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## APPENDICES

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## Appendix A – Data availability

Figure A1. RMWQMP Spot data availability – Discharge (datapoints/month)

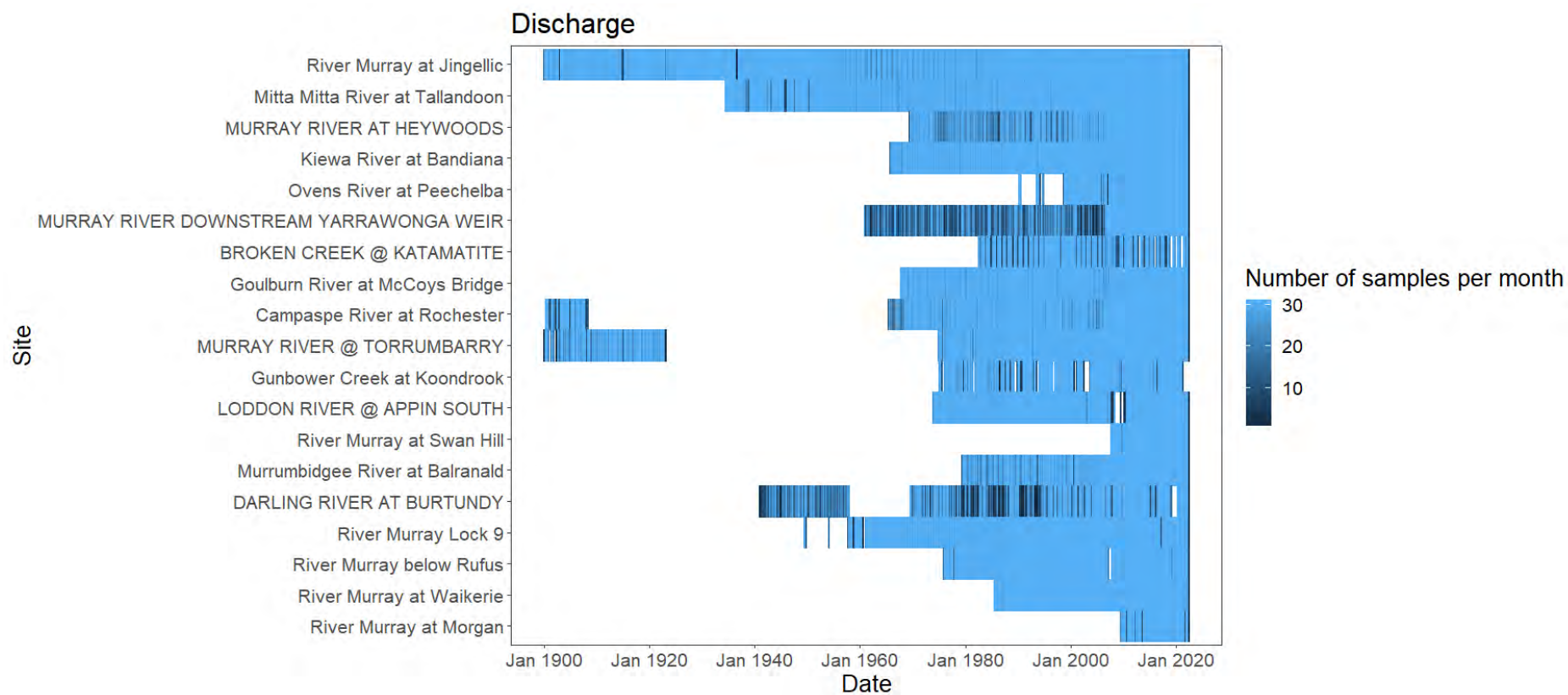


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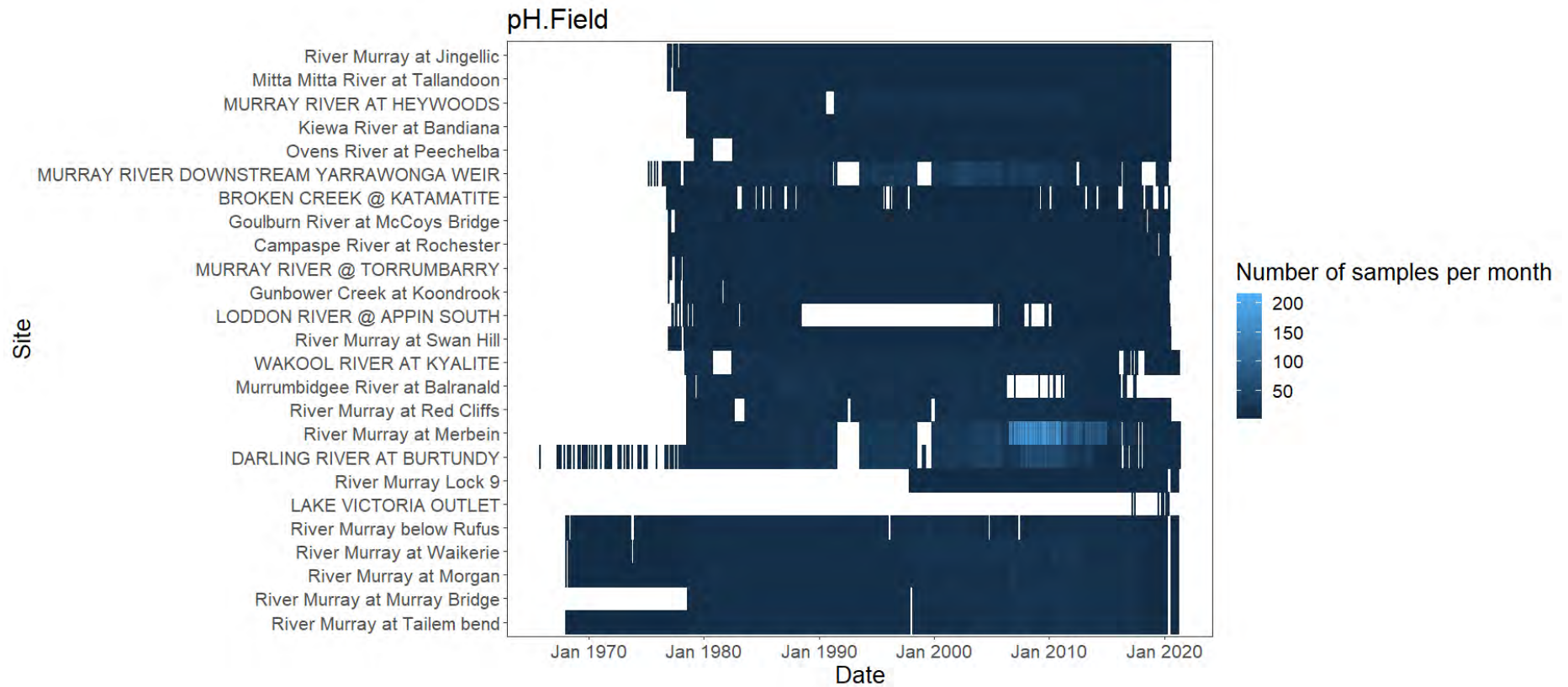


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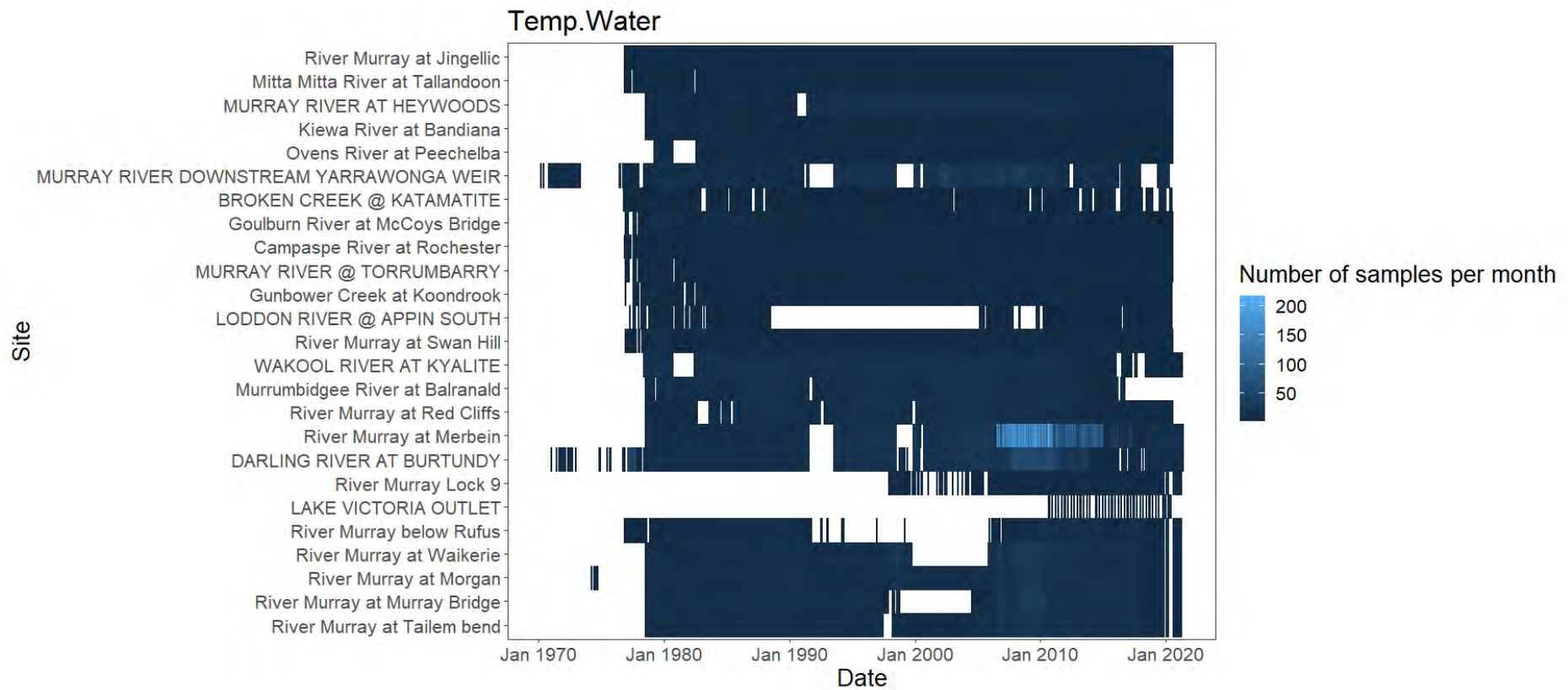


Figure A4. RMWQMP Spot data availability – Dissolved Oxygen Concentration (datapoints/month)

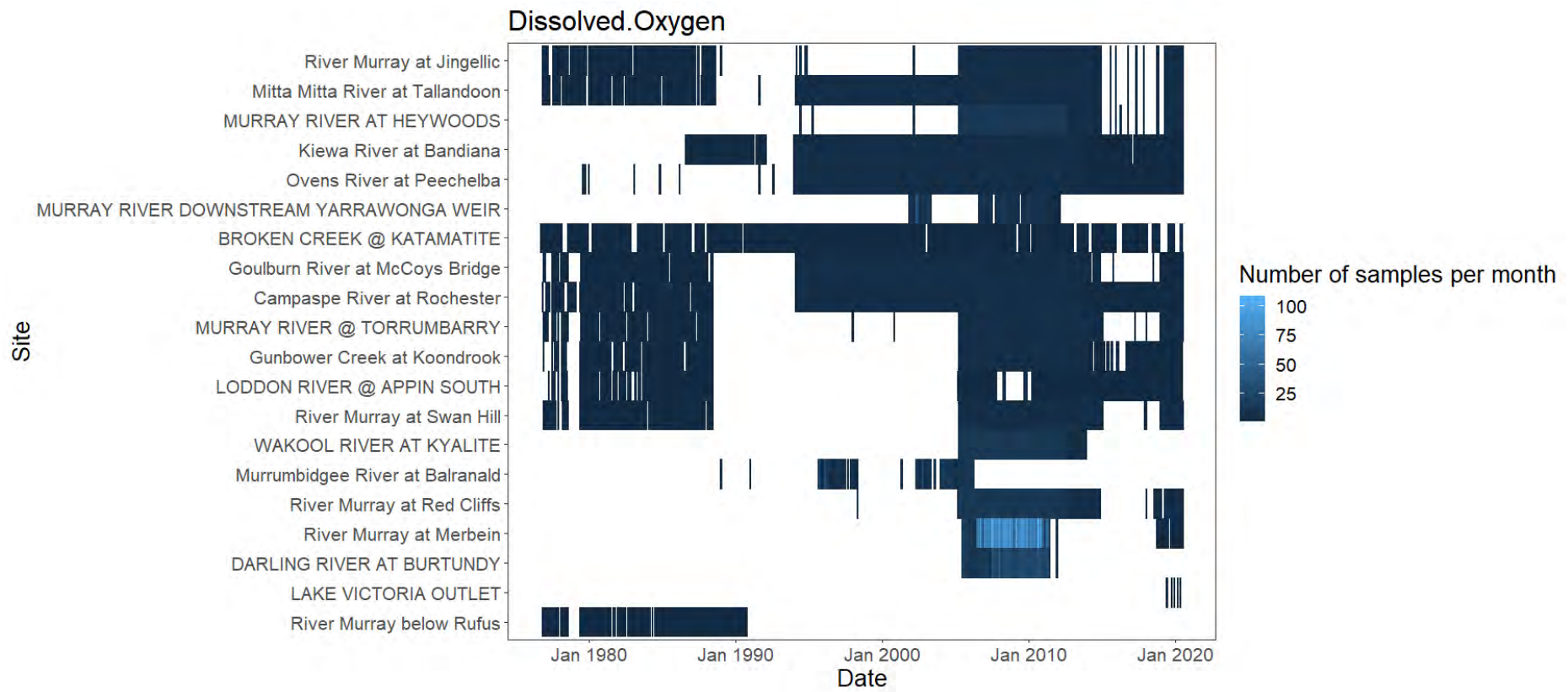




Figure A5. RMWQMP Spot data availability – Electrical conductivity at 25 °C (datapoints/month)

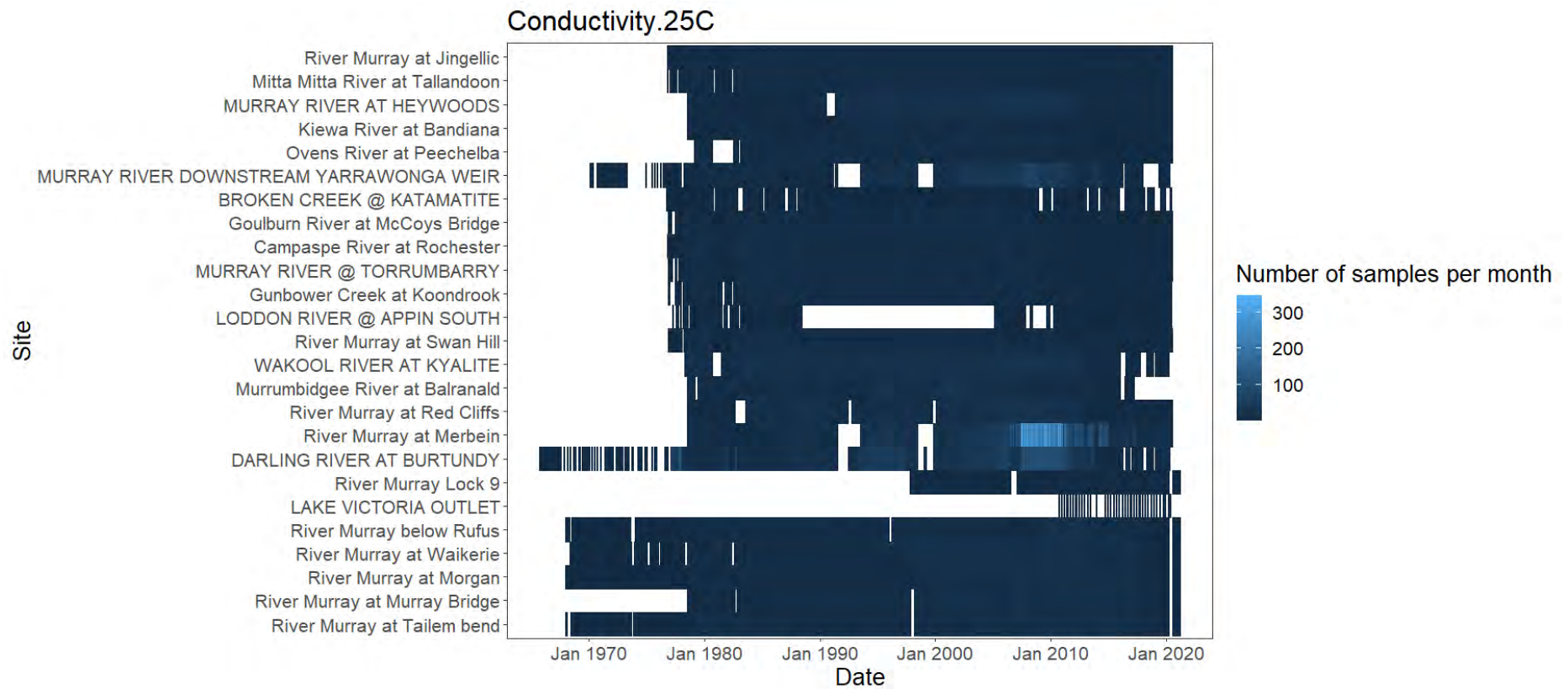


Figure A6. RMWQMP Spot data availability – Turbidity (datapoints/month)

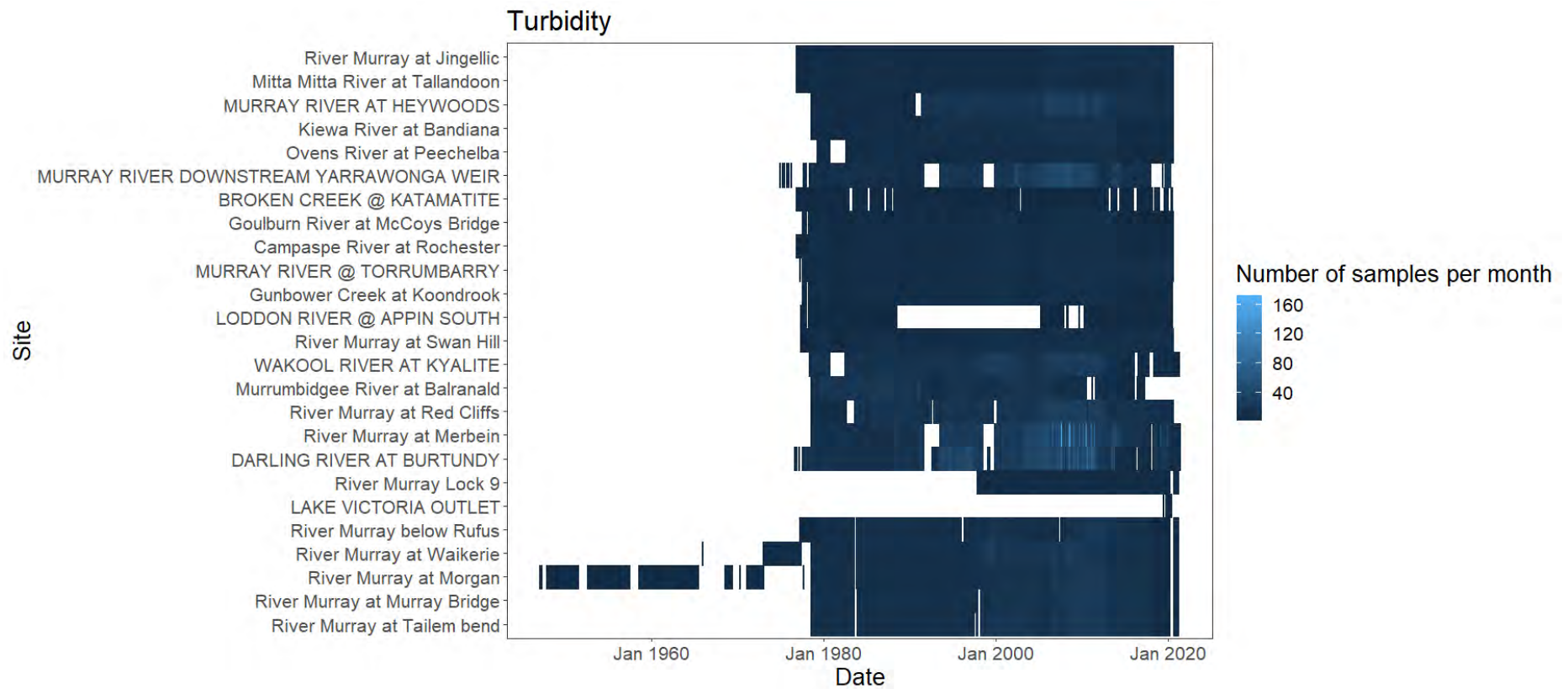


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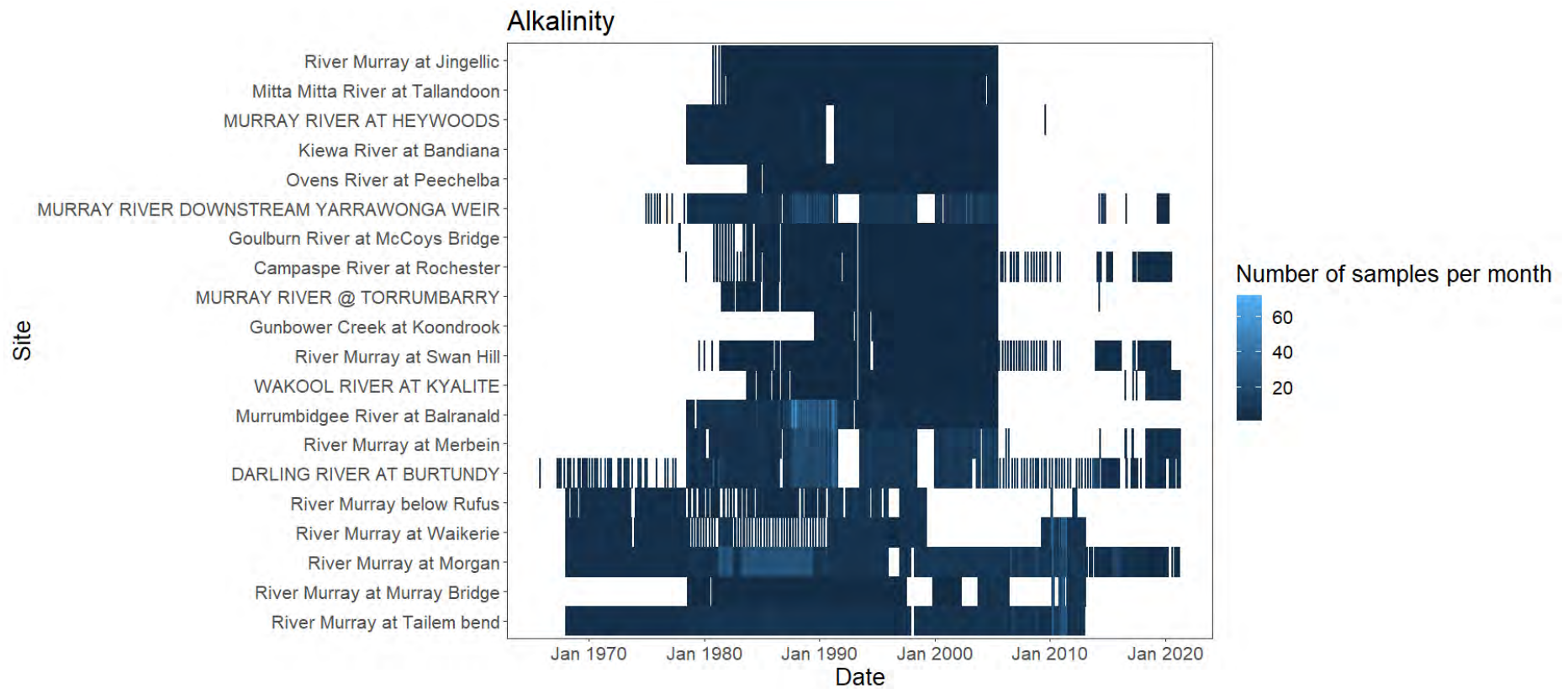




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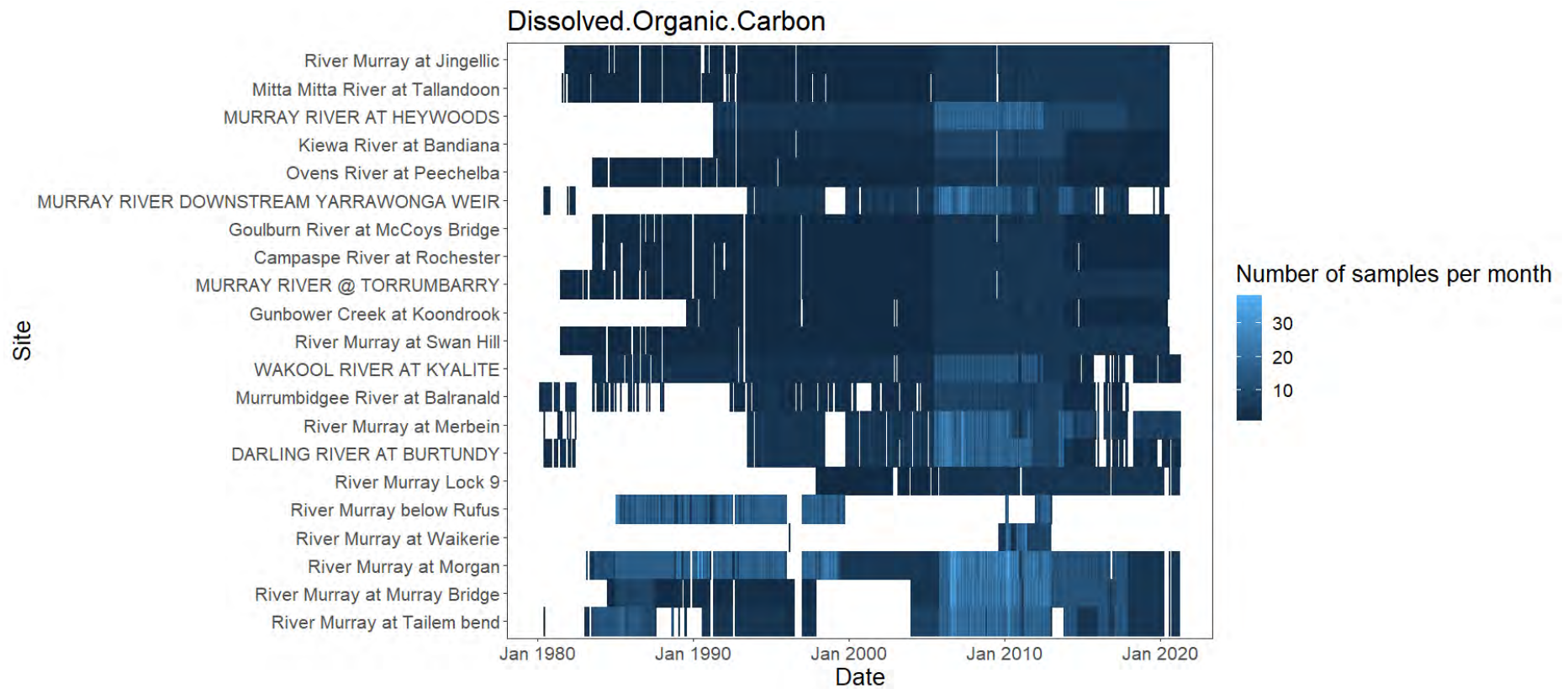


Figure A9. RMWQMP Spot data availability – Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) (datapoints/month)

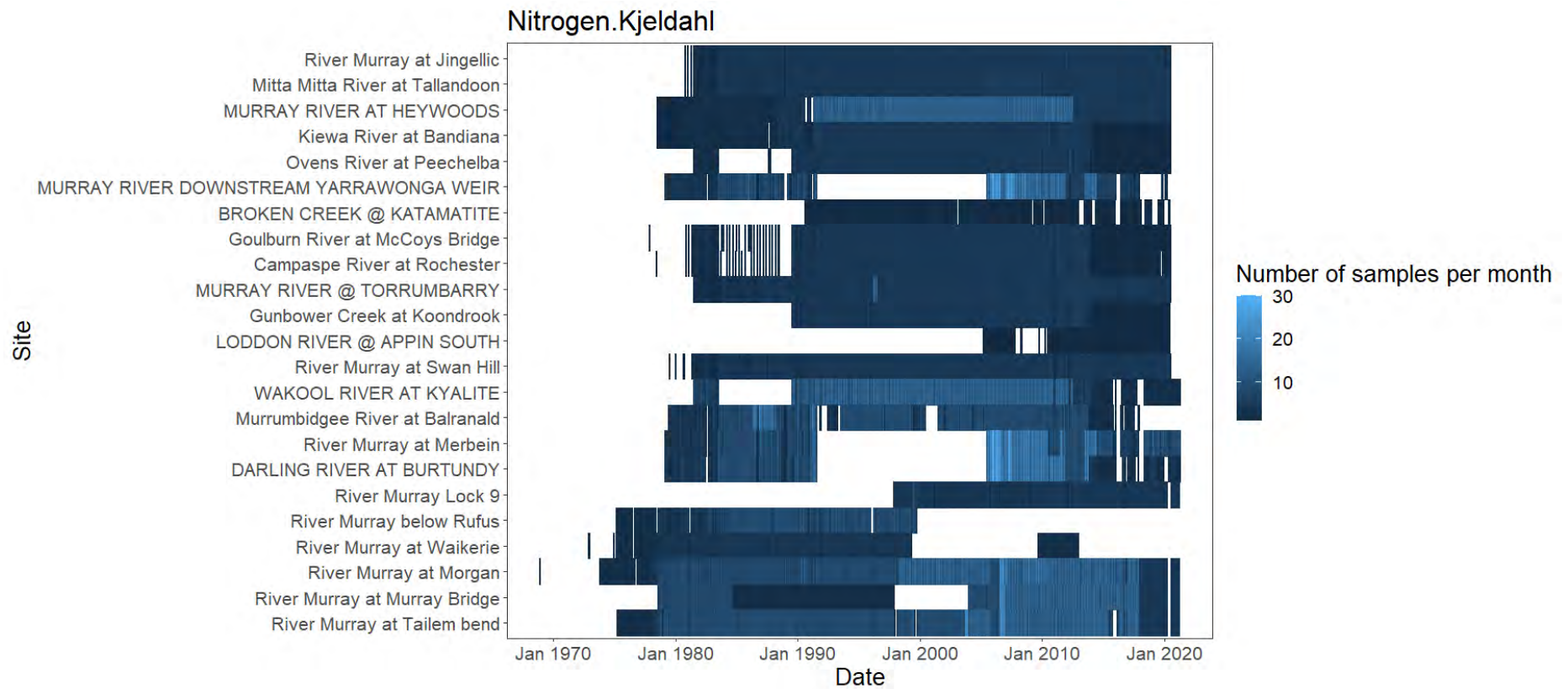


Figure A10. RMWQMP Spot data availability – Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>; NO<sub>3</sub>- + NO<sub>2</sub>-) (datapoints/month)

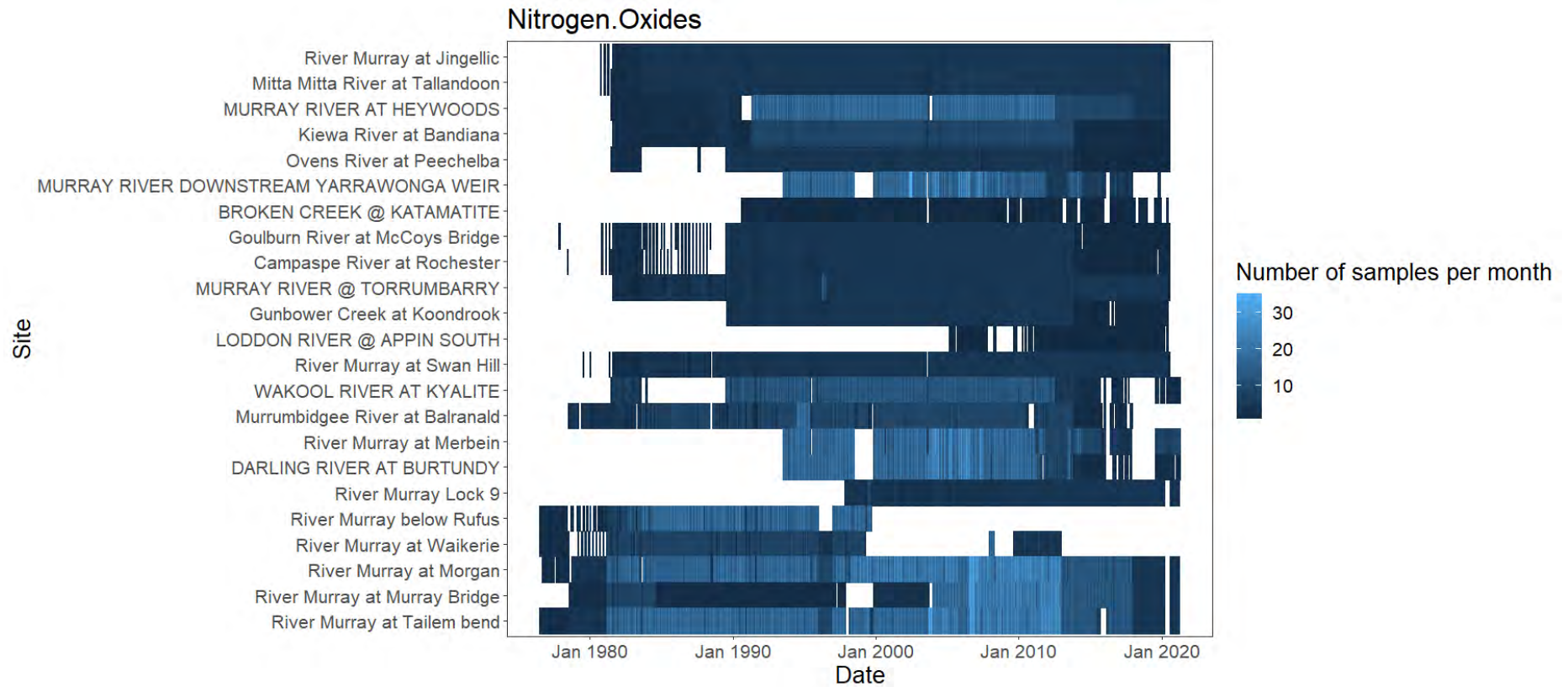


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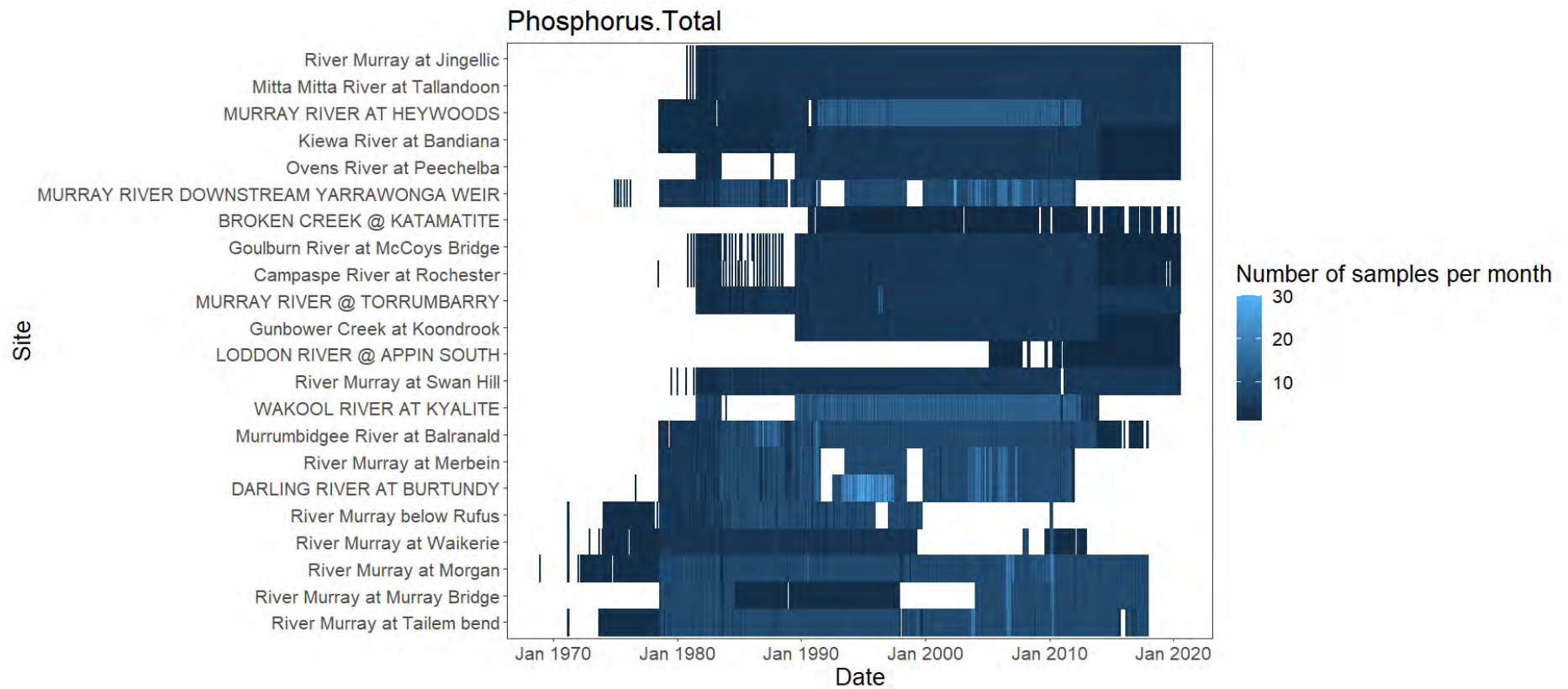




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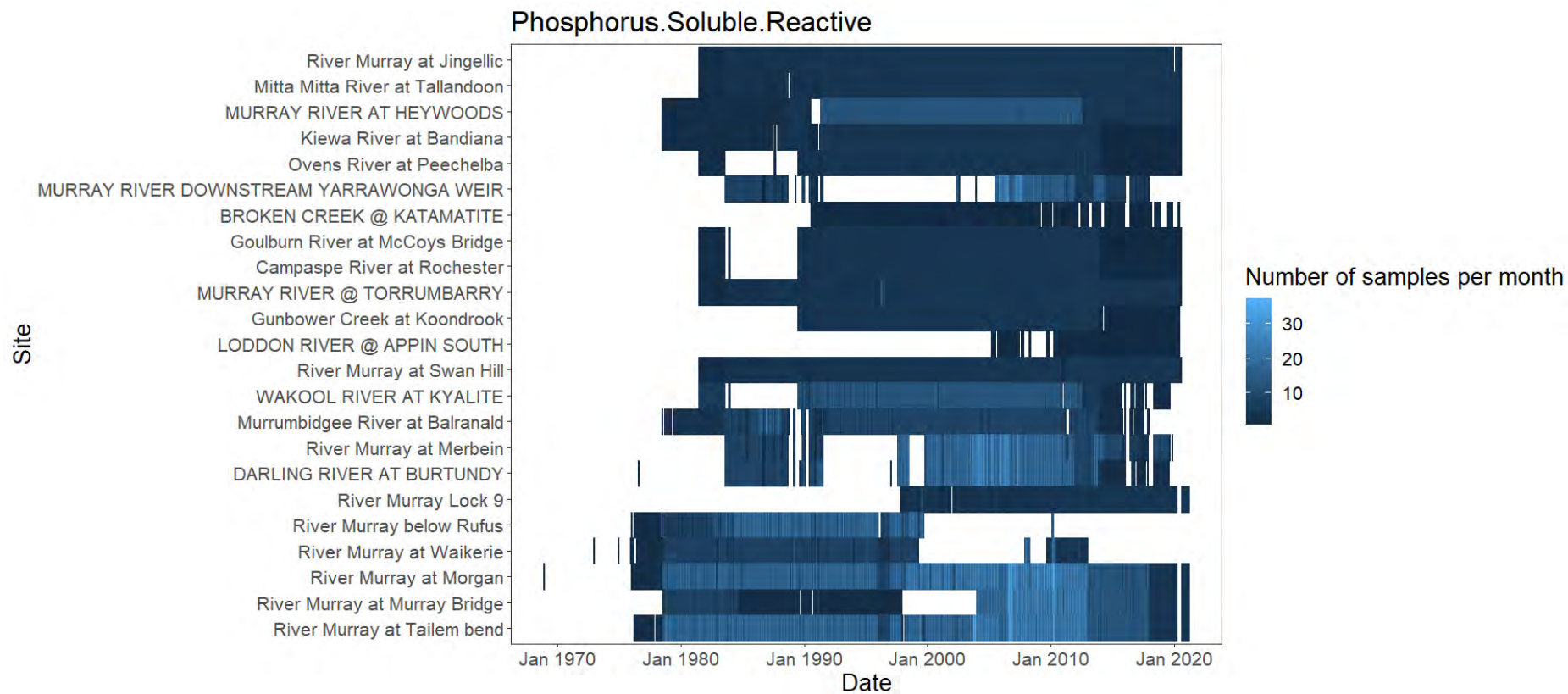
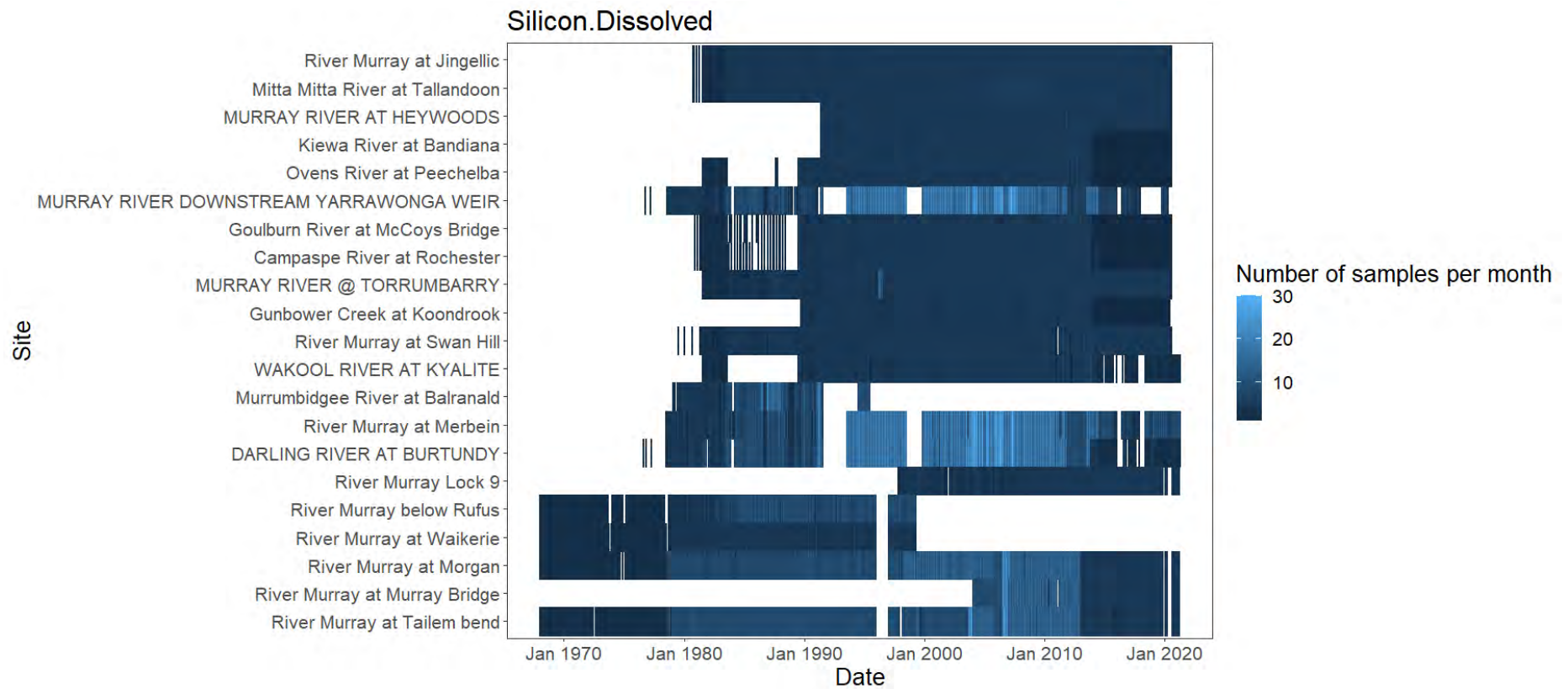




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## Appendix B – Data resolution

Figure B1. RMWQMP Spot data resolution – Discharge (decimal places)

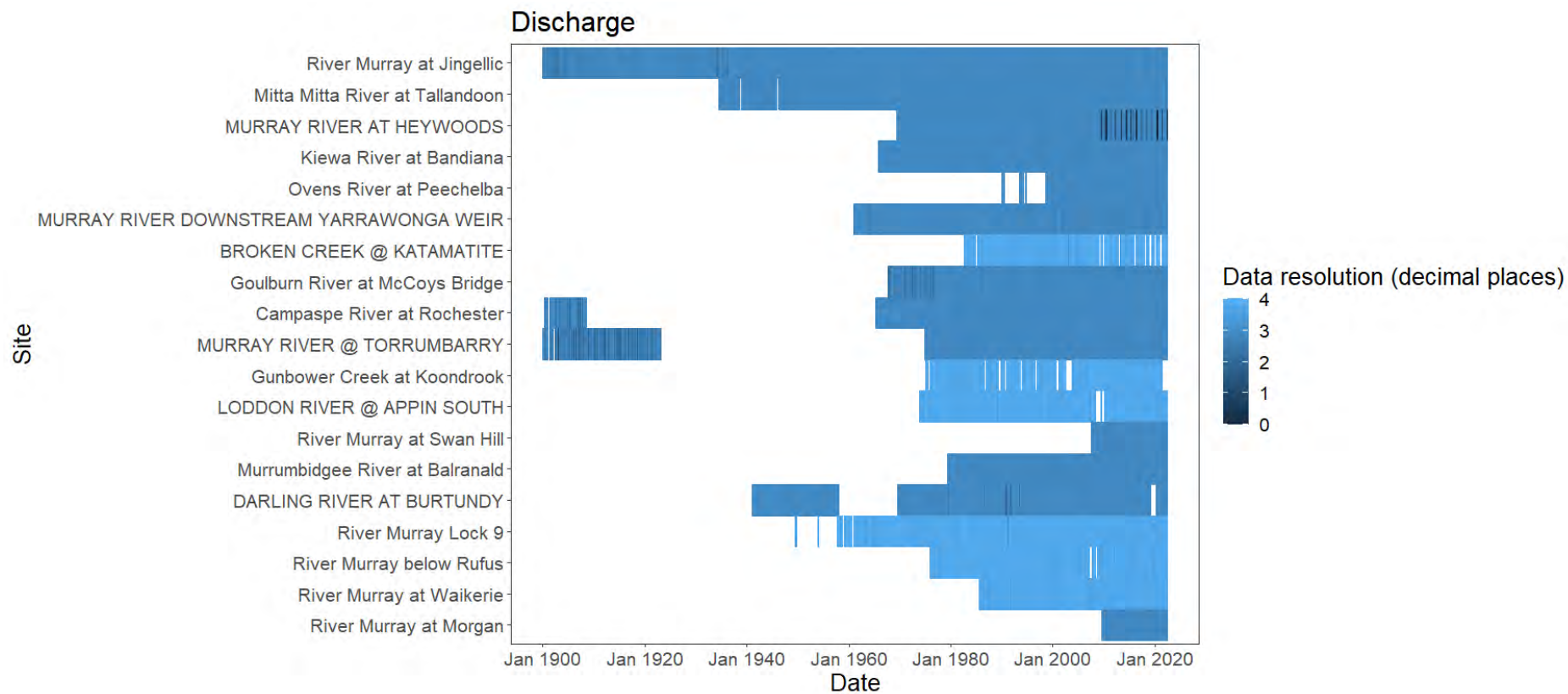


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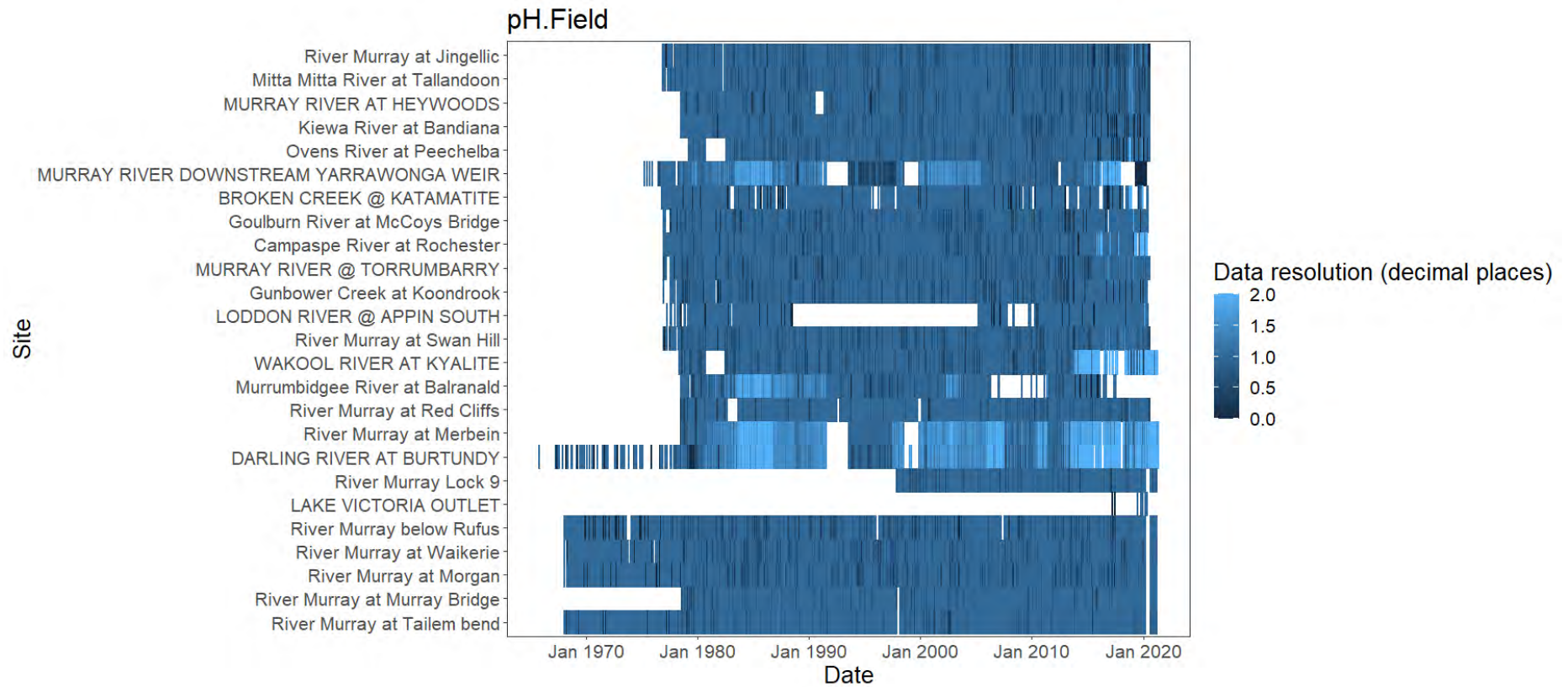
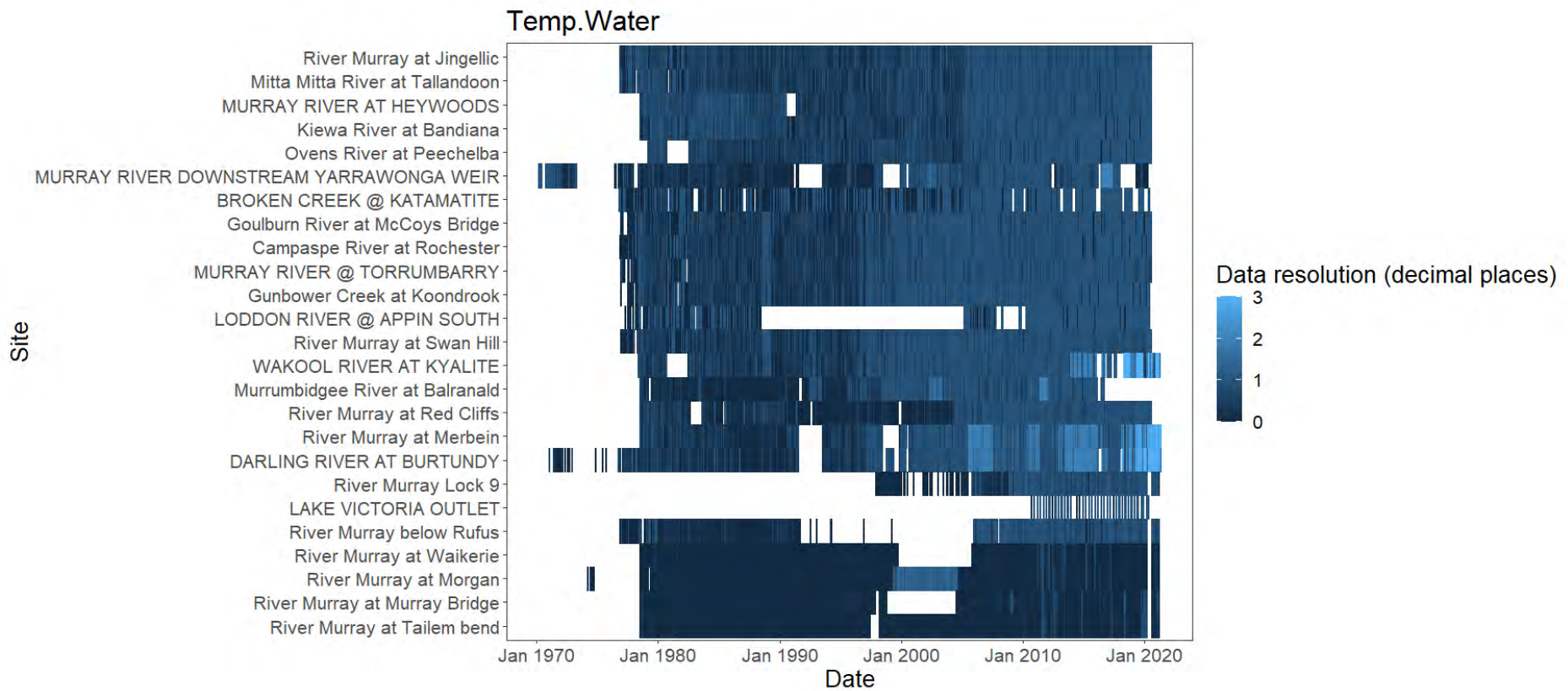


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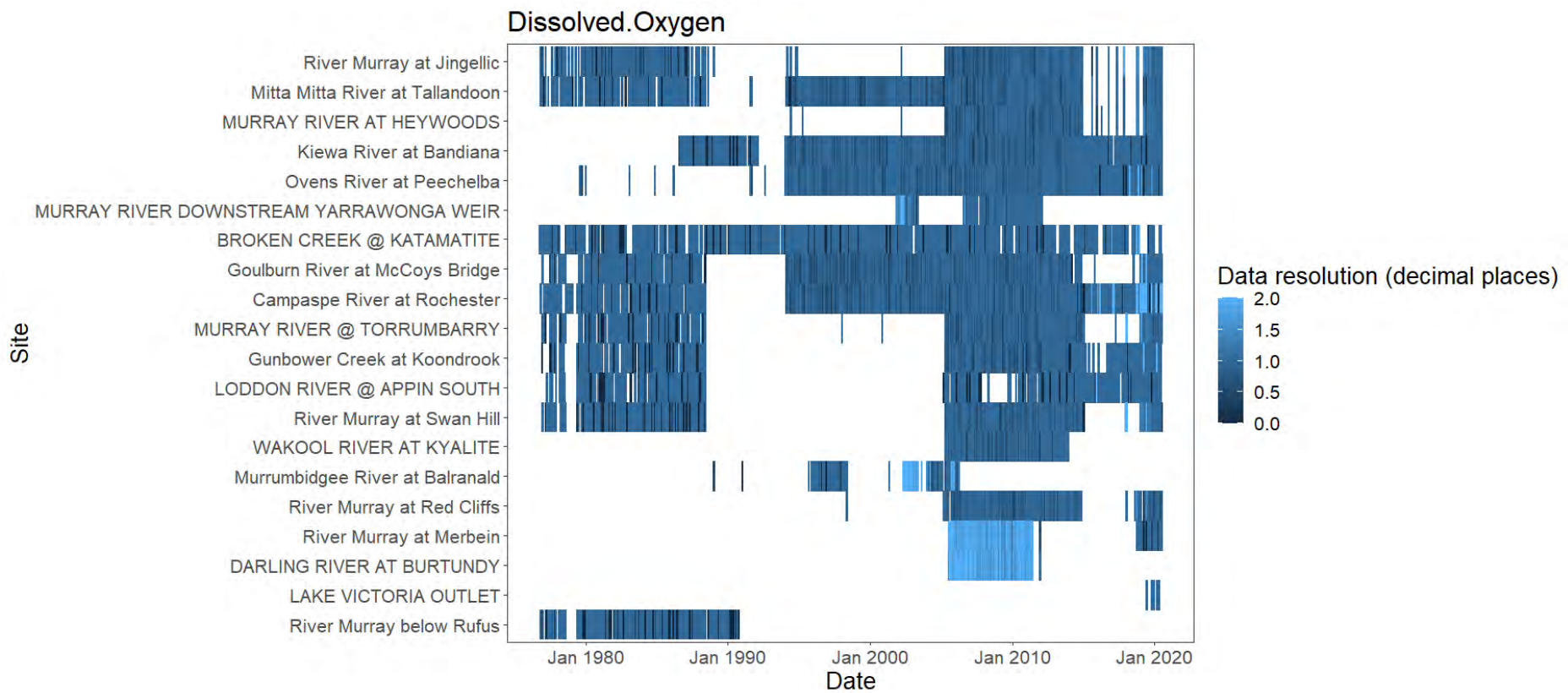




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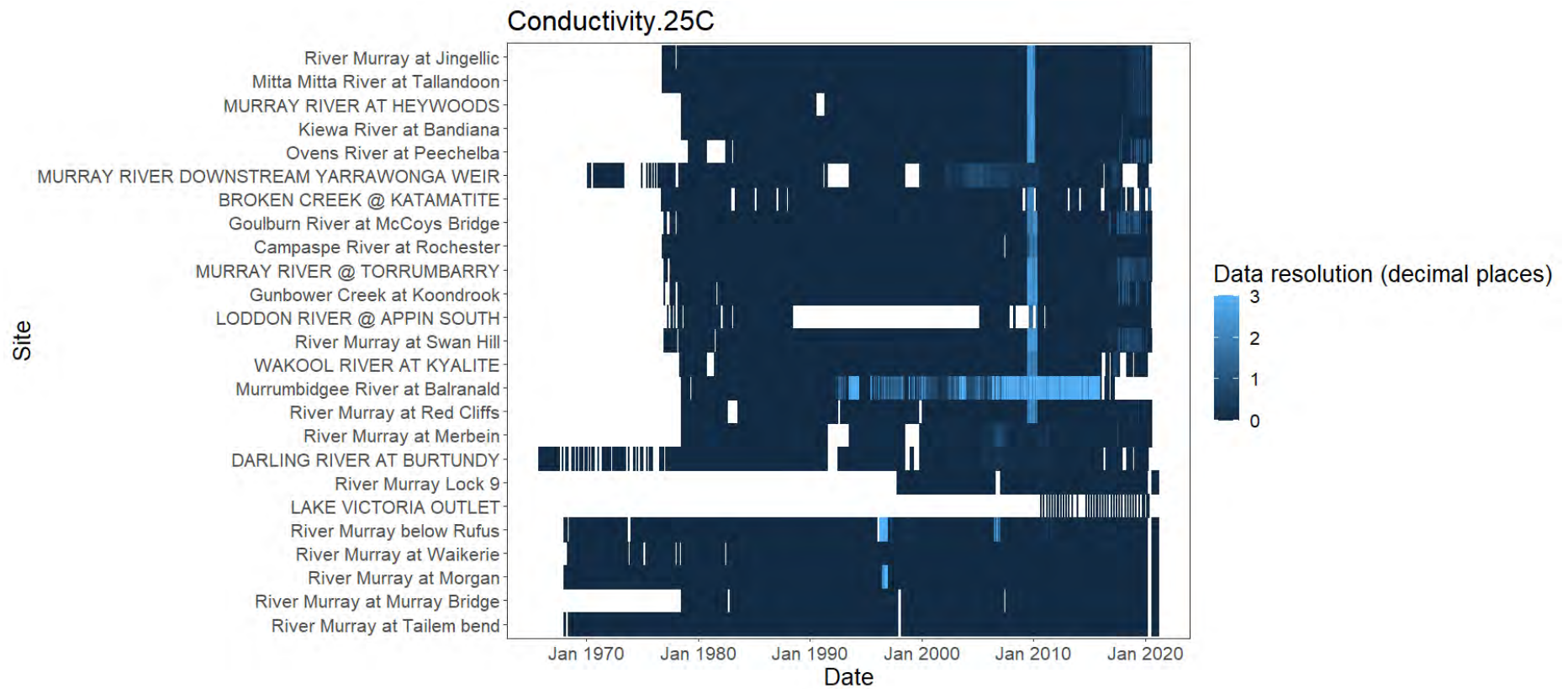


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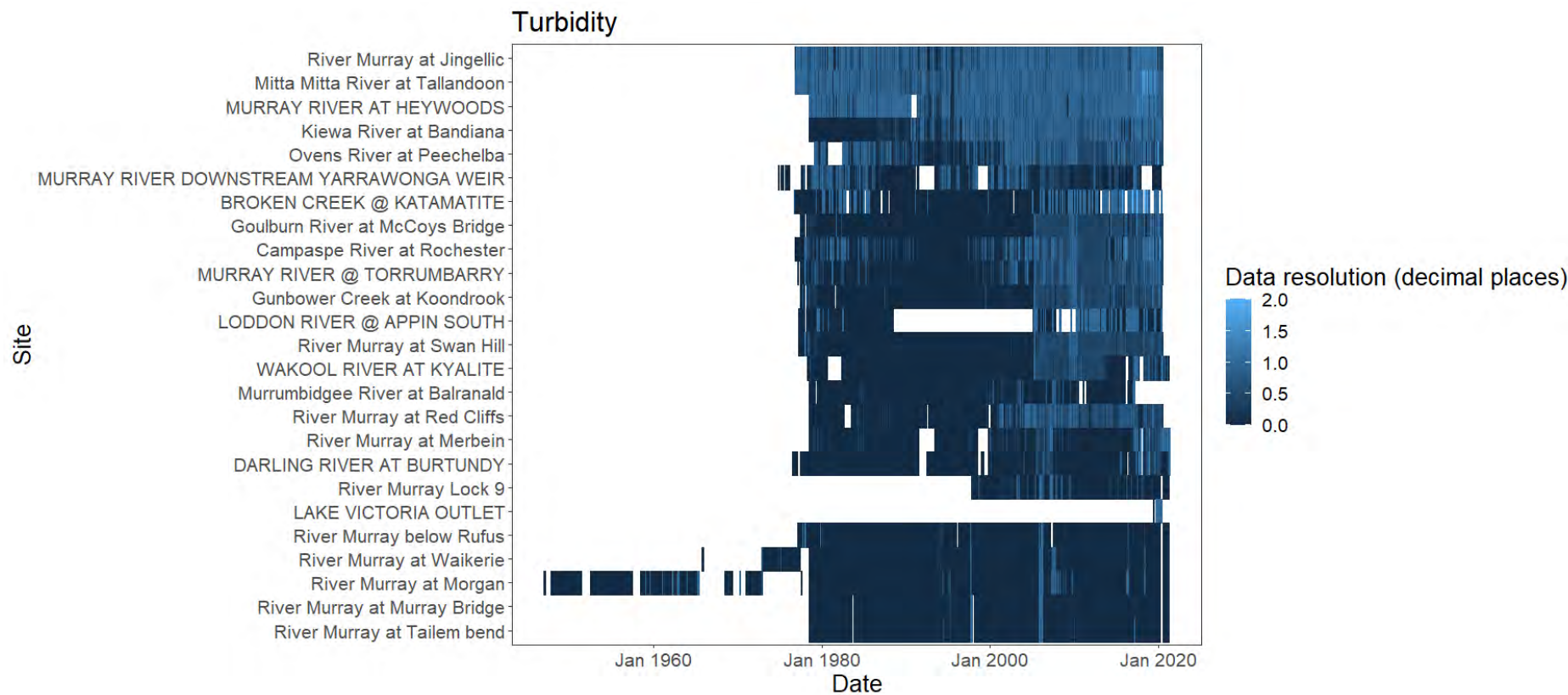


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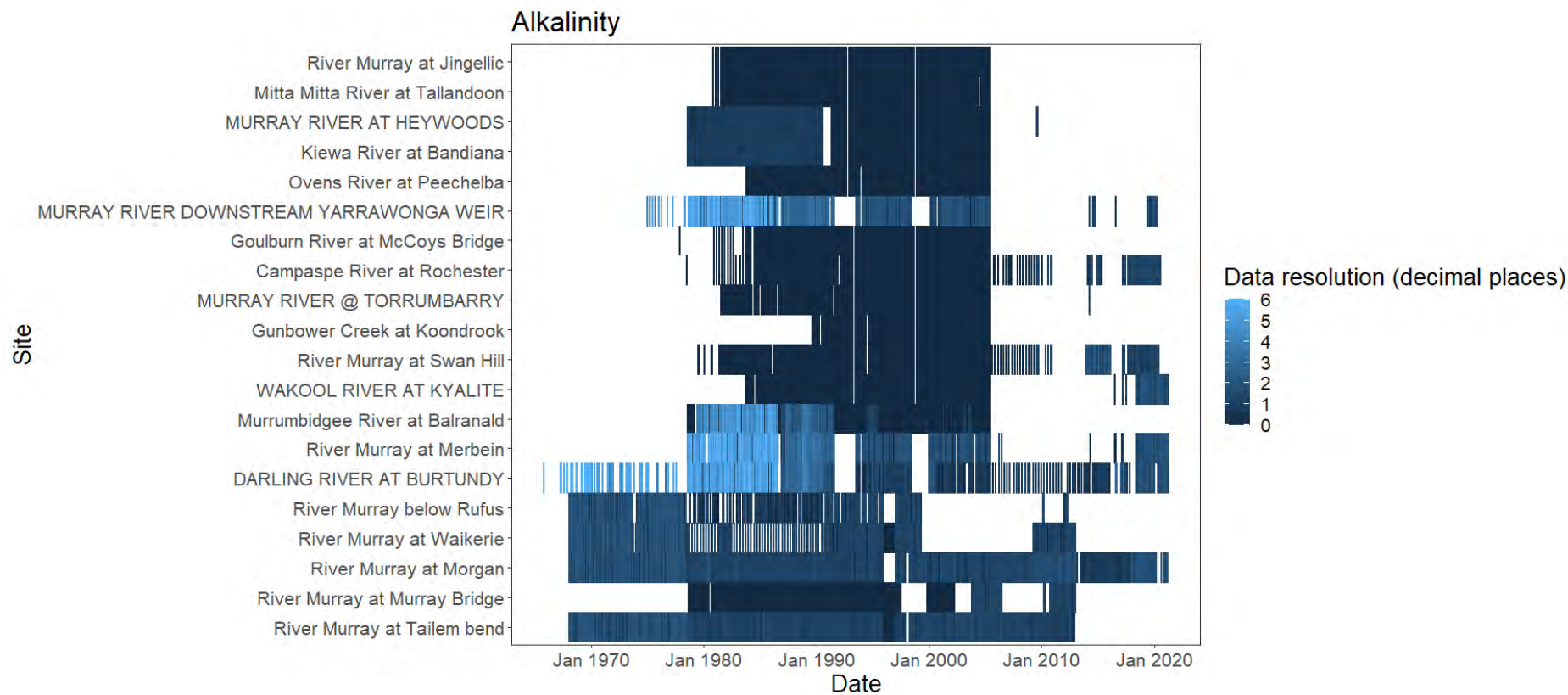


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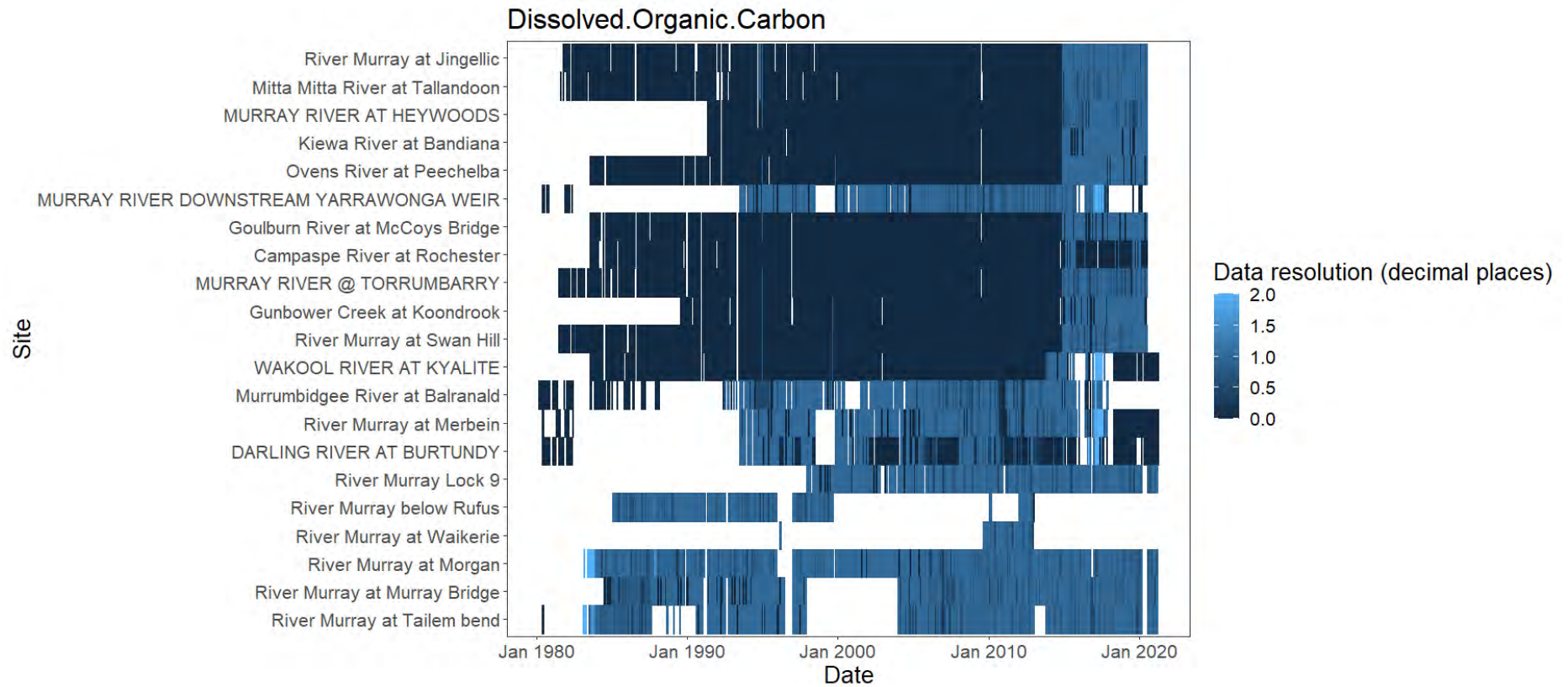




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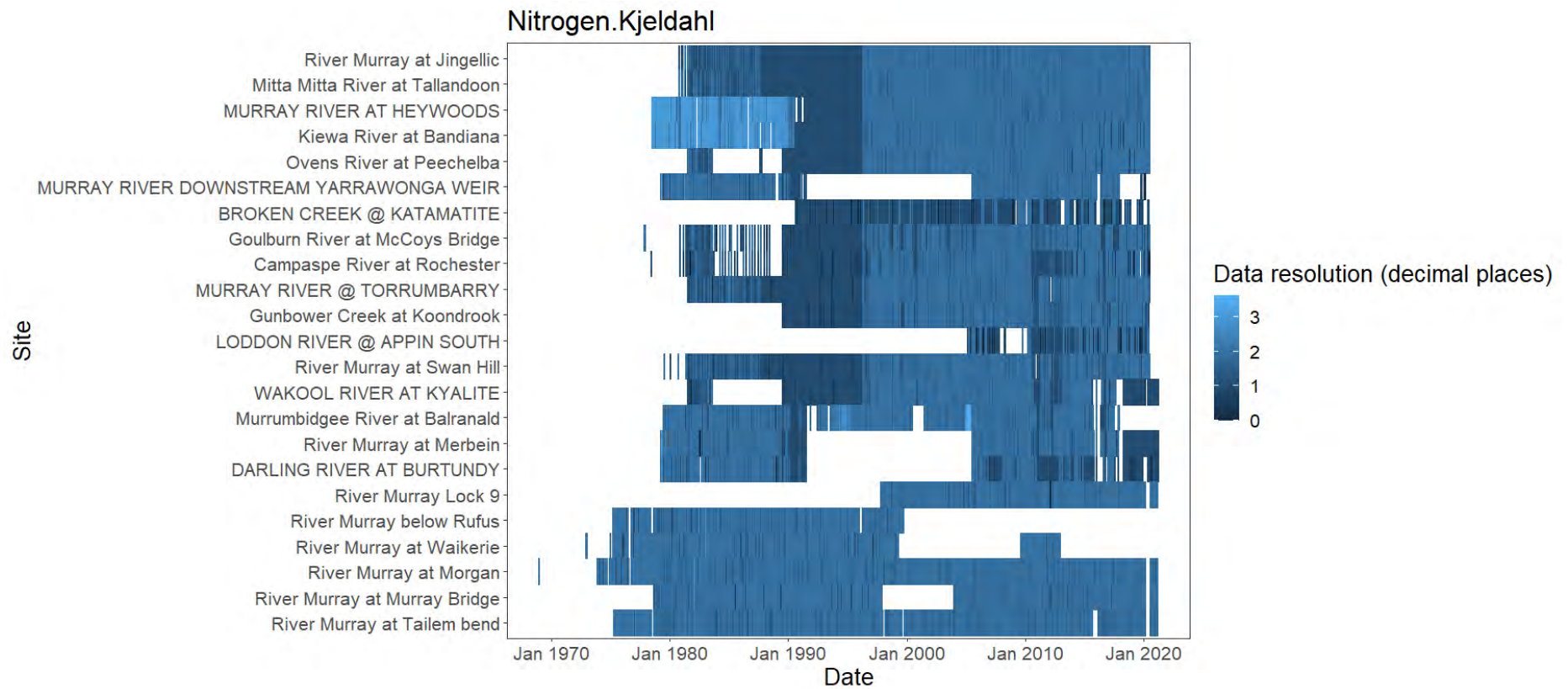




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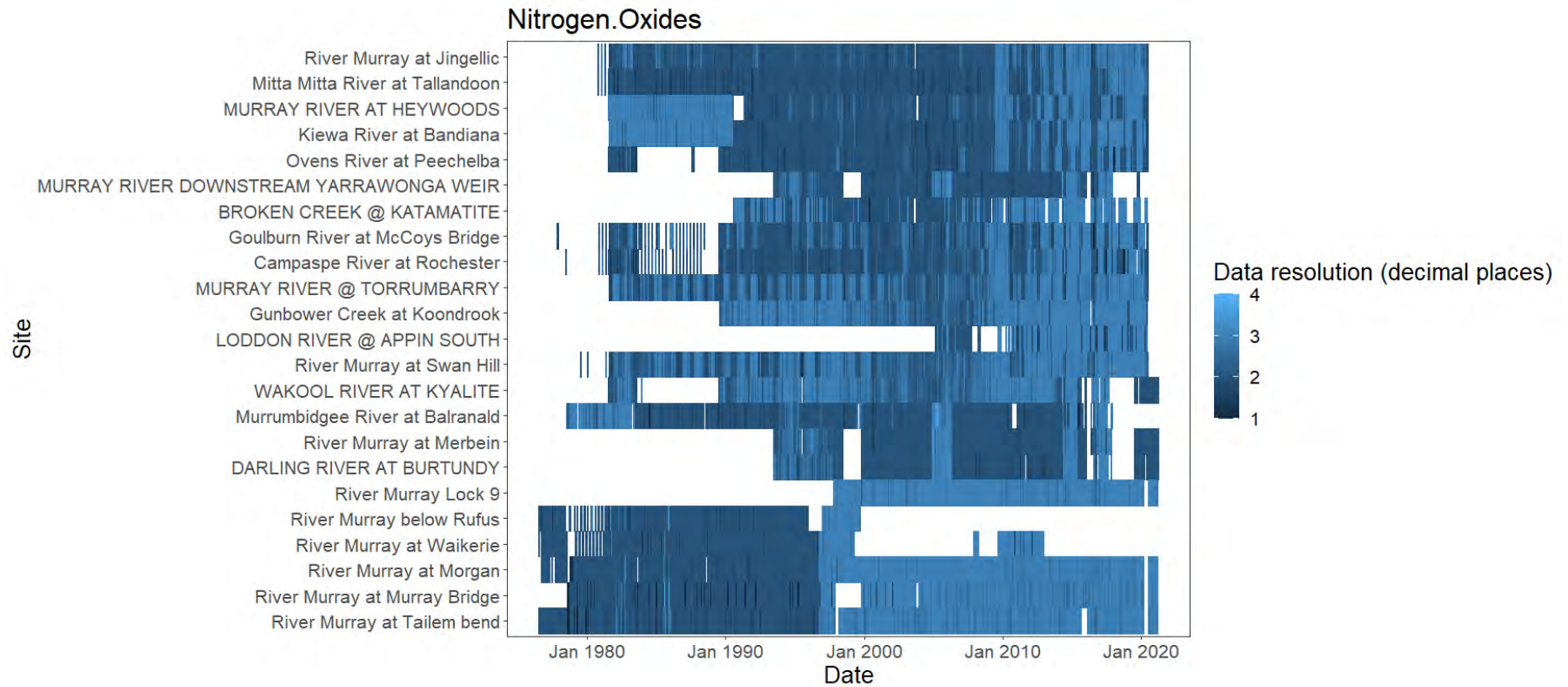


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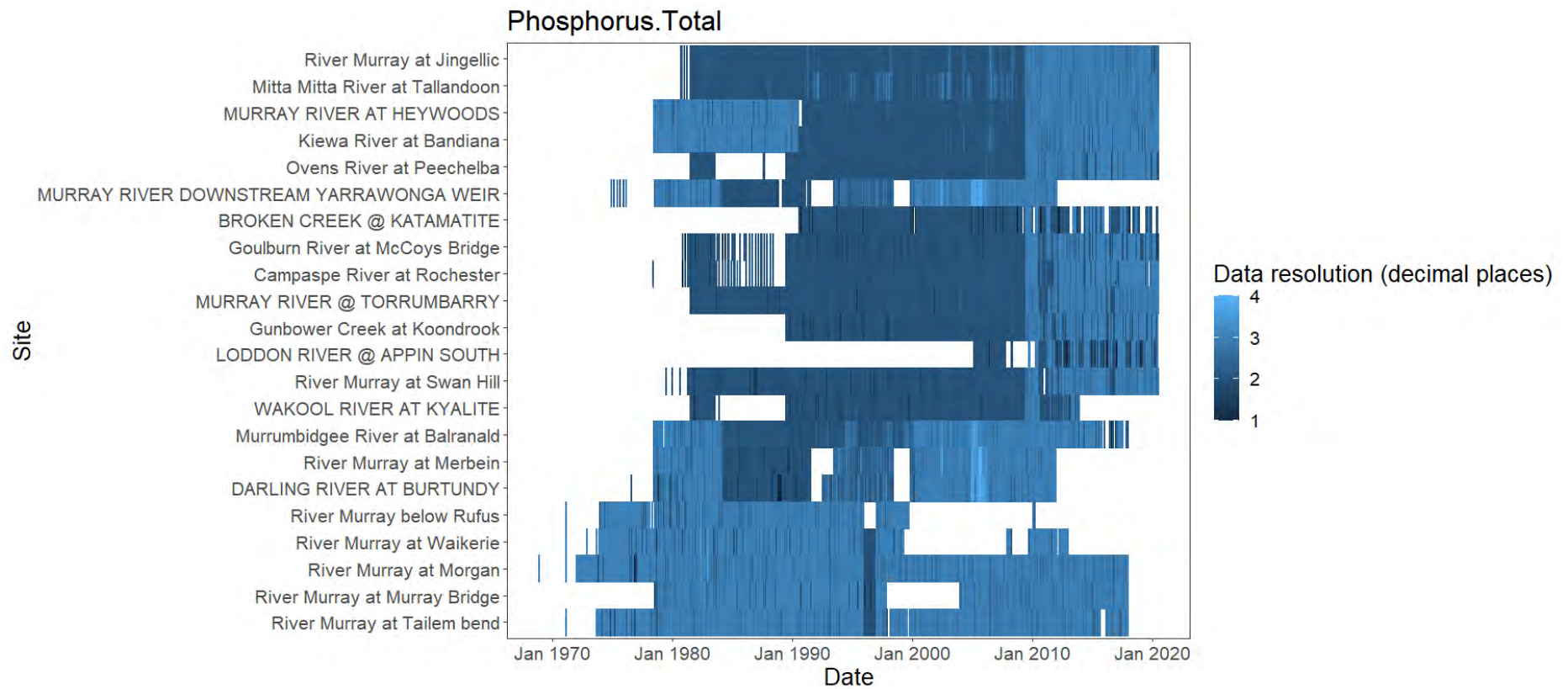


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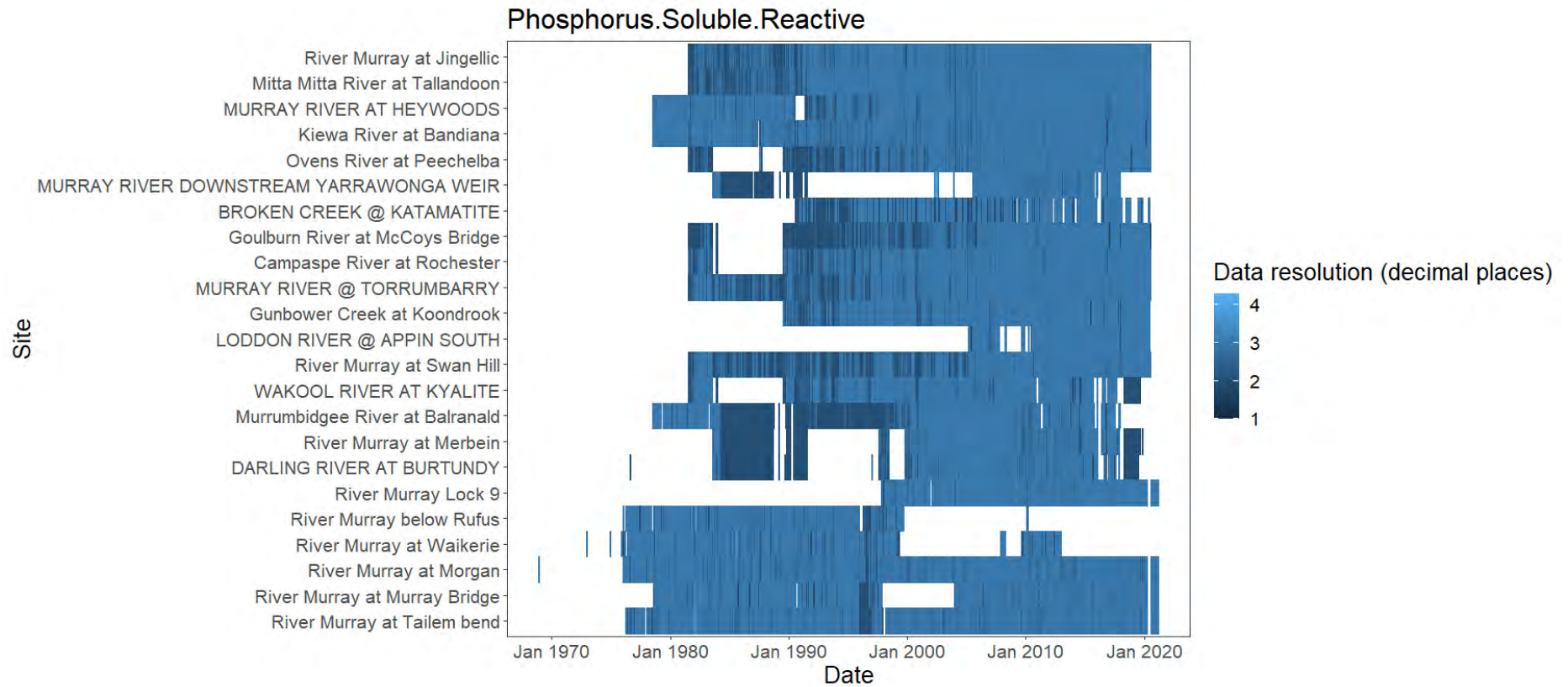
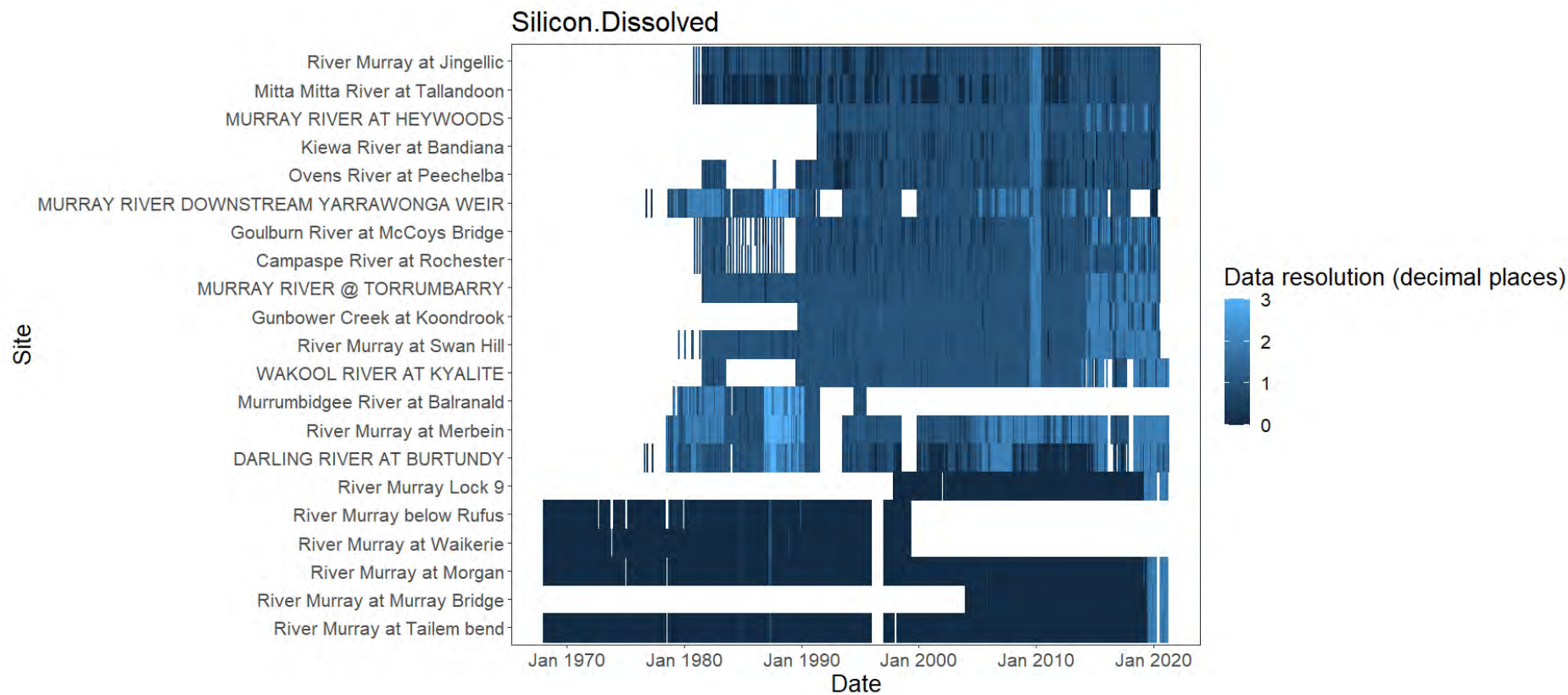


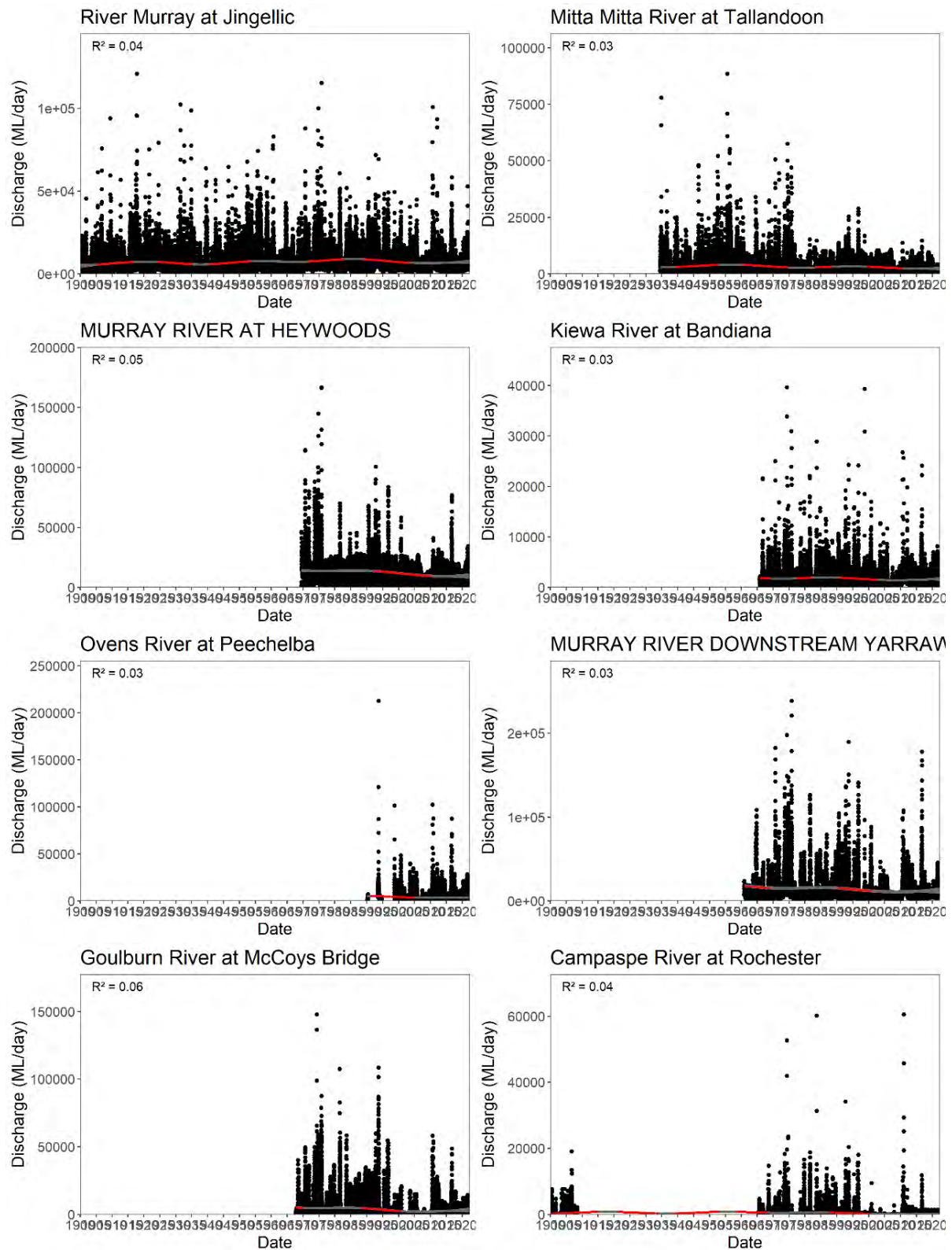
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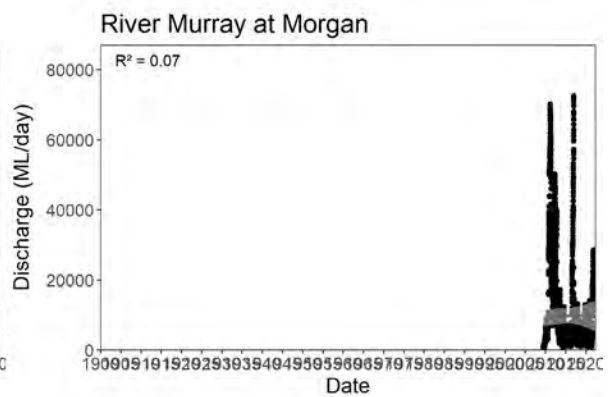
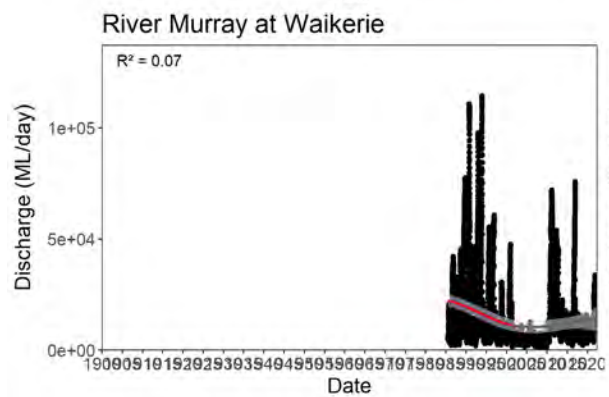
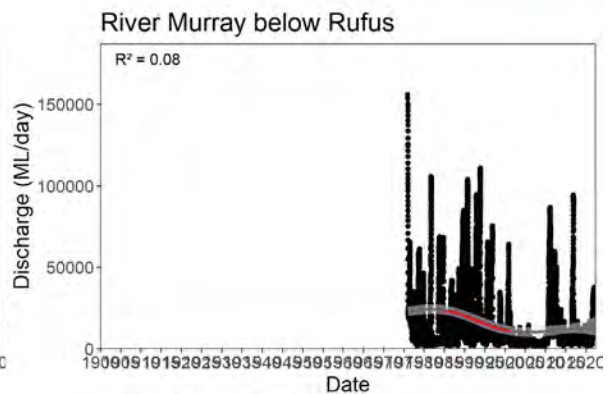
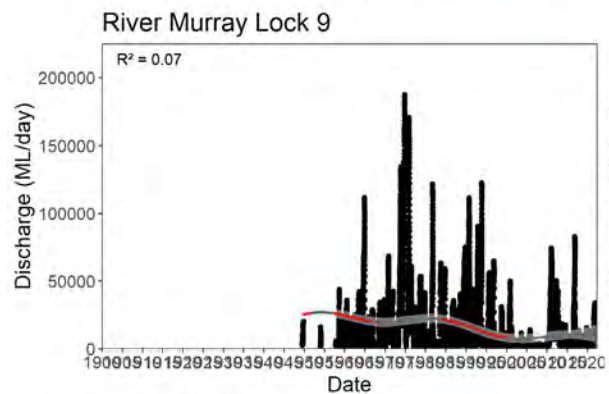
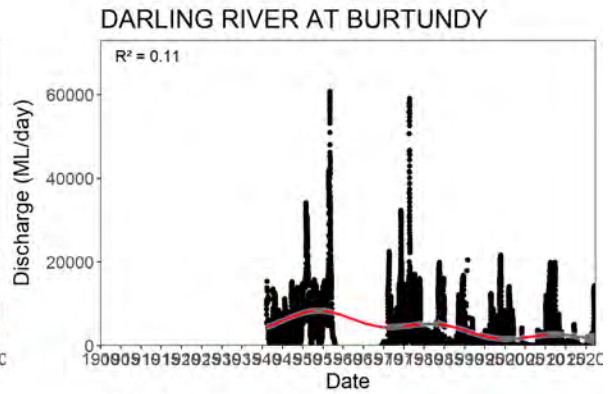
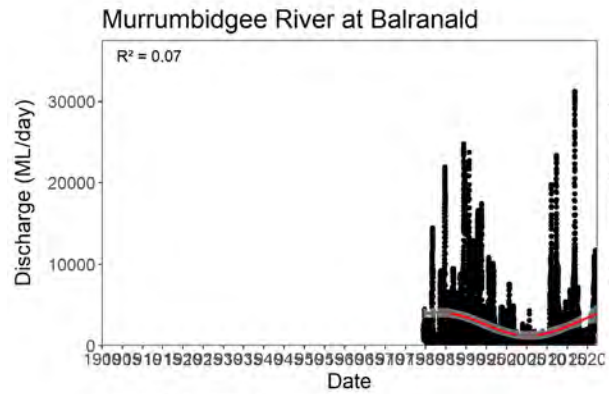
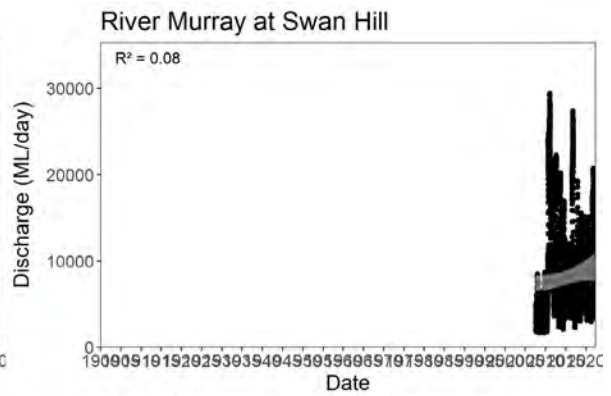
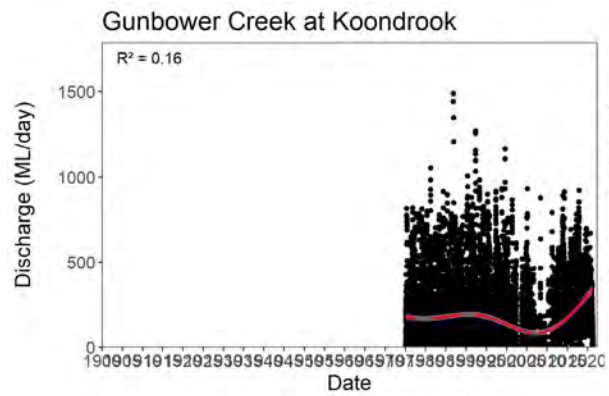


## Appendix C – GAMs

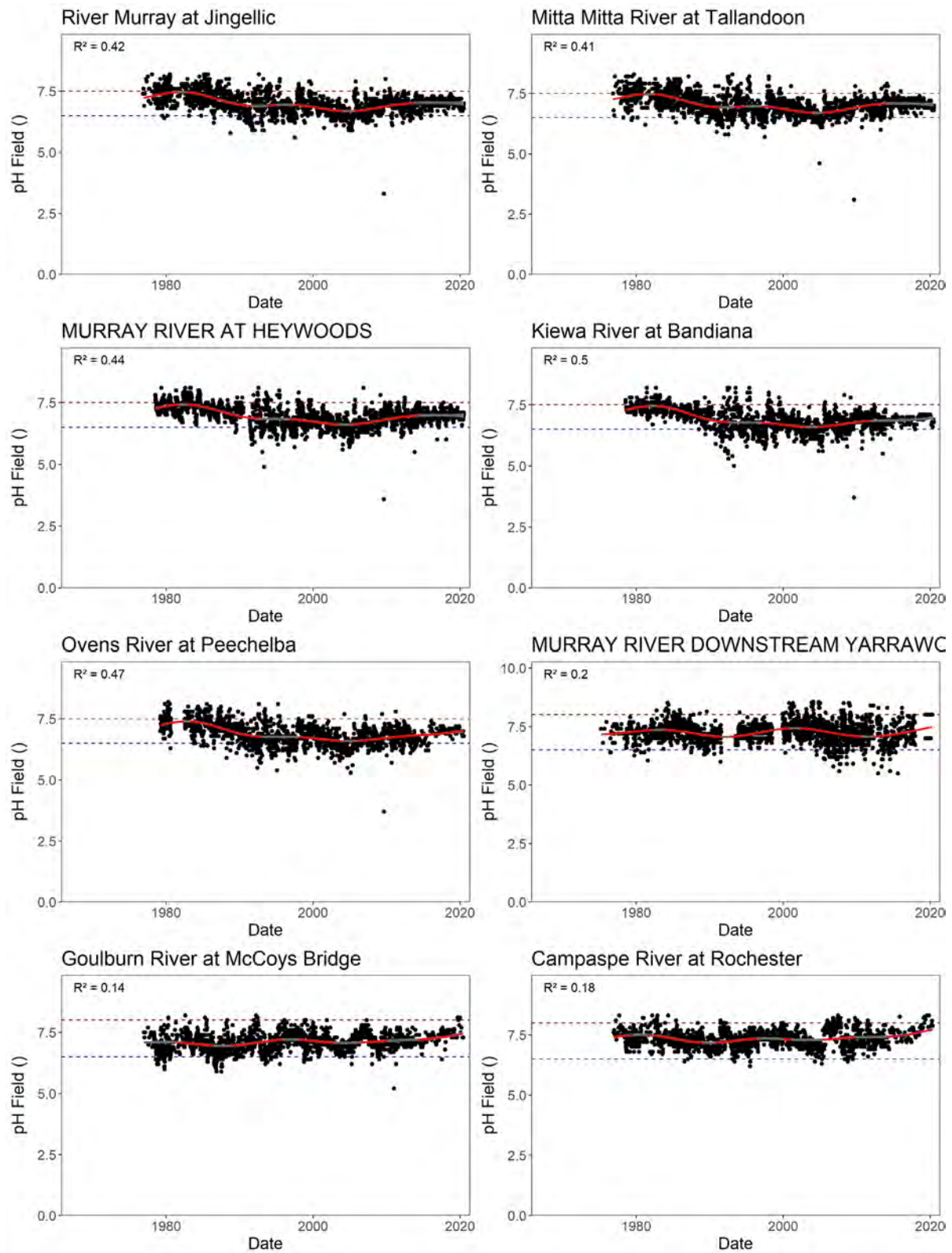
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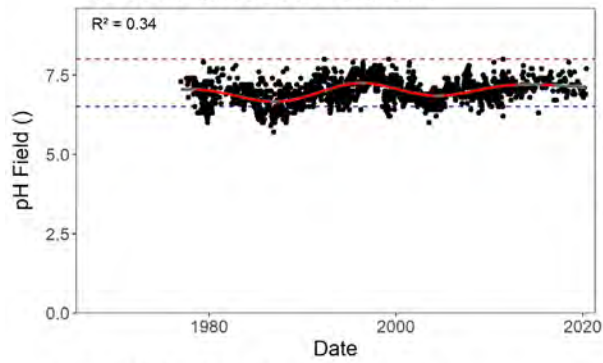




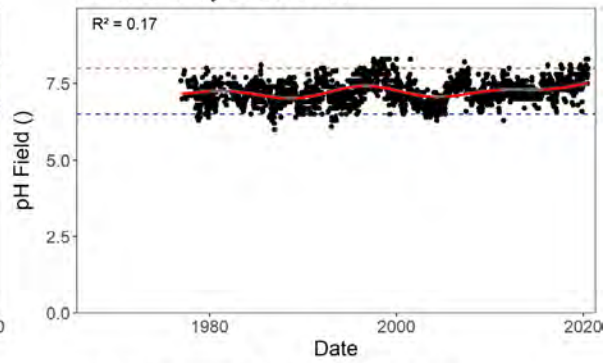
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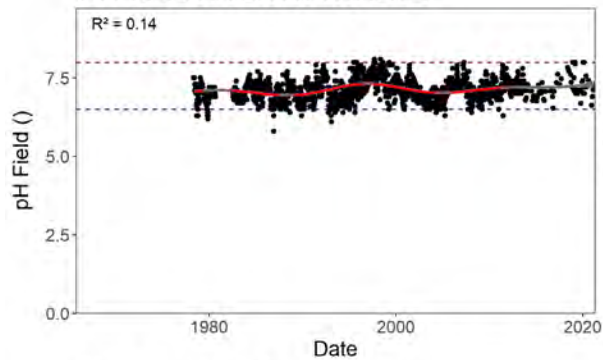
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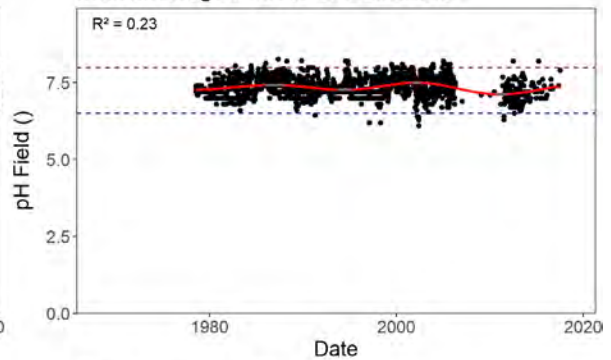
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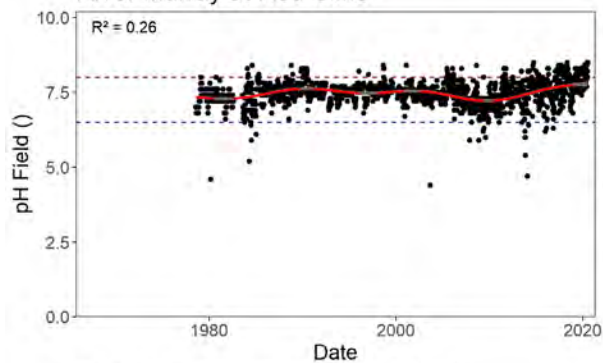
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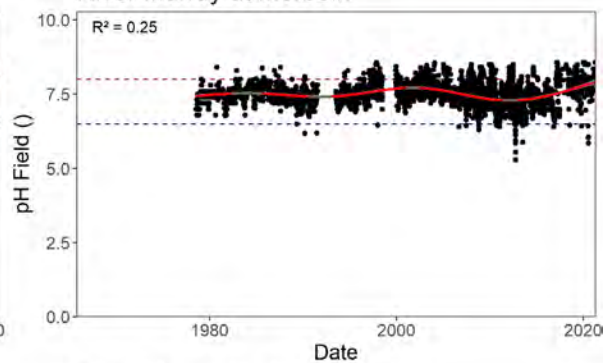
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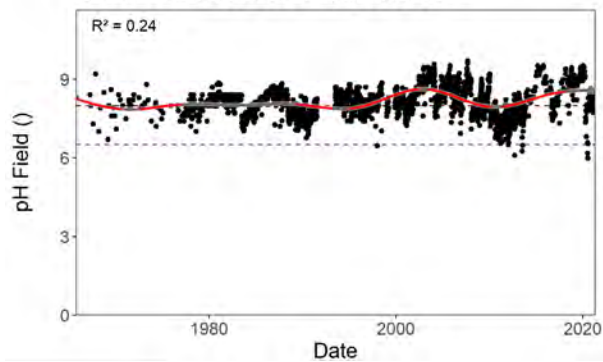
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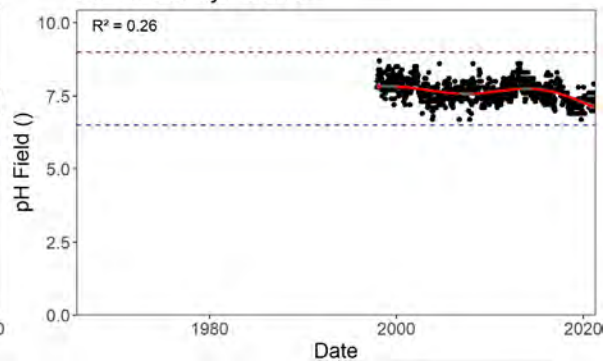
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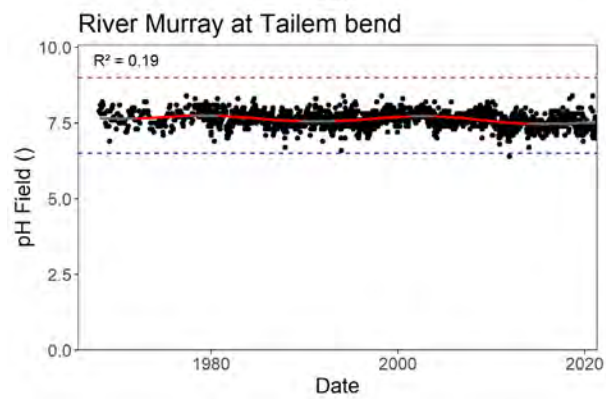
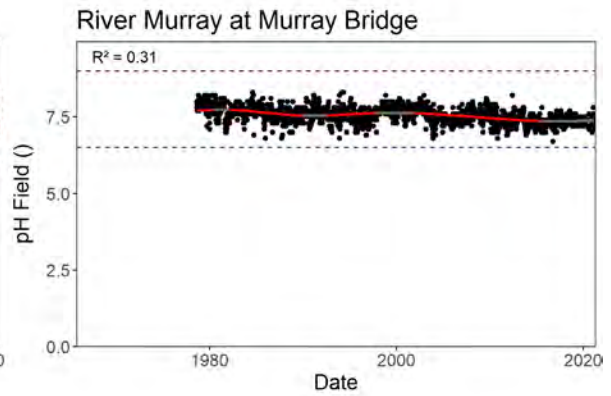
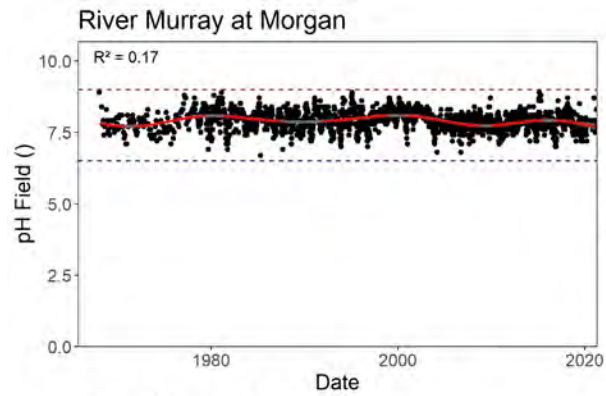
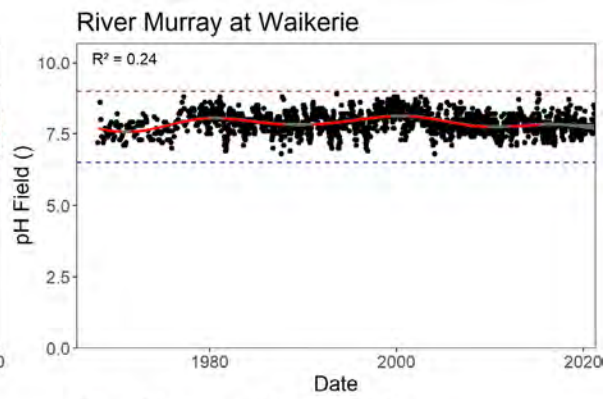
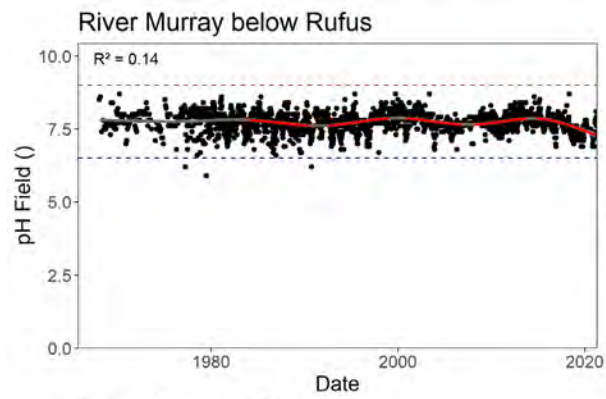


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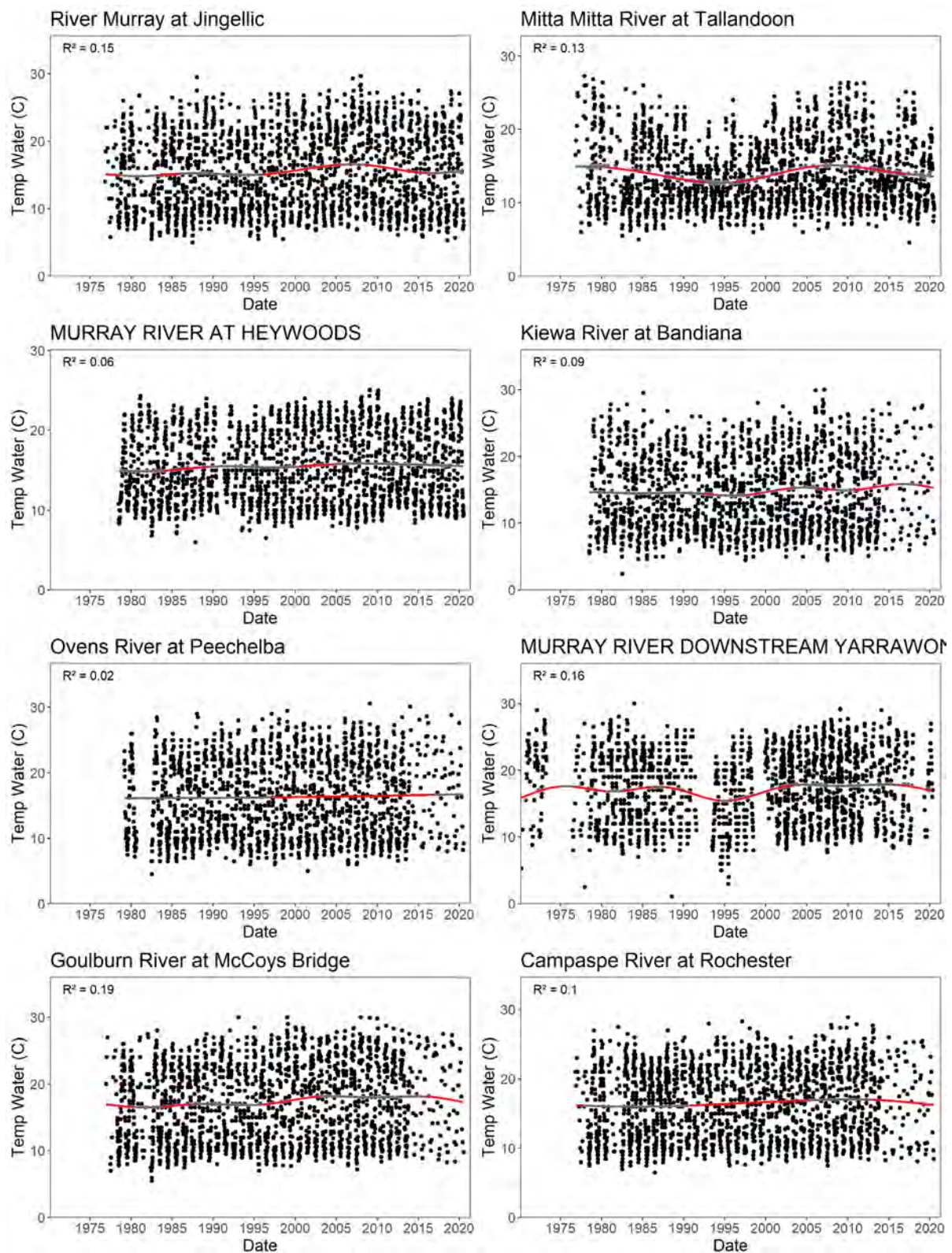
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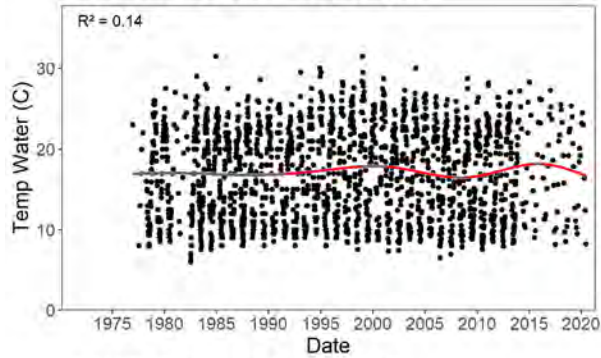




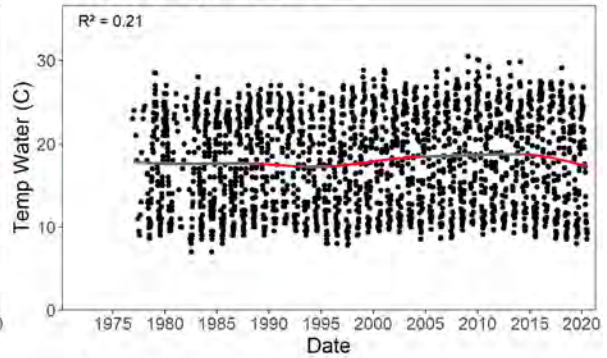
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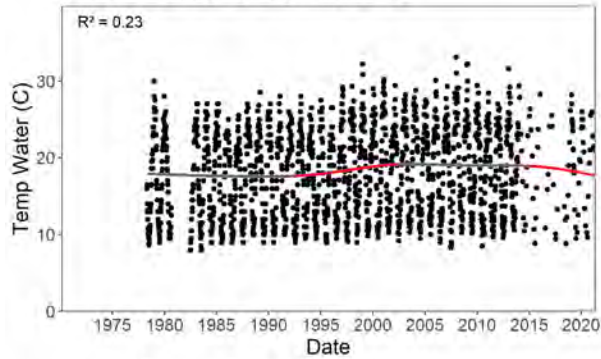
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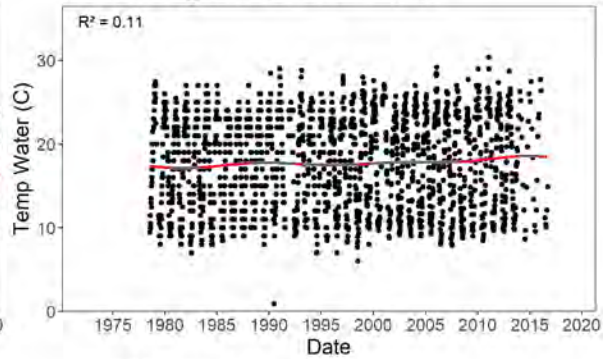
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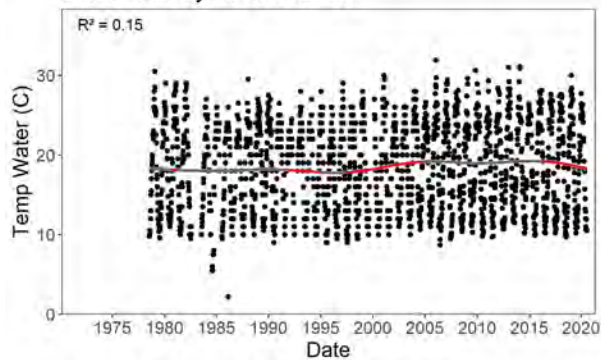
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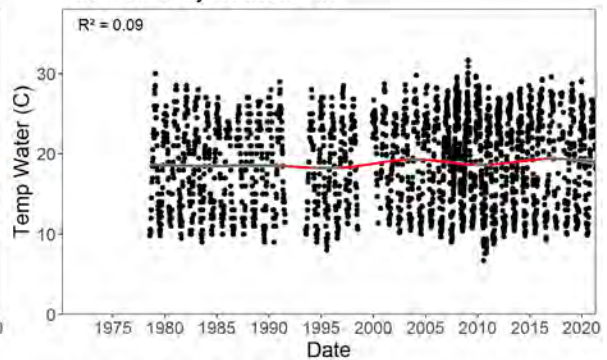
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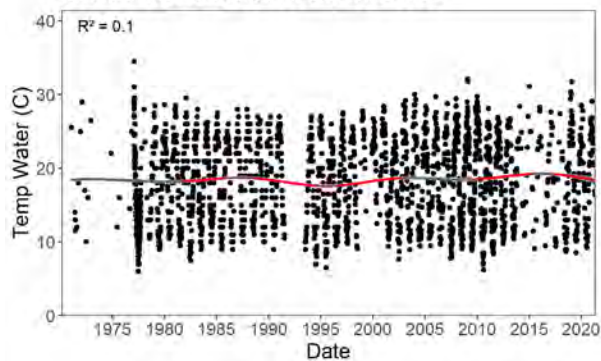
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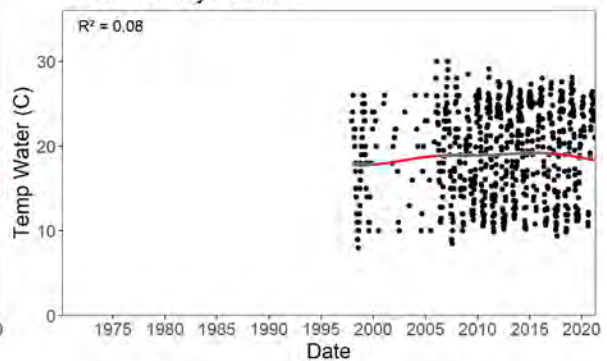
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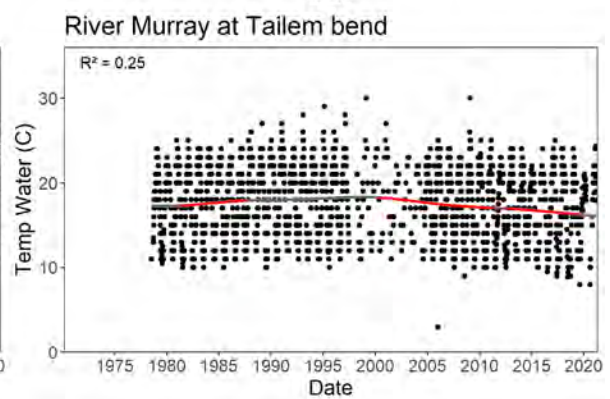
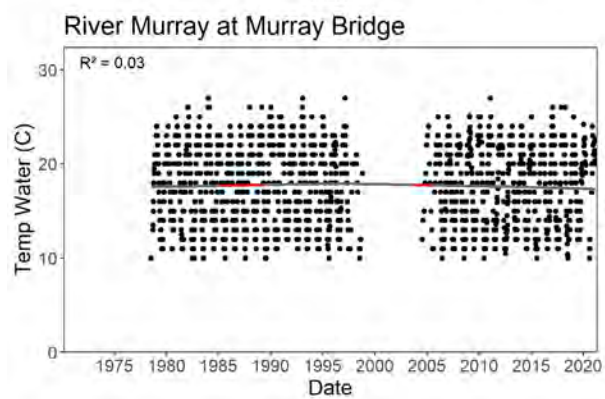
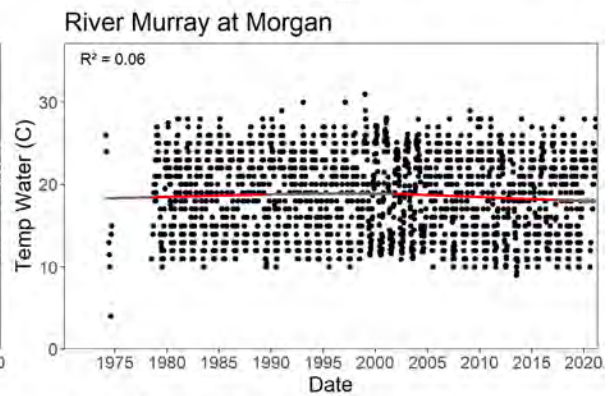
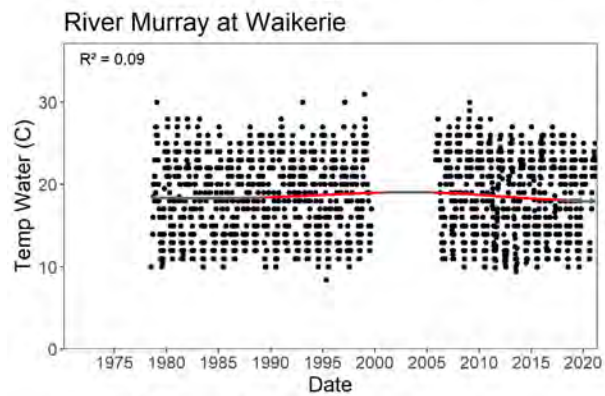
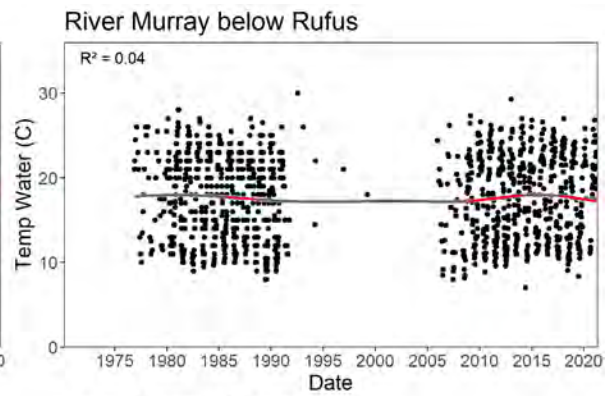
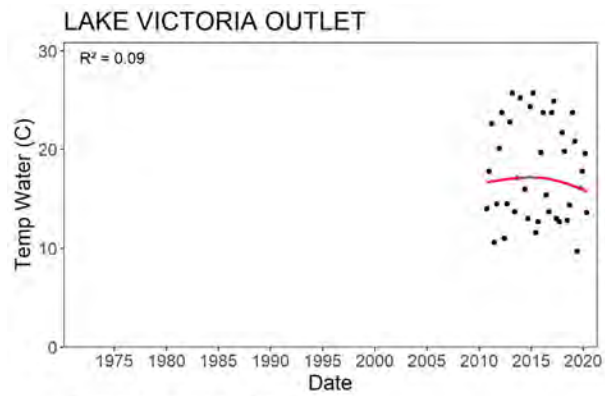
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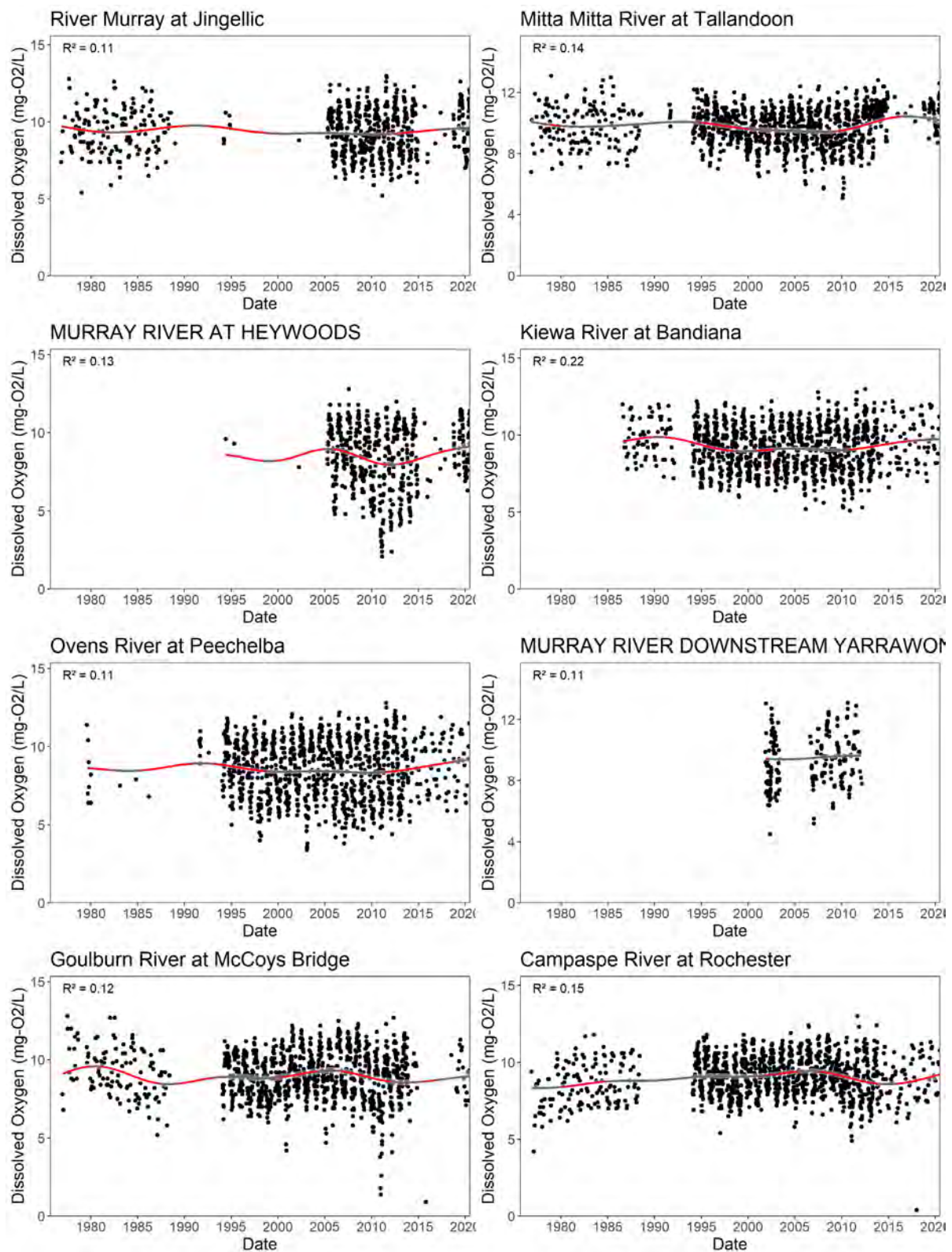
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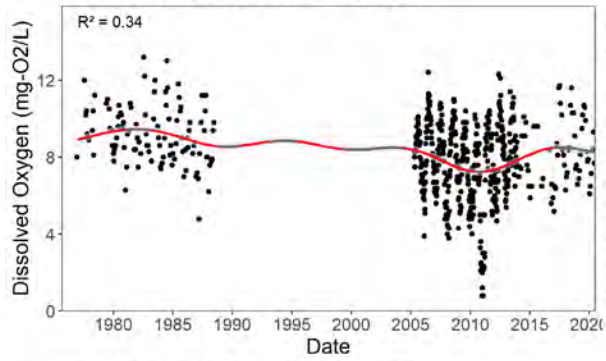


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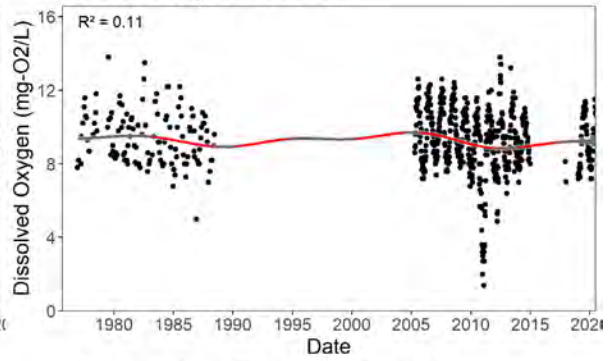




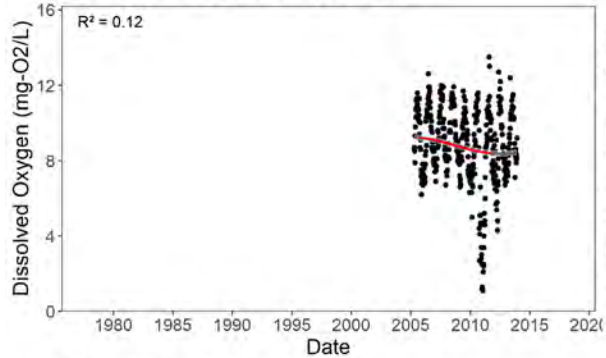
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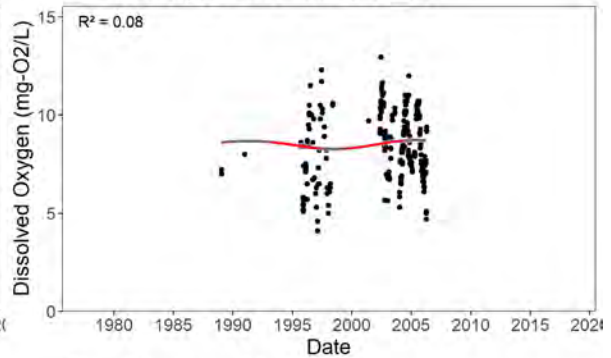
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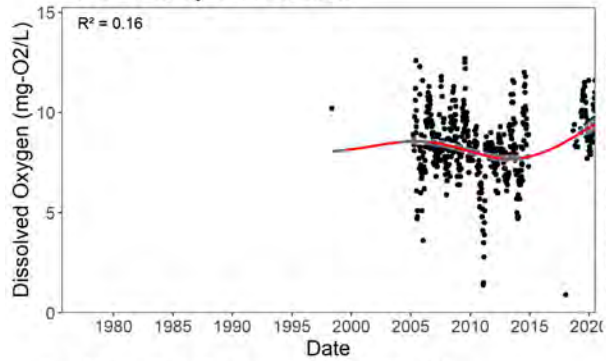
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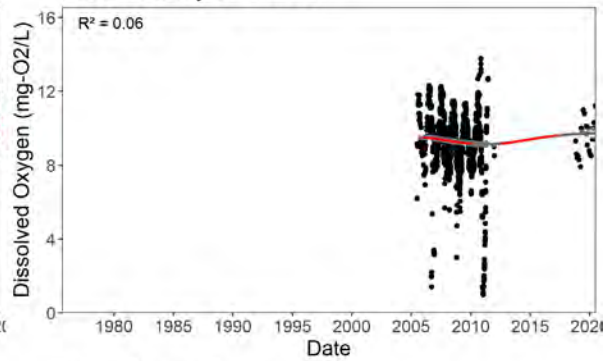
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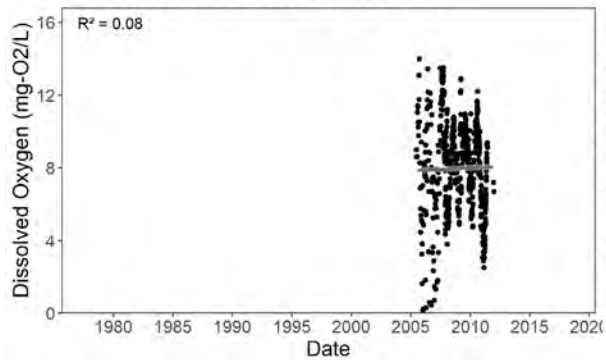
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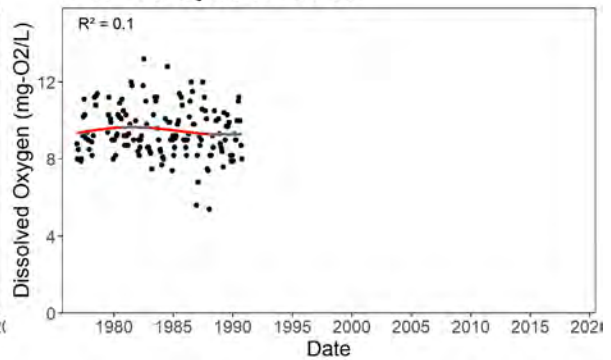
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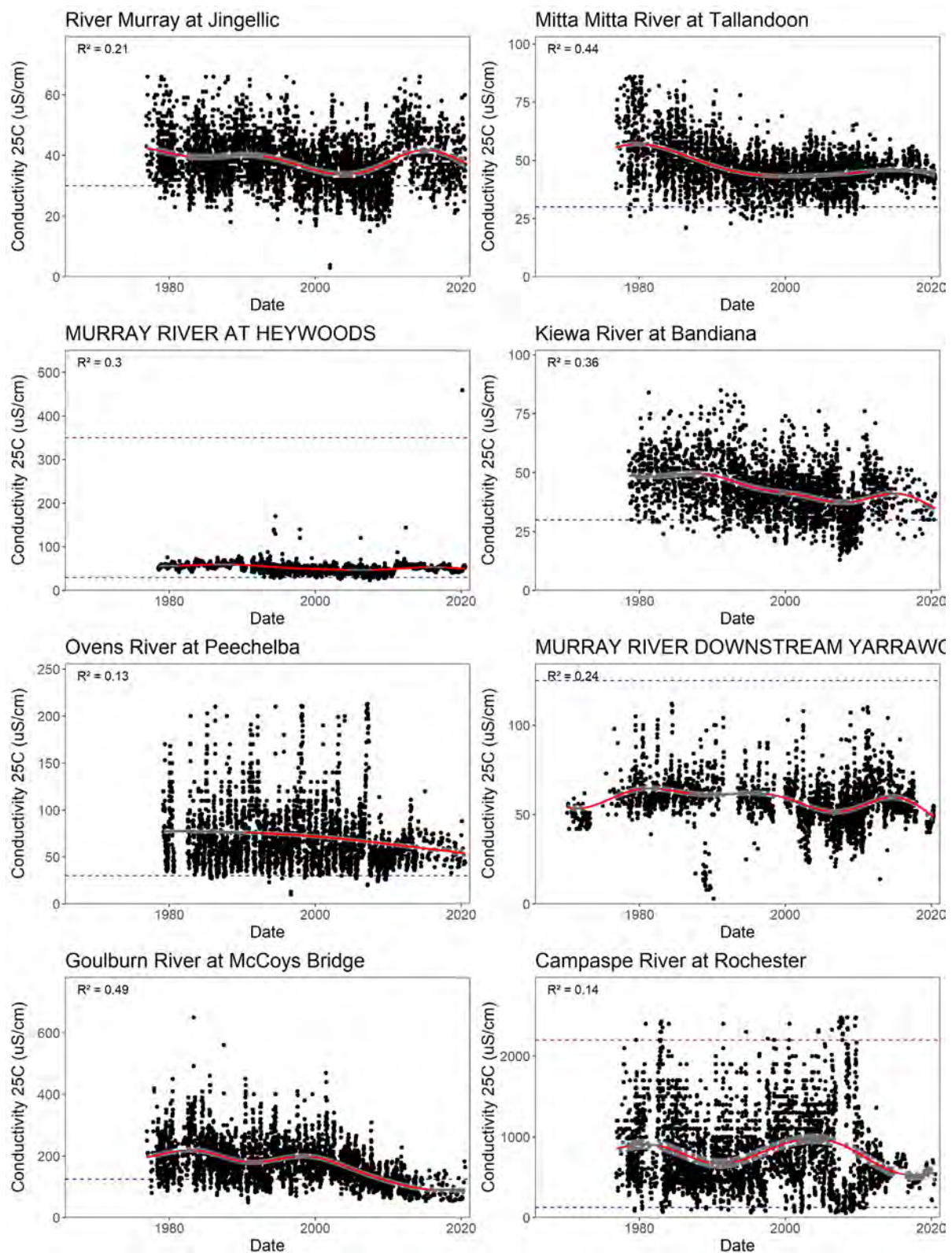
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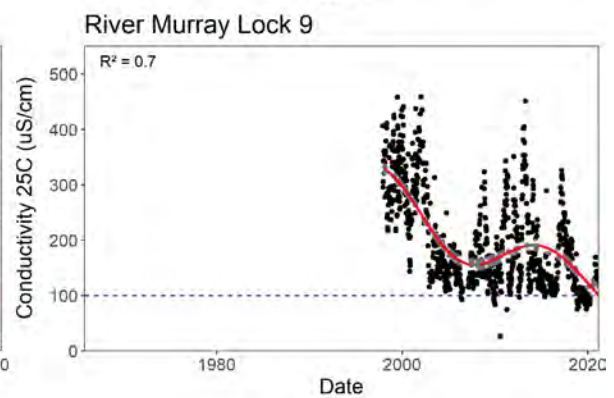
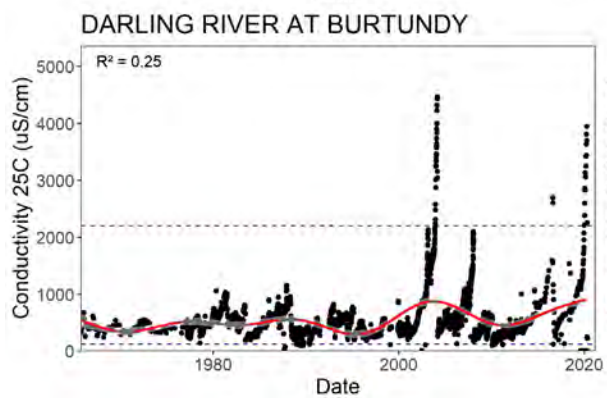
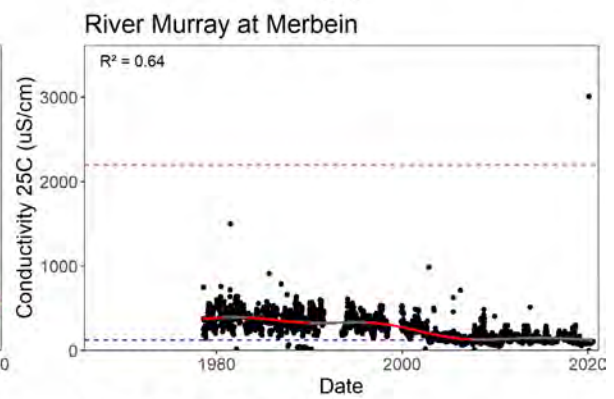
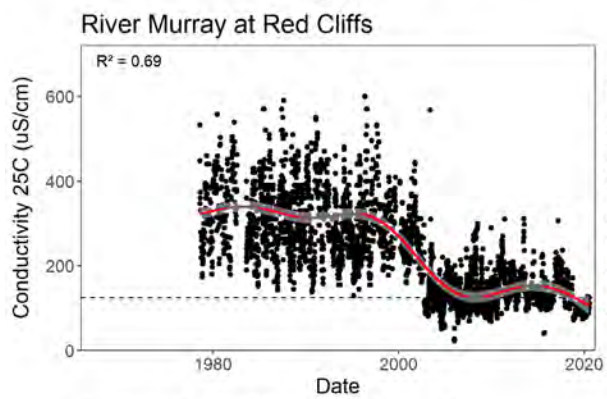
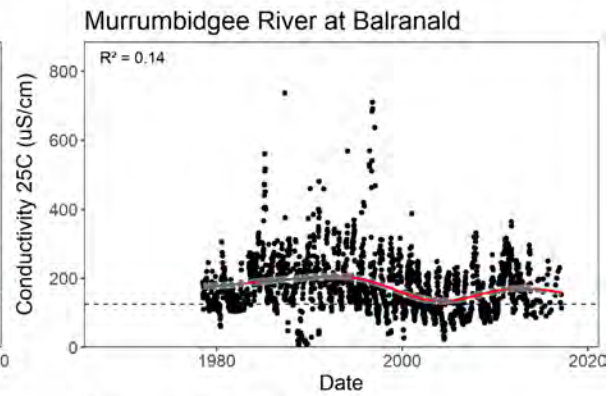
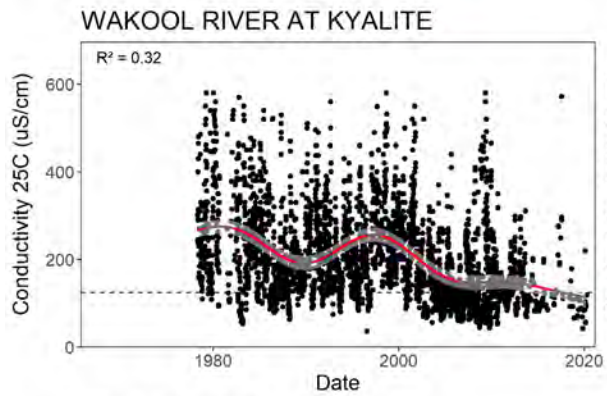
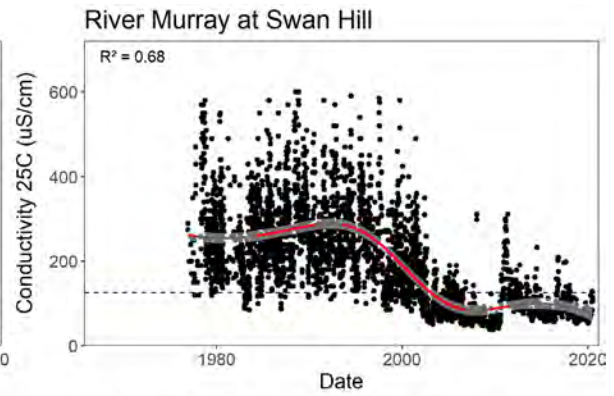
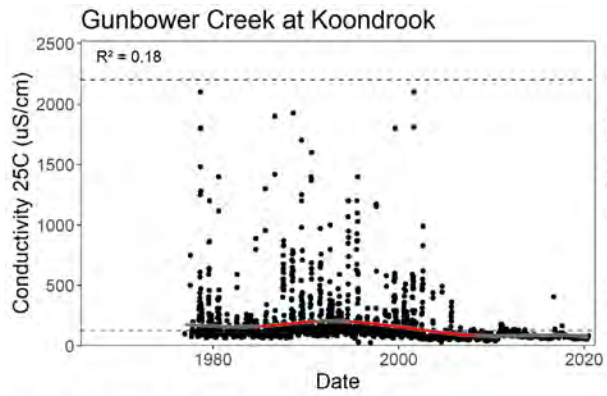
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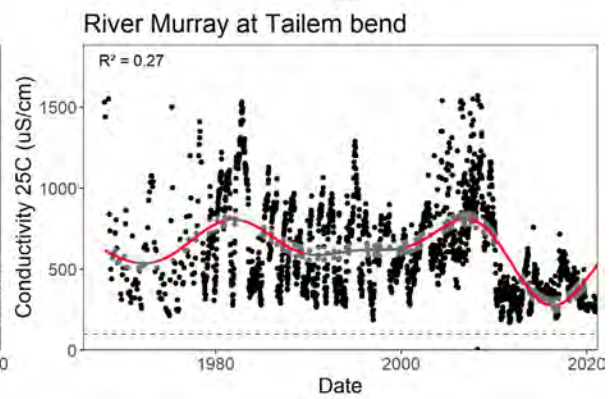
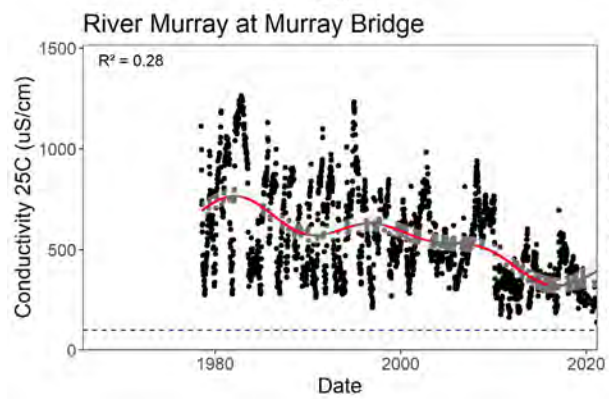
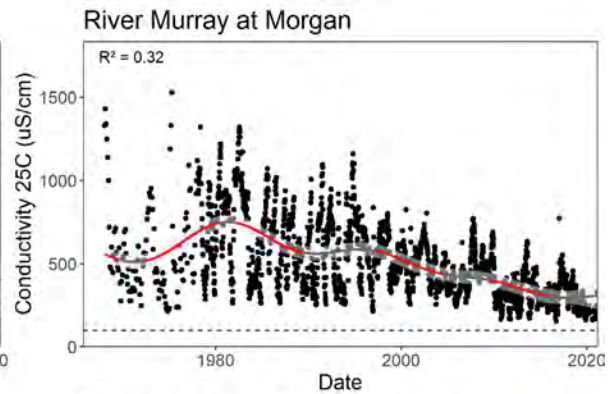
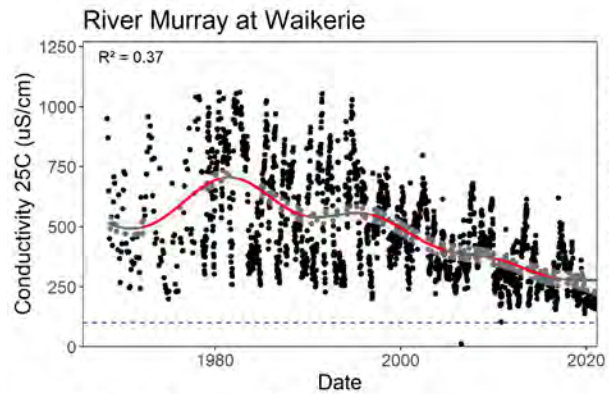
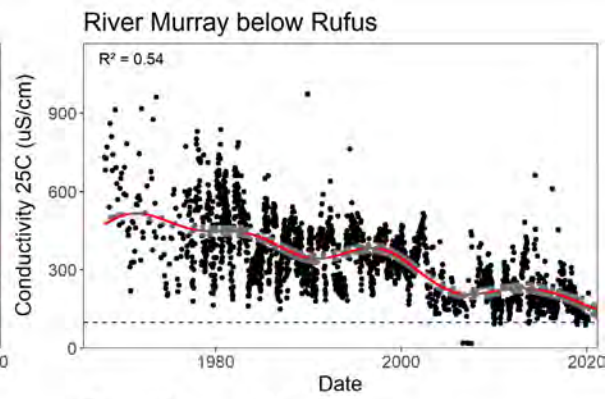


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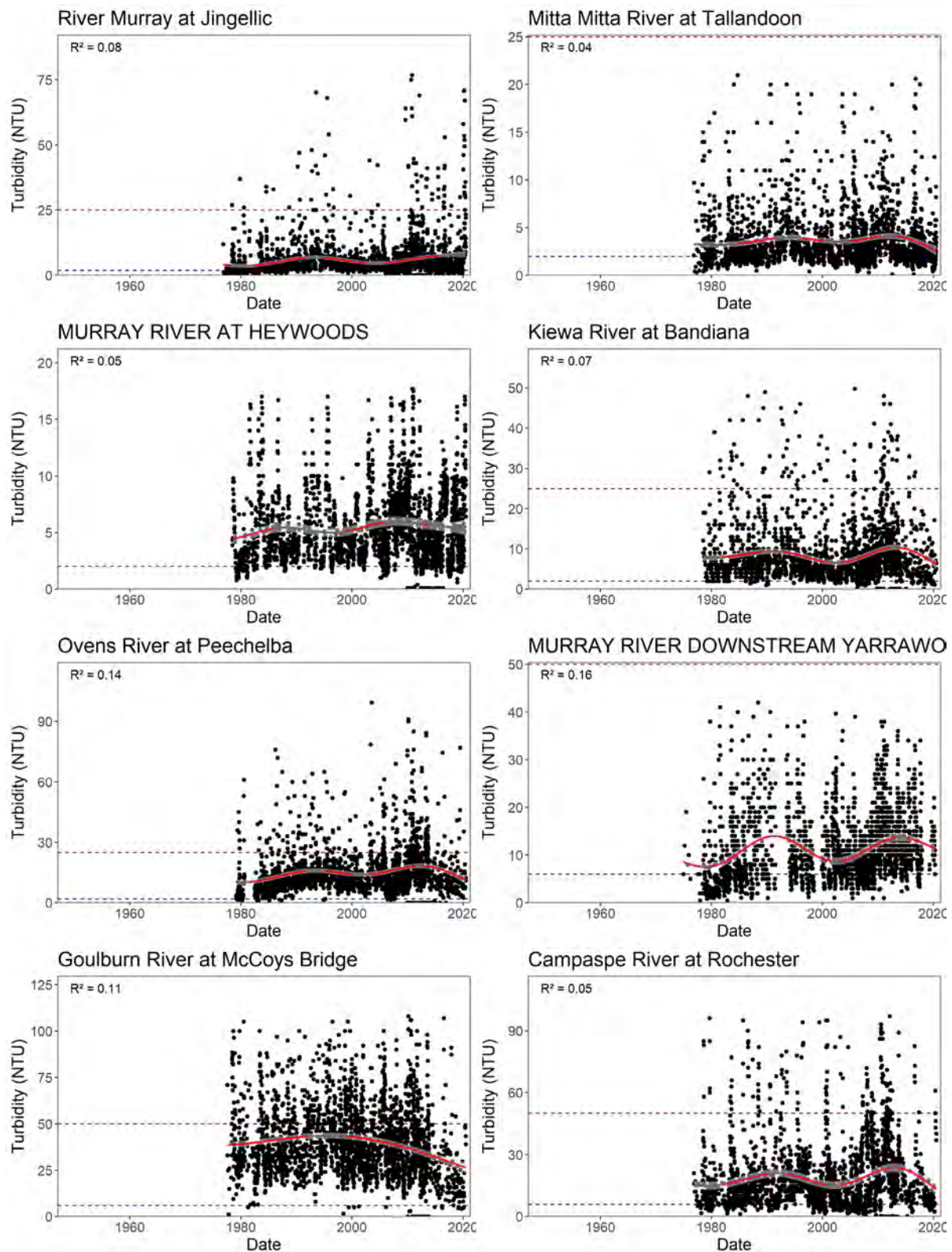


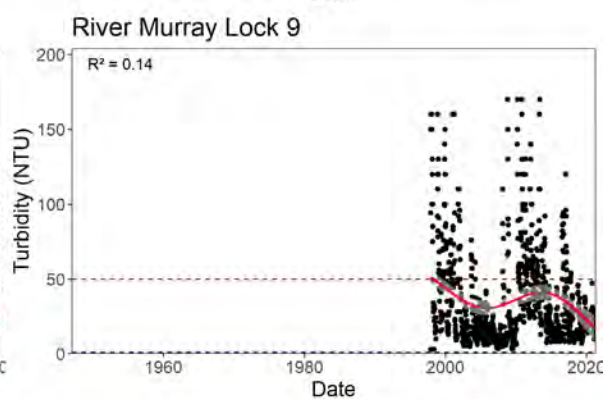
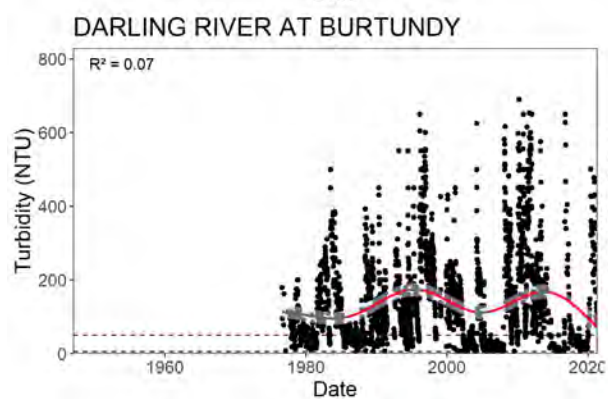
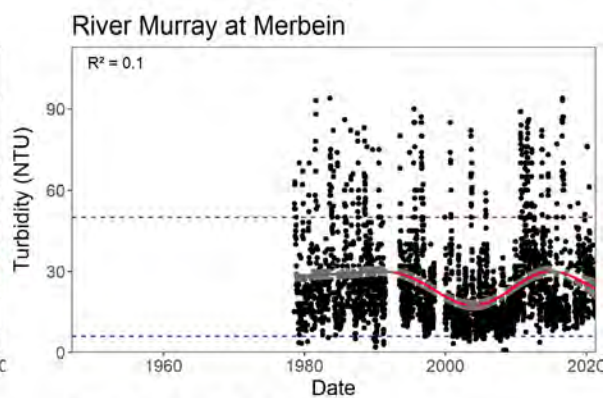
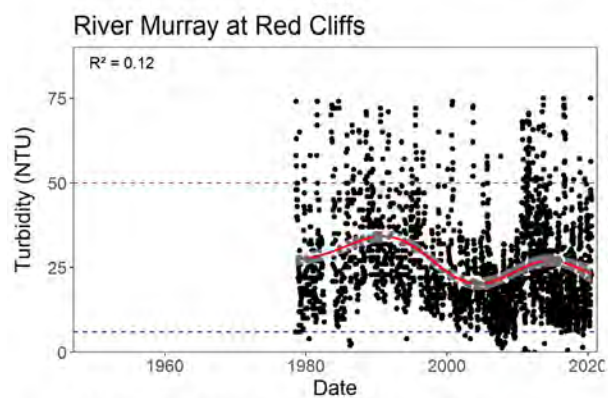
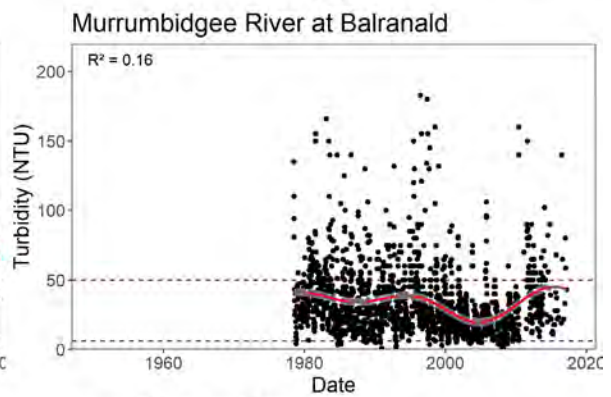
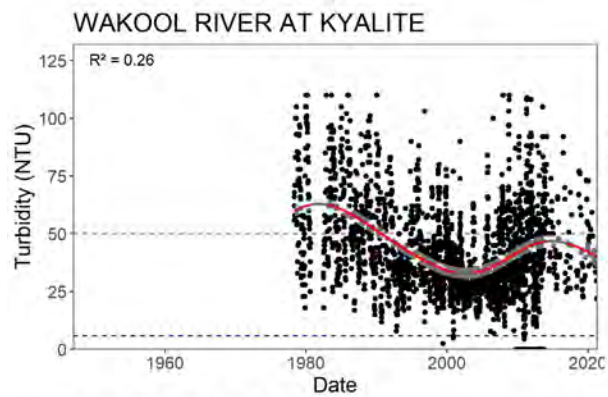
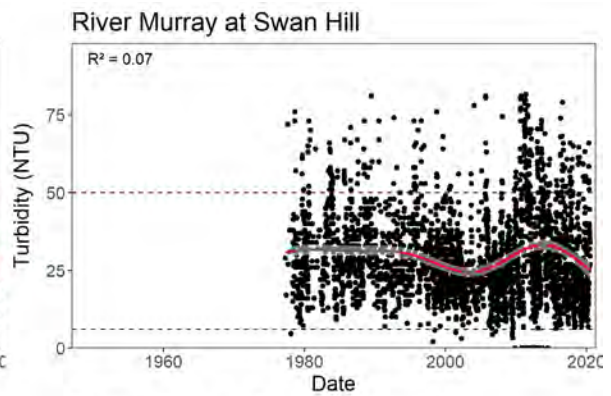
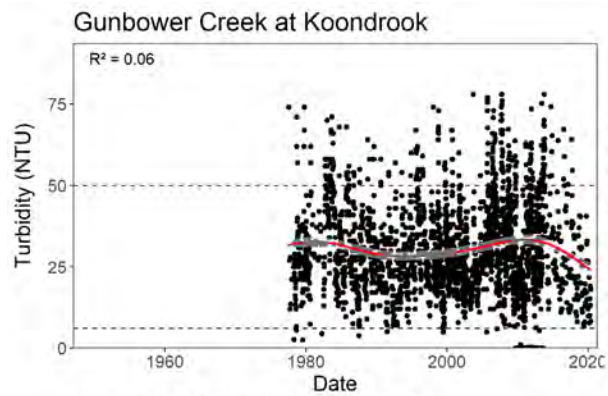




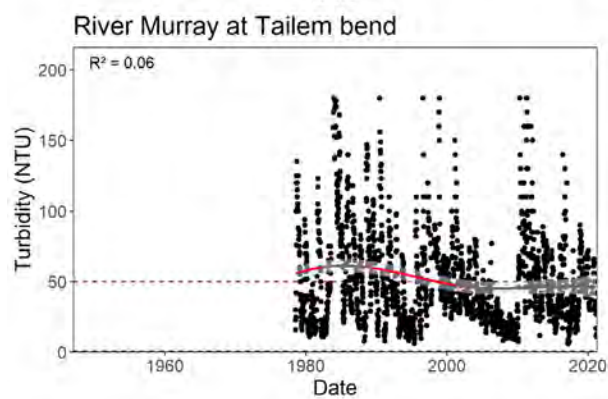
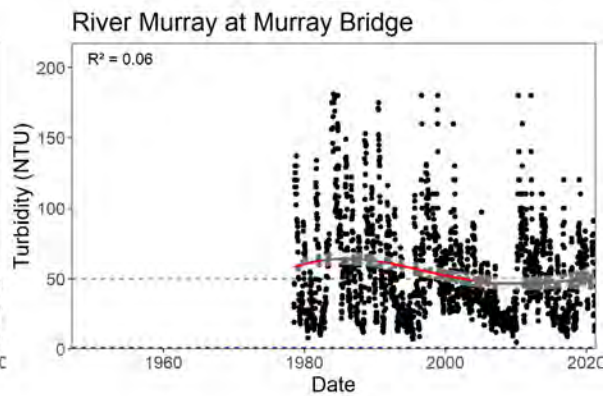
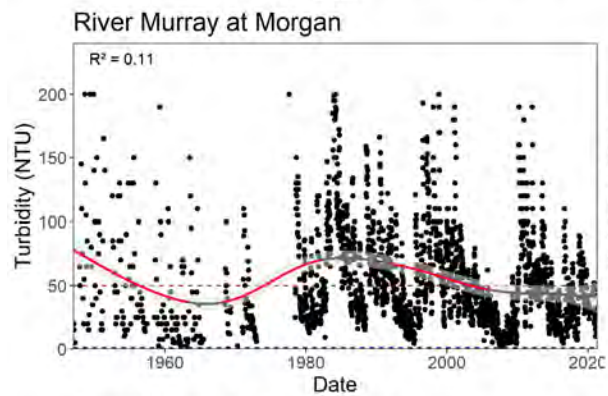
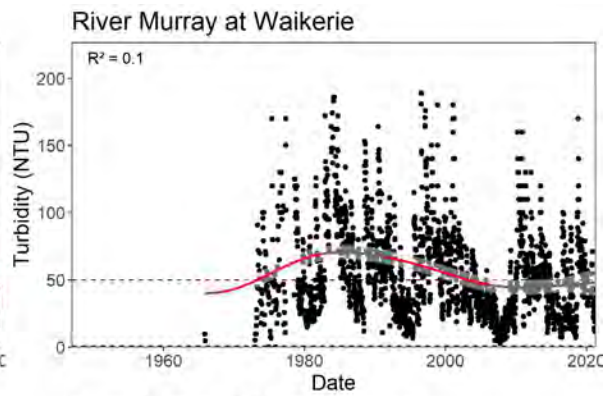
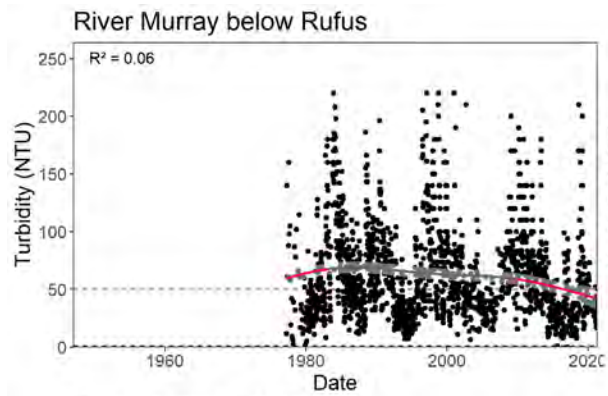


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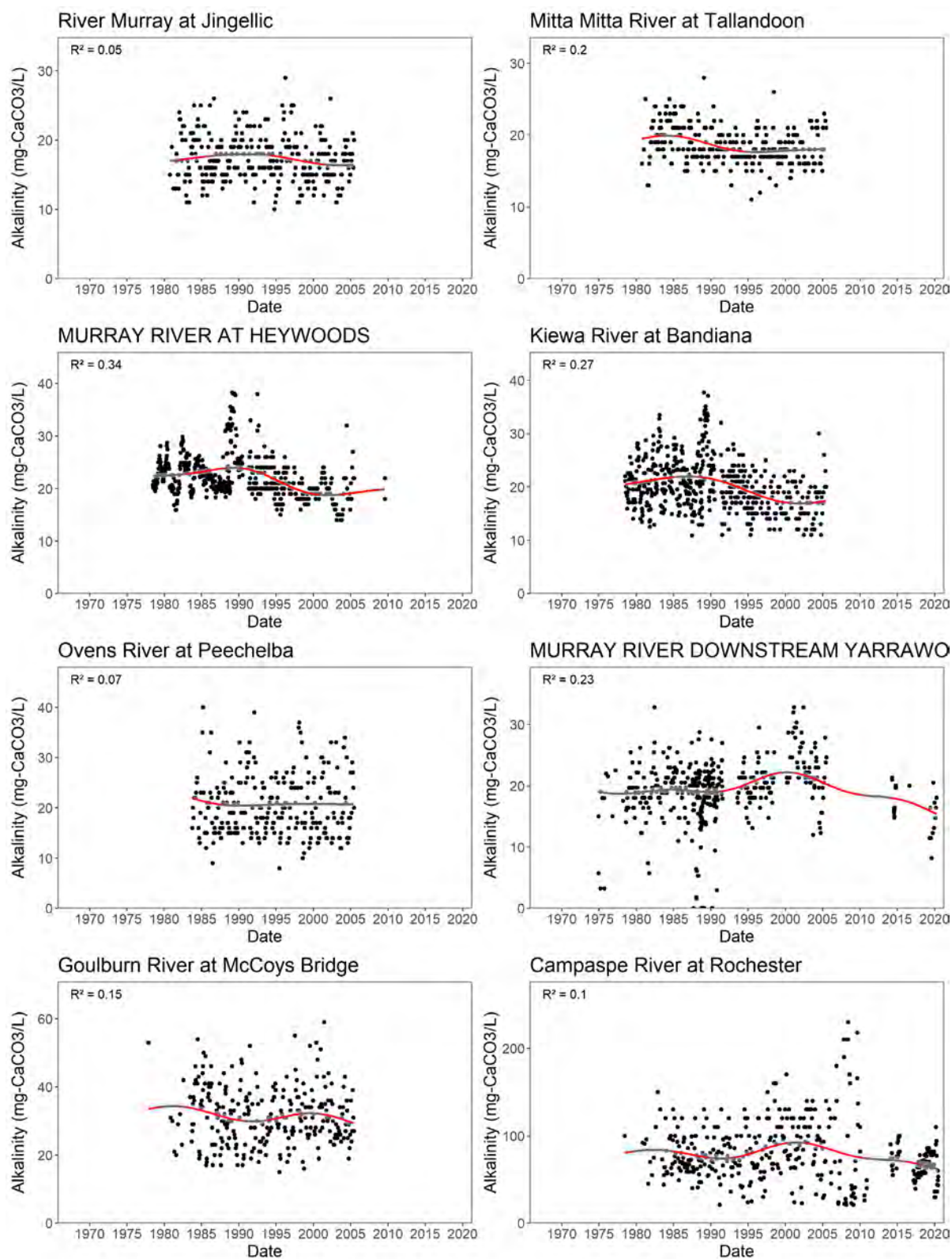






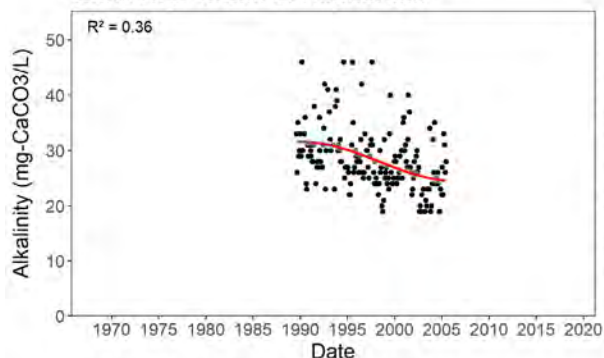


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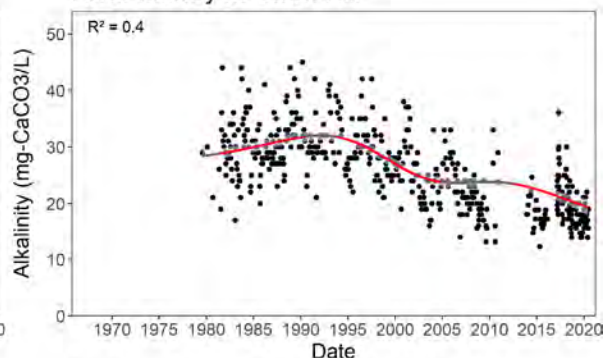




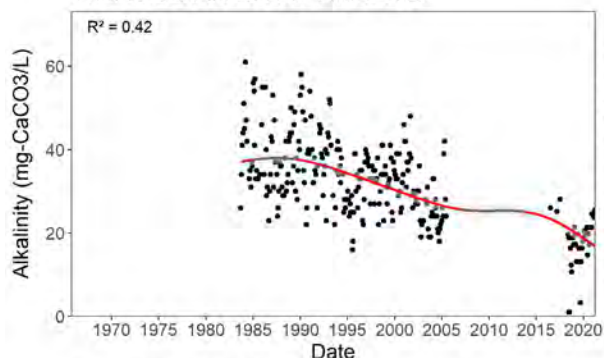
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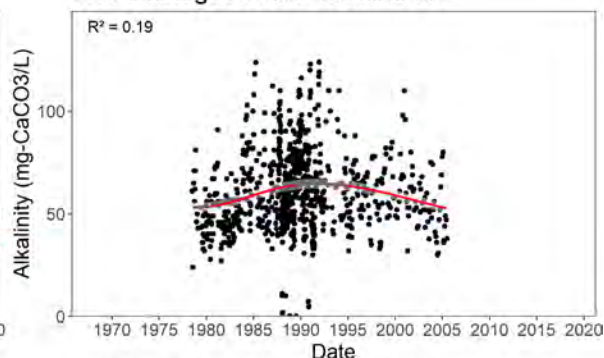
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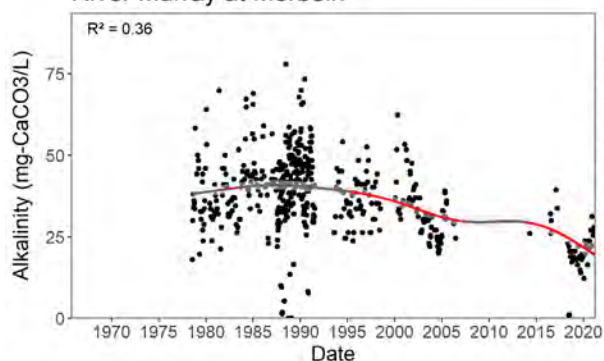
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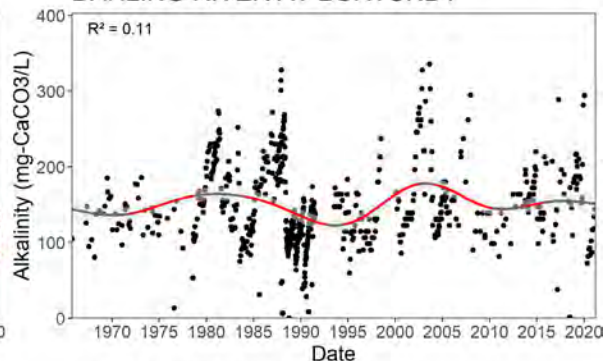
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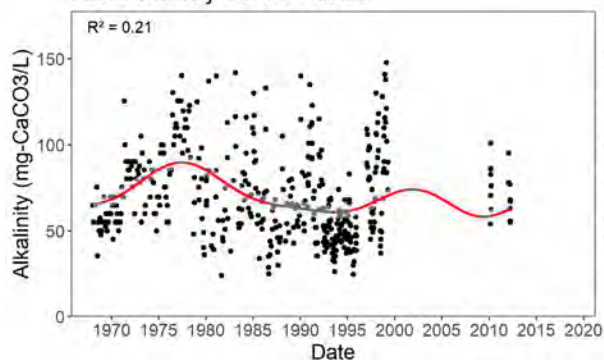
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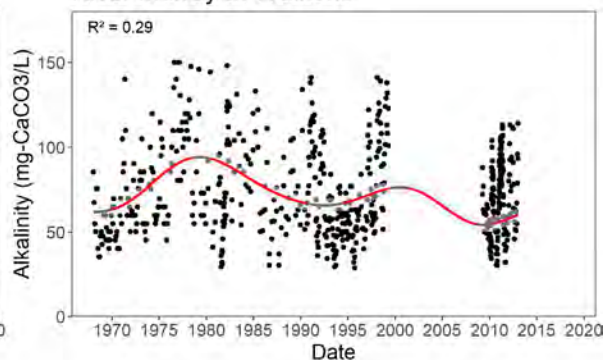
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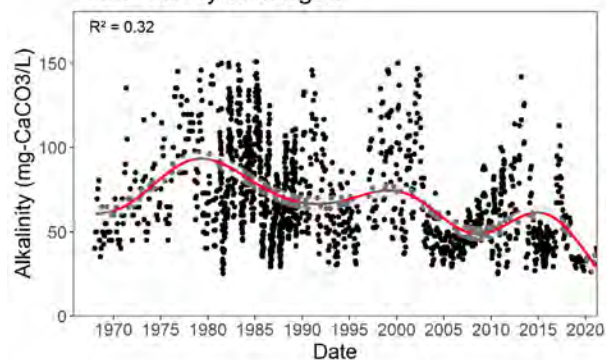
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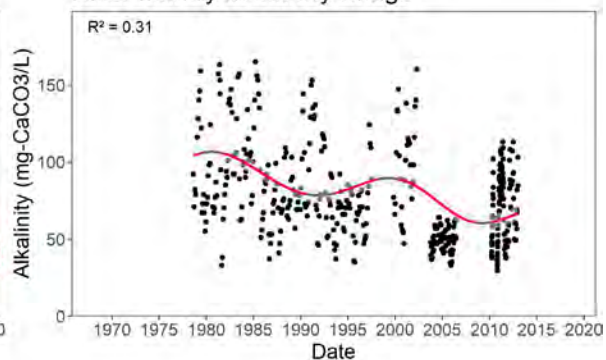
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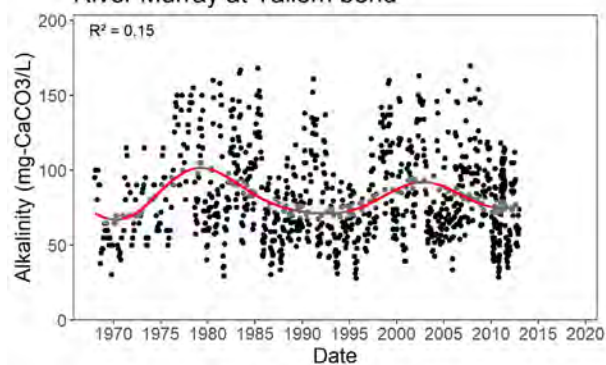
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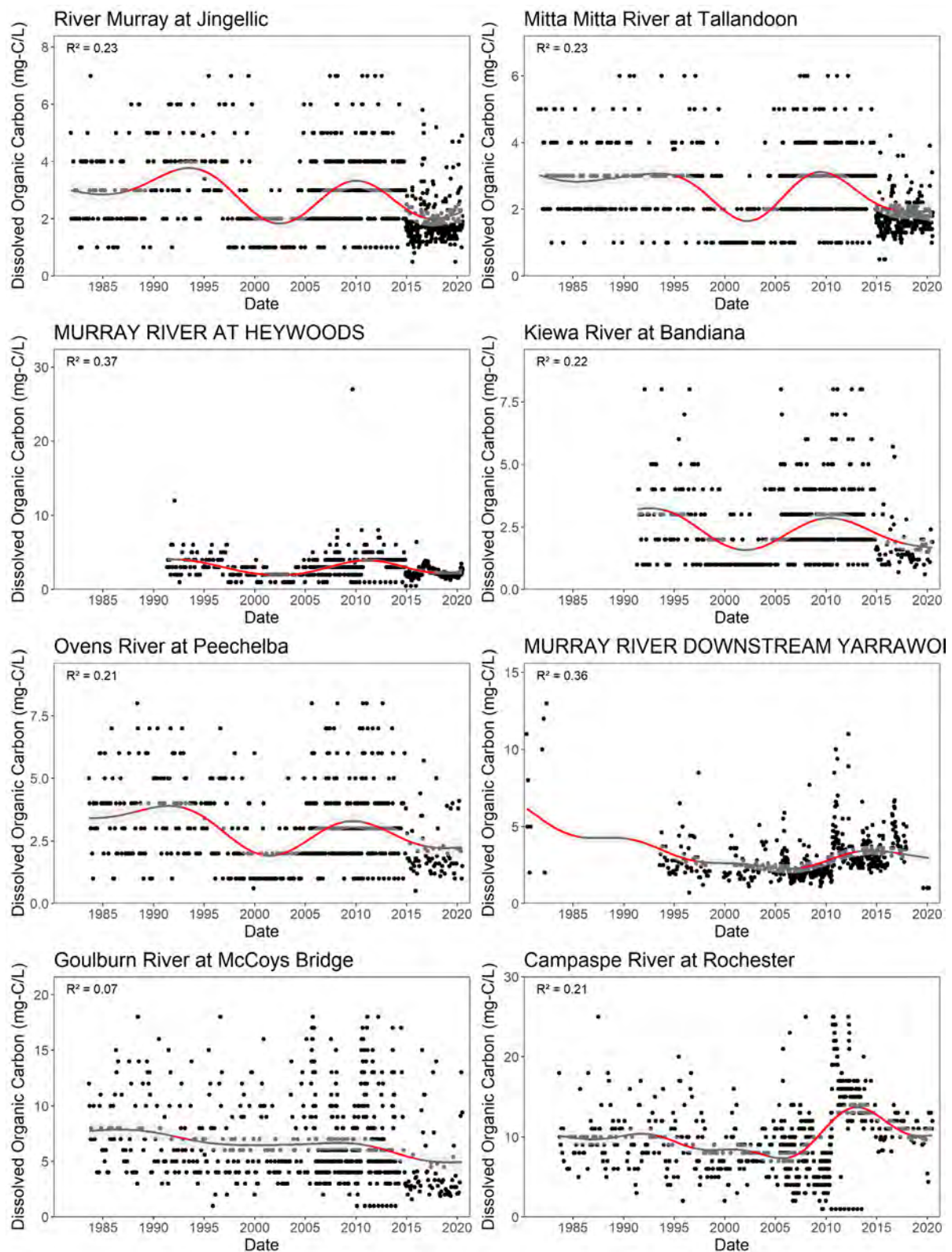
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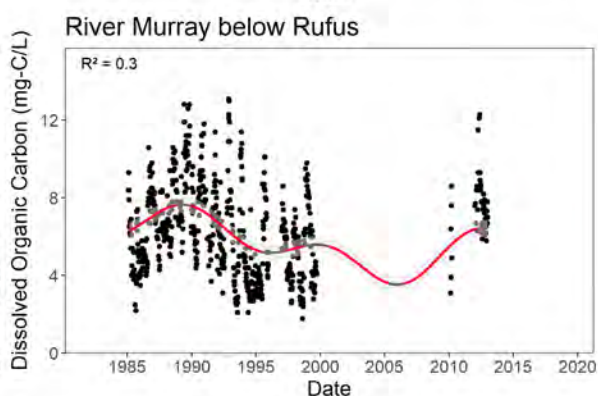
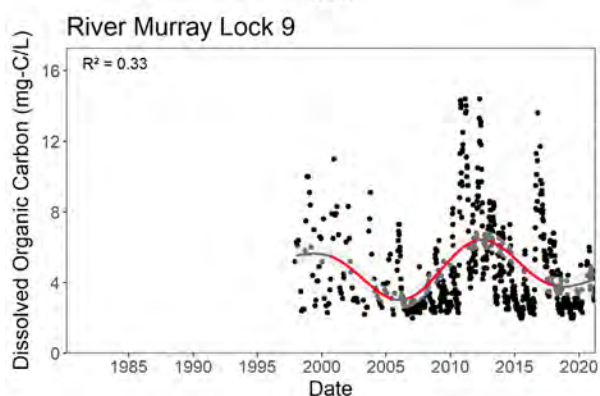
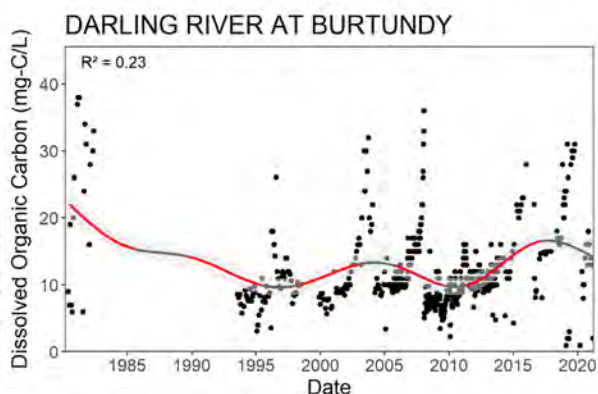
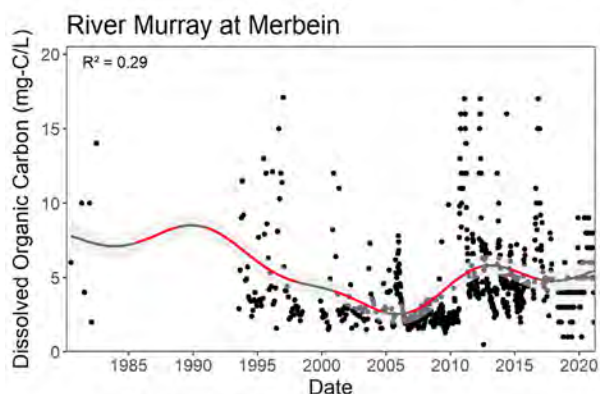
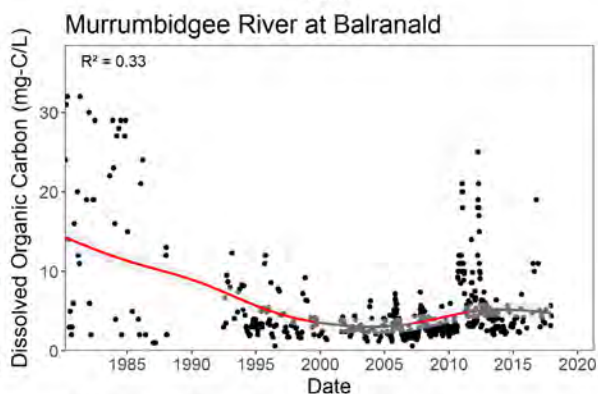
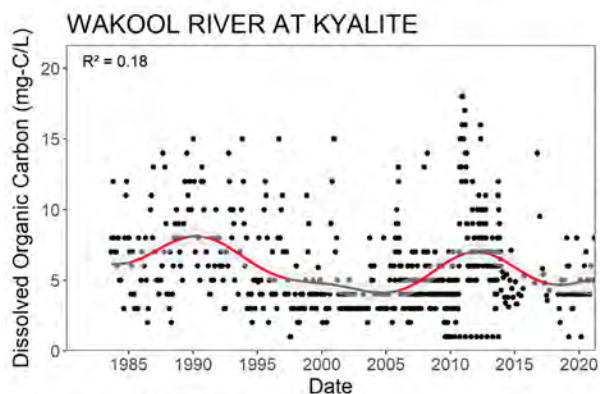
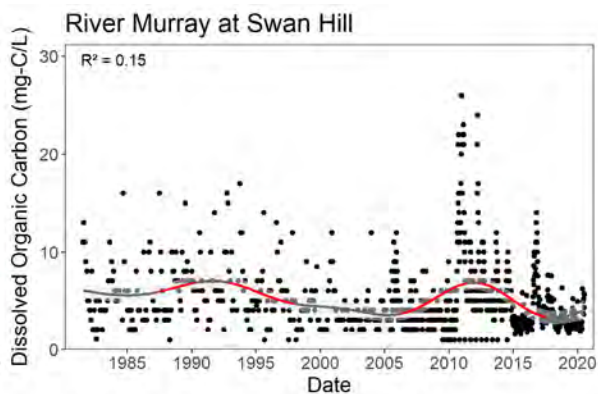
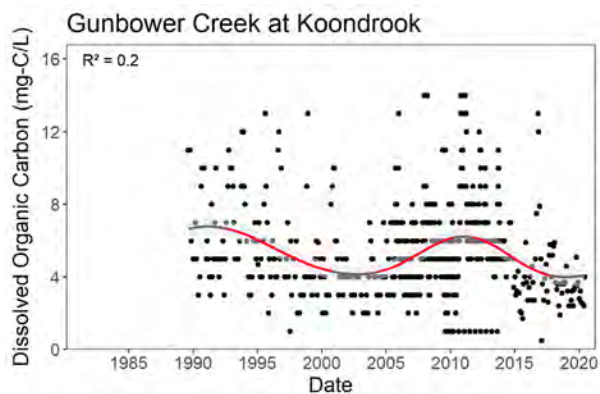
River Murray at Taillem bend



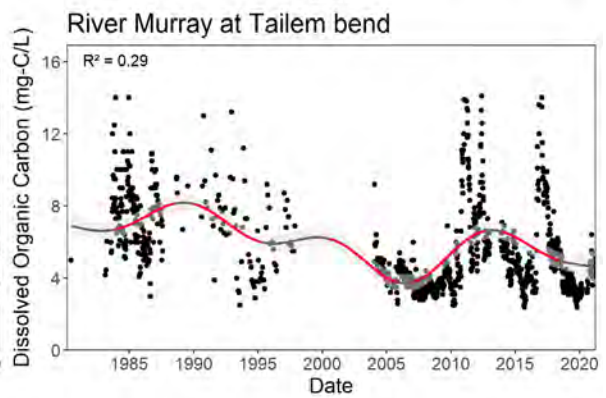
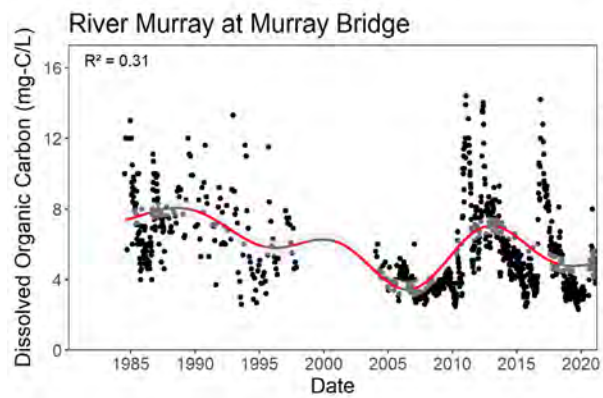
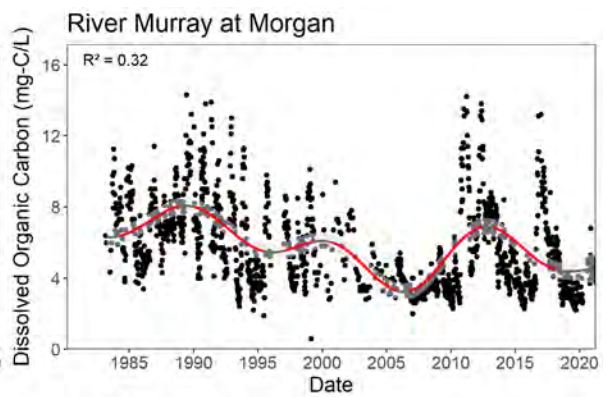
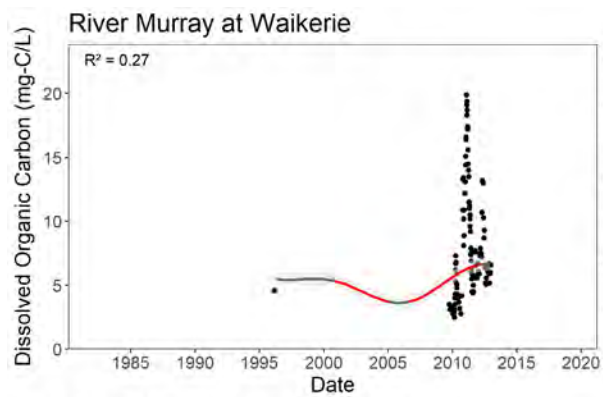
**Figure C8. RMWQMP Spot data GAMS – Dissolved organic carbon**



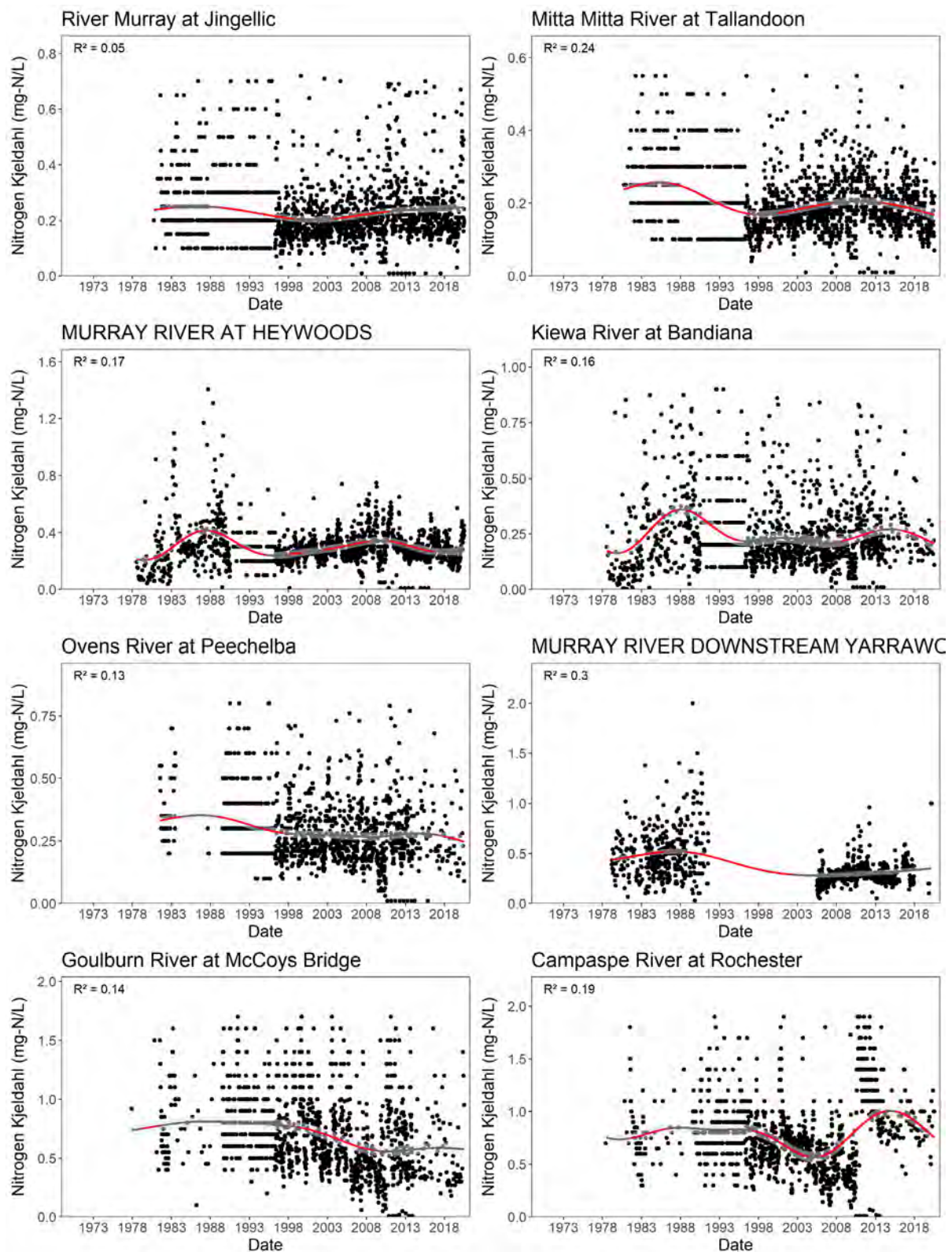


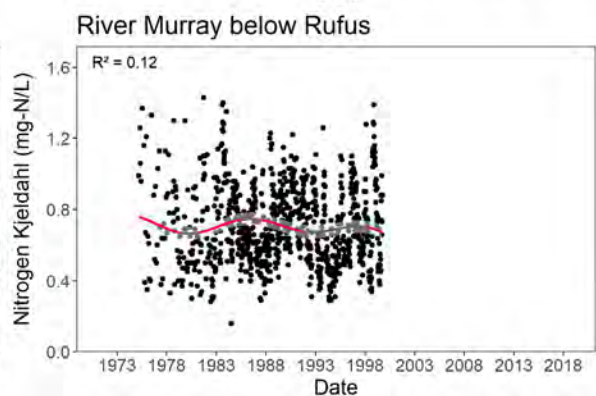
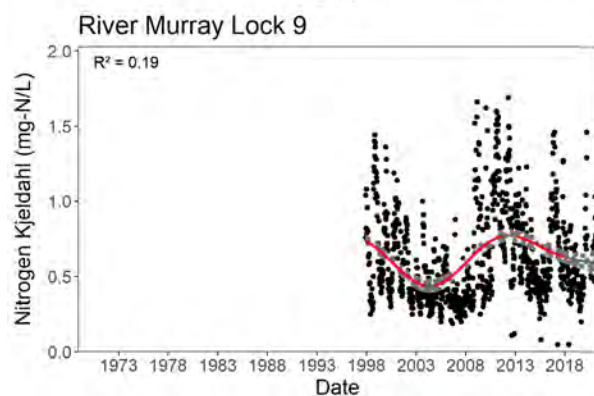
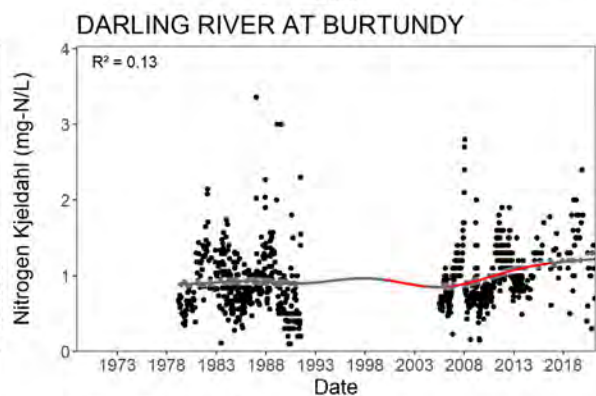
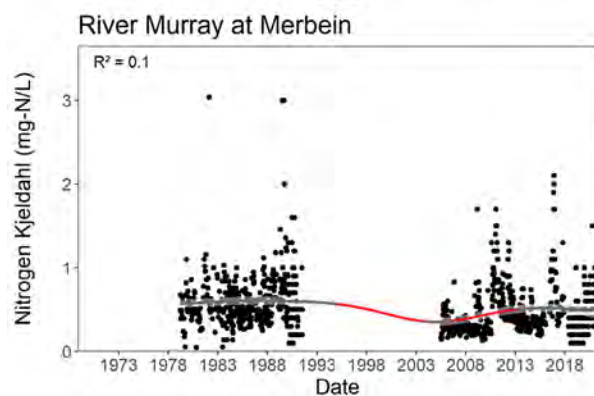
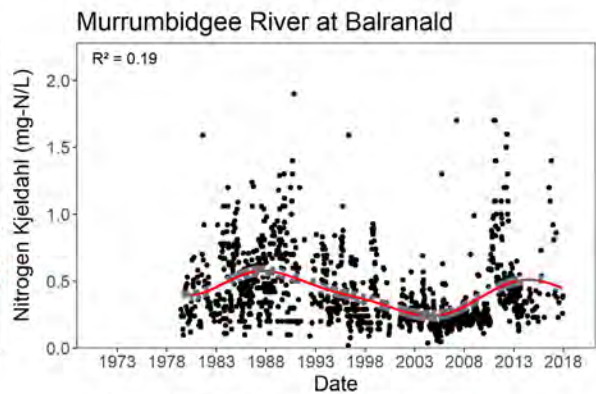
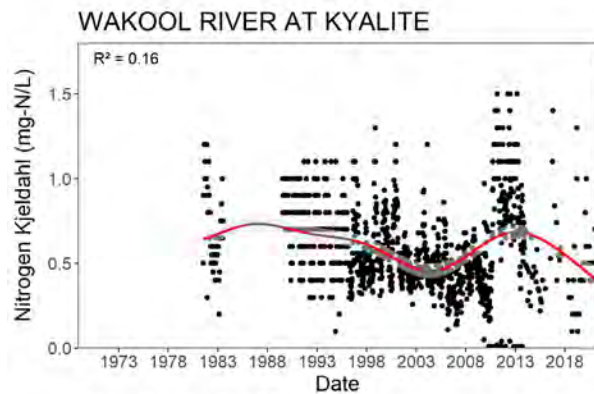
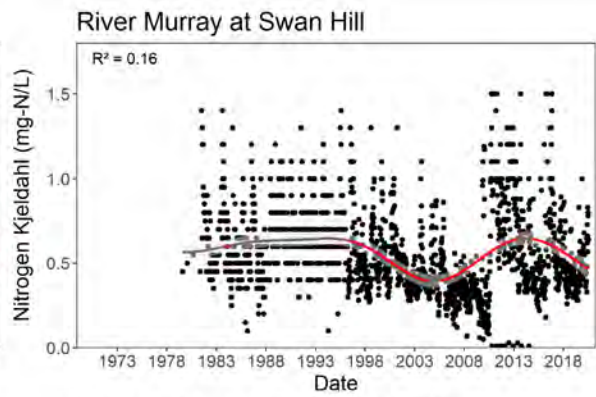
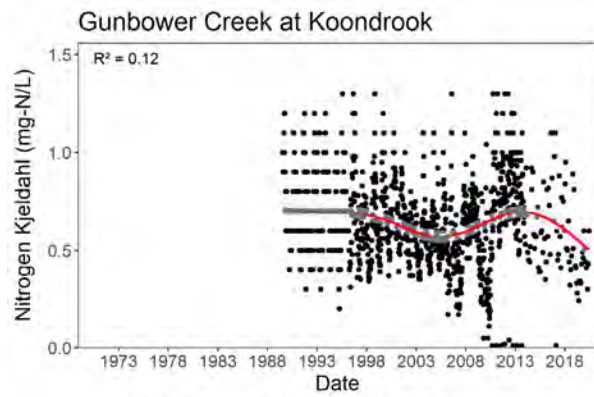




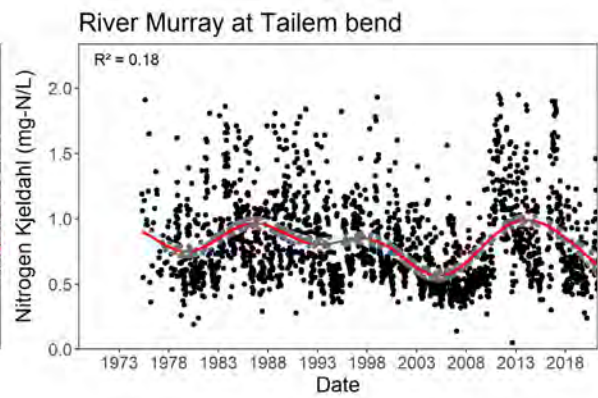
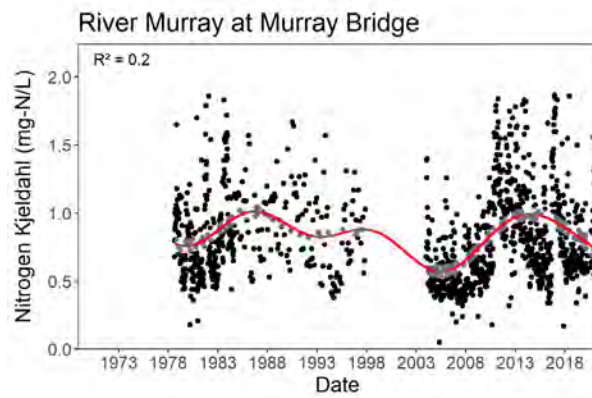
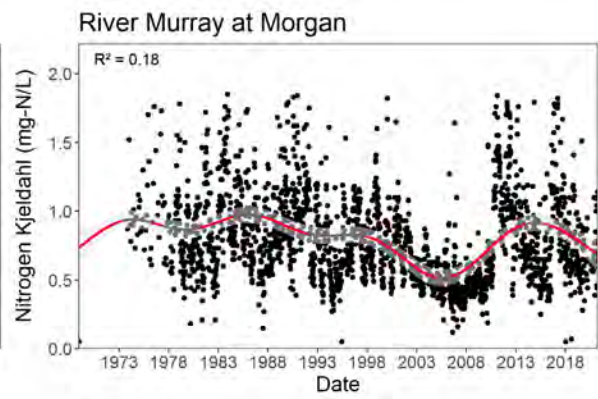
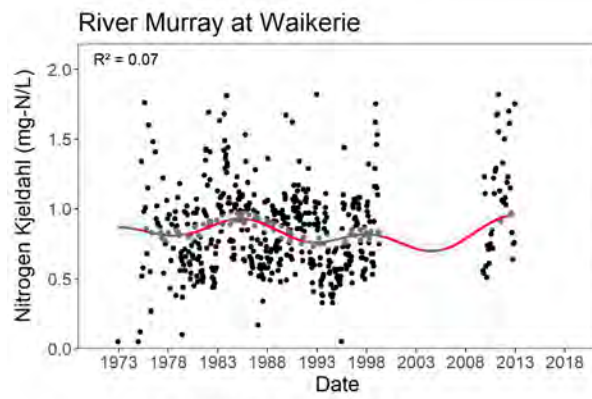


**Figure C9. RMWQMP Spot data GAMS – Total Kjeldahl nitrogen**



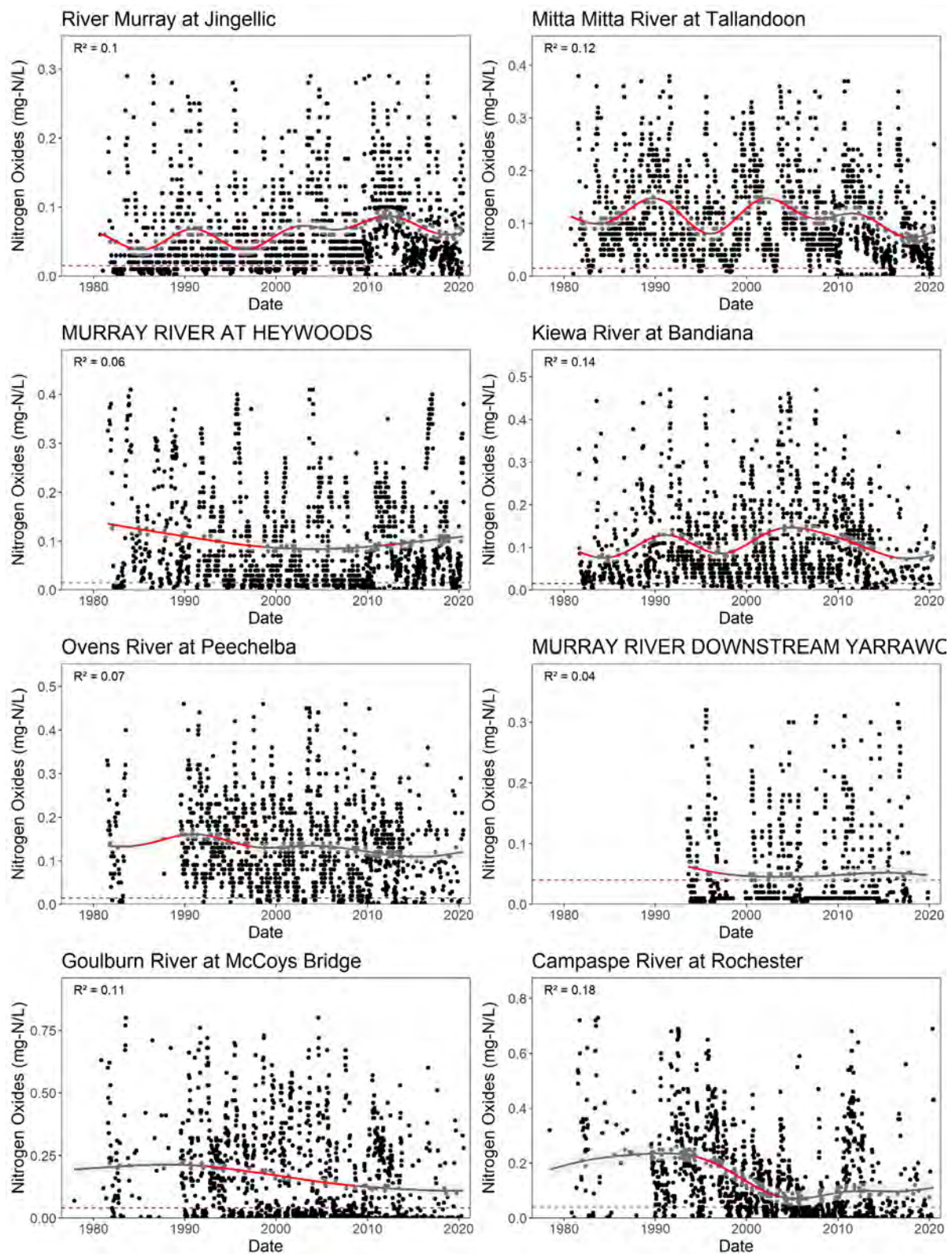


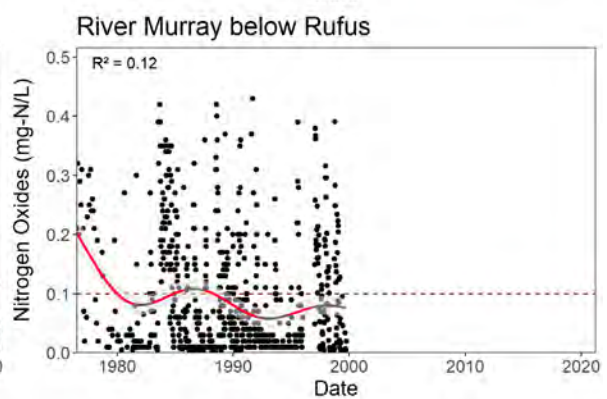
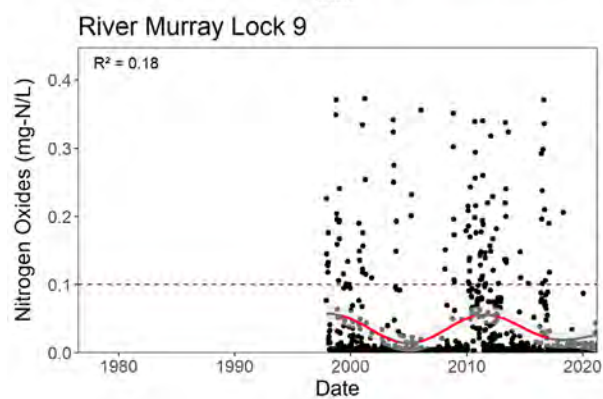
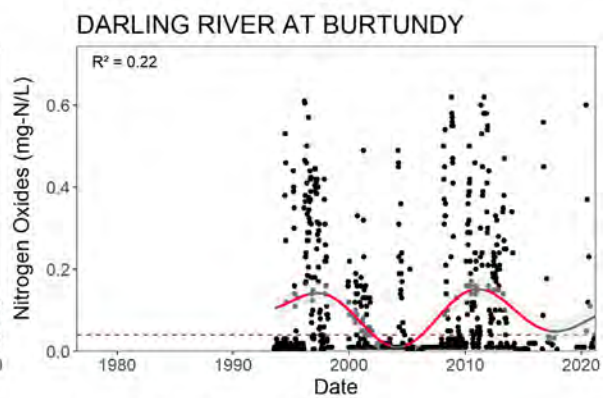
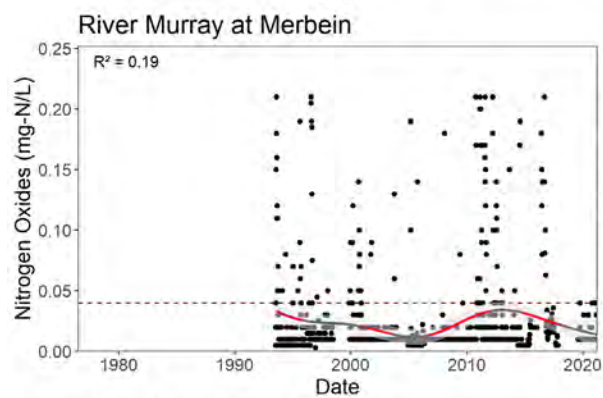
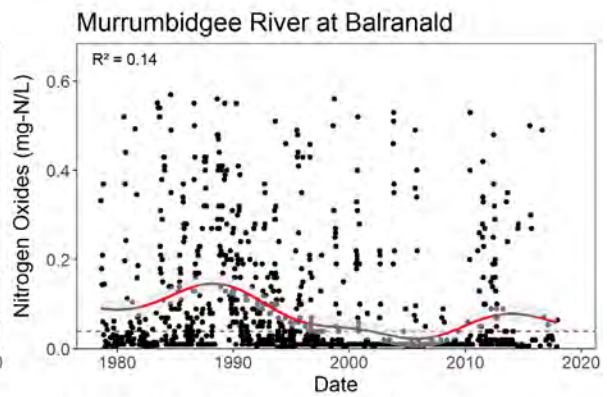
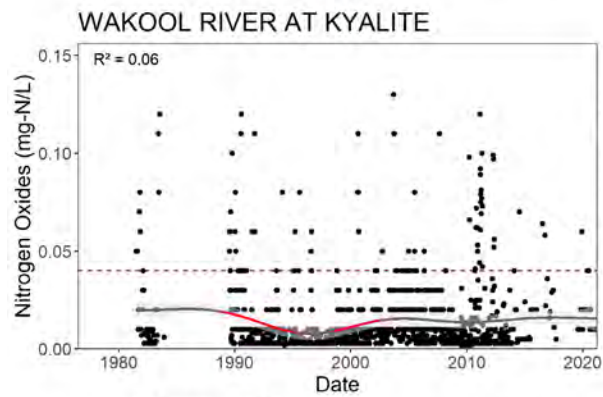
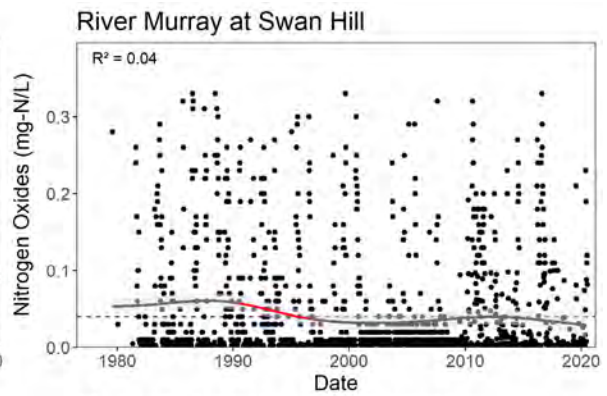
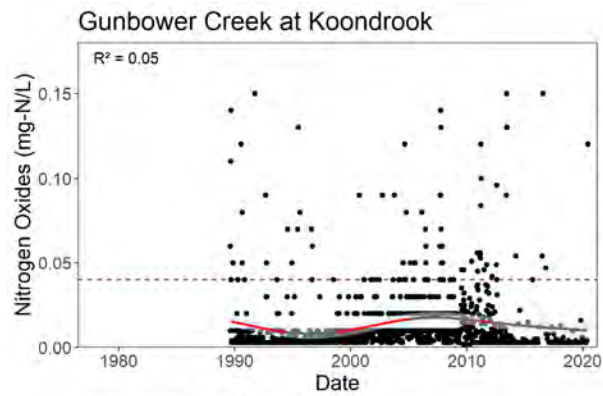




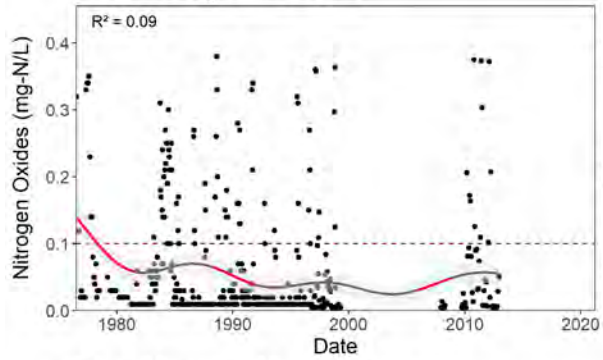


**Figure C10. RMWQMP Spot data GAMS – Nitrogen oxides.** Note the dashed lines represent the default ANZG trigger values for NOx.

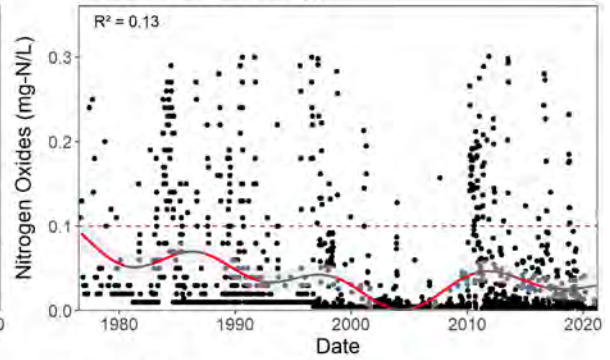




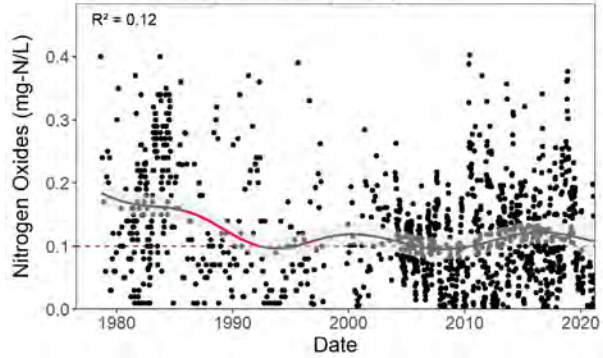
River Murray at Waikerie



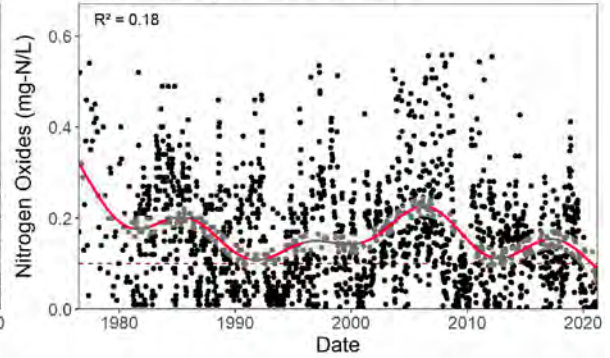
River Murray at Morgan



River Murray at Murray Bridge

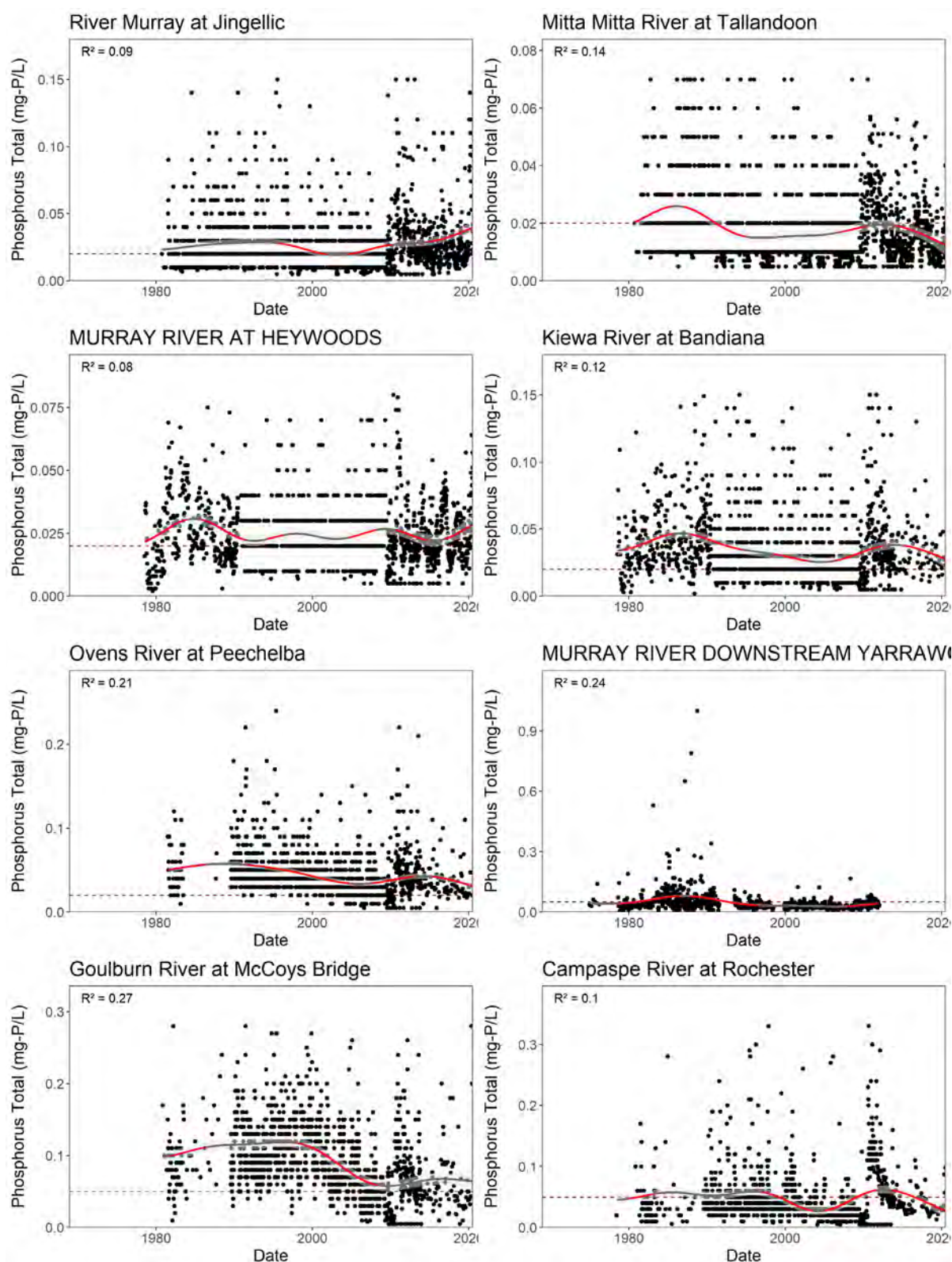


River Murray at Taillem bend

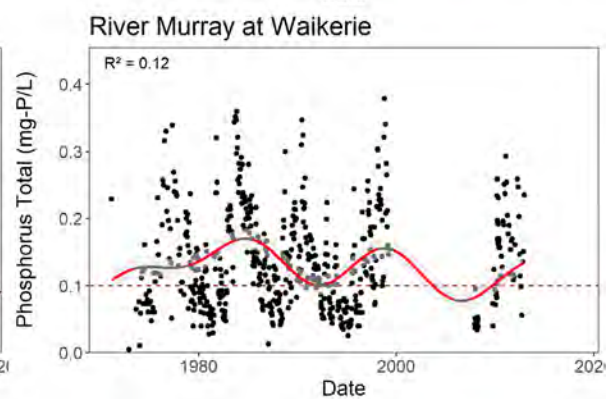
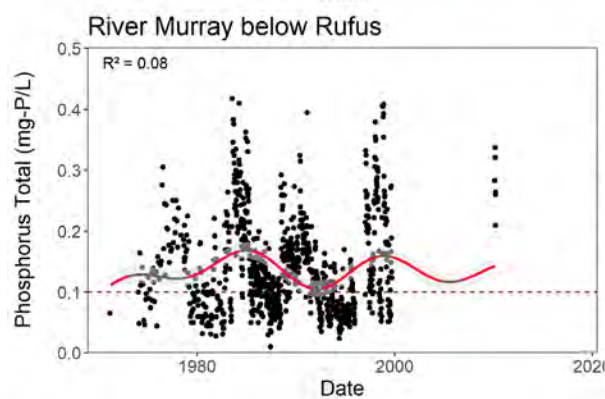
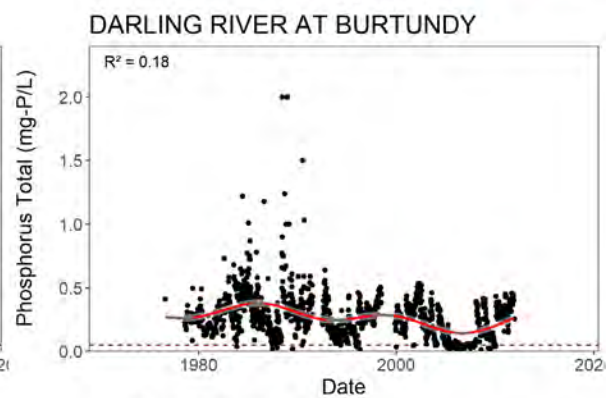
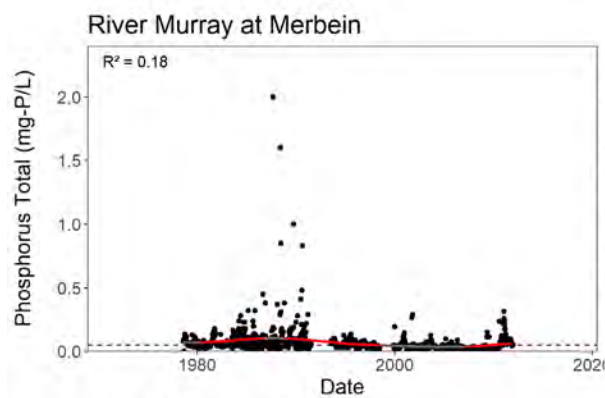
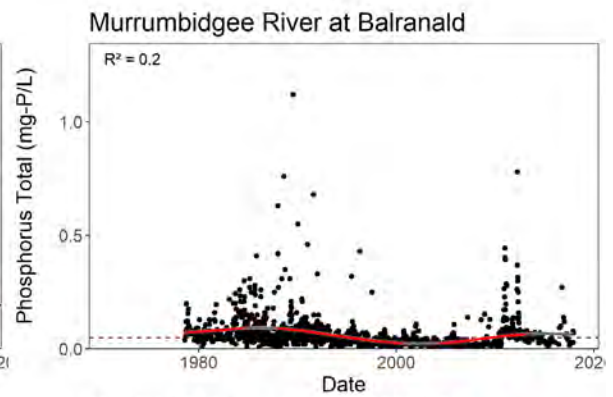
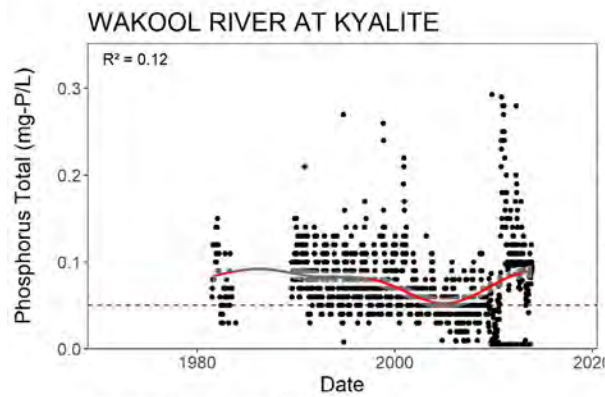
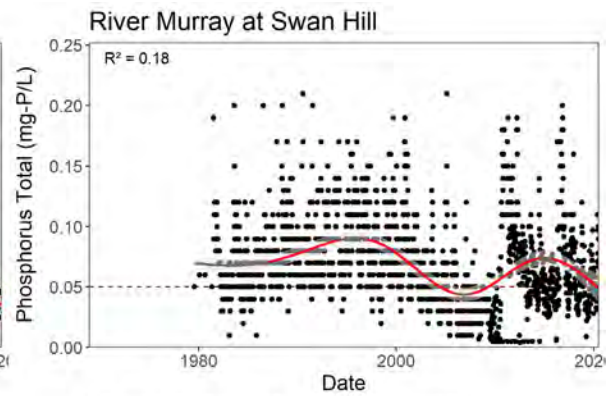
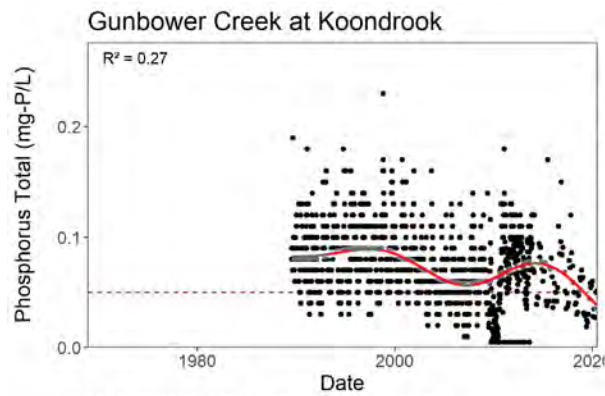


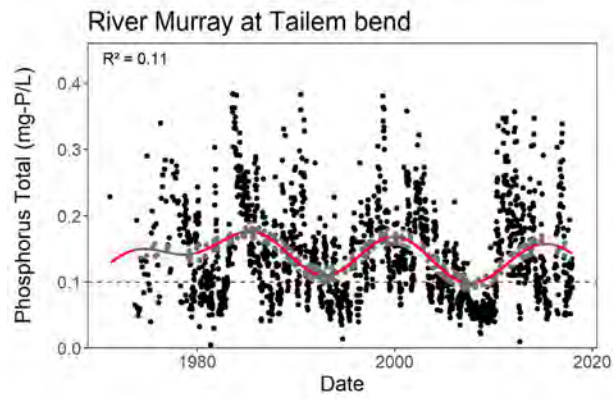
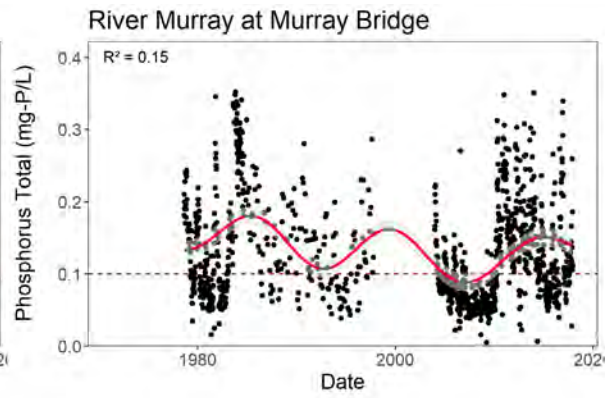
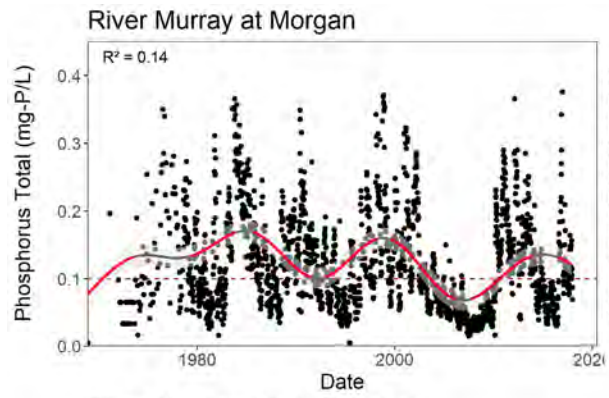


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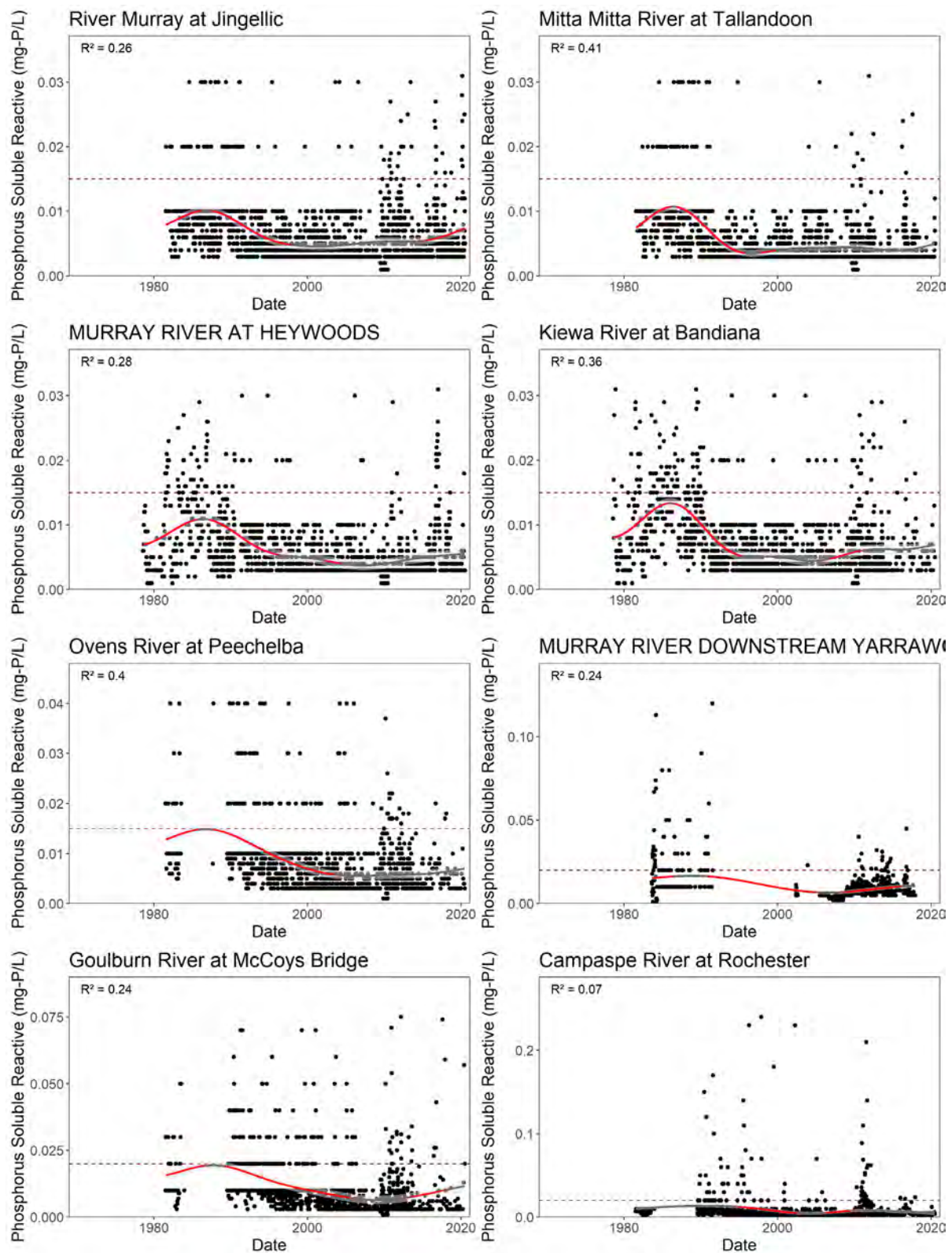




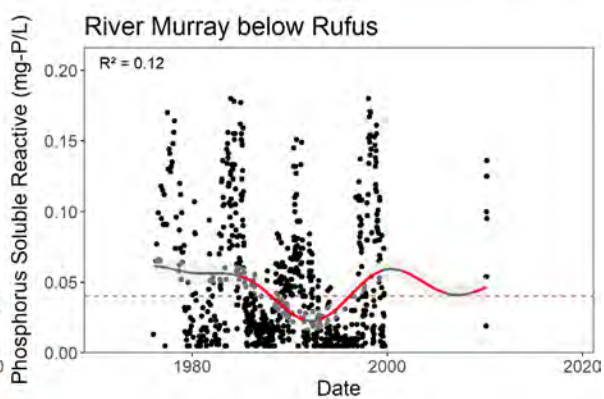
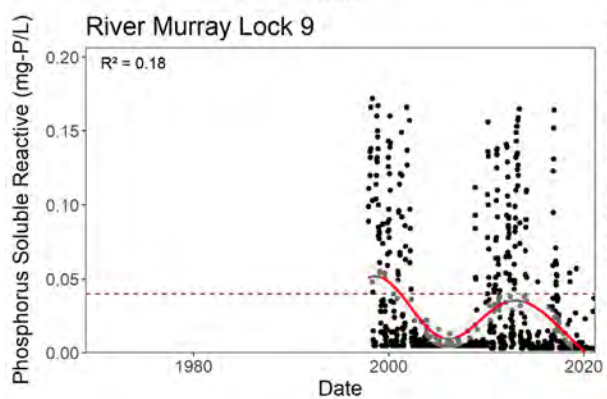
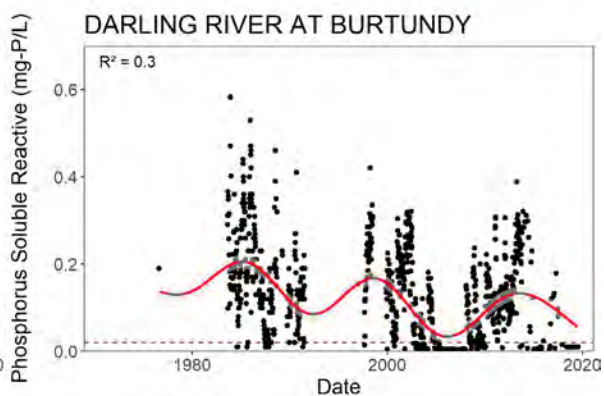
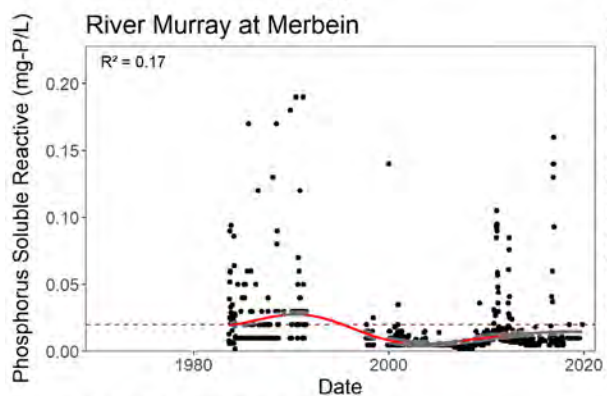
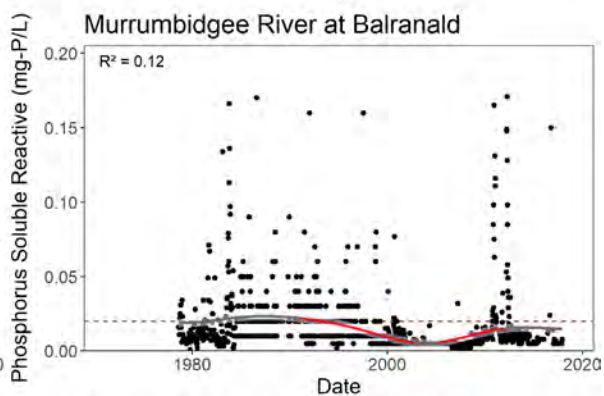
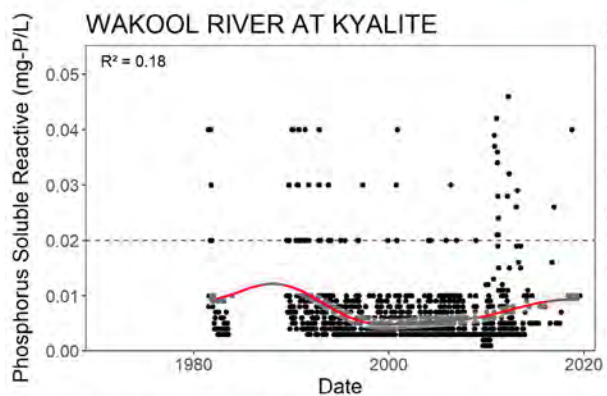
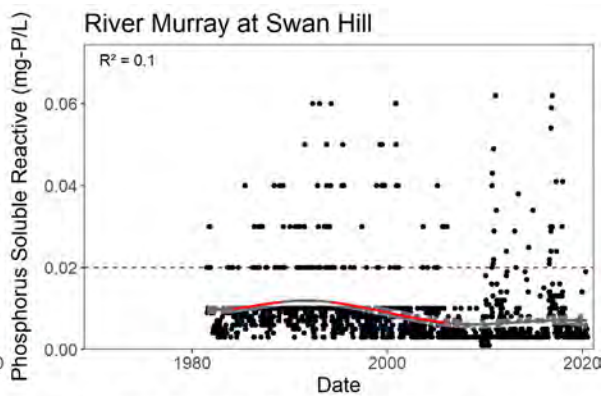
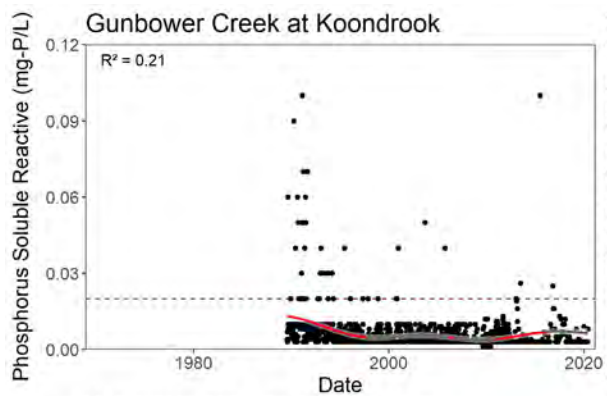


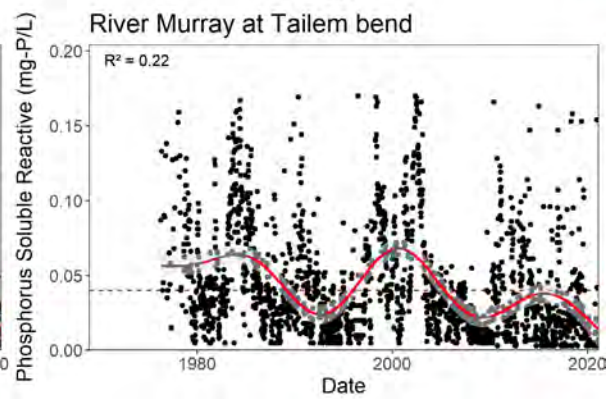
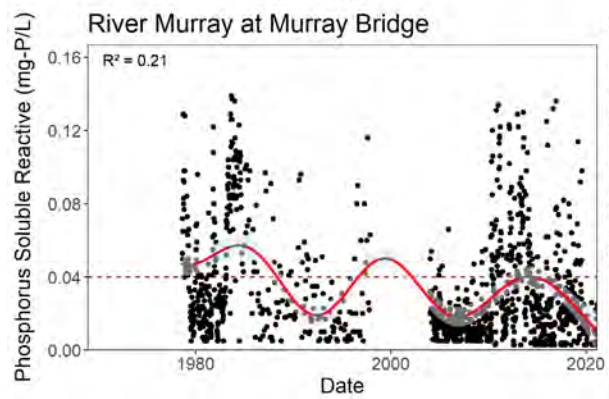
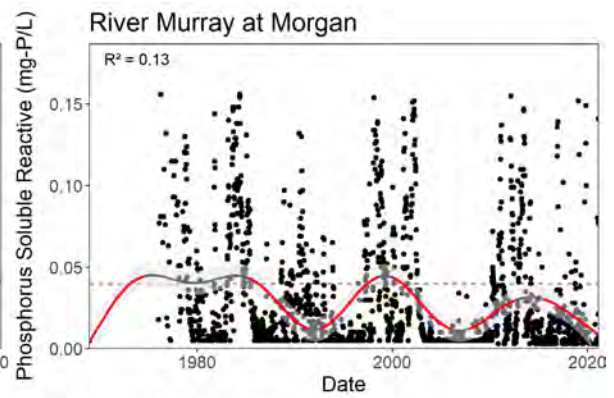
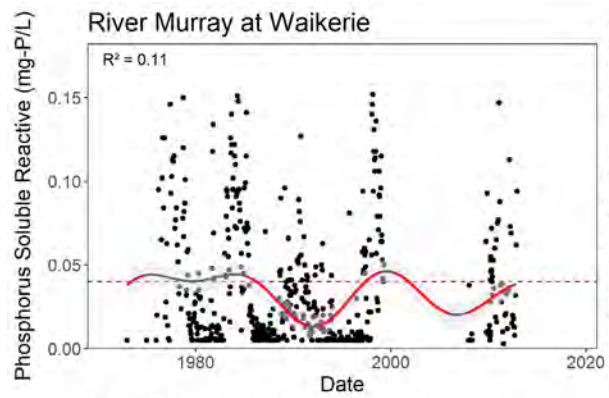


**Figure C12. RMWQMP Spot data GAMS – Soluble reactive phosphorus. Note the dashed line represents the default ANZG trigger values for SRP.**

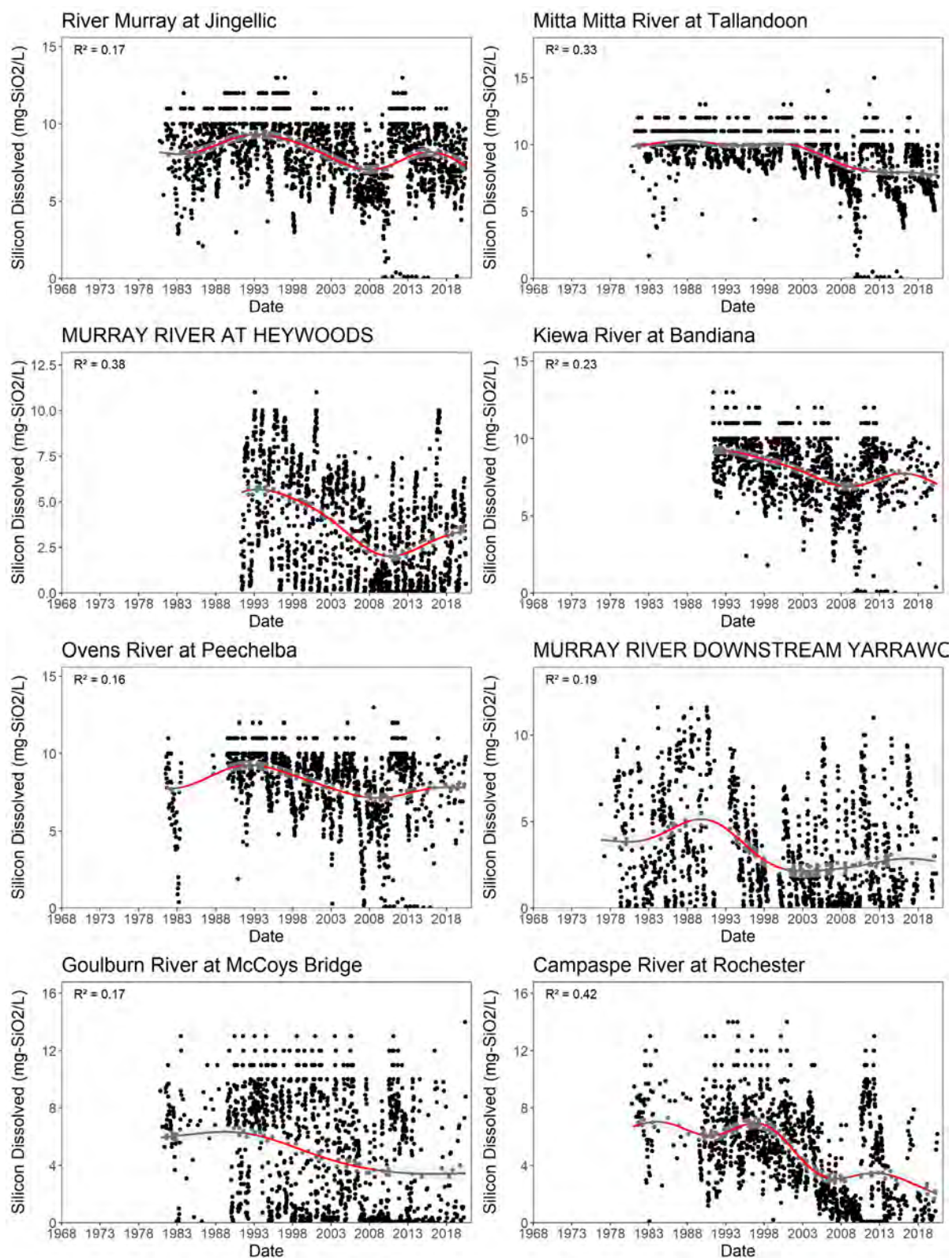




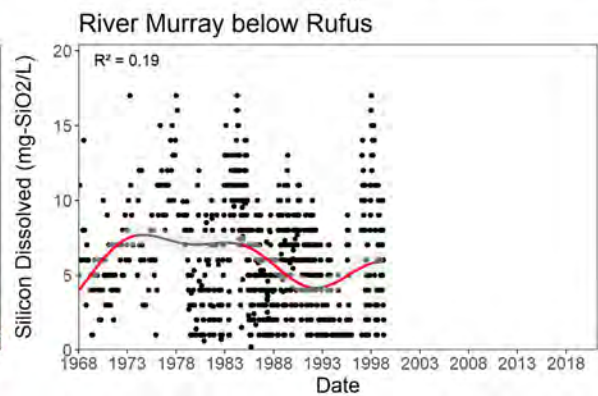
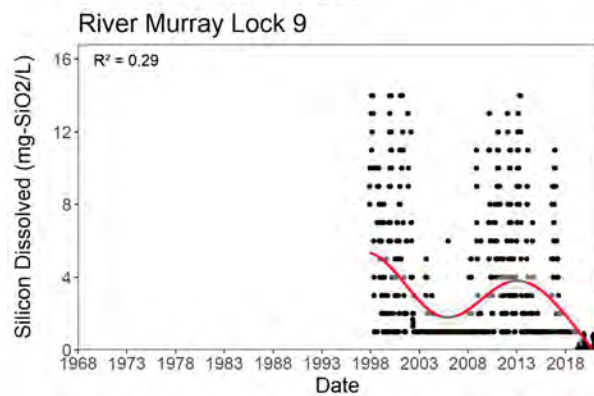
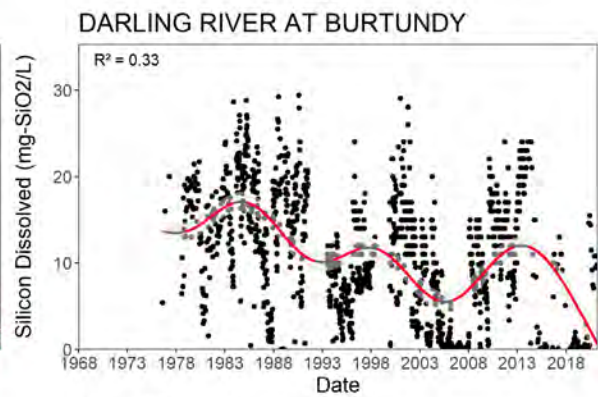
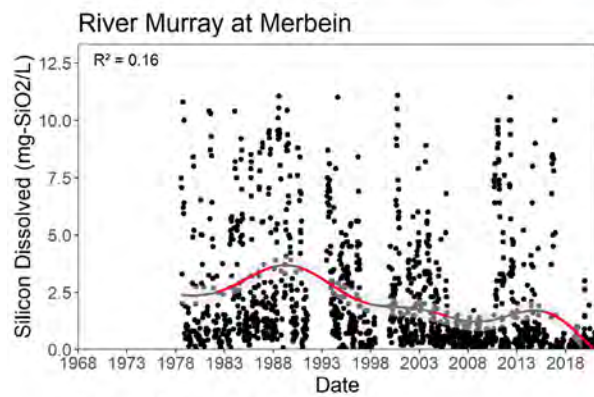
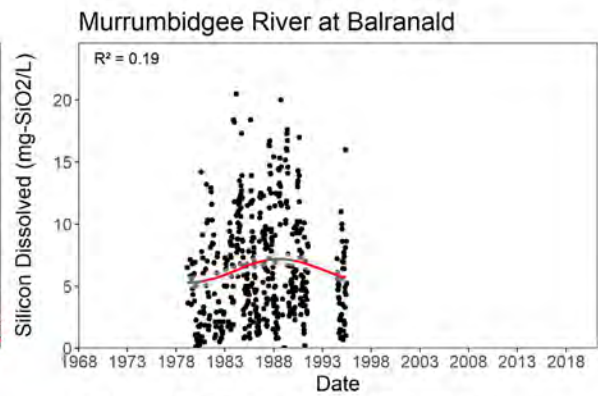
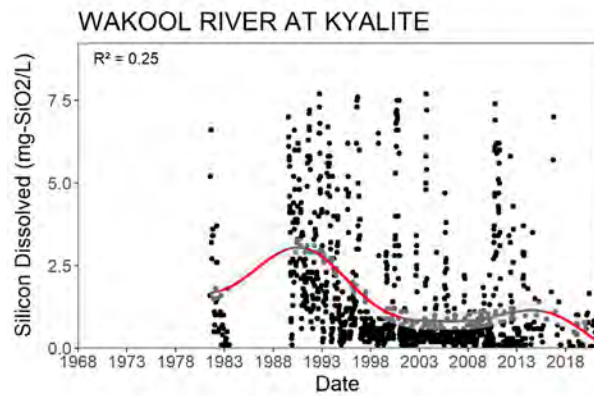
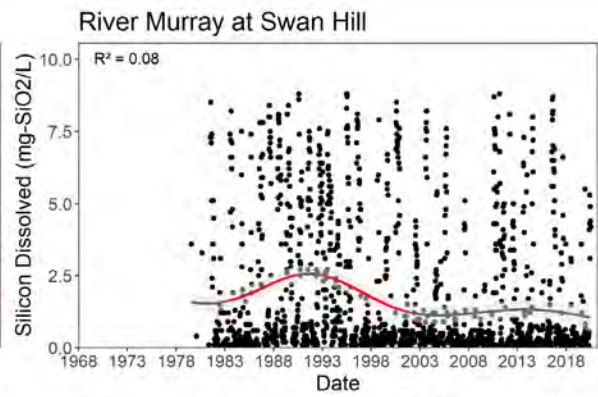
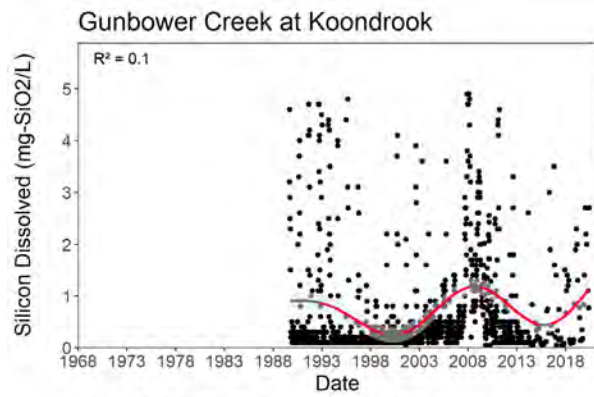


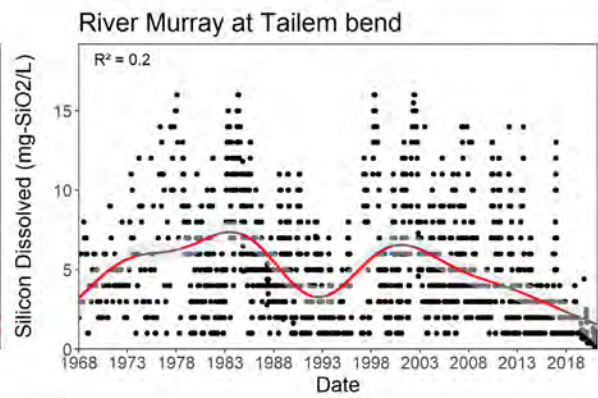
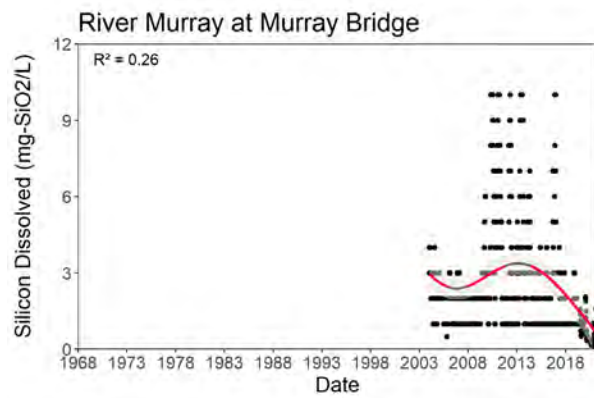
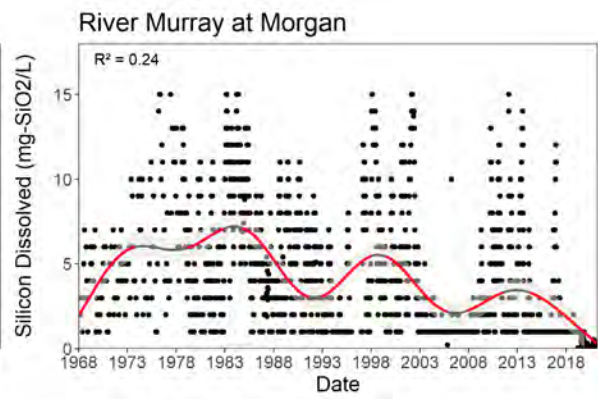
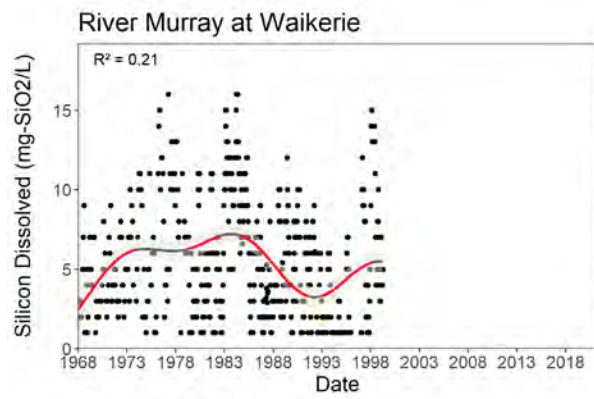


**Figure C13. RMWQMP Spot data GAMS – Dissolved silicon**



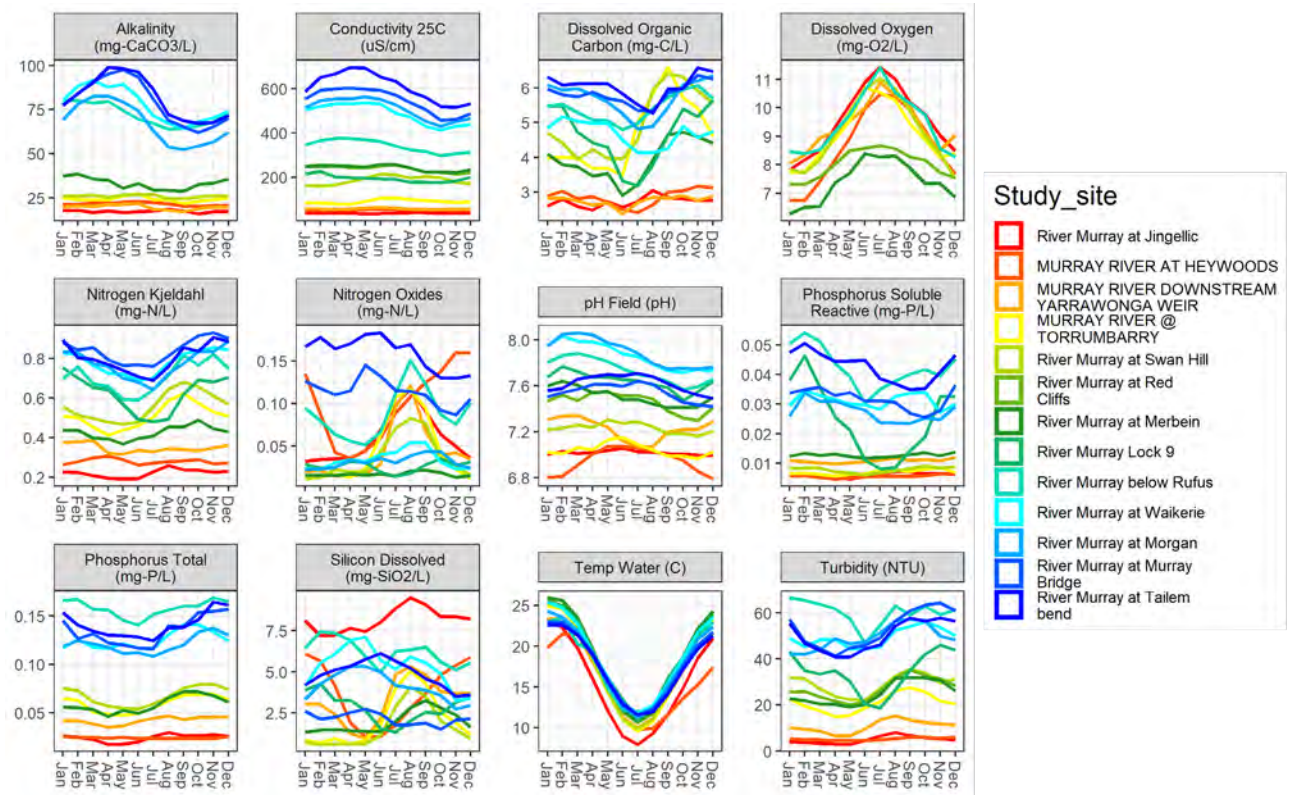






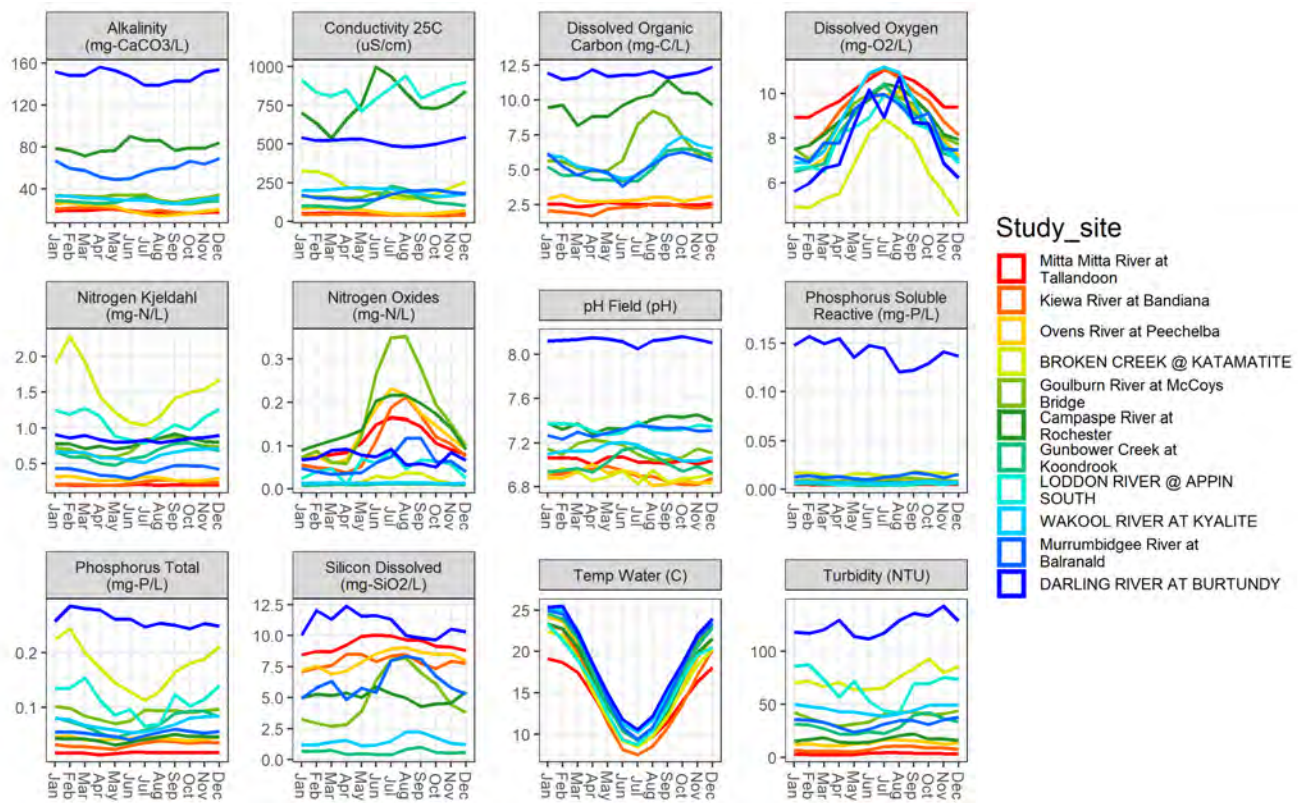
## Appendix D – S/ARIMA components

Figure D1. Seasonal component of S/ARIMA models for the main channel sites selected for this trends analysis.



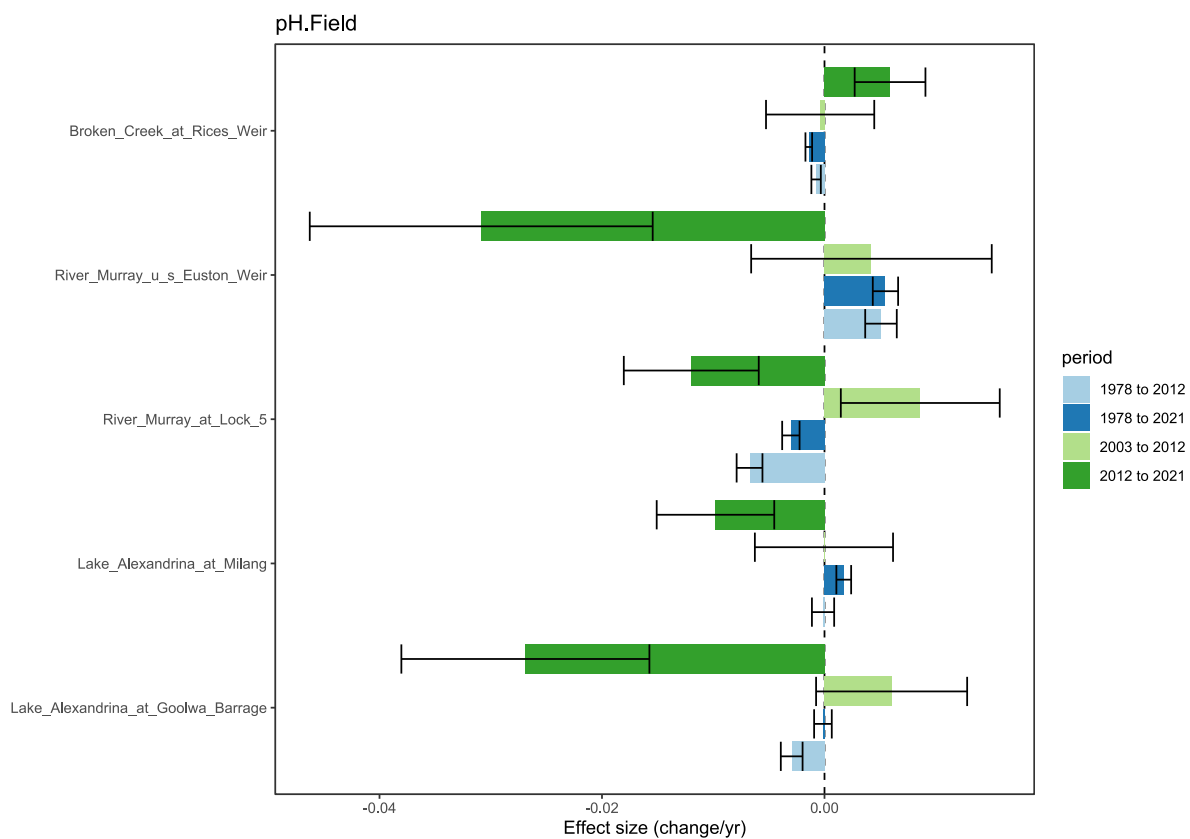


**Figure D2. Seasonal component of S/ARIMA models for tributary sites selected for this trends analysis**

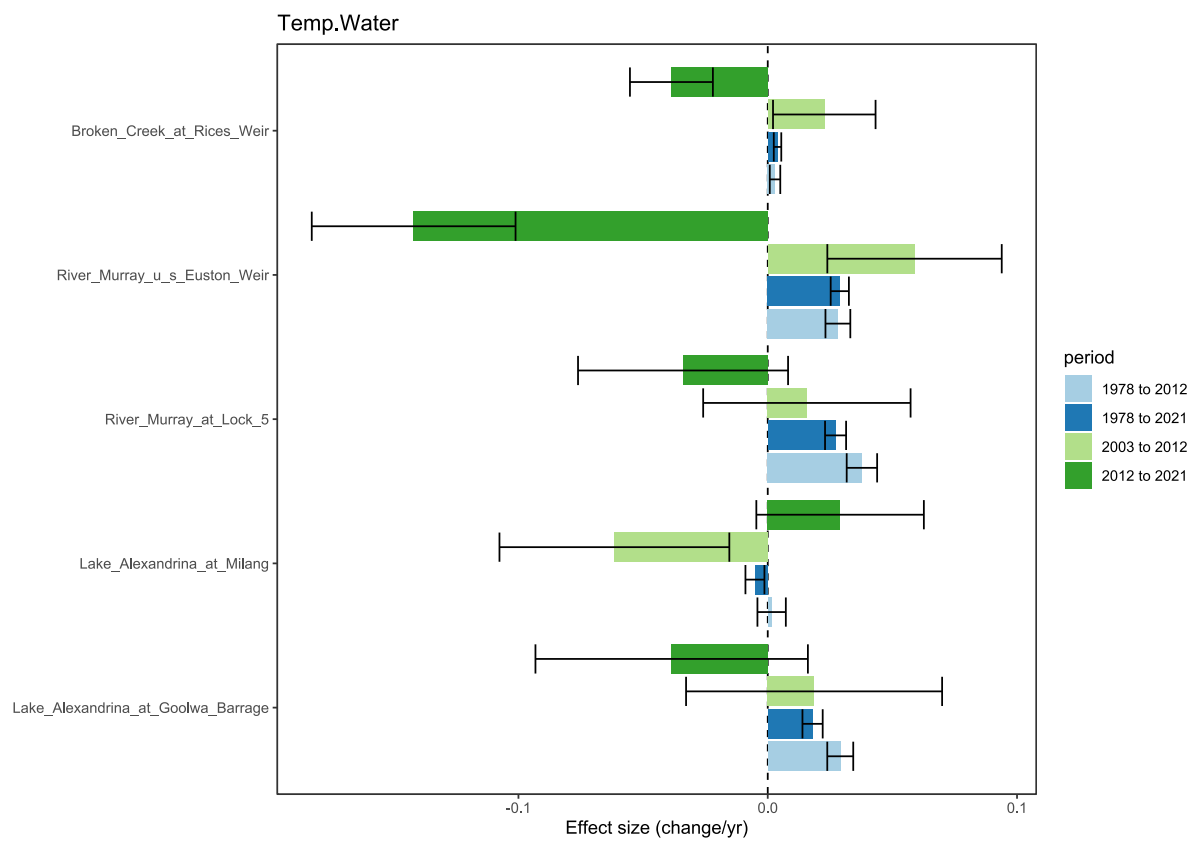


## Appendix E – Trends patterns (pooled sites)

Figure E1. Linear trend component derived from a general linear model (GLM) for changes in field pH at pooled sites.

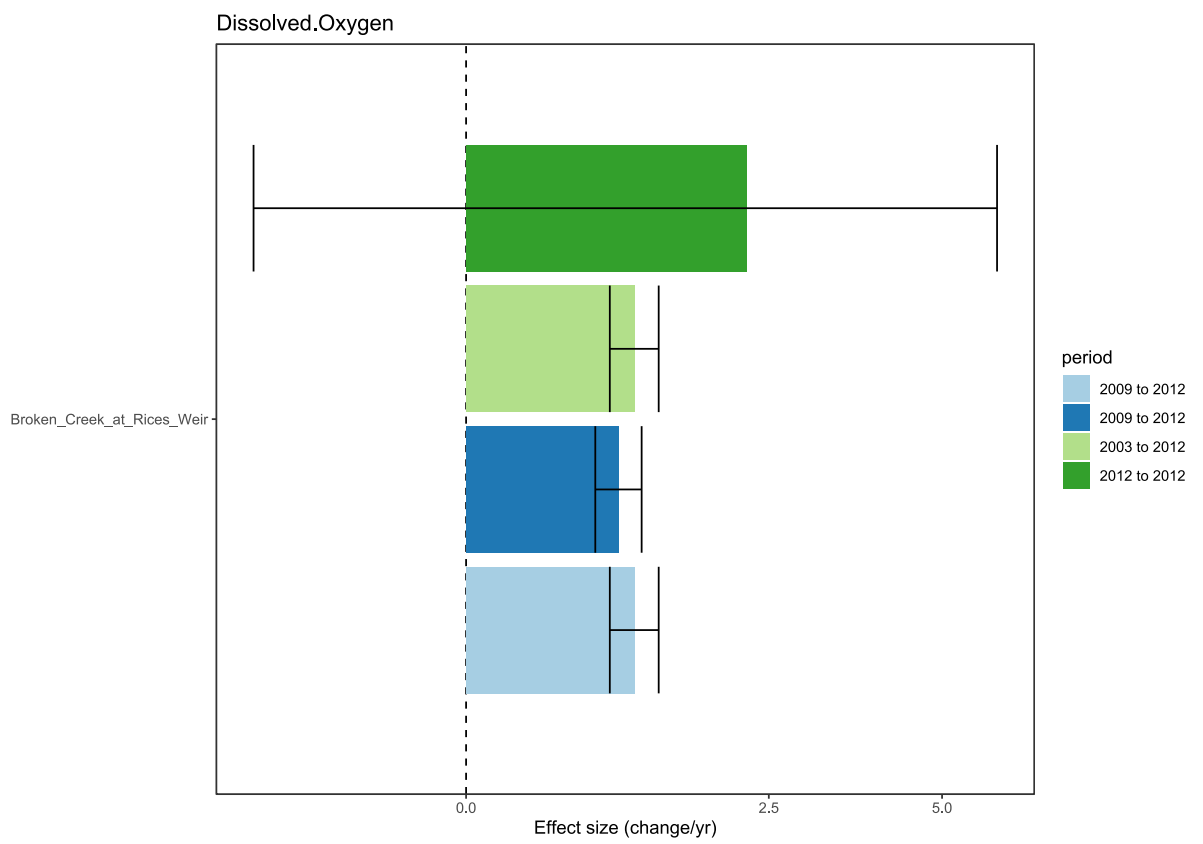


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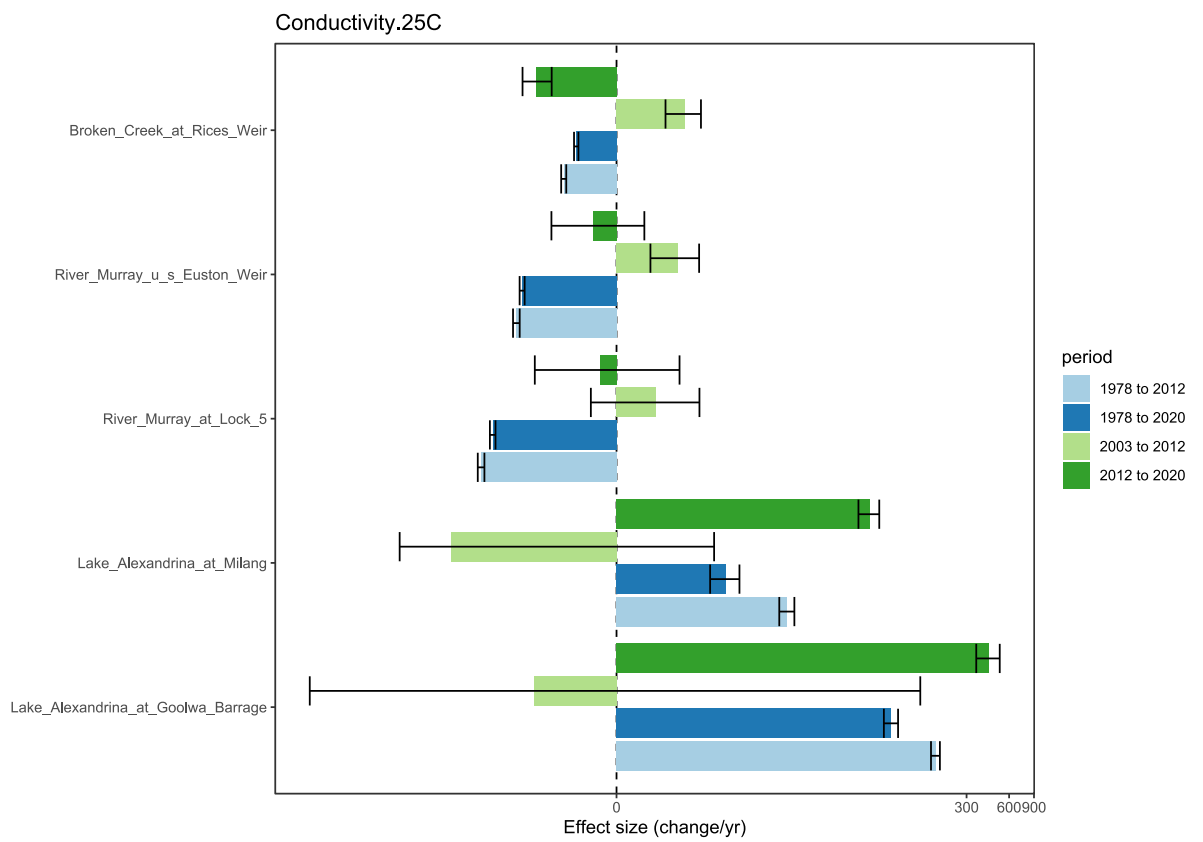




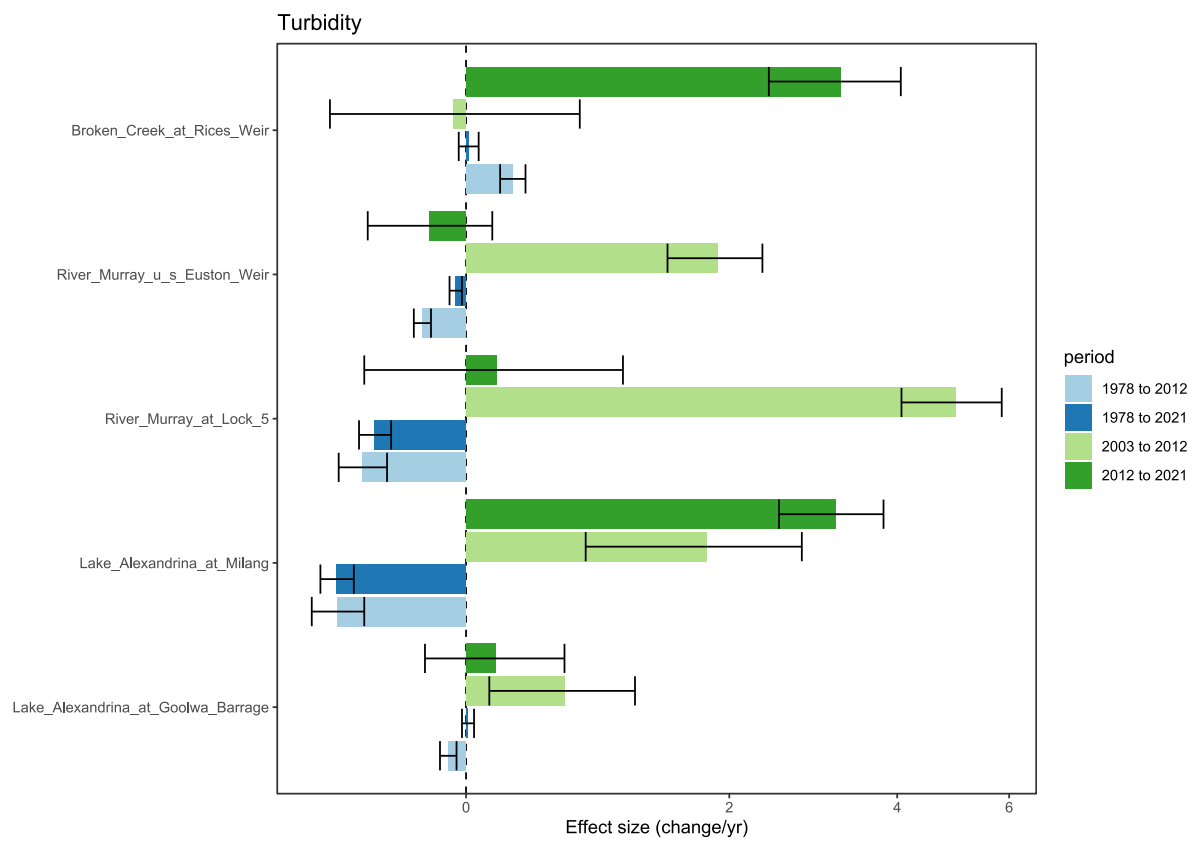
**Figure E3. Linear trend component derived from a general linear model (GLM) for changes in dissolved oxygen at pooled sites.**



**Figure E4. Linear trend component derived from a general linear model (GLM) for changes in electrical conductivity (at 25 °C) at pooled sites.**

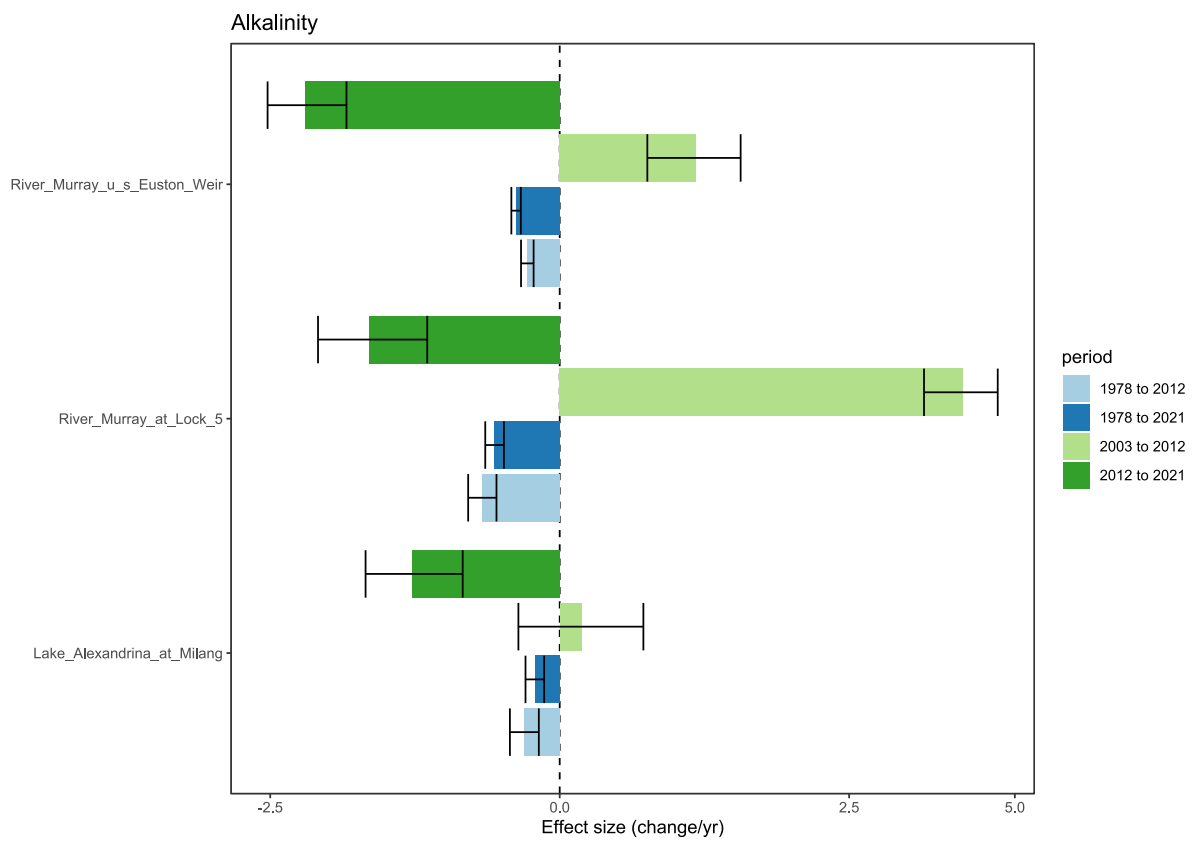


**Figure E5. Linear trend component derived from a general linear model (GLM) for changes in turbidity at pooled sites.**

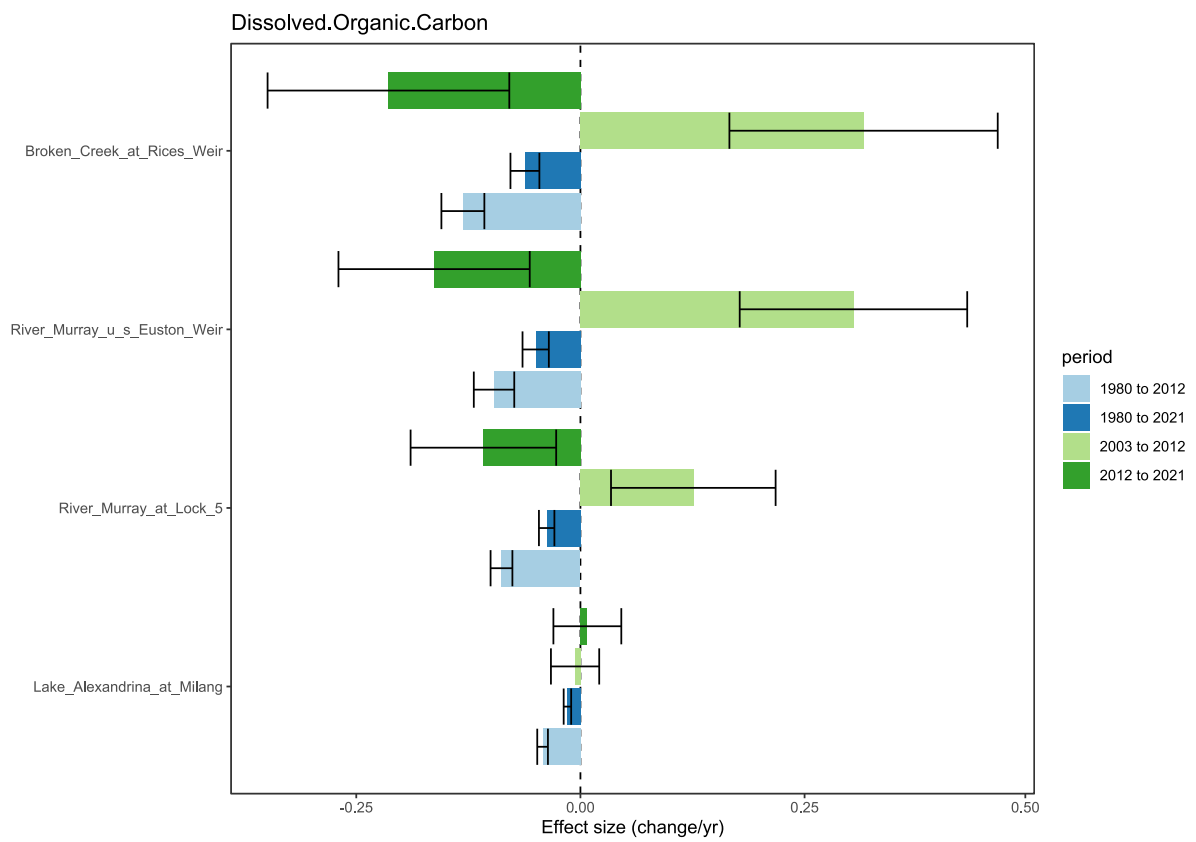




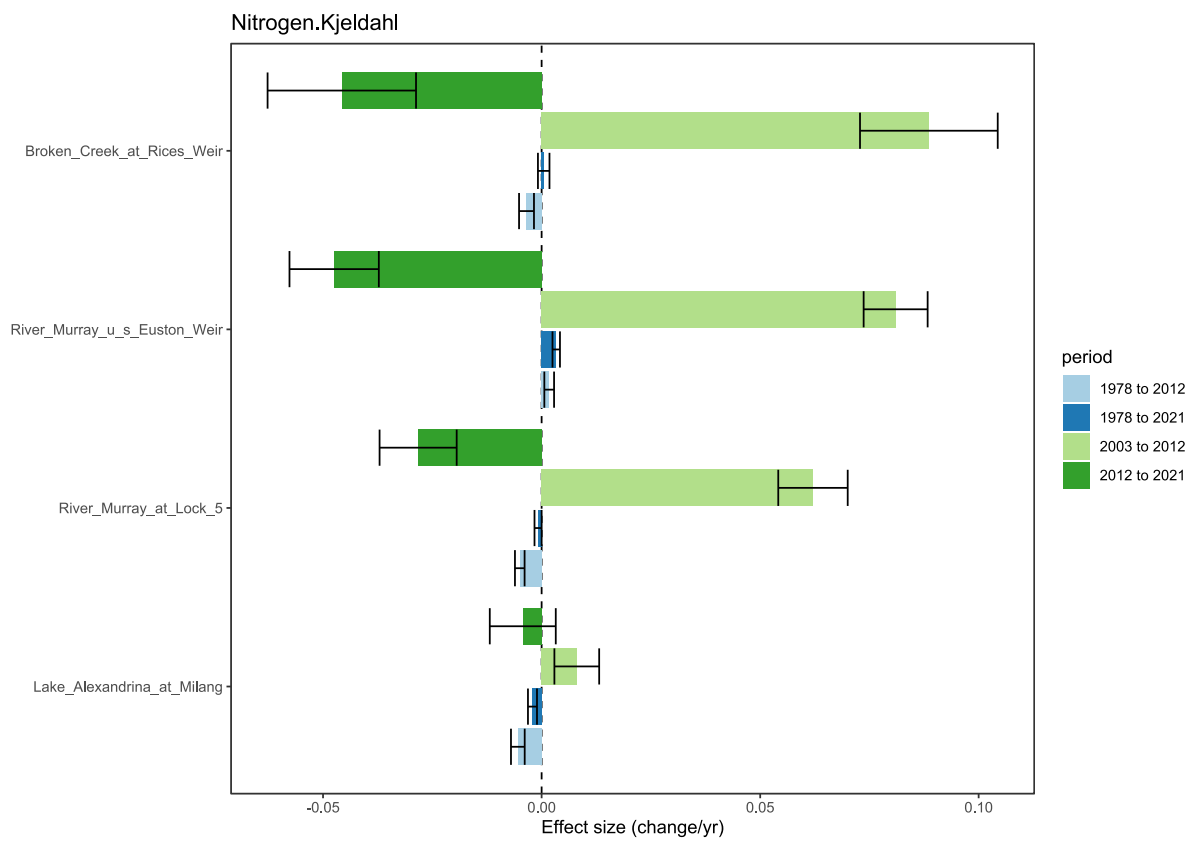
**Figure E6. Linear trend component derived from a general linear model (GLM) for changes in alkalinity at pooled sites.**



**Figure E7. Linear trend component derived from a general linear model (GLM) for changes in dissolved organic carbon at pooled sites.**

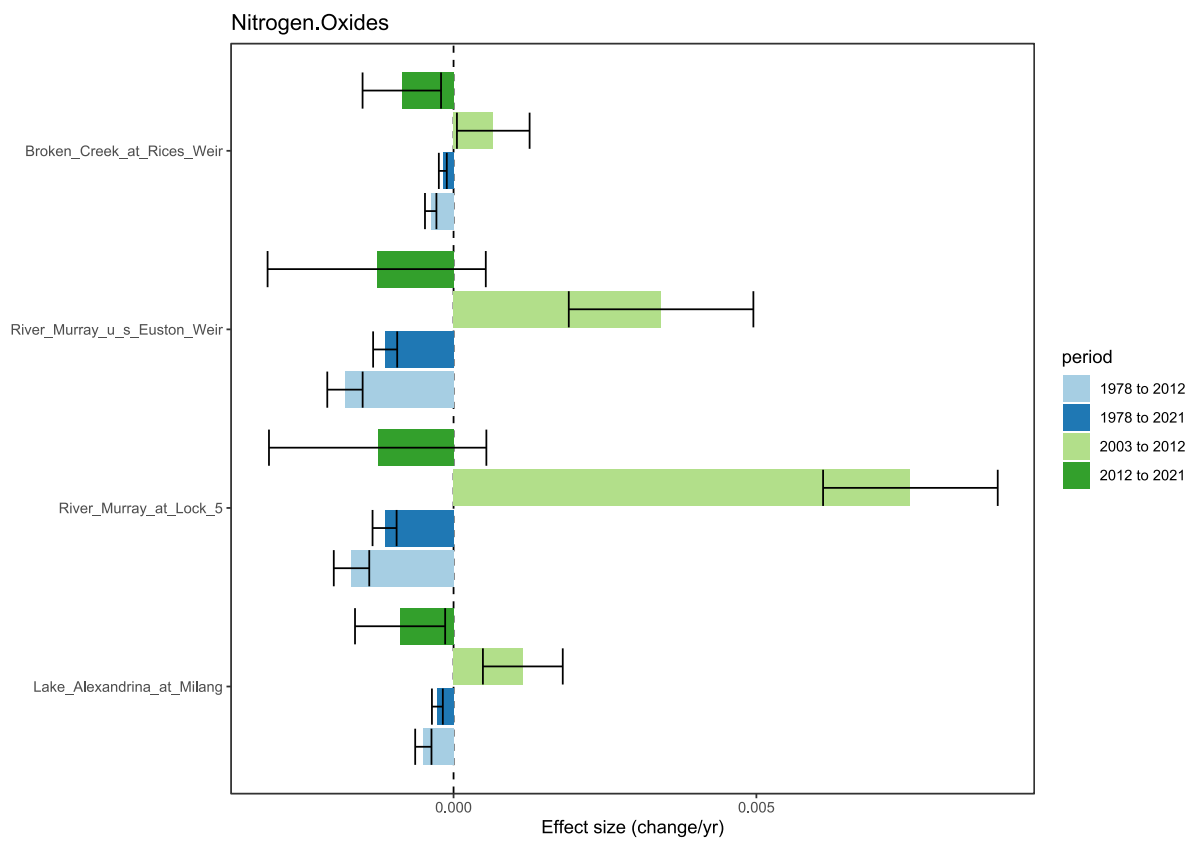


**Figure E8. Linear trend component derived from a general linear model (GLM) for changes in total Kjeldahl nitrogen at pooled sites.**

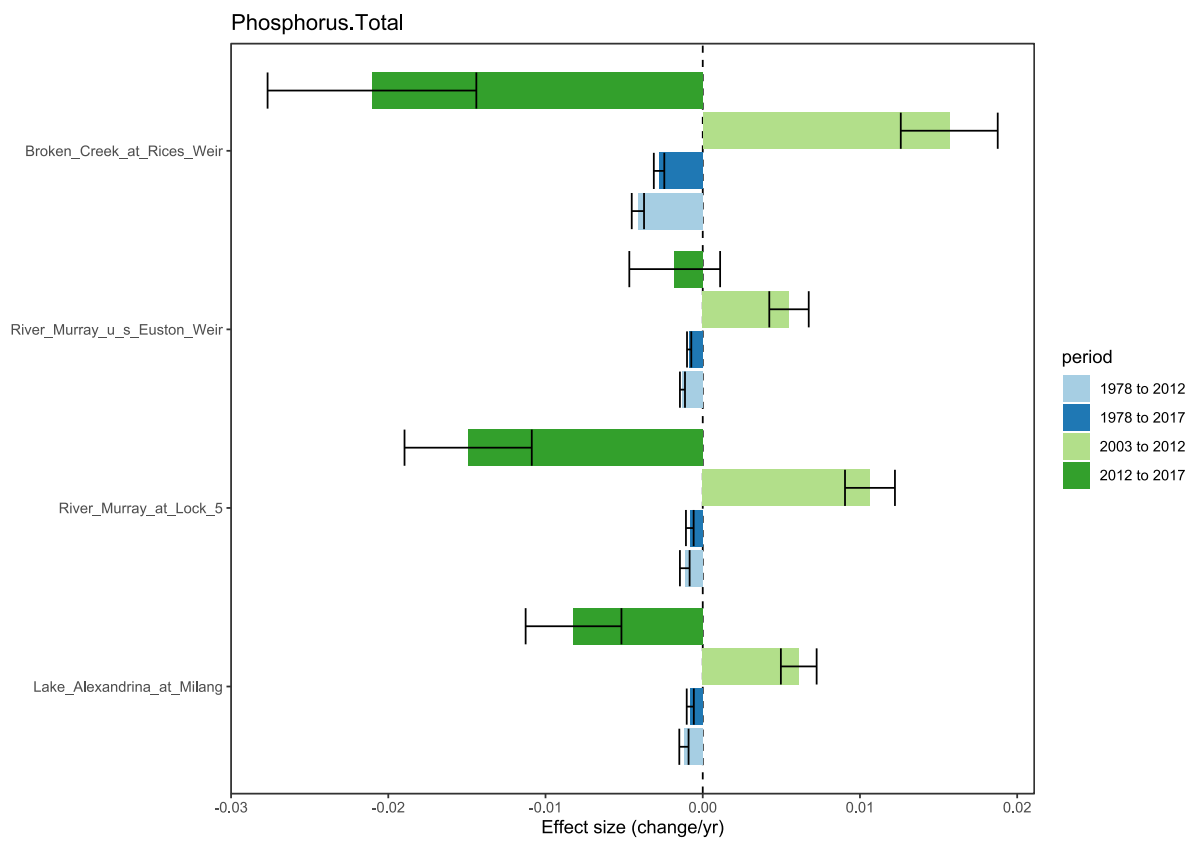




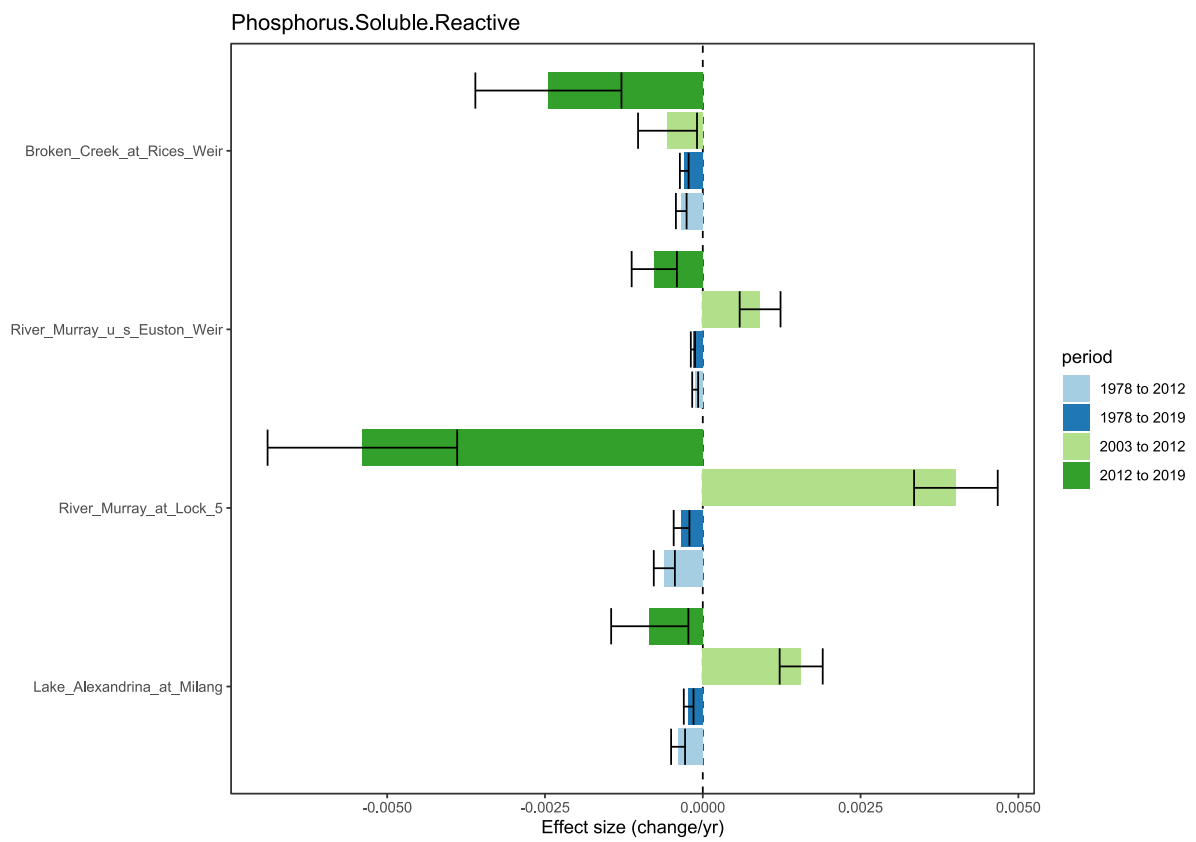
**Figure E9. Linear trend component derived from a general linear model (GLM) for changes in nitrogen oxides at pooled sites.**



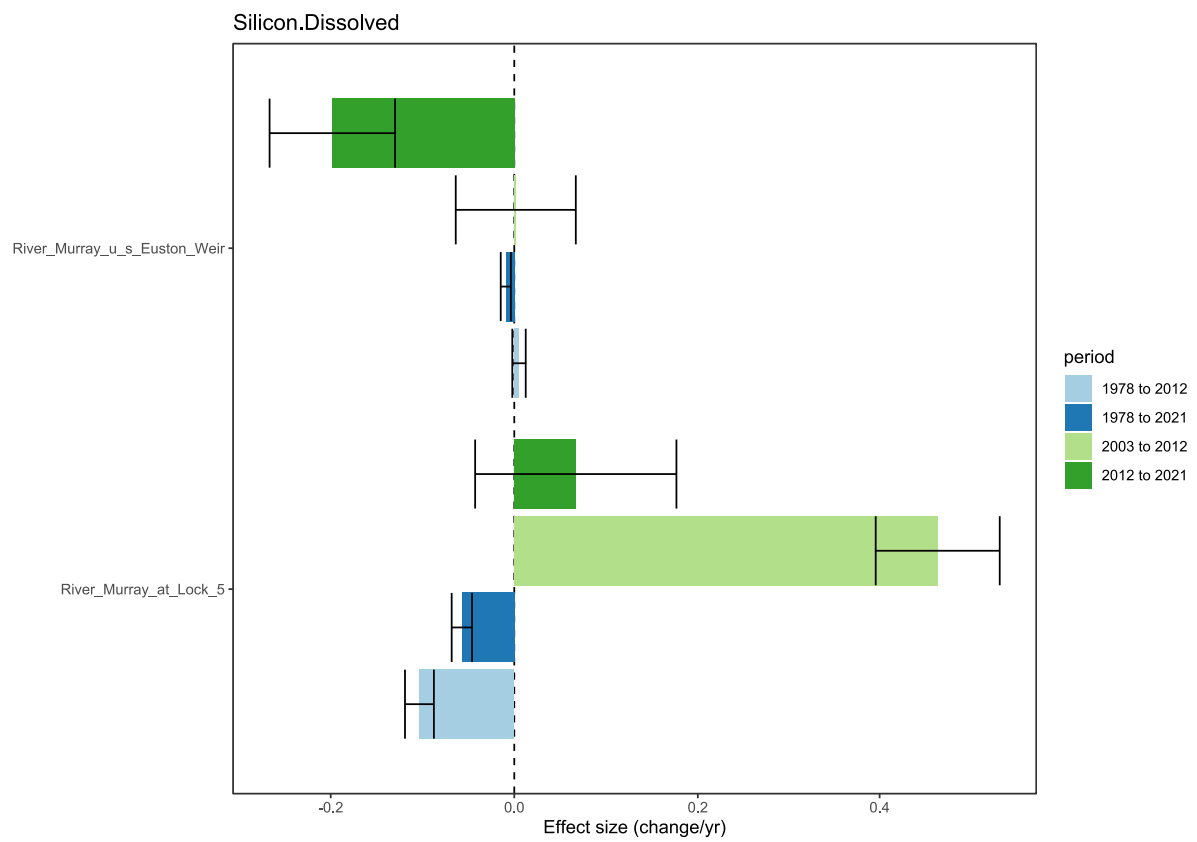
**Figure E10. Linear trend component derived from a general linear model (GLM) for changes in total phosphorus at pooled sites.**



**Figure E11. Linear trend component derived from a general linear model (GLM) for changes in soluble reactive phosphorus at pooled sites.**



**Figure E12. Linear trend component derived from a general linear model (GLM) for changes in dissolved silicon at pooled sites.**





**Table A1.** Availability of telemetry data at River Murray and tributary sites; state responsible for data archiving and date period for dissolved oxygen (DO) data availability (see additional comments).

Site ID	Site name	Site type	Telemetry variables	Real time State	DO telemetry date range	DO telemetry comments
401201A	River Murray at Jingellic	Channel	pH, DO, T, Turb, EC	VIC	Mar 2020 -June 2022	Continuous; no events captured
401204A	Mitta Mitta River at Tallandoon	Tributary	T, EC	VIC	NA	
409016	River Murray at Heywoods	Channel	NA	VIC	NA	
402205A	Kiewa River at Bandiana	Tributary	DO, T, Turb, EC	VIC	Aug 2019 - June 2022	Continuous; no events captured
403241A	Ovens River at Peechelba	Tributary	DO, T, Turb, EC	VIC	Jan 2020 - June 2022	Continuous; no events captured
409025	River Murray D/S Yarrawonga Weir	Channel	pH, DO, T, EC	NSW	May 2013 - Oct 2014	Full year continuous: Aug 2013 - Oct 2014; no events captured
404214	BROKEN_CREEK_KATAMATITE	Tributary	DO, T, EC	VIC	May 2007 - June 2019	Highly fragmented; unreliable
405232	Goulburn River at McCoy Bridge	Tributary	pH, DO, T, EC	VIC	May 2009 - June 2022	Fragmented; missing June 2011 - Nov 2013; one captured BW event
406202	Campaspe River at Rochester	Tributary	T, EC	VIC	NA	
409207B	River Murray d/s Torrumbarry Weir	Channel	T, EC	VIC	NA	
407209	Gunbower Creek at Koondrook	Tributary	NA	VIC	NA	
407205	LODDON_RIVER_APPIN_SOUTH	Tributary	NA	VIC	NA	
409204C	River Murray at Swan Hill	Channel	T, EC	VIC	NA	
409034	Wakool River at Kyalite	Tributary	NA	VIC	NA	
410130	Murrumbidgee River at Balranald	Tributary	DO, T, EC	NSW	Mar 2012 - June 2022	Continuous; two captured BW events
414204	Murray River at Redcliff	Channel	NA	VIC	NA	

414206	River Murray at Merbein	Channel	T, EC	VIC	NA	
425007	Darling River at Burtundy	Tributary	DO, T, Turb, EC	NSW	Mar 2012- June 2022	Missing Jun 2019 - May 2020; no events captured
A4260501	River Murray at Lock 9	Channel	EC	SA	NA	
A4260200	River Murray d/s Rufus River Junction	Channel	NA	VIC	NA	
A4260539	River Murray at Waikerie	Channel	NA	SA	NA	
A4260554	River Murray at Morgan	Channel	EC	SA	NA	
A4260522	River Murray at Murray Bridge	Channel	EC	SA	NA	
A4260551	River Murray at Tailem Bend	Channel	NA	SA	NA	
414209	River Murray U/S Euston Weir	Pool	NA	VIC	NA	
404210	Broken Creek at Rices Weir	Pool	DO, T, EC	VIC	Oct 2009 - Mar 2020	Fragmented; one event captured (2010-2011)
407202	Loddon River at Kerang	Pool	T, EC	VIC	NA	
A4260512	River Murray at Lock 5 D/S	Pool	NA	SA	NA	
A4260524	Lake Alexandrina at Milang	Pool	NA	SA	NA	
A4261034	Goolwa site	Pool	NA	SA	NA	

**Table A2.** Default ANZG trigger values and River Murray site specific targets for water quality parameters.

Site ID	Site name	Position in catchment	ANZG Region	Ecosystem type	pH		DO saturation (%)		EC (µS/cm)		Murray	Turbidity (NTU)		TN trigger	NOx trigger	TP trigger	SRP trigger
					Lower limit	Upper limit	Lower limit	Upper limit	Lower limit	Upper limit		Lower lim	Upper lim	(mg-N/L)	(mg-N/L)	(mg-P/L)	(mg-P/L)
401201A	River Murray at Jingellie	1	South East-Aust	Upland	6.5	7.5	90	110	30	350		2	25	0.25	0.015	0.02	0.015
401204A	Mitta Mitta River at Tallandoon	2	South East-Aust	Upland	6.5	7.5	90	110	30	350		2	25	0.25	0.015	0.02	0.015
409016	River Murray at Heywoods	3	South East-Aust	Upland	6.5	7.5	90	110	30	350		2	25	0.25	0.015	0.02	0.015
402205A	Kiewa River at Bandiana	4	South East-Aust	Upland	6.5	7.5	90	110	30	350		2	25	0.25	0.015	0.02	0.015
403241A	Ovens River at Peechelba	5	South East-Aust	Upland	6.5	7.5	90	110	30	350		2	25	0.25	0.015	0.02	0.015
409025	River Murray D/S Yarrawonga Weir	6	South East-Aust	Lowland	6.5	8	85	110	125	2200		6	50	0.5	0.04	0.05	0.02
404214	BROKEN_CREEK_KATAMATITE	7	South East-Aust	Lowland	6.5	8	85	110	125	2200		6	50	0.5	0.04	0.05	0.02
405232	Goulburn River at McCoy Bridge	8	South East-Aust	Lowland	6.5	8	85	110	125	2200		6	50	0.5	0.04	0.05	0.02
406202	Campaspe River at Rochester	9	South East-Aust	Lowland	6.5	8	85	110	125	2200		6	50	0.5	0.04	0.05	0.02
409207B	River Murray d/s Torrumbarry Weir	10	South East-Aust	Lowland	6.5	8	85	110	125	2200		6	50	0.5	0.04	0.05	0.02
407209	Gunbower Creek at Koondrook	11	South East-Aust	Lowland	6.5	8	85	110	125	2200		6	50	0.5	0.04	0.05	0.02
407205	LODDON_RIVER_APPIN_SOUTH	12	South East-Aust	Lowland	6.5	8	85	110	125	2200		6	50	0.5	0.04	0.05	0.02
409204C	River Murray at Swan Hill	13	South East-Aust	Lowland	6.5	8	85	110	125	2200		6	50	0.5	0.04	0.05	0.02
409034	Wakool River at Kyalite	14	South East-Aust	Lowland	6.5	8	85	110	125	2200		6	50	0.5	0.04	0.05	0.02
410130	Murrumbidgee River at Balranald	15	South East-Aust	Lowland	6.5	8	85	110	125	2200		6	50	0.5	0.04	0.05	0.02
414204	Murray River at Redcliff	16	South East-Aust	Lowland	6.5	8	85	110	125	2200		6	50	0.5	0.04	0.05	0.02
414206	River Murray at Merbein	17	South East-Aust	Lowland	6.5	8	85	110	125	2200		6	50	0.5	0.04	0.05	0.02
425007	Darling River at Burtundy	18	South East-Aust	Lowland	6.5	8	85	110	125	2200	830	6	50	0.5	0.04	0.05	0.02
A4260501	River Murray at Lock 9	19	South Central-Aust	Lowland	6.5	9	90	NA	100	5000		1	50	1	0.1	0.1	0.04
A4260553	LAKE_VICTORIA_OUTLET	20	South Central-Aust	Lowland	6.5	9	90	NA	100	5000		1	50	1	0.1	0.1	0.04
A4260200	River Murray d/s Rufus River Junction	21	South Central-Aust	Lowland	6.5	9	90	NA	100	5000		1	50	1	0.1	0.1	0.04
A4260539	River Murray at Waikerie	22	South Central-Aust	Lowland	6.5	9	90	NA	100	5000		1	50	1	0.1	0.1	0.04
A4260554	River Murray at Morgan	23	South Central-Aust	Lowland	6.5	9	90	NA	100	5000	800	1	50	1	0.1	0.1	0.04
A4260522	River Murray at Murray Bridge	24	South Central-Aust	Lowland	6.5	9	90	NA	100	5000	830	1	50	1	0.1	0.1	0.04
A4260551	River Murray at Taillem Bend	25	South Central-Aust	Lowland	6.5	9	90	NA	100	5000		1	50	1	0.1	0.1	0.04
404210	Broken Creek at Rices Weir	pool	South East-Aust	Lowland	6.5	8	85	110	125	2200		6	50	0.5	0.04	0.05	0.02
407202	Loddon River at Kerang	pool	South East-Aust	Lowland	6.5	8	85	110	125	2200		6	50	0.5	0.04	0.05	0.02
414209	River Murray U/S Euston Weir	pool	South East-Aust	Lowland	6.5	8	85	110	125	2200		6	50	0.5	0.04	0.05	0.02
A4260512	River Murray at Lock 5 D/S	pool	South Central-Aust	Lowland	6.5	9	90	NA	100	5000		1	50	1	0.1	0.1	0.04
A4260524	Lake Alexandrina at Milang	pool	South Central-Aust	Lowland	6.5	9	90	NA	100	5000	1000	1	50	1	0.1	0.1	0.04
A4261034	Goolwa site	pool	South Central-Aust	Lowland	6.5	9	90	NA	100	5000		1	50	1	0.1	0.1	0.04