# **Georgina River Catchment** Local Knowledge Map

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The Georgina River catchment takes in a vast expanse of the State's border and extensive areas of the Northern Territory. There are more than 36 tributaries which flow into the Georgina River including the Georgina River itself, Burke River, Hamilton River, Eyre Creek and Wills Creek. It rises to the north-west of Mt Isa with three main tributaries - the Buckle, Sander and Ranken Rivers. The latter two have their headwaters in the Northern Territory. Further inflow occurs from numerous creeks and rivers, the main tributaries being the Burke and Hamilton Rivers which find their headwaters in the Selwyn Range and flow south. It is home to Boulia and Camooweal in the far north.

The Burke joins the Georgina to the north of Marion Downs, whilst the Hamilton joins it to the south. At Marion Downs, the Georgina spreads into braided channels - expanding across vast floodplains on its travels to Bedourie. It is at this point where glorious channel country meets the Simpson Desert.

The Georgina River catchment stretches across four local governments including Cloncurry, Mt Isa, Boulia and Diamantina, before making its journey across the South Australian border to Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre.





### How to use this guide:

The information below provides local knowledge on landscape characteristics and flood behaviour. This is provided for local land managers, Council staff, and Government Agencies to better understand the Georgina River Catchment and its unique characteristics. This guide has used the best available information at present derived from updating a previous map developed and significant local input from a series of community meetings with locals in 2019. It is intended to help you assess what type of flood is likely to occur in your area and indicate what amount of feed you might expect. You may wish to record your own flooding and landscape characteristics on the map.





feed because the heavy clay soils of the Channel Country are so thirsty.





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