

Date (dd/mm/yy) Recorder

Riverine Habitat Audit Procedure -- SHEET 11 Scenic, Recr & Consero. Values

Basin Sub-section Site
 Tributary Name

1 Recreational Opportunity Type

Allocate the site to ONE of the following types considering all aspects

	Natural 1. ¹ <i>Pristine Natural</i> Nature Reserve, Sanctuary	Natural 2. ² <i>Semi - Natural</i> Developed Reserve, Area, e.g. waterfall limited walking access	Natural 3. ³ <i>Roaded- Natural</i> Camping Reserve, Rest Area. - structured sites with facilities	Rural 1. ⁴ <i>Undeveloped Rural</i> Recreational settings in rural landscapes that are modified	Rural 2. ⁵ <i>Developed Rural</i> Rural areas cleared for camping grounds, within rural towns	Urban 1. ⁶ <i>Undeveloped Urban</i> Undeveloped urban parks and bushland kept semi-natural	Urban 2. ⁷ <i>Developed Urban</i> Urban Parks and Sports grounds Walls along stream	Urban 3. ⁸ <i>Highly Developed</i> Resort developments
Remoteness	3 km or more from all roads or tracks.	1 km or more from all roads.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	max of 500m to households	max of 500m to households	max of 2 km to households
Access	only by foot and 4 WD vehicle into the area	only by foot and 4 WD vehicle into the area, tertiary roads only	Moderate road access primary & secondary roads	good road access primary & secondary roads	accessible to all vehicles	low level access, primary road access	no limit to access	no limit to access
Human Impact & Development	no structures or exotic plants, pristine condition	only minor human influence, but small clearings O.K.	Moderate disturbance and development of facilities	natural setting but greatly modified	substantial modifications, rural residential	remnant bushland	modified open space	dominated by buildings etc.
Expected human contacts	rare, few other visitors	some contact with individuals but isolated	Moderate disturbance and some contact with groups	moderate contact on roads and trial sites	moderate to high interaction	Regular use by local residents	moderate to high density use	high density and frequent use
Facilities, regulations & structure	Little or none	some but subtle as formed tracks and signs	Minimal facilities, no powered sites etc.	Controls obvious, more complete facilities	barriers, signs & fences obvious	Remnant area with some restrictions	highly developed facilities	highly developed facilities

2 Recreation Types suitable for the area

Mark "1" for potential and "2" for actual use

Barbeque and picnic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Photography	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bushwalking - camping	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nature appreciation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bushwalking - day trips	<input type="checkbox"/>	Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/>
Camping - car access	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Skiing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canoeing / kyaking / rafting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bird Watching	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bike Riding -bike paths	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shore Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Organised sport -playing fields	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat fishing - small boats	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walking and Running -tracks /paths	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat fishing - large boats	<input type="checkbox"/>	Park & playground areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Four Wheel driving	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specialised recreational facility	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horse Riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motor bikes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comments:	<input type="text"/>
Rowing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Sailing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

3 Scenic Value Assessment

Rate the site from 1 - 10 relative to other sites in the area

<input type="checkbox"/>	Overall Scenic Value Rating	<input type="checkbox"/>	1-10
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rank the components for Scenic Value		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inherent Natural Beauty (bushland setting)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inherent Physical Beauty (waterfalls etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scenic Rural Setting	<input type="checkbox"/>	1-10
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scenic Urban Setting	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Artistic merit or value	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scenic value of a component e.g. tree etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	1-10

4 Initial Conservation Value Assessment

Rate the site as remnant habitat for *Aquatic Plant or Animal spp.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1-10
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rate the site as remnant habitat for <i>Riparian Plant or Animal spp.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1-10
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rate the value of the site as a wildlife corridor	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1-10

Note: Consider

- diversity of cover
- channel habitat types
- diversity of substrates
- permanence of water
- disturbance
- diversity of vegetation
- structural type range
- exotic intrusion
- width of veg. corridor
- bank stability
- large trees & shrubs
- zone continuity & width
- disturbance proximity
- linkages with fauna

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Rank the Site (1-10) in terms of its quality as representative **Aquatic** Habitat for this type of site in this catchment.

Rank the Site (1-10) in terms of its quality as representative **Riparian** Habitat for this type of site in this catchment.