

CONNORS WATERWAY ECOLOGICAL VALUES - STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

(Clarke Creek, 3 March 2010)

HEV = high ecological value waters; SD = slightly disturbed waters; MD = moderately disturbed waters

SUMMARY OF AREAS CONTAINING POTENTIAL HEV/SD WATERS	Stakeholder views	Additional comments by stakeholders
<p>Waters in National Parks</p> <p><u>Values:</u> Protected estate.</p>	See below	<p>The following comments were raised in several catchment workshops:</p> <p>1) Fire management: stakeholders considered that in NPs/SFs there was a lesser frequency of burning leading to fuel build up and more intensive burns, with consequentially more apparent impacts on ecosystems.</p> <p>2) Feral pest (animals, weeds) management: stakeholders considered NPs were a source of feral pest species, although the effects of these on water quality were not known.</p> <p>3) Local consultation/data: Stakeholder views were based on local knowledge but they recommended more consultation with NP/forest managers to confirm assessments and check availability of water quality data for creeks in each area to determine if any effects on instream values.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homevale NP (northern boundary with Isaac catchment) 	HEV	
<p>Possible extra HEV waterways for workshop consideration/discussion: (broadly clockwise starting in N)</p>		
<p>1) North: waters in Homevale Resources Reserve adjacent to Homevale NP (headwaters on boundary with Isaac. Also adjoins Crediton SF which is mainly in upper Burdekin)</p>	HEV	
<p>2) North East: waters in Epsom SF (2 main locations in headwaters of Dingo Ck (western parcel - trib of Denison), and Spring/Boundary/Back Cks (east)</p>	HEV	
<p>3) Eastern catchment boundary SF waters - upper headwaters extending into adjacent (Plane Ck) catchment, including those in Kelvin, Connors, West Hill, Collaroy, Porphyry SFs</p>	<p>Connors SF = HEV West Hill SF = HEV Collaroy SF = HEV Others = not HEV</p>	
<p>4) Central east SF waters in Tierawoomba SF (headwaters of Sandy Ck, a trib of Connors)</p>	HEV	Near Mt Scott. Some effects from fire last year, and some grazing on edge but still HEV.

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5) Others?, eg waters in Carminya SF (tribs of Denison Ck), Rosedale SF (N of Tierawoomba SF)	Carminya SF = HEV Rosedale SF = HEV	
Other ecological assets		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - washpools. 2 X Ulengee – water all year around (waterholes). Southern one in brigalow - Lake Plataway (indicator) - Isaac River/Grass Hut gully (important riparian veg) 	Assets raised by stakeholders	