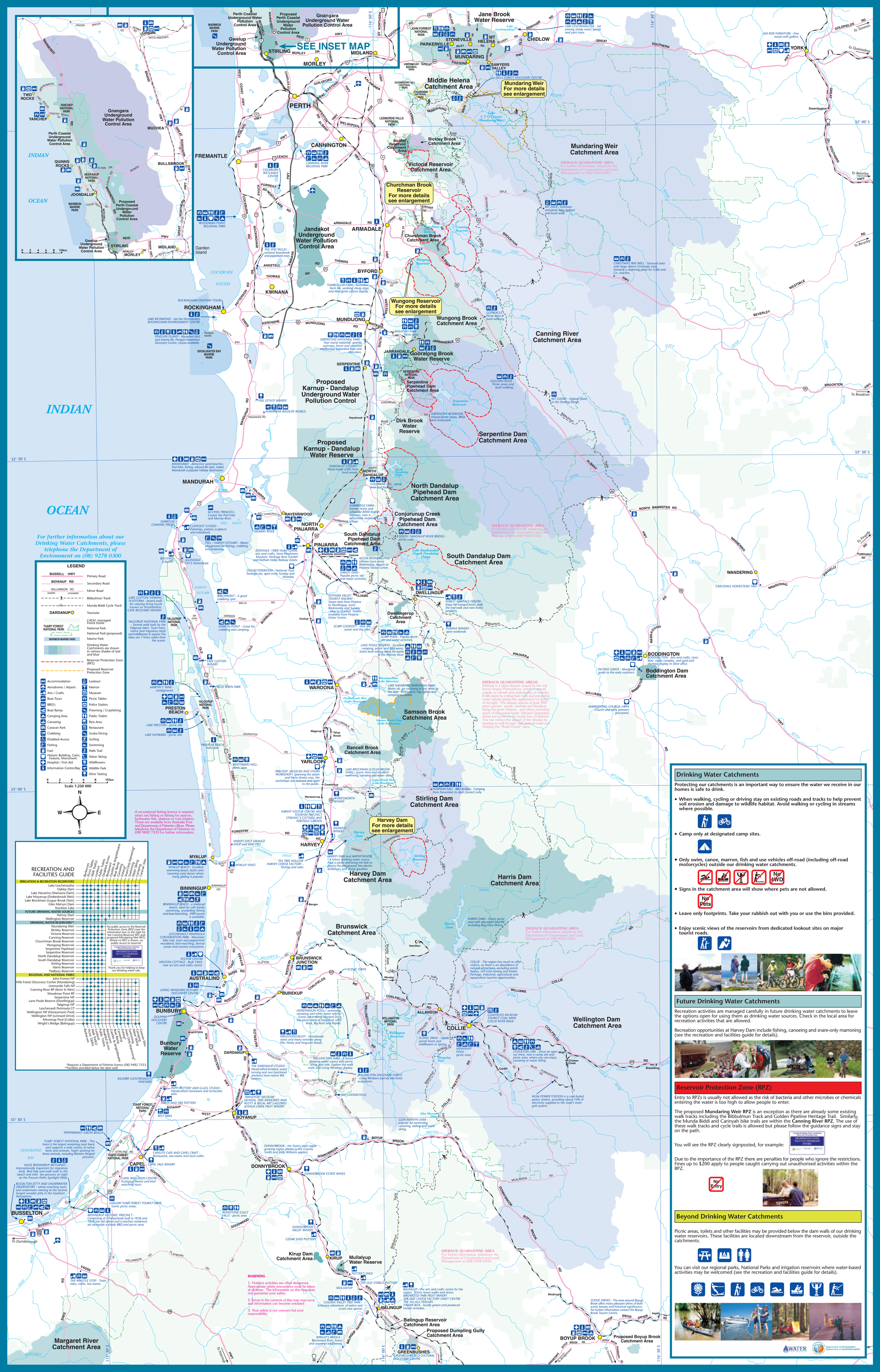

Drinking Water Catchments

Protecting our catchments is an important way to ensure the water we receive in our homes is safe to drink.

- **When walking, cycling or driving stay on existing roads and tracks to help prevent soil erosion and damage to wildlife habitat. Avoid walking or cycling in streams where possible.**
- **Camp only at designated camp sites.**
- **Only swim, canoe, marron, fish and use vehicles off-road (including off-road motorcycles) outside our drinking water catchments.**
- **Signs in the catchment area will show where pets are not allowed.**
- **Leave only footprints. Take your rubbish out with you or use the bins provided.**
- **Enjoy scenic views of the reservoirs from dedicated lookout sites on major tourist roads.**

Future Drinking Water Catchments

Recreation activities are managed carefully in future drinking water catchments to leave the options open for using them as drinking water sources. Check in the local area for recreation activities that are allowed.

Recreation opportunities at Harvey Dam include fishing, canoeing and snare-only marroning (see the recreation and facilities guide for details).

Reservoir Protection Zone (RPZ)

Entry to RPZs is usually not allowed as the risk of bacteria and other microbes or chemicals entering the water is too high to allow people to enter.

The proposed **Mundaring Weir RPZ** is an exception as there are already some existing walk tracks including the Bibbulmun Track and Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail. Similarly, the Munda Biddi and Carinyah bike trails are within the **Canning River RPZ**. The use of these walk tracks and cycle trails is allowed but please follow the guidance signs and stay on the path.

You will see the RPZ clearly signposted, for example:

Due to the importance of the RPZ there are penalties for people who ignore the restrictions. Fines up to $200 apply to people caught carrying out unauthorised activities within the RPZ.

Beyond Drinking Water Catchments

Picnic areas, toilets and other facilities may be provided below the dam walls of our drinking water reservoirs. These facilities are located downstream from the reservoir, outside the catchments.

You can visit our regional parks, National Parks and irrigation reservoirs where water-based activities may be welcomed (see the recreation and facilities guide for details).

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