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# Greater Bendigo [C]



One of 544 Local Government Areas in Australia.



2000

Rainfall was 2nd highest since 2000.

2005 2010 2015

2020



2000 2005 2010 2015 2020 The mean amount of moisture in the soil was 2nd highest since 2000.





River flows were 2nd highest since 2000.



Inundation was the highest since 2000.

#### Summary Score 9.7 5 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020

The overall environmental score (out of 10) was 9.7, up from 6.9 in 2021.

## Maximum temperature



Maximum temperature was the lowest since 2000.

# Hot days



The number of days above 35 °C was 3rd lowest since 2000.

#### **Bushfire extent**



The area burnt was the lowest since 2000.

### **Biomass burnt**



Fire carbon emissions were about average.

### **Tree cover**



Woody vegetation cover was the highest since 2000.

## Vegetation condition



Leaf area index was the highest since 2000.





The area of unprotected soil was 3rd lowest since 2000.





Vegetation growth was the highest since 2000.

This report card summarise changes in the region's natural resources and ecosystems in 2022.

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Area: 3,000 km<sup>2</sup>

#### **Climate indicators**

averages for 2000-2022 Precipitation: 514 mm per year Days over 35°C: 11.6 per year Days with frost: 3 per year

**Land use:** Grazing on modified pasture (39%), Residential (17%), Natural environments (15%), Dryland cropping (15%), Production native forests (7%)

Tree cover: 0.07 Mha or 22.0% (2022)

For more information about this region follow <u>this link</u>

#### **About This Report**

The annual Australia's Environment Report summarises a large number of observations on the trajectory of our natural resources and ecosystems.

On the report <u>website</u>, you can find a national summary report, as well as report cards for different types of administrative and geographical regions. In the accompanying data explorer, the spatial data can be viewed as maps, accounts or charts by region and land use type, and downloaded for further use.

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#### **National context**

Deviation from 2000-2021 average



#### About The Data

Summary score: overall environmental condition expressed between 0 and 10 relative to previous years. It is calculated as the average of the ranking of component scores (from top to bottom in the bar graph): inundation and streamflow (blue), vegetation growth, leaf area, soil protection and tree cover (green) and the number of hot days (orange).

Indicators: measures of the condition of natural resources and ecosystems summarised from several spatial data sources. Land cover, inundation, fire occurrence, burn extent, exposed soil, and vegetation leaf area are derived by automated analysis of satellite imagery. The other indicators are estimated by integrating ground- and satellite data with environmental prediction models. For full details on the methods, follow this <u>link</u>.

**National context:** Selected environmental indicators as a relative change from average conditions since 2000. Such a change can be part of a long-term trend or be within normal variability. For historical context on each indicator follow this <u>link</u>.

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