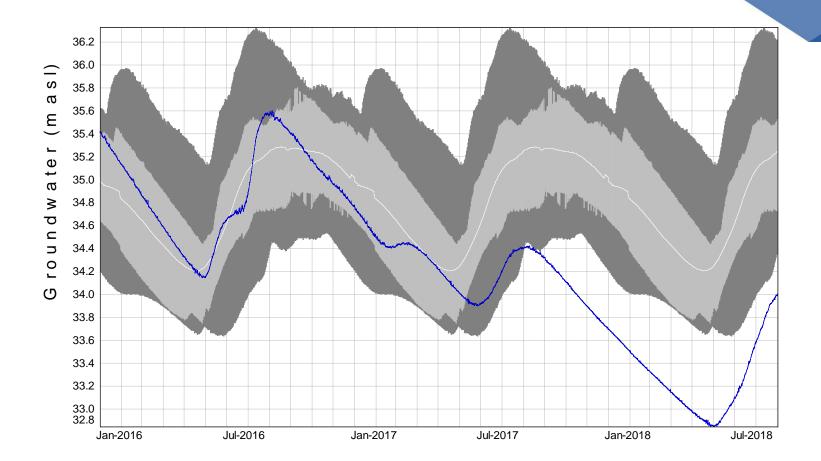
#### **Overview**

- Historic management methods and issues
- Characterisation of systems and development of models
- Combining these models with management tools
- Resilience in the face of intensification and climate change





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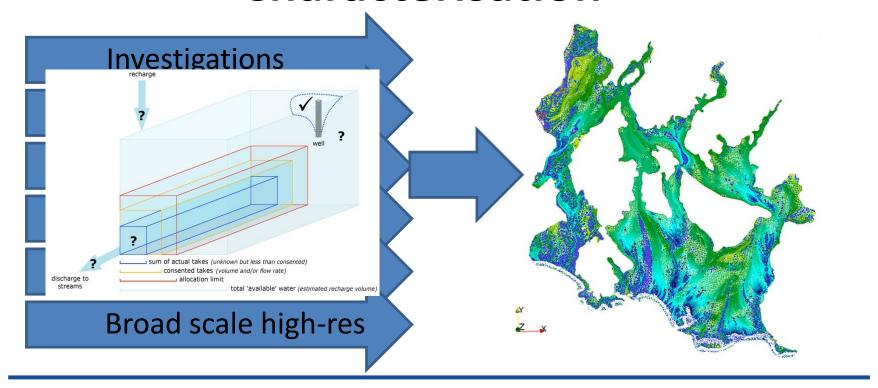
#### **Needs**

- The ability to build "what if?" tools
- An agile and scalable method to answer a wide range of questions
- A framework that builds resilience & continuity into our management





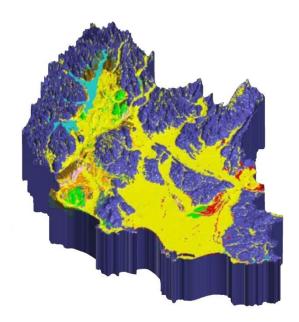
### Characterisation





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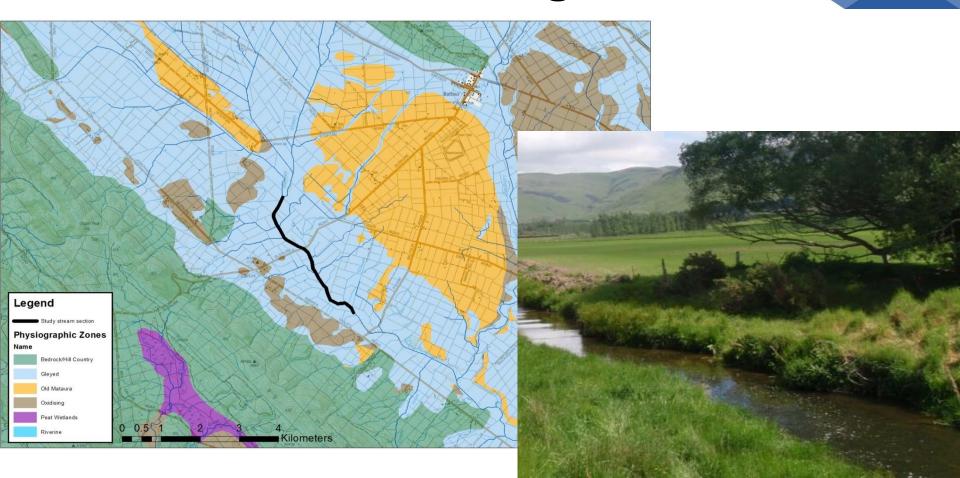
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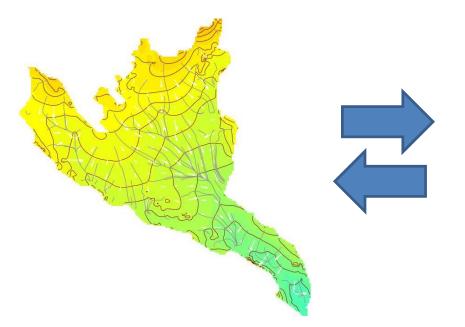
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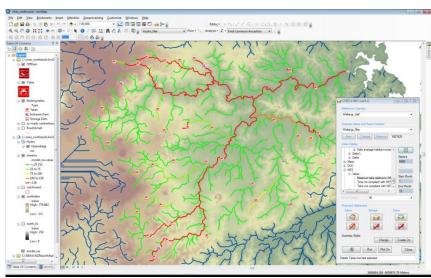


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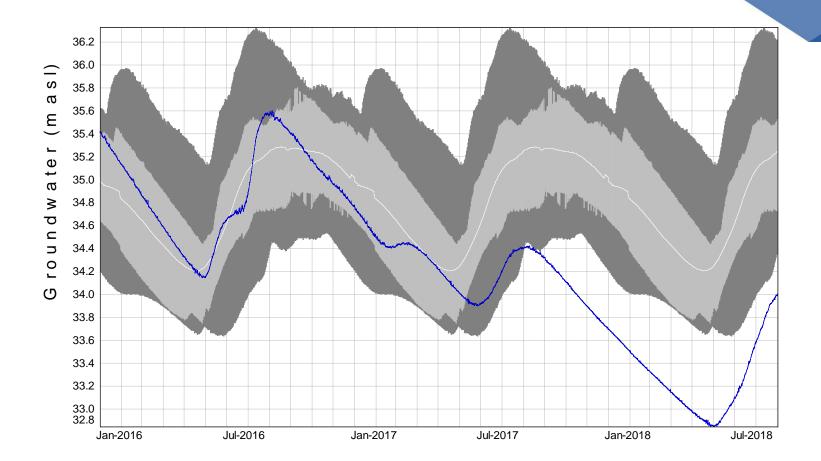


# Allocation & management tools









#### **Lessons learned**

 Models don't give us absolute answers but can be good for indicating relative change or direction



#### Resilience

- What are the major risks that Southlanders face?
- What if scenarios allow use to plan for change
- Allows good decisions about land use
- Provides ES with a resilient management framework

