

UPPER NOGOA WATERWAY ECOLOGICAL VALUES - STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

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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>	<p>See below</p>	<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"> • Carnarvon NP (upper southern sections of catchment – also extends into Comet) 	<p>HEV</p>	<p>Freshwater springs (eg Louisa/Spring Ck area). Area also contains sites o cultural/spiritual value. Previous cattle station use.</p> <p>Sections of NP include Goodliffe, Salvator Rosa, Ka Ka Mundi, Deepdale. Mt Moffat is actually on west side of border (but stakeholders thought it was HEV too).?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snake Range NP (centre of catchment - tribs of Callistemon, Box Cks) 	<p>HEV</p>	<p>Pristine, top of catchment, high value.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerva Hills NP (eastern fringe of catchment, extending into Comet) 	<p>HEV</p>	<p>Some issues re burning.</p>
<p>Possible extra HEV waterways for workshop consideration/discussion: (broadly clockwise starting in S)</p>		
<p>1) Far south: extension of Carnarvon NP HEV waters area to include waters in upstream Pluto Timber Reserve</p>	<p>SD – HEV?</p>	<p>Needs further review. Some disturbance from land operations forestry) but effects of these operations on WQ uncertain.</p>
<p>2) South: Squire and Nandowrie SF waterways (near main Nogoia channel, middle catchment)</p>	<p>HEV</p>	<p>Largely ‘unusable’ properties – natural timber/hilly.</p>

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3) Far north west: waterways in SFs near northern catchment boundary with lower Nogoia, listed west - east (some of these extend into Lower Nogoia): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zamia SF, (headwaters incl Woodbine, Blackboy Cks) • Withersfield SF, (headwaters eg Black Gin Ck) • Keilambete SF (May Ck), • Fairbairn SF (headwaters incl Taroborah, St Helens Cks) 	Zamia SF = HEV Withersfield SF, = HEV Keilambete SF = SD Fairbairn SF = MD with poss SD in north	These ratings are consistent with Emerald workshop (lower Nogoia). More review of Fairbairn SF waterway values needed.
4) East: Mt Hope SF waters (east of catchment – extends into Comet)	HEV?	Area is largely in Comet catchment
5) Others?, eg waterways in Cairdbeign SF (far east), Vandyke Ck CP (central – near main channel)	Cairdbeign SF = HEV Vandyke Ck CP = HEV	Vandyke Ck CP noted as being in undisturbed condition.
Other ecological assets		
Vandyke Ck	High flow	Vandyke Ck unique given its high flow nature
Bauhinia waterhole (Nogoia R)	waterhole	Location?