

Site Code: .....		Date: .....				
Habitat area	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
<b>Bank erosion</b>						
	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.	
<b>SCORE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Bank vegetation</b> (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).	
<b>SCORE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>Burrowing habitat</b> (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	
<b>SCORE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	

<b>Instream complexity</b> (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.
<b>SCORE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Channel complexity</b> (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 artifically straightened.	Occasional riffle or bend, some variation in depth.	Pools and riffles present. Several bends.	Riffles and pools of varying depth. Winding channel.
<b>SCORE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Verge vegetation</b> (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).
<b>SCORE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>(9-13) Degraded</b>	<b>(14-21) Poor</b>	<b>(22-30) Fair</b>	<b>(31-38) Good</b>	<b>(39-45) Excellent</b>
<b>Surrounding land use: Forest_bushland / agriculture grazing / agriculture cropping / rural town / urban</b>				<b>Stock access ( Y / N )</b>	
<b>Human activity (i.e. litter, fishing) ( Y / N )</b>					