



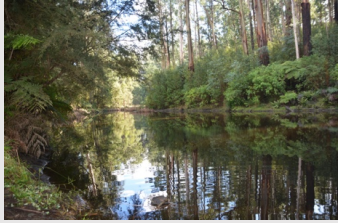




























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| Site Code: | | Date: | | | |
| Habitat area | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Bank erosion |  |  |  |  |  |
| | Extensive erosion. Little vegetation present to stabilise banks | Evidence of recent erosion. Extensive areas of bare banks | Erosion occurring in specific areas. Moderate vegetation cover | Erosion only in very small spots. Good vegetation cover. Maybe gentle bank slopes. | No erosion evident. Lower banks covered with grass, reeds or shrubs. |
| SCORE | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Bank vegetation (immediately adjacent to water, within 2m) |  |  |  |  |  |
| | Mostly bare ground. Occasional tree. Concrete or paved channel. | Introduced ground cover. Little native woody vegetation. | Moderate cover of native or introduced vegetation. Variation between sides - one cleared, one vegetated. | Mainly native vegetation. Little disturbance to banks. | Mainly undisturbed native vegetation (i.e. forested). |
| SCORE | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 |
| Burrowing habitat (earthen banks, relatively vertical profile at water surface, >1m high to allow burrow construction) |  |  |  |  |  |
| | Low, eroded, gently sloping banks. | Limited potential burrowing sites. | Some potential burrowing sites in area. One side steep, other shallow sloping. | Extensive potential burrowing sites. | Steep, consolidated banks along both sides, >1m high |
| SCORE | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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| Instream complexity (supports abundant macroinvertebrate prey) |  |  |  |  |  |
| | No snags, boulders or vegetation over water. Silt or sandy substrate. Could be rock or concrete lined channel. | Limited benthic complexity. Mostly silty/sandy substrate with occasional snag or rocks. Usually turbid. | Some snags & rocks present. Some aquatic macrophytes & overhanging vegetation. Some gravel/cobbled substrate. | >50% cobbled substrate with snags, logs, rocks. May have aquatic macrophytes and overhanging vegetation. | Frequent snags, logs, rocks. Cobbled, rocky and gravel substrate throughout. Extensive aquatic & overhanging vegetation. |
| SCORE | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 |
| Channel complexity (promotes habitat diversity to support diverse and abundant macroinverts) |  |  |  |  |  |
| | Straightened stream. Uniform depth (i.e. all shallow). Could be irrigation channel etc. | Limited variation in depth, not artificailly straightened. | Occassional riffle or bend, some variation in depth. | Pools and riffles present. Several bends. | Riffles and pools of varying depth. Winding channel. |
| SCORE | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Verge vegetation (riparian zone, within ~30m) |  |  |  |  |  |
| | Bare ground or pasture/grass cover next to water. | Narrow band (<5m) of sparse native or introduced vegetation. | Wide corridor (5-10m) native or introduced vegetation. One side cleared, other wide native vegetation. | Mainly native but some introduced vegetation. Wide area (>10m). | Mainly native vegetation on both sides (>30m wide). |
| SCORE | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 |
| TOTAL SCORE | (9-13) Degraded | (14-21) Poor | (22-30) Fair | (31-38) Good | (39-45) Excellent |
| Surrounding land use: Forest_bushland / agriculture grazing / agriculture cropping / rural town / urban | | | | Stock access (Y / N) | |
| Human activity (i.e. litter, fishing) (Y / N) | | | |  | |