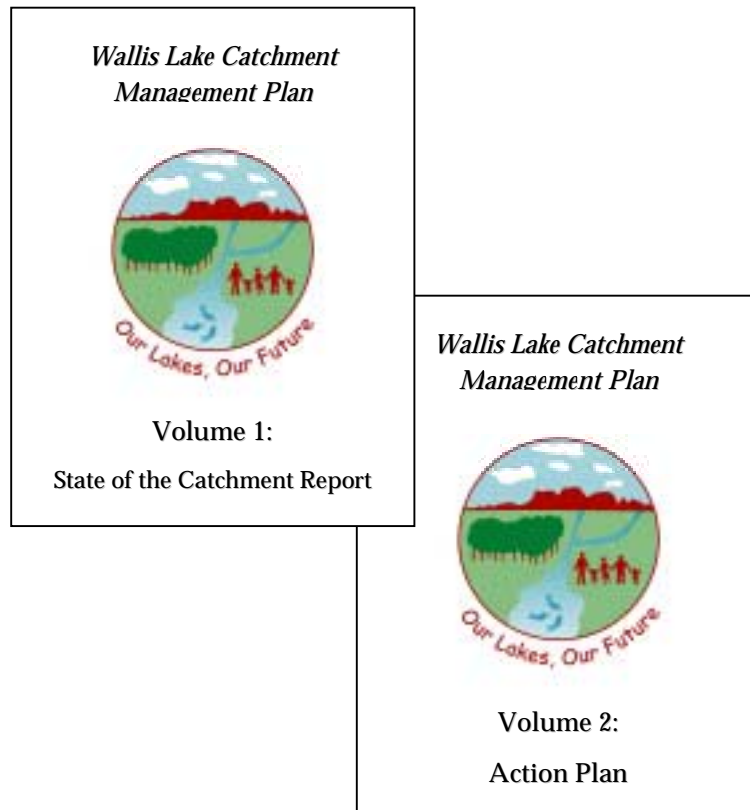


8 Relationship with other regional plans, strategies and studies

The WLEMP is an important accompanying plan to the WLCMP, which was completed in draft form in 2001. Numerous other advisory and regulatory plans feed into the WLCMP and WLEMP to form the planning framework for the maintenance and improvement of estuarine health (Figure 8.1). Sound scientific information forms the basis for these plans due to the suite of targeted scientific investigations conducted in the Lake. A brief outline of these plans and investigations can be found in Appendix 1.

Many of these advisory and regulatory plans were designed and implemented before the preparation of the WLCMP and WLEMP, making the Wallis Lake situation somewhat unique. Ordinarily these plans would be the outcome of recommended actions from the WLCMP and WLEMP, however the instantaneous need for management actions arising from the Wallis Lake oyster crisis in 1997 resulted in the preparation of the plans being bypassed to address issues of more immediate concern. The WLEMP was then put on hold from 1999 when funding was first obtained to await completion of the WLCMP due to a lack of resources to complete both plans simultaneously.



[Plate 8.1: Cover pages of the WLCMP, volume 1 and 2].

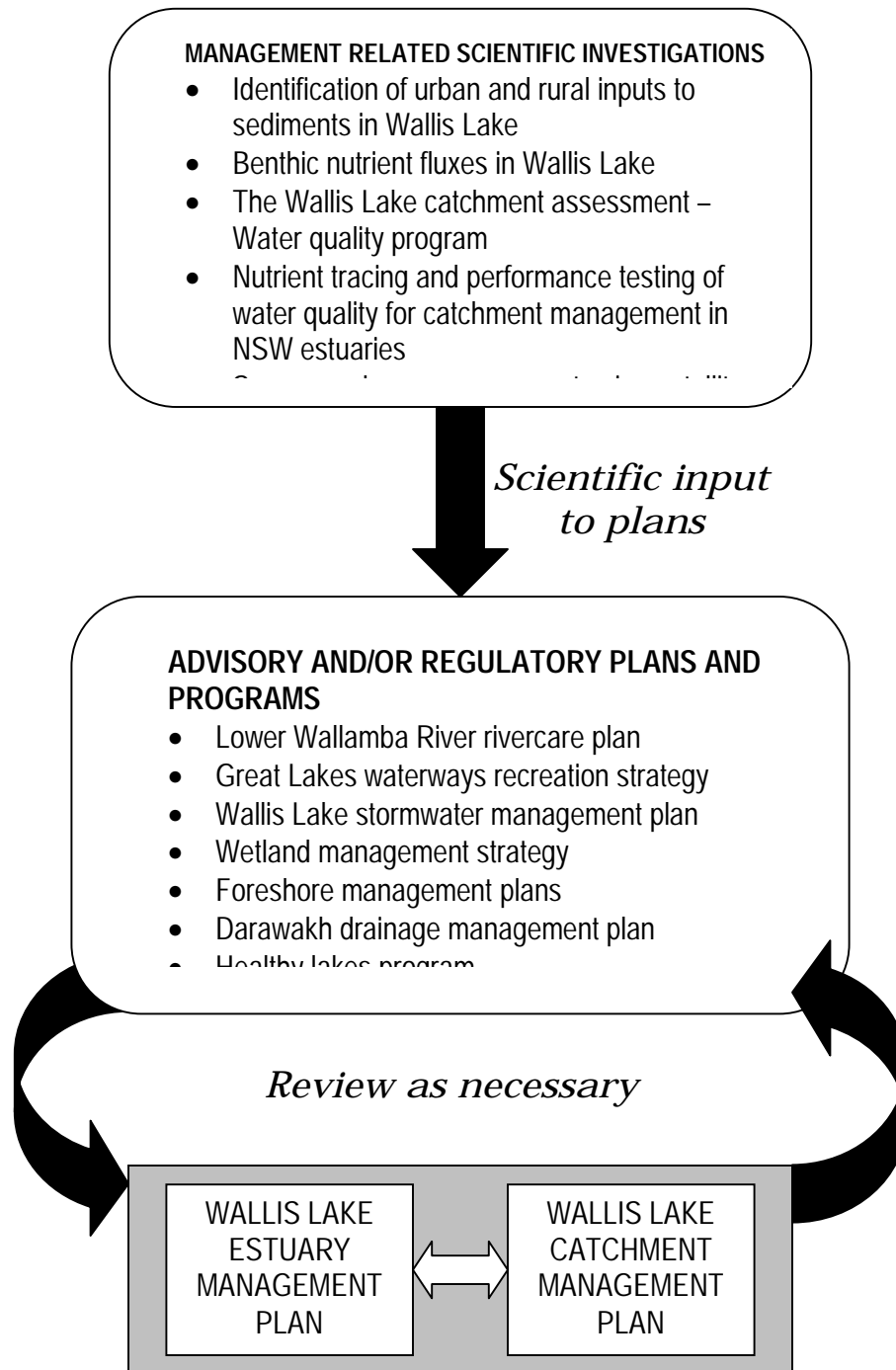


Figure 8.1: The planning framework for the maintenance and improvement of estuarine health adopted by the WLEMC. Note however that rather than existing as stand alone documents, many of these plans and strategies are integrated.