

Waterway Health Scoresheet

Waterway: _____

Each team should tick the rating for their activity.

Category	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Land Use	Lots of Industry nearby, most of land cleared, soil bare, enviroment disturbed		Some industry, some land cleared			some commercial, recreational and residential use					No human use at all, in its natural state	
Litter	Lots of human litter such as car bodies, tyres, plastics and cans, and /or excessive algae growth		A lot of human litter, cans, plastics or algae			some human litter such as garden rubbish and plastics			One or two pieces of human litter such as garden rubbish and plastics		No human use at all, in its natural state	
Pipes and Drains	A number of pipes from industry and/or sewage treatment and/or urban stormwater		Some pipes or trenches			No pipes from industry, but some stormwater drainage			No pipes or drains			
Extra Structures	A number of artificial structures, large modification of natural flow		Some artificial structures, large modification of natural flow			No concrete structures or minimal modification of water flow			No extra sturctures or artificial modifications			
Smell	Very strong, unnatural chemical smell		Stong, unnatural smell			Stronger decaying smell or slight, unnatural smell			Very slight smell, perhaps natural decay		No smell/natural smell	
Water clarity	Milky brown or green colour with particles or scum. You can hardly see through it!		Cloudiness and/or greenish colour, with some particles or film			Some colour and particles			A little colour		Colourless and clear as tap water	
Vegetation	Lots of introduced plants, much clearing, bare ground, pasture.		Mixed plants, much clearing, large eroded areas			Mixed native and introduced plants. Some clearing. Small corridor of vegetation. Some minor erosion			Mainly native plants, minor clearing. Natural vegetation extends up to 30 m from water, no erosion		Mainly undisturbed native plants, extending to 30 m from water. No erosion.	
Invertebrate Animals	No invertebrate animal life visible at all		Only one or two types of animal life visible (probably snails, leeches or worms)			Fewer than five types of animals found			At least seven types of animals found		Many types of animals found including insect larvae and nymphs.	
Vertebrate Animals	No vertebrate animal life visible at all			One type of animal life (birds)			Two types of animals found				Many types of vertebrate animals found.	
Total for Waterway	Total score (out of 90)											