

**MARY RIVER & TRIBUTARIES
REHABILITATION PLAN**

APPENDIX 1

**REACH SUMMARY
SHEETS**

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EXPLANATION OF TERMS AND RATINGS

| ABBREVIATION, CODE or RATING | MEANING |
|---|---|
| Parameters Highlighted Green | Indicates relatively intact condition - Good * |
| Parameters Highlighted Yellow | Indicates relatively minor disturbance * |
| Parameters Highlighted Pink | Indicates moderate to major disturbance * |
| Parameters Highlighted Red | Indicates major to severe disturbance * |
| SIGNAL | Stream biota Index Grade Number - Average Level A measure of water quality based on pollution sensitivity of stream macroinvertebrates - >6 - clean water, 5-6 possible mild pollution, 4-5 probable moderate pollution, <4 probable severe pollution. Where more than one habitat is sampled scores are averaged. |
| PET Richness | The number of families present from pollution sensitive invertebrate orders. If more than one sample the maximum value is stated. |
| AusRivAS O/E | An Australian river health score based on biological and physical attributes of streams. O/E is the ratio of observed results over that expected for a similar stream in good condition. When it is 1 or greater it is in good condition. |
| Macroinvertebrate Richness | The number of different families collected in 10m sample of a habitat. If more than one sample the stated figure is a maximum. |
| Recovery Potential | The ability of the relevant stream characteristic to naturally recover from disturbance. |
| P | A measure of stream sinuosity - a ration derived from the overall length of a meander over the straight line distance between the two points of inflection. |
| Incidence of Erosion (expressed as #/km) | The number of discrete bank erosion events recorded by Doak (1995) regardless of length or degree of disturbance. |

* Note: For riparian condition the colours relate to amore specific ranking as set out below:

A **green** rating indicates native vegetation present on the bank and verge with an intact canopy.

A **yellow** rating was given to riparian areas which have an overstorey of native vegetation on the bank and verge but there is some disturbance in the middle or ground layers.

A **pink** rating was given to riparian areas which have major disturbance in the native vegetation such as verge vegetation being removed and leaving only the bank vegetation intact.

A **red** rating was where disturbance has left no native bank or verge vegetation. There can be bare soil, invasion of grasses or weeds.

Reach Name: *Mary River Witta to Bellthorpe - Confined Steep Headwaters*

Reach Code: *Mary 1*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Dropping quickly from the Blackall Range escarpment the well-vegetated high-energy confined headwaters are bedrock controlled. Small waterfalls and cascades occur along the predominantly boulder and cobble lined channel. Starting near Doyles Rd near Witta and finishing at the Geraghty's Creek confluence on the valley floor above Conondale.

Position In Catchment: Upland - Maleny & Bellthorpe Maps (1:25,000) **AMTD:** 307 - 302 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---|-----------|
| Channel planform | | Straight Single Channel | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Bedrock 15% | Boulder 40% | Within Channel | |
| Cobble 40% | Pebble 5% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedrock controlled cascade- pools • Series of Glides, Runs and Riffles • Would form rapids in high flow • No LWD | |
| | | Floodplain - no floodplain | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Highly stable | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Nil | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | Very High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----------------------|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Isolated Minor Disturbance | |
| Good 40% | Minor Disturbance 60% | Intact Condition | |
| Major Disturbance | | Stable Stony Beds | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| "Of Concern" ecosystem near Geraghty's Ck | | Light grazing of 60% of waterway | |
| 100% canopy cover of stream | | Minor disturbance of understorey | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Recovering | | Recovery Potential: Very High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|--------|---|-------------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Nil | | Native: Nil | Exotic: Nil |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Appropriate to location | |
| SIGNAL Score | 6 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 19 | Native: | Exotic: |
| PET Richness | 7 | Known Mary River Cod Holes Nil | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | 1 species rare & threatened frog | |
| On Substrate | Nil | Bank Overhang | Nil |
| In Water Column | Nil | Canopy Overhang | 100% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Very Good | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Water Quality, Natural flows, biodiversity of local significance. | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Stable | In-stream Recovery Potential | Very High |

Reach Name: *Mary River Bellthorpe to Kilcoy Creek*
Partly Confined Bedrock - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Mary 2*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Mostly confined headwaters that appear to wander between valley margins with limited pockets of floodplain. Relatively straight medium - high stream power reach of Mary River from confluence of Geraghty's Creek to just below Kilcoy Creek confluence. Low sediment supply - throughput phase.

Position In Catchment: Upland - Bellthorpe Map (1:25,000)

AMTD: 302 - 296 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--|-----------|
| Channel planform | | Straight | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Bedrock | 5% | Within Channel | |
| Boulder | 35% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pool and Riffle sequences Glides and Runs - 10-30m long Occasional LWD | |
| Cobble | 35% | Floodplain | |
| Pebble | 10% | Limited Pockets | |
| Gravel | 5% | | |
| Sand | 10% | | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Highly stable - degraded at road crossings | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Minor abstraction | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | Very High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Occasional Minor Disturbance | |
| Good | 50% | Generally good condition where stabilised by vegetation. In areas of vegetation disturbance bank erosion can occur. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 50% | | |
| Major Disturbance Cleared of Vegetation | | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Good mixed native canopy and regenerating, 80% canopy cover of stream | | Minor disturbance, some exclusion fencing | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Recovering | | Recovery Potential: Very High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-------------|--|-------------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Nil | | Native: Nil | Exotic: Nil |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Appropriate to location | |
| SIGNAL Score (av. 2 sites) | 6.1 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 23 | Native: 8 | Exotic: Nil |
| PET Richness | 11 | Known Mary River Cod Holes Nil | |
| AusRivAS O/E | 1.13 | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | 1 species rare and threatened frog | |
| On Substrate | Nil | Bank Overhang | 0 m |
| In Water Column | Nil | Canopy Overhang | 70% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Good | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Water Quality, Frog of local significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Stable | In-stream Recovery Potential | Very High |

Reach Name: *Mary River Kilcoy Creek to Conondale*
Partly Confined Meandering Planform - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Mary 3*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Mainly confined reach just downstream of Beausang Bridge to Bedrock control just upstream of Grigor Bridge, running through narrow valley. Low sinuosity section with bends where river hits bedrock at valley margin. Cascades over bedrock controls with rapids, riffles occurring between glides and pools.

Position In Catchment: Upland - Bellthorpe, Conondale Maps (1:25,000) **AMTD:** 296 - 289 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|---|--------|---|------|
| Channel planform | | Moderately sinuous, but erratic (P= 2.1) | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Bedrock | 25 % | Within Channel | |
| Boulders | 35% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedrock Controlled • Pools, Runs, Riffles, Glides (over bedrock) • Occasional LWD | |
| Cobbles | 25% | Floodplain | |
| Pebble | 10% | 75% against valley margin, 25% floodplain | |
| Sand | 5 % | | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Stable stony bed with vegetated bars | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Limited abstraction for irrigation | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction (or resource) | | Nil (small sediment slug from Kilcoy Creek) | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----|--|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Isolated Minor Disturbance | |
| Good | 50% | Good condition | |
| Minor Disturbance | 40% | Mainly stabilised by vegetation | |
| Major Disturbance | 10% | Isolated bank erosion | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| 60-100% canopy cover, good mix of sclerophyll and rainforest communities | | Mainly minor disturbance of understorey with some exclusion fencing. | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Recovering | | Recovery Potential: Very High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----------------------|--|---------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Slightly elevated turbidity levels after rain. | | Native: 3 | Exotic: |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Slightly overabundant due to shade loss | |
| SIGNAL Score | 6.1 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 13 | Native: | Exotic: |
| PET Richness | 7 | Known Mary River Cod Holes nil | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | 1 species rare and threatened frog | |
| On Substrate | A lot in sunlit areas | Bank Overhang | 0.5 |
| In Water Column | Moderate in sunlight | Canopy Overhang | 60% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Good | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Bedrock, frog habitat – local significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Starting to Degrade | In-stream Recovery Potential | V.High |

Reach Name: Mary River Conondale to Cambroon - Alluvial Meandering Sand Bed

Reach Code: Mary 4

Reach Description and Boundaries: Sandy over-wide reach commencing at the Conondale township and finishing at beginning of narrow valley at Cambroon. Sediment slugs are obvious with meandering channel through moderately wide floodplain confined by bedrock at valley margin, where river bends occur. Braided low flow channel within high banks that are 2-3 times wider than pre-disturbance condition.

Position In Catchment: Upland - Conondale Map (1:25,000)

AMTD: 289 - 276 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---|----------|
| Channel planform | | Sinuous (P= 1.4) | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Bedrock | | Within Channel | |
| Boulder | 5% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly pools and runs Glides but no LWD Indistinct occasional riffles | |
| Cobble | 20% | Floodplain | |
| Pebble | 10% | Almost Continuous Floodplain (90%) | |
| Gravel | 5% | One Historic (1950s) channel avulsion | |
| Sand | 60% | | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Deeply entrenched from historical incision. Almost all shifting sand, substantial evidence of active bed instability | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Moderate abstraction for irrigation | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Extensive past and current activity | |
| Channel Trajectory | Degrading | Channel Recovery Potential | Moderate |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----|--|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Frequent moderate disturbance | |
| Good | 10% | Incidence of Bank Erosion- 3.85#/km Evidence of recent bank erosion from channel widening, under mining, scour, slumping and accelerated meander migration. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 30% | | |
| Major Disturbance | 40% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | 20% | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Regenerating Pioneers | | Evidence of Severe impacts, some exclusion | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Recovering | | Recovery Potential: Moderate | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----------|--|-------------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Moderate turbidity problem after rain | | Native: 7 | Exotic: Nil |
| Potential nutrient problem from dairy activity | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| Elevated temperatures due to shade loss | | Good-but over-abundant for upper catchment | |
| SIGNAL Score | 6.1 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 19 | Native: | Exotic: |
| PET Richness | 10 | Known Mary River Cod Holes Nil | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | | |
| On Substrate | Little | Bank Overhang | Nil |
| In Water Column | Little | Canopy Overhang | 0-5% |
| Overall In-stream Condition: | | Moderate | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | 6 potential cod restocking holes (1 restocked) | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | Moderate |

Reach Name: Mary River Cambroon - Walli
Partly Confined Bedrock - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: Mary 5

Reach Description and Boundaries: Narrower more confined reach through narrow generally steep sided valley commencing just above Cambroon Bridge and ending above the confluence of Walli Creek. Still over wide in places with point bars are armouring with bedrock controls and scattered large woody debris influencing pool formation. Stream is over-wide except in a remnant channel.

Position In Catchment: Upland - Conondale, Kenilworth Maps (1:25000) **AMTD:** 276 - 268 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|---|-----------|---|----------|
| Channel planform | | Moderately sinuous (P =1.6) | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Boulder | | Within Channel | |
| Cobble | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Runs and pools with limited riffles • Point bars being armouring with cobble • Bedrock controls approx. 500 m apart | |
| Pebble | | Floodplain | |
| Gravel | 10% | 50-75% confined by valley margins | |
| Sand | 80% | | |
| Silt | 10% | | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Hung tributaries and littoral vegetation high above waterline in the entrenched channel suggest historical and current bed instability. Bedrock controls may slow degradation. Point bars are armouring after 1999 flood. | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Moderate abstraction for irrigation | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction (resources) | | Floodplain operation - pressure for more. | |
| Channel Trajectory | Degrading | Channel Recovery Potential | Moderate |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|------------|--|-----------|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Frequent moderate disturbance | |
| Good | 25% | Incidence of Bank Erosion: 6.25#/km | |
| Minor Disturbance | 35% | Frequent bank slumping associated with significantly disturbed and cleared areas | |
| Major Disturbance | 25% | Good against valley margin & in remnants | |
| No Native Vegetation | 15% | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Remnants beside channel above Walli Creek | | Frequent stock damage with some exclusion | |
| Riparian Trajectory | Recovering | Recovery Potential | Very High |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|---------|--|-----------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Moderate Turbidity problems after rain. Signal score and nitrogen and phosphorous levels have lead to only a moderate water quality ranking by DEH/DNR (1999). | | Native: | Exotic: |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | | |
| SIGNAL Score | 5.1 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 24 | Native: 15 | Exotic: 2 |
| PET Richness | 6 | Known Mary River Cod Holes 1 | |
| AusRivAS O/E | 1.18 | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | Possibly Mary River Turtle, 1 Rare and Threatened Frog species | |
| On Substrate | Little | Bank Overhang | |
| In Water Column | Nil | Canopy Overhang | 15% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Moderate Remnant Section before Walli Ck. | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Frog and turtle habitat - local significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Stable? | In-stream Recovery Potential | High |

Reach Name: *Mary River Walli Creek to Kenilworth - Meandering Sand Bed*

Reach Code: *Mary 6*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Largely cleared over wide midland river with accelerated meander migration, large eroding outside bends and point bars which are developing and armouring between large runs and glides with occasional riffles and some large scale river restoration. Hung tributaries and bank erosion contribute sediment to system. Starts at Walli Creek confluence and ends at large bedrock control below Beatties Creek. Deposition on bars assists channel to narrow width.

Position In Catchment: Midland - Kenilworth Map (1:25,000)

AMTD: 268 - 260 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Channel planform | Meandering of moderate sinuosity (P=1.6) |
| Bed material character | Geomorphic units |
| Bedrock | Within Channel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly runs and glides with pools Small occasional riffles LWD common Floodplain Almost continuous flood plains, terraced on outside bends, old channels obvious |
| Boulder | |
| Cobble 55% | |
| Pebble 15% | |
| Gravel | |
| Sand 30% | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | Deeply entrenched from historical incision and evidence of significant recent bed instability (2-4m), hung tributaries |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | Moderate abstraction for irrigation |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | Significant past and some present activity |
| Channel Trajectory Degrading | Channel Recovery Potential Limited |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| VEGETATION | BANK STABILITY |
| Condition | Condition - Frequent Major Erosion |
| Good | Incidence of Bank Erosion - 5.37#/km Approximately 50% stabilised by vegetation only with the balance actively eroding with 25-50% bare earth. Vertical banks on outside bends, with some regrading elsewhere. |
| Minor Disturbance 10% | |
| Major Disturbance 20% | |
| No Native Vegetation 70% | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | Stock Access |
| Nil | 60% grazed with limited exclusion fencing. |
| Riparian Trajectory: Degrading | Recovery Potential: Limited |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | |
|--|--|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | HABITAT PARAMETERS |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | Macrophyte Species Richness |
| Moderate turbidity problem after rain. Nutrient from dairy farms may be an issue, particularly down stream of Obi Obi. | Native: Nil Exotic: Nil |
| | Macrophyte Condition |
| SIGNAL Score 6.2 | Fish Species Richness |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness 15 | Native: Exotic: |
| PET Richness 5 | Known Mary River Cod Holes |
| AusRivAS O/E | Other Species of Significance Present |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | |
| On Substrate A lot | Bank Overhang 0.2m |
| In Water Column Moderate | Canopy Overhang 0-5% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | Degraded |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | Restoration work |
| In-stream Trajectory Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential Moderate |

Reach Name: *Mary River Gheerulla - Moy Pocket*

Partly Confined Meandering Planform - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Mary 7*

Reach Description and Boundaries: A highly sinuous section where moderately broad valleys are intercepted by bedrock intrusions causing river to bend. Long deep straight pools are also interrupted by point bars and pebbled riffles, which are a mechanism to reduce channel width. Channel is incised and appears in sediment deficit as a result of current and historic extraction. This style of river commences just below Paulgers Crossing and ends downstream of Walkers Rd Bridge at Moy Pocket.

Position In Catchment: Midland - Gheerulla Creek Map (1:25,000)

AMTD: 260 - 245 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---|---------|
| Channel planform | | Highly sinuous with straight reaches (P=1.8) | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Bedrock | | Within Channel | |
| Boulder | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incised pools over 500m in length • Short and reconstructed riffles and runs • Sandy point bars and Flood runners • Common to abundant LWD | |
| Cobble | 15% | Floodplain Large but discontinuous flood plains | |
| Pebble | 25% | | |
| Gravel | 10% | | |
| Sand | 45% | | |
| Silt | 5% | | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Partly Shifting sand and silt, apparent bed instability with evidence up to 0.9m lowering after removal of controls. | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Extensive Abstraction, major dam on upstream tributary. | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Extensive historic and lesser current activities | |
| Channel Trajectory | Degrading | Channel Recovery Potential | Limited |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | |
|--|--|
| VEGETATION | BANK STABILITY |
| Condition | Condition - Frequent Moderate Disturbance |
| Good 15% | Incidence of Bank Erosion: 4#/km Major outside bend erosion, and slumping of banks common. Up to 25-50% of banks are bare with recent signs of active movement. Massive bank scour from flood runners outfall during extreme events |
| Minor Disturbance 35% | |
| Major Disturbance 30% | |
| No Native Vegetation 20% | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | Stock Access |
| 15% has good remnant vegetation remnant sections at Pickerings & Walkers Rd Bridges. | Up to 75% shows mod.-severe cattle impact |
| Riparian Trajectory: Degrading | Recovery Potential: Moderate |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|------------|--|----------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Turbidity after rains and silty sediment deposition on substrate out of flow. Nitrogen has been recorded in excess of guidelines. | | Native: 3 Exotic: Nil | |
| | | Macrophyte Condition Good - mainly at edge in shallow runs | |
| SIGNAL Score | 5.7 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 15 | Native: 13 Exotic: 2 | |
| PET Richness | 5 | Known Mary River Cod Holes 1 | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | Mary River Turtle, Qld Lungfish | |
| On Substrate | Common | Bank Overhang | Nil |
| In Water Column | Common | Canopy Overhang | 15% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Moderate Remnants at two Bridges | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | 25 Potential Cod Holes | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | Moderate |

Reach Name: *Mary River Moy Pocket to Tuchekoi*
Partly Confined Low Sinuosity Planform - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Mary 8*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Low sinuosity, partly clay bank confined reaches with narrow radius of curvature threading through narrow valley. Recent and historic bed instability, with some remnant toe vegetation perched at top of bank. Silty substrate more common with abundant LWD playing a more significant geomorphic role than experienced upstream. Starts one meander downstream of Walkers Bridge and ends upstream of Tuchekoi Bridge.

Position In Catchment: Midland - Kenilworth, Tuchekoi Maps (1:25,000) **AMTD:** 245 - 228 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|---|--|
| Channel planform | | Low sinuosity, no meanders | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Boulder | | Within Channel | |
| Cobble | 5% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly runs Some gravel and pebble point bars Abundant LWD forming islands & bars | |
| Pebble | 10% | Floodplain | |
| Gravel | 25% | Discontinuous with elevated terraces | |
| Sand | 50% | | |
| Silt/Clay | 10% | | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Historical and recent bed instability but less than upstream | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | One upstream dam & extensive abstraction | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Limited historic extraction, no active works | |
| Channel Trajectory | | Recovering | Channel Recovery Potential High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----|--|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Frequent Moderate Disturbance | |
| Good | 10% | Incidence of Bank Erosion: 3.06#/km Massive slumping and undercutting of banks by bed instability and flood disturbance. In second half banks have higher clay content that may confine stream pattern. Bank condition reflects vegetation condition. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 50% | | |
| Major Disturbance | 25% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | 15% | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Significant length of only minor disturbance. | | Some exclusion with stock damage to 40%. | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Degrading | | Recovery Potential: High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----------|--|------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Silty material from banks disperses quickly into water causing high turbidity potential if disturbed. | | Native: _____ Exotic: _____ | |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| SIGNAL Score | 5 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 23 | Native: _____ Exotic: _____ | |
| PET Richness | 5 | Known Mary River Cod Holes 1 | |
| AusRivAS O/E | 1.16 | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | | |
| On Substrate | Little | Bank Overhang | 0.6m |
| In Water Column | None | Canopy Overhang | 20% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Moderate to Good - 10 potential cod holes | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | LWD & diverse habitats - local significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | High |

Reach Name: Mary River Tuchekoi to Gympie - Alluvial Meandering Sand Bed

Reach Code: Mary 9

Reach Description and Boundaries: Highly sinuous meandering midland river with broad terraced flood plains. Minimally confined by occasional influence of valley margin. Over wide channel severely impacted by major flooding and extensive riparian clearing. High banks are prone to slip circle failures and general slumping are common, outside bend scour. Commences above Tuchekoi Bridge and ends at bedrock control at just above Deep Creek.

Position In Catchment: Midland - Imbil Map (1:50,000)

AMTD: 228 - 182 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---|----------|
| Channel planform | | Highly Sinuous - meandering (P=2.5) | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Boulder | | Within Channel | |
| Cobble | 5% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long glides and runs with pools • Occasional riffle space 1-1.5 km apart • Small point bars | |
| Pebble | 10% | Floodplain | |
| Gravel | 10% | Continuous large and terraced | |
| Sand | 60% | Bed Stability - Degradation | |
| Silt/Clay | 15% | Deeply entrenched through historical and possibly current bed instability, largely shifting sand | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Extensive abstraction, 2 major dams upstream | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Extensive historic, less currently, some floodplain | |
| Channel Trajectory | Recovering? | Channel Recovery Potential | Moderate |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Frequent Major Disturbance | |
| Good | 5% | Incidence of Bank Erosion: 3.34#/km Extensively degraded and extremely poor condition for the most part. Good remnant vegetation is insufficient to control processes in some instances. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 35% | | |
| Major Disturbance | 25% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | 35% | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Remnant rainforest at the Dawn is of Catchment conservation significance | | Extensive sever stock damage but increasing exclusion fencing | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Recovering? | | Recovery Potential: Minimal | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----------|--|---------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Major problem with turbidity exceeding ANZECC guidelines. With quality in terms of phosphorous and nitrogen considered poor | | Native: 1 Exotic: | |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Degraded species diversity | |
| SIGNAL Score | 4.3 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 14 | Native: 10 Exotic: 2 | |
| PET Richness | 3 | Known Mary River Cod Holes 11 | |
| AusRivAS O/E | 0.6 | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | | |
| On Substrate | Common | Bank Overhang | |
| In Water Column | Common | Canopy Overhang | 0-15% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Degraded Remnant Section at The Dawn | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Cod Holes but in need of restoration | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | Minimal |

Reach Name: Mary River Gympie to Glastonbury Creek
Partly Confined Bedrock - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: Mary 10

Reach Description and Boundaries: The river straightens and narrows as it flows through the narrower undulating valley from Gympie south to Fisherman's Pocket, just above Bell's Bridge. Massive slumping and slip circle failures occur on stream banks formed on alluvium. The valley constricts flood flows at Fisherman's Pocket accentuating flood peaks at Gympie.

Position In Catchment: Midland - Gympie Map (1:50,000)

AMTD: 182 - 164 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | |
|--|--|
| Channel planform | Straight and confined for 60% of length |
| Bed material character | Geomorphic units |
| Boulder 5% Cobble 10% Pebble 15% Gravel 20% Sand 45% Silt/Clay 5% | Within Channel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly runs and deep glides Occasional sandy point bars No LWD for most of length Floodplain Large but discontinuous flood plains generally only on one side of river |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | Deeply entrenched from historical incision. Bed lowering (1m) evident over last 25yrs, sand slug moving through lower sections |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | 3 Major tributary dams upstream, plus weir at Gympie, extensive abstraction & regulation |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | Historic extraction, none at present |
| Channel Trajectory Recovering? | Channel Recovery Potential Moderate |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | |
|---|--|
| VEGETATION | BANK STABILITY |
| Condition | Condition - Frequent Major Disturbance |
| Good 5% Minor Disturbance 50% Major Disturbance 25% No Native Vegetation 20% (Significant woody/viny weed problems) | Incidence of Bank Erosion: 3.28#/km Frequent extreme bank erosion with high banks. Rapid draw down after flood, in association with poor cover, leads to toe collapse and rotational bank movement, |
| Assets/Conservation Status | Stock Access |
| Fishermans Pocket State Forest area | 20-40% grazed with mod. To severe impact |
| Riparian Trajectory: Degrading | Recovery Potential: Limited - good downstream |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | |
|---|--|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | HABITAT PARAMETERS |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | Macrophyte Species Richness |
| Large nutrient inflow from Gympie urban area. Massive turbid flows after storms. Phosphorous & nitrogen levels exceed limits. | Native: _____ Exotic: _____ |
| | Macrophyte Condition |
| | Excessive macrophytes down stream of STP. |
| SIGNAL Score (Reference) | Fish Species Richness |
| 5.5 | Native: 16 Exotic: 3 |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | Known Mary River Cod Holes 4 |
| 21 | Other Species of Significance Present |
| PET Richness (Reference) | |
| 7 | Mary River Turtle, Lungfish, 2 R&T Frogs |
| AusRivAS O/E (Reference) ◀ | |
| 1.19 | Bank Overhang |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | Canopy Overhang 5-20% |
| On Substrate Lots | |
| In Water Column Moderate | Overall In-stream Condition |
| | Pool Remnant Section at Fisherman's Pocket |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | Fisherman's Pocket, Widgee Crossing habitats - Regional Significance |
| In-stream Trajectory Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential Moderate |

Reach Name: Mary River Glastonbury Creek to Tiaro - Alluvial Meandering Sand Bed

Reach Code: Mary 11

Reach Description and Boundaries: Only minimally confined by the valley margins the highly sinuous river generally meanders with large floodplains on both sides. While mainly degraded, the condition is better than the similar style reach above Gympie. Commencing from where the river leaves the confined valley at Fisherman's pocket and ending at the beginning of the ponded area backed up from the Maryborough tidal barrage.

Position in Catchment: Lowland - Woolooga, Marambuh Maps (1:50 000) **AMTD:** 164 - 83 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--|------|
| Channel planform | | Highly sinuous - meandering | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Cobble | 20% | Within Channel | |
| Pebble | 20% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large sandy/silty pools, glides and runs • Sandy point bars with occasional riffles • Occasional LWD | |
| Gravel | 5% | Floodplain | |
| Sand | 15% | Extensive nearly continuous on both sides | |
| Silt/Clay | 40% | | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Sand Slugs moving through system | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | 3 upstream dams, extensive abstraction | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Minor Extraction (within sustainable limit) | |
| Channel Trajectory | Recovering | Channel Recovery Potential | High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Frequent Major Disturbance | |
| Good | 5% | Incidence of Bank Erosion: 2.77#/km Bank slumping less frequent than upstream but erosion is more frequently severe. Accelerated meander migration. Slumping, rotational movement and regressive erosion. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 75% | | |
| Major Disturbance | 10% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | 10% | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| 'Of Concern' Regional ecosystems below confluence of Wide Bay Creek, and between Coramera and Gutchy Creeks. . | | Extensive but mainly minor disturbance with few exclusion fences compared to upstream. | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Recovering? | | Recovery Potential: High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----------|--|-----------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Brackish major tributaries can lead to salinity problems in dry times. Turbidity after storm events. E-coli and nutrients v. high in parts. | | Native: | Exotic: |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Large good quality macrophyte beds occur | |
| SIGNAL Score | 4.3 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 21 | Native: 13 | Exotic: 1 |
| PET Richness | 1- 5 | Known Mary River Cod Holes | 1 |
| AusRivAS O/E | 0.63 | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | Mary River Turtle Breeding, Qld Lungfish | |
| On Substrate | | Bank Overhang | |
| In Water Column | | Canopy Overhang | 5% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Moderate Remnant section in lower part | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Turtle habitat - regional significance, 46 Potential Cod Holes | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | Moderate |

Reach Name: *Mary River Poned Area Tiaro to Barage - Impounded*

Reach Code: *Mary 12*

Reach Description and Boundaries: From 3km upstream of Tiaro to the Tidal barrage flow is reduced and water level increased reducing variability of a range of riverine characteristics. Stored water levels lead to wetting of dispersive soils horizons in places and reducing toe stability, sometimes in association with tunnel erosion, this is leading to current bank retreat.

Position In Catchment: Lowland - Maryborough Map (1:50,000)

AMTD: 83 - 59 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---|-------------|
| Channel planform | | Poned areas | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Pebble | | Within Channel | |
| Gravel | 20% | • Pool | |
| Sand | 40% | Floodplain | |
| Silt/Clay | 40% | Discontinuous floodplain | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Possibly degrading through sedimentation behind barrage | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Impounded and water diverted for irrigation including into Tinana Creek Catchment | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Minor Extraction (within sustainable limit) | |
| Channel Trajectory | Degrading | Channel Recovery Potential | Constrained |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Common Minor to moderate Erosion | |
| Good | 10% | Incidence of Bank Erosion: 2.25#/km | |
| Minor Disturbance | 65% | Generally banks are in good - moderate condition, but small reduction in vegetation cover appears to increase erosion potential | |
| Major Disturbance | 20% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | 5% | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| "Of Concern" Ecosystems opposite (& along) Myrtle Creek and Benarige Creeks. | | Limited exclusion fencing, moderate impact. | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Recovering? | | Recovery Potential: High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----------|--|-------------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Anecdotal evidence that increased seasonal summer turbidity leading to reduce fish abundance. Quality in terms of phosphorous and nitrogen is only moderate. | | Native: | Exotic: |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Hyacynth, <i>Salvinia</i> and possibly <i>Cabomba</i> are problem aquatic weeds in this locality | |
| SIGNAL Score | <5 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | | Native: | Exotic: 3 |
| PET Richness | | Known Mary River Cod Holes | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | | |
| On Substrate | | Bank Overhang | |
| In Water Column | | Canopy Overhang | 5% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Poor | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Mary River Turtle habitat of regional significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | Constrained |

Reach Name: *Mary River Barrage to Estuarine Inlet - Tidal*

Reach Code: *Mary 13*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Immediately downstream of the barrage the river is tidal and impoundment construction is thought to have increased tidal amplification leading to increased wetting and drying of banks. Long stretches of river in broad meanders are flanked by continuous floodplains. Mangroves are the dominant toe species and mud predominate.

Position In Catchment: Lowland - Maryborough, Pinalba Maps (1:50000) **AMTD:** 59 - 22 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|--|--------|--|------|
| Channel planform | | Large meanders with long straight reaches | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Some sand Predominantly silt, clay and estuarine mud. | | Within Channel Tidal runs and glides Mudflats Floodplain Extensive continuous on both sides of river | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Stable (possible sediment deficit from barrage?) | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Maximum limit of tidal influence has been reduced due to barrage construction. Extensive abstraction upstream and diversion– no environmental flow strategy. | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Historic and Current major extraction | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Common Major Disturbance | |
| Good & Minor Impact 70% Major Impact 30% & No Native Vegetation (Johnson 1997) Luceana, legumes and other escaped production plants can infest riparian zone. | | Initially massive bank slumping, possibly linked to increased tidal amplitude. Scour with large <i>Eucalyptus</i> during flood events occurs in areas where understorey is poor. Loss of mangroves and <i>Hibiscus tilaceous</i> at toe also can lead to slumping. Normal meander migration occurs. | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Mangroves important to fishery/wader birds. | | Mainly Cane land, urban and rural residential | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Stable | | Recovery Potential: Moderate | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----|--|----------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Minor dissolved oxygen problems have been identified near Tinana Creek confluence. Turbidity is an issue throughout the reach. Elevated phosphorous and excessive nitrogen near Saltwater Creek confluence. | | Native: _____ Exotic: _____ | |
| | | Macrophyte Condition Sea grasses known to be impacted by sedimentation | |
| SIGNAL Score | N/a | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | N/a | Native: _____ Exotic: _____ | |
| AusRivAS O/E | N/a | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Canopy Overhang: 5% | | | |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Moderate | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Mangroves and sea grass - local significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | | In-stream Recovery Potential | Moderate |

Reach Name: *Mary River Saltwater Creek to River Heads - Estuary*

Reach Code: *Mary 14*

Reach Description and Boundaries: The estuarine inlet that empties the Mary and Susan Rivers into Hervey Bay at River Heads. Contains wetlands and wader bird habitat of national and international significance. Large mangrove wetlands and sea grass beds and islands formed in channel. Generally good riparian vegetation and reach conditions.

Position In Catchment: Lowland - Pialba Map (1:50,000)

AMTD: 22 - 0 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|---|--------|--|-----------|
| Channel planform | | Estuary | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Some sand Predominantly silts, clays and estuarine mud | | Within Channel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estuarine inlet • In channel islands • Flats and wetlands Floodplain Continuous extensive flood plains | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Stable | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Upstream regulation may impact, well flushed | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Moderate extraction | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | Very High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | |
|---|--|
| VEGETATION | BANK STABILITY |
| Condition | Condition - Occasional Minor Disturbance |
| Good Minor Impacts | No significant degradation, disturbance largely related to vegetation disturbance. |
| Assets/Conservation Status | Stock Access |
| Mangrove communities of national significance. "Of Concern" ecosystem near Saltwater Creek. | Minor damage where grazing occurs, no known exclusion fencing |
| Riparian Trajectory: Stable | Recovery Potential: High |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|--------|---|----------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Sedimentation following flood events known to impact sea grass and dugong populations. | | Native: | Exotic: |
| | | Macrophyte Condition Sea grass beds moderately impacted | |
| SIGNAL Score | | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | | Native: | Exotic: |
| PET Richness | | Known Mary River Cod Holes | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | RAMSAR Migratory Bird site | |
| On Substrate | | Bank Overhang | |
| In Water Column | | Canopy Overhang | 5 % |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Good | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Mangrove Wetlands, Seagrasses, Bird habitat - National Conservation Significance. | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Stable | In-stream Recovery Potential | Moderate |

Reach Name: *Kilcoy Creek/Flagstone Creek - Confined Steep Headwater*

Reach Code: *Kilcoy 1*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Commencing as an high energy intact rainforest stream in the Conondale Ranges the creek drops through gorges and waterfalls to a lower gradient stream prior to entering the Mary River at the end of *Mary 2*. Cattle disturb the understorey of luxuriant riparian vegetation with cascades and boulders dominating the channel.

Position In Catchment: Upland - Bellthorpe Map (1:25,000)

AMTD: entire length

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---|-----------|
| Channel planform | | Mainly straight following valley margin | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Bedrock | 20% | Within Channel | |
| Boulder | 30% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waterfalls in upper reaches Occasional cascades over bedrock (10%), with small backwater pools Abundant rapids and riffles (60%) LWD over 10% of reach | |
| Cobble | 25% | Floodplain - nil | |
| Pebble | 15% | | |
| Gravel | 10% | | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Stabilised by bedrock and boulders | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Minor abstraction | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | Very High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----|--|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Isolated Minor Disturbance | |
| Good | 50% | Steeper section stabilised by bedrock with lower gradients stabilised mostly by rock and vegetation (90%). Good condition for the vast majority of stream. | |
| Minor Impact | 50% | | |
| Major Impact | | | |
| No Native Vegetation | | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Suite of vegetation and frog species of conservation significance, "Of Concern" ecosystem in headwaters | | Lower gradient section cause minor disturbance | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Stable | | Recovery Potential: Very High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|---------|---|--------------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Nil | | Native: Nil | Exotic: Nil |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Appropriate to location | |
| SIGNAL Score | | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | | Native: 9 | Exotic: 2 |
| PET Richness | | Known Mary River Cod Holes | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | 3 species rare and threatened frog and lobster | |
| On Substrate | Minimal | Bank Overhang | 20% undercut |
| In Water Column | Nil | Canopy Overhang | 80% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Very good | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Water quality, biodiversity - regional significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Stable | In-stream Recovery Potential | Very High |

Reach Name: *Boloumba Creek Catchment - Confined Steep Headwater*

Reach Code: *Bool 1*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Dropping from Peters and Bundaroo Creeks in the Conondale National Park, flowing through scientific area in the State Forest and a small amount of private land before entering Little Yabba Creek. Bedrock constraints lead to waterfalls and gorges in the upper reaches, giving way to cobble lined channels lower down.

Position In Catchment: Upland - Conondale Map (1:25,000)

AMTD: entire length

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Channel planform | Low sinuosity manly straight |
| Bed material character | Geomorphic units |
| Bedrock 5% | Within Channel |
| Boulder 10% | • Waterfalls and cascades (15%) |
| Cobble 35% | • Rapids and Riffles (60%) |
| Pebble 20% | • Runs and Glides (15%) |
| Gravel 15% | • Pools (10%) |
| Sand 10% | Floodplain Nil |
| Silt/Clay 5% | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | Stable stony beds with well vegetated bars |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | Nil |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | Nil |
| Channel Trajectory Stable | Channel Recovery Potential Very High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | |
|---|---|
| VEGETATION | BANK STABILITY |
| Condition | Condition - Isolated Minor Disturbance |
| Good 100% Minor Impact | Banks stabilised by rock and vegetation in places where bedrock does not form bank. Only disturbance occurs at road and track crossings where bank is regraded. |
| Assets/Conservation Status | Stock Access |
| All of Regional Conservation Significance “Endangered and Of Concern” Ecosystems. | Minor, if any |
| Riparian Trajectory: Stable | Recovery Potential: Very High |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | |
|---|---|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | HABITAT PARAMETERS |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | Macrophyte Species Richness |
| Some turbidity increases with rainfall were recorded ie ambient 1 NTU, max. 10 NTU, road crossings may be responsible. Cyanide tailings dam remained uncapped for several years which may have impacted stream. | Native: 3 Exotic: Nil |
| | Macrophyte Condition |
| | Uncommon assemblage of significance |
| SIGNAL Score 6 | Fish Species Richness |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness 31 | Native: 13 Exotic: 1 |
| PET Richness 11 | Known Mary River Cod Holes 0 |
| AusRivAS O/E 0.79 | Other Species of Significance Present |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | 5 Rare & Threatened Frog species, Rare Conondale Lobster and Yabby. |
| On Substrate Nil | Bank Overhang |
| In Water Column Nil | Canopy Overhang 45% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | Very Good |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | Suite of Aspects of Regional Significance |
| In-stream Trajectory Stable | In-stream Recovery Potential Very High |

UPPER CATCHMENT HEADWATER REACHES

REACHES NOT SAMPLED DUE TO DIFFICULT ACCESS

Booloumba Creek 1 provides a suitable reference reach description for these reaches

| REACH NAME | REACH CODE |
|---|-------------------|
| <i>Little Yabba Creek - Confined Steep Headwaters (includes a less confined tableland section, which has different slope and characteristics)</i> | <i>Lit Yab 1</i> |
| <i>Scrubby Creek Confined Steep Headwaters (entire length)</i> | <i>Scrub 1</i> |
| <i>Geraghty's Creek Confined Steep Headwaters (entire length)</i> | <i>Gera 1</i> |
| <i>Elaman Creek Confined Steep Headwaters</i> | <i>Elam 1</i> |
| <i>Yabba Creek – Confined Steep Headwaters (includes a less confined tableland section, which has different slope and characteristics)</i> | <i>Yabba 1</i> |
| <i>Gheerulla Creek Confined Steep Headwaters</i> | <i>Gheer 1</i> |
| <i>Belli and Cedar Creeks Confined Steep Headwaters</i> | <i>Belli 1</i> |
| <i>Kandanga Creek Confined Steep Headwaters</i> | <i>Kand 1</i> |
| <i>Amamoor Creek Confined Steep Headwaters</i> | <i>Amam 1</i> |
| | |

Reach Name: *Little Yabba Creek*

Partly Confined Bedrock - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Lit Yab 2*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Subsequent to its steep descent the creek winds down to its confluence with the Mary at *Mary 5* reach. In places the substrate is more sandy, and at times silty, than would be expected, possibly resulting from historic and ongoing logging. The moderately sinuous creek is confined by a narrow valley with pockets of floodplain.

Position In Catchment: Upland - Conondale Map (1:25,000)

AMTD: 18 - 0 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---|------|
| Channel planform | | Moderately sinuous following valley margins | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Boulder | 5% | Within Channel | |
| Cobble | 25% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large pools and glides • Occasional riffles on bends • Abundant LWD playing a geomorphic role | |
| Pebble | 30% | Floodplain | |
| Gravel | 20% | Small pockets of floodplain | |
| Sand | 15% | | |
| Silt/Clay | 5% | | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Mainly Stable stony bed with shifting sand. Head cut moving up from Mary | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Minor abstraction for campers, irrigation | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Degrading | Channel Recovery Potential | High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----|--|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Isolated Minor Disturbance | |
| Good | 70% | Banks generally stabilised by good vegetation. No disturbance of significance noted. Forestry tracks and roads impact at road crossings. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 30% | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Pockets of "Endangered" Ecosystems Regional Recreational and Educational node | | Feral deer in catchment, no exclusion fences. | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Stable | | Recovery Potential: Very High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|--------|--|-----|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| No problems recorded. Sediment plume during kick sampling suggests entrainment of sediments from forestry needs monitoring. | | Native: 8 Exotic: Nil | |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Excellent beds in low velocity areas | |
| SIGNAL Score | 6.3 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 12 | Native: 15 Exotic: 2 | |
| PET Richness | 3 | Known Mary River Cod Holes | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | 3 Rare and Threatened Frog species | |
| On Substrate | Little | Bank Overhang | 0 |
| In Water Column | Nil | Canopy Overhang | 15% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Moderate - Good | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Local significance including frogs & LWD | |
| In-stream Trajectory | | In-stream Recovery Potential | |

Reach Name: *Obi Obi Creek Headwaters to Maleny Weir*
Alluvial Low sinuosity and channelised fill

Reach Code: *Obi 1*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Includes two river styles. The lower order streams in the Obi Obi headwaters around Witta are steep, but quickly reduce in gradient as the creek flows through the basalt derived soils of the Maleny Plateau. The low sinuosity, which is a feature of this reach that ends in Maleny, is possibly due clay content of the confining banks elements, lower order tributaries in this reach show features of Channelised Fill and Chain of Bonds geomorphology.

Position In Catchment: Upland - Maleny map (1:25,000)

AMTD: 58 - 51 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--|----------|
| Channel planform | | Low sinuosity | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Bedrock | 25% | Within Channel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cobbled Riffles • Runs and Glides • Occasional Pools Floodplain Pockets of floodplain occur after headwaters | |
| Boulder | 5% | | |
| Cobble | 25% | | |
| Pebble | 15% | | |
| Gravel | | | |
| Sand | | | |
| Silt/Clay | 30% | | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Incised due to increased stream power, resulting from catchment & LWD clearance | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Moderate abstraction for irrigation and town | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | Moderate |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----|--|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Common Minor Disturbance | |
| Good | 5% | In upper headwaters bedrock and boulder and cobble stabilise stream. Banks in the lower gradient sections of the reach are largely (60-80%) stable due to clay content. | |
| Minor Impact | | | |
| Major Impact | 30% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | 65% | | |
| (Above Excludes headwaters) | | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Good remnants left are critical remnants, swampy Chain of Ponds type features | | Increasing amount of exclusion fencing | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Degrading | | Recovery Potential: Moderate | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----------|--|---------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| No recorded problems | | Native: | Exotic: |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| SIGNAL Score | | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 5 | Native: | Exotic: |
| PET Richness | 25 | Known Mary River Cod Holes Nil | |
| AusRivAS O/E | 7 | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | 1 Rare and Threatened Frog Species and Yabby | |
| On Substrate | Moderate | Bank Overhang | |
| In Water Column | Nil | Canopy Overhang | 75% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Good to Moderate | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Local Significance - Frogs and Yabby. | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | High |

Reach Name: *Obi Obi Maleny Weir to Gardners Falls*
Partly Confined Meandering Planform - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Obi 2*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Highly sinuous reach as stream deflects off valley margins. Urbanised reach is degraded but actively being rehabilitated ending in better quality remnant habitat at Gardner's Falls National Park where the reach ends.

Position in Catchment: Upland - Maleny Map (1:25,000)

AMTD: 51 - 46 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---|------|
| Channel planform | | Highly sinuous with narrow radius of curvature | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Bedrock | 25% | Within Channel | |
| Boulder | 15% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glides and Runs • Occasional pools • Riffles increasing with slope • Ends in bedrock chute | |
| Cobble | 15% | Floodplain | |
| Pebble | 10% | Discontinuous pockets of floodplain. | |
| Gravel | 10% | | |
| Sand | 10% | | |
| Silt/Clay | 15% | | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Stable, no known degradation | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Irrigation and town water abstraction | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Common Minor Disturbance | |
| Good 5% | | Due to clay content banks generally in good condition, with disturbance due to riparian clearing generally minor in comparison to elsewhere in catchment. | |
| Minor Disturbance | | | |
| Major Disturbance | 60% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | 35% | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Gardner's Falls NP (straddles Obi 2 & Obi 3) | | Mostly rural residential, some stock excluded | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Recovering | | Recovery Potential: High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|------------|---|---------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| In early 90s Consistently High N and P readings, likely to be from dairies. This problem, however, is being addressed. | | Native: | Exotic: |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Dense macrophyte in open canopy areas | |
| SIGNAL Score | 5.05 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 21 | Native: | Exotic: |
| PET Richness | 7 | Known Mary River Cod Holes 0 | |
| AusRivAS O/E | 1.06 | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | Yabby, 1 rare and threatened Frog Species | |
| On Substrate | | Bank Overhang | |
| In Water Column | | Canopy Overhang | 40% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Good - Moderate | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Water quality, current restoration activities | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Recovering | In-stream Recovery Potential | High |

Reach Name: *Obi Obi Gardners Falls - Baroon Pocket Gorge - Confined Gorge*

Reach Code: *Obi 3*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Steep confined section of creek dropping circuitously down 180m to the Baroon Pocket dam through a narrow valley in 13 km. “The Narrows” the continuation of the bedrock gorge below the dam wall has a significant remnant cod population. Boulders and bedrock are a dominant feature of this reach. The major dam alters hydrological conditions significantly.

Position In Catchment: Upland - Maleny Map (1:25,000)

AMTD: 46 - 26 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---|-----------|
| Channel planform | | Highly sinuous down slope then straight | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Bedrock 70% | Boulder 30% | Within Channel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterfalls, cascades and chutes • Pools formed behind confinements • With rapids forming in high flows • Occasional LWD Floodplain: Completely absent | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Mostly Stable - in dam highly modified | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | 50,000 ML/an currently licensed out of dam, No specific environmental flow strategy 1ML /day release for downstream irrigators. | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable (except dam) | Channel Recovery Potential | Very High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | |
|--|--|
| VEGETATION | BANK STABILITY |
| Condition | Condition - Isolated Minor Disturbance |
| Good 55% Minor Disturbance 10% Major Disturbance 25% No Native Vegetation 15% | The banks are completely stabilised by bedrock as the watercourse scours its way through the mountainside. (Rating disregards dam area, where revegetation is occurring) |
| Assets/Conservation Status | Stock Access |
| Excellent riparian vegetation along gorge below dam. | Too steep to access |
| Riparian Trajectory: Stable | Recovery Potential: Very High |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|------------|--|-------------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Potentially cold water release, high in sulfides and low in DO from lower part of dam. Blue Green Algae blooms in dam. | | Native: 3 | Exotic: Nil |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Sparse in protected areas behind rock | |
| SIGNAL Score | 5.1 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 10 | Native: | Exotic: |
| PET Richness | 2 | Known Mary River Cod Holes 1 | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | 4 Rare & Threatened Frog Species | |
| On Substrate | Abundant | Bank Overhang | Nil |
| In Water Column | Nil | Canopy Overhang | 20% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | V. Good above dam, Degraded below | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Cod Holes - National Significance, Geomorphology and frogs of local significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | Constrained |

Reach Name: *Obi Obi Creek Kenilworth*

Partly Confined Low Sinuosity Planform - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Obi 4*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Starting at the base of the escarpment where the valley widens, and floodplains begin, the reach features relatively sinuous sections followed by straighter alignments where the channel follows the valley margin. The reach joins the Mary at *Mary 6* where significant bed instability threatens to destabilise the Obi Obi.

Position In Sub-Catchment: Lowland - Kenilworth Map (1:25,000)

AMTD: 26 - 0 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--|----------|
| Channel planform | | Irregular in unconfined sections. Avulsions and meander migration/scrolls | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Bedrock | 5% | Within Channel | |
| Boulder | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly pools and glides (80%) Riffles and runs at points of inflection Bedrock controls LWD is common | |
| Cobble | 20% | Floodplain | |
| Pebble | 25% | Discontinuous but substantial broad plains | |
| Gravel | 30% | Bed Stability - Degradation | |
| Sand | 20% | Altered flow regime appears to have caused instability. Mary R. bed instability threatens | |
| Silt/Clay | | Changes to Hydrologic Regime | |
| | | Major abstraction and regulation | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Degrading | Channel Recovery Potential | Moderate |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----|--|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Common Moderate Disturbance | |
| Good | 40% | Recent bank slumping and outside bend erosion in unconfined areas, partly resulting from altered flow regime (25-50%). Confined areas are protected by stable bedrock. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 35% | | |
| Major Disturbance | 5% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | 20% | Assets/Conservation Status | |
| Large "Of Concern" Ecosystem surrounding early stages of reach. Remnants in confined s. | | Stock Access | |
| | | 40% either is not grazed or cattle are excluded, 25 % is mod. to severely impacted | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Degrading | | Recovery Potential: High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----------|--|----------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Phosphorous and Nitrogen levels commonly exceed guidelines, probably due to intensive dairying. Remedial action is under way. | | Native: 6 Exotic: Nil | |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Good diversity and condition in open canopy | |
| SIGNAL Score | 5.9 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 15 | Native: 10 Exotic: 1 | |
| PET Richness | 6 | Known Mary River Cod Holes Potential | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | 1 rare and threatened frog species | |
| On Substrate | Common | Bank Overhang | 0.5 |
| In Water Column | Isolated | Canopy Overhang | 20- 100% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Moderate | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | LWD, fish diversity, frog and remnants associated with bedrock of local significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | Moderate |

Reach Name: *Gheerulla Creek*
Alluvial Low Sinuosity Fine Grained

Reach Code: *Gheer 2*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Lower order headwater streams drop quickly to a series of pools and palm-fringed wetlands, which are rare within the catchment. Passing out of the State Forest the low sinuosity short stream is extensively cleared through degraded grazing land before entering the shaded pools and runs through Pioneer Park shortly before it joins the Mary at Gheerulla (*Mary 7*).

Position In Catchment: Midland - Gheerulla Map (1:25,000)

AMTD: entire length

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|---|--------|--|------|
| Channel planform | | Low sinuosity | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| (Lowland) Boulder Cobble 30% Pebble 40% Gravel 20% Sand 10% Silt/Clay | | Within Channel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confined low gradient shallow pools - forming wetlands in middle reaches • Pools and runs with small riffles • Abundant LWD on public land Floodplain Limited floodplains in mid - to lower reaches | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Stabilised by LWD | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Minor abstraction | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Isolated Moderate Disturbance | |
| Good 60% Minor Disturbance Major Disturbance 10% No Native Vegetation 30% | | Banks are stabilised by vegetation and LWD except for privately owned land prior to Pioneer Park where it appears that cattle tracking in dispersive soils has resulted in slumping and erosion. | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| 'Of concern and endangered' ecosystems | | In middle section with severe impact | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Mostly stable | | Recovery Potential: Very High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----------|---|-------------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Dissolved oxygen was at very low during January and February. Opaque coloration possibly from dispersive soils eroding. | | Native: Nil Exotic: Nil | |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Appropriate to location | |
| SIGNAL Score | 5.2 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 12 | Native: Exotic: | |
| PET Richness | 4 | Known Mary River Cod Holes | Nil |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | 1 Rare and Threatened Frog Species | |
| On Substrate | Nil | Bank Overhang | 0.3 |
| In Water Column | Nil | Canopy Overhang | Mainly 100% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Good for most part. Clearing impacts lower | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | LWD, Wetlands Formations, Frog - Local significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | High |

Reach Name: *Belli Creek and Cedar Creek*
Alluvial Low to Moderate Sinuosity Fine Grained

Reach Code: *Belli 2*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Commencing below the steep gradient of the headwater and running to the Mary River at Tuchekeoi this tributary is confined by generally high clay banks and abundant large woody debris. Changing from low to high sinuosity as it matures the creek enjoys good riparian vegetation and is home to the threatened Giant Barred Frog.

Position In Catchment: Midland - Nambour, Cooroy Maps (1:50,000) **AMTD:** 21 - 0 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---|------|
| Channel planform | | Low to High Sinuosity | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Pebble | | Within Channel | |
| Gravel | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly slow moving glides Abundant LWD with pools backing up behind larger jams Some pools in side channels | |
| Sand | 50% | Floodplain | |
| Silt/Clay | 50% | Mainly continuous | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Stabilised by clay and LWD | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Minor to moderate abstraction | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Occasional Minor Disturbance | |
| Good | 50% | Mainly stable cohesive banks, with minor disturbance down stream of road crossings. LWD may cause local scour and channel avulsion as normal part of riverine system. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 40% | | |
| Major Disturbance | 10% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Large areas of "endangered" ecosystems | | Some exclusion fencing, 50% understorey disturbance | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Stable | | Recovery Potential: Very High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----------|--|------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Extremely low dissolved oxygen in late summer, similar to other creeks of this type, but at levels which could kill fish. | | Native: Nil Exotic: Nil | |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Appropriate to the location | |
| SIGNAL Score | 6 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 8 | Native: Exotic: | |
| PET Richness | 2 | Known Mary River Cod Holes | Nil |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | 1 Rare and Threatened Frog Species | |
| On Substrate | Nil | Bank Overhang | 0.6m |
| In Water Column | Nil | Canopy Overhang | 100% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Good | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | LWD and Frog habitat- Regionally important | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | High |

Reach Name: *Yabba Creek Borumba to Imbil Weir*
Partly Confined Meandering Planform - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Yabba 3*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Immediately below the Borumba Dam to the town weir in Imbil this largely cobble lined reach features some good riparian vegetation but significant alteration to natural flow regimes. Discontinuous floodplains of moderate width occur throughout the highly sinuous reach as the waterway winds back and forth across the moderately wide valley floor.

Position In Catchment: Midland

AMTD: 31 - 10 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---|-------------|
| Channel planform | | Highly sinuous, impounded behind weir | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Boulder | 5% | Within Channel | |
| Cobble | 30% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boulder and cobble riffles • Runs and glides • Common LWD | |
| Gravel | 40% | Floodplain | |
| Fine Gravel | 15% | Moderately sized but discontinuous | |
| Sand | 5% | | |
| Mud | 5% (Kennard 2000) | | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Close to dam wall major bed alteration, Sediment deficit and drowned riffles may be issues below dam. Possible sedimentation in town weir pool. | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Significant regulation of flow, moderate abstraction for irrigation. | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Degrading? | Channel Recovery Potential | Constrained |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----|--|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Common Minor Disturbance | |
| Good | 40% | Banks are generally stabilised by rock and vegetation. Disturbance of understorey vegetation and LWD can result in erosion in the high stream power flood flows. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 45% | | |
| Major Disturbance | 5% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | 10% | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Of scenic and recreational value | | Mainly unfenced causing minor disturbance. | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Degrading (cats claw) | | Recovery Potential: High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|--|--|-------------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Poor quality in terms of nitrogen below dam possibly dairying and in town reach from diffuse urban pollutants. | | Native: 3 | Exotic: Nil |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Over? Abundant macrophytes in weir pool | |
| SIGNAL Score | | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | | Native: 13 | Exotic: 1 |
| PET Richness | | Known Mary River Cod Holes | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | Qld Lungfish and Mary River Turtle | |
| On Substrate | | Bank Overhang | |
| In Water Column | | Canopy Overhang 30% (Kennard 2000) | |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Moderate | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Turtle and Lungfish - Regional Significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | | In-stream Recovery Potential | |

Reach Name: *Yabba Creek Imbil Weir to Mary River*

Partly Confined Low Sinuosity Planform - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Yabba 4*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Immediately below the weir the channel moves irregularly broadly across the floodplain with an old meander cut-off resulting in the annabranh at this location. The valley margins constrain the meandering tendency to some extent, but large almost continuous flood plains exist. The variability of flow is reduced as a result of regulation and this may influence system.

Position in Catchment: Midland - Imbil Map (1:25,000)

AMTD: 10 - 0 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---|-------------|
| Channel planform | | Irregular - partly confined | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Boulder | | Within Channel | |
| Cobble | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly runs and glides (60%) Pebbled riffles occur on bends Pools are generally small Common LWD – small in size | |
| Pebble | 10% | Floodplain | |
| Gravel | 20% | Large almost continuous | |
| Sand | 60% | Bed Stability - Degradation | |
| Silt/Clay | 10% | Mostly shifting sand and silt, some riffles could be drowned due to regulated flows. | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Significant regulation, less variability and increased low flows. | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Degrading | Channel Recovery Potential | Constrained |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Common Moderate Disturbance | |
| Good | 40% | Mostly stable (60-80%) banks where protected by vegetation. Where vegetation is absent moderate level bank erosion occurs. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 45% | | |
| Major Disturbance | 5% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | 10% | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| | | Results in moderate to severe disturbance | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Degrading | | Recovery Potential: Moderate | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----------|--|-------------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Diffuse source pollution from unsewered township is thought to elevate nutrient levels, which may be buffered by weir pool plants. | | Native: 2 | Exotic: Nil |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Reasonable beds for location | |
| SIGNAL Score | 6.4 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 13 | Native: | Exotic: |
| PET Richness | 6 | Known Mary River Cod Holes 0 | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | | |
| On Substrate | Moderate | Bank Overhang | 0.3 |
| In Water Column | Moderate | Canopy Overhang | 60% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Moderate | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | Moderate |

Reach Name: *Kandanga Creek Forestry to Hygait*
Partly Confined Bedrock - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Kand 2*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Commencing from the obvious change of grade at the bottom of the headwaters this reach is mainly confined to a narrow valley. The clay banks and valley margins exert the dominant influence on the morphology of the reach that has good riparian cover in the earlier state forest sections.

Position In Catchment: Upland - Imbil, Manumbar Maps (1:50,000)

AMTD: 46 - 25 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--|------|
| Channel planform | | Low to moderate sinuosity - deflecting off valley margins | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Cobble | 20% | Within Channel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Runs and glides with some deep pools • Occasional to Common LWD • Riffles and rapids in earlier parts Floodplain Small pockets within narrow valleys | |
| Gravel | 45% | | |
| Fine Gravel | 25% | | |
| Sand | 5% | | |
| Silt Clay | 5% | | |
| (Kennard 2000) | | | |
| Bed Stability- Degradation | | Possible sedimentation from hillslopes | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Minor abstraction | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition Occasional Moderate Disturbance | |
| (Johnson 1997) | | Generally stable although clearing of steep banks and hillslopes above can lead to mass movement. | |
| Good | 50% | | |
| Minor Disturbance | | | |
| Major Disturbance | 50% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Section through State Forest | | Lower 50% grazed with severe disturbance | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Degrading | | Recovery Potential: Very High - Moderate | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-------------|--|--------------------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Nitrogen levels have exceeded guideline values and salinity levels have approached values considered to be brackish. Both may be related to the underlying geology. | | Native: 4 Exotic: Nil | |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Good | |
| SIGNAL Score | 4.8 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 34 | Native: 13 Exotic: 0 | |
| PET Richness | 3 | Known Mary River Cod Holes | |
| AusRivAS O/E | 1.04 | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | | |
| On Substrate | | Bank Overhang | |
| In Water Column | | Canopy Overhang | 70% (Kennard 2000) |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Moderate | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Riparian camping local recreational asset | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading ? | In-stream Recovery Potential | High |

Reach Name: *Kandanga Lowland*

Partly Confined Meandering Planform - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Kand 3*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Commencing at Happy Valley as the stream emerges from the narrow mountain valley the creek begins to meander with only occasional confinement by the valley margin. Almost continuous floodplains with the confining clay content in the banks increasing toward the confluence of the Mary River at *Mary 9* reach. The reach is biologically diverse in the lower parts.

Position in Catchment: Midland - Imbil Map (1: 50,000)

AMTD: 25 - 0 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--|------|
| Channel planform | | Highly sinuous - meandering | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Pebble | | Within Channel | |
| Gravel | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Runs and glides • Long deep pools • Occasional Riffles • Abundant LWD | |
| Sand | 50% | Floodplain | |
| Clay | 50% | Mostly continuous | |
| Bed Stability- Degradation | | Lower mostly stable where LWD is abundant | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Moderate abstraction for irrigation and town | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Degrading (upper) | Channel Recovery Potential | High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Common Moderate Disturbance | |
| Good ...10% | | Banks are generally stable with increasing clay content as you head towards the Mary River. Poor riparian cover and grazing practices in the upper parts leads to erosion. | |
| Minor Disturbance 50% | | | |
| Major Disturbance 40% | | | |
| Madeira vine and cat's claw are a problem. | | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| The good remnants in the lower part and abundant LWD are of local significance. | | Upper is poorly fenced with moderate damage, lower has substantial exclusion | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Degrading (weeds) | | Recovery Potential: Moderate | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----|--|------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Nitrogen, chromium and nickel levels have exceeded ANZECC environmental, Phosphorous levels are also elevated. | | Native: Nil Exotic: Nil | |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Appropriate to sampling location | |
| SIGNAL Score | 5.4 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 14 | Native: Exotic: | |
| PET Richness | 1 | Known Mary River Cod Holes | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | 2 species rare & threatened frogs | |
| On Substrate | Nil | Bank Overhang | 0.6m |
| In Water Column | Nil | Canopy Overhang | 100% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Moderate | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | LWD & frog/fish habitat - local significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | | In-stream Recovery Potential | |

Reach Name: *Amamoor Creek Midland*
Partly Confined Bedrock - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Amam 2*

Reach Description and Boundaries: From the base of the steep headwater tributaries this reach winds through a narrow forested valley largely pinned against the valley margin. Hillslope process including landslips may impact the waterway.

Position in Catchment: Midland - Imbil Map (1:50,000)

AMTD: 37 - 11 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--|------|
| Channel planform | | Sinuous wandering between valley margins | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Boulder | | Within Channel | |
| Cobble | 10% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pebble/cobble lined riffles • Small pool linked by series of runs • Point bars armouring after flood • Common LWD | |
| Pebble | 20% | | |
| Gravel | 30% | | |
| Sand | 20% | Floodplain | |
| Silt/Clay | 20% | Minimal pockets of floodplain. | |
| Bed Stability- Degradation | | Stable | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Not significant - Dam proposal upstream | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Isolated Moderate Disturbance | |
| Good | 80% | Banks generally good condition. Some rotational movement near road works some deposition from hillslope slips. Some floodplain scour downstream of a culvert. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 10% | | |
| Major Disturbance | 10% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Intact Riparian Vegetation- local significance | | Limited grazing activities along reach | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Stable | | Recovery Potential: Very High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----------|--|-----------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Significant turbidity issue after storms measured increase from 5 to 100 NTU in 1km, possibly due to forestry plantation activities, landslip and road works. | | Native: 1 Exotic: 0 | |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Naturally sparse | |
| SIGNAL Score (Average) | 5.1 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 21 | Native: Exotic: | |
| PET Richness (max.) | 9 | Known Mary River Cod Holes | |
| AusRivAS O/E (average) | 1.1 | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | | |
| On Substrate | Nil | Bank Overhang | |
| In Water Column | Nil | Canopy Overhang | 100% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Good | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Many potential cod holes - regional recreational asset & conservation significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | Very High |

Reach Name: *Amamoor Creek Red Gully to Mary River*

Partly Confined Meandering Planform - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Amam 3*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Lower gradient moderately sinuous section of the creek which is significantly more disturbed than the previous, while retaining some good remnants which are known cod holes. Flowing through a broad valley with almost continuous floodplains

Position In Catchment: Midland - Imbil Map (1,50,000)

AMTD: 11 - 0 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---|------|
| Channel planform | | Moderately sinuous - meandering | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Boulder | 5% | Within Channel | |
| Cobble | 20% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riffles on points of inception • Pebble lined runs • Mainly pools with interconnecting glides • Occasional to common LWD | |
| Pebble | 30% | Floodplain | |
| Gravel | 10% | Almost continuous moderate width | |
| Sand | 15% | | |
| Silt/Clay | 20% | | |
| Bed Stability- Degradation | | Unstable stony beds, some evidence of bed incision at Red Gully and deposition of sand and gravel from upstream forestry reach | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Moderate abstraction town and irrigation | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Degrading ? | Channel Recovery Potential | High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Common Minor Erosion | |
| Good | 10% | Approximately 70% is stabilised by rock and vegetation, the other 30% is eroded with patchy bare earth. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 30% | | |
| Major Disturbance | 55% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | 5% | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Good remnants when associated with deep pools with snags for Cod. | | Moderate to severe damage allowing opening understorey to madeira vine etc. | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Degrading | | Recovery Potential: Limited | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|--------------------|---|----------------------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Turbidity and magnesium problems are known to effect town water supplies. Elevated nitrogen levels have been recorded. | | Native: 7 | Exotic: 1 |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Perhaps over abundant for location with Para grass invading areas where canopy is open. | |
| SIGNAL Score | 6.3 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 22 | Native: | Exotic: |
| PET Richness | 7 | Known Mary River Cod Holes | 3 |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | Numerous potential cod holes | |
| On Substrate | Abundant (in open) | Bank Overhang | 0.7 m |
| In Water Column | Common (in open) | Canopy Overhang | 100% (in good areas) |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Moderate - good | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Potential/known cod habitat & linking reach | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | High |

Reach Name: *Six Mile Creek Confined Steep Headwaters to Lake Macdonald Dam*
Alluvial Low Sinuosity Fine Grained

Reach Code: *Six 1*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Six miles creek rocky confined headwaters drop steeply from Mount Cooroy and quickly become a slow moving moderately sinuous clay controlled stream which lacks native vegetation for some distance. Wetland areas beside the creek may suggest the creek at this location has incised since clearing. Its condition improves where good vegetation and LWD has been retained prior to entering the ponded area of Lake MacDonald, Noosa's major water storage.

Position in Catchment: Upland - Cooroy Map (1:25,000)

AMTD: 68 - 54 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--|----------|
| Channel planform | | Straight headwaters then small sinuous bends | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Gravel | | Within Channel | |
| Sand | 50% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly glides with some runs Majority of length is pooled LWD common in lower half | |
| Clay/Silt | 50% | Floodplain | |
| | | Pockets of discontinuous floodplain | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Above Cooroy Mtn Rd maybe historically incised chain of ponds, some siltation. | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Major regulation and abstraction at Dam. Small environment release but not strategic | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | Moderate |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition | |
| Good | 15% | Cohesive strength of clay banks reduce erosion hazard. Some scouring along cattle tracks and from fluvial action. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 35% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | 50% | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Headwater stream Protected Area, small patches of endangered ecosystem | | Stock access minor (where canopy retained) to moderate damage (where cleared). | |
| Riparian Trajectory | | Recovery Potential | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----------|--|-----------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Low dissolved oxygen during late summer, sediments anaerobic under camphor laurel. Elevated nutrient levels increasing weed growth in Lake Macdonald. High manganese. | | Native: 3 | Exotic: 1 |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Weed problem of state significance in dam. | |
| SIGNAL Score | 6.6 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 3-12 | Native: | Exotic: |
| PET Richness | 0-3 | Known Mary River Cod Holes | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Historic | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| 2 Rare or threatened frog species | | | |
| On Substrate | A little | Bank Overhang | 0.5 |
| In Water Column | Nil | Canopy Overhang | 0 - 100% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Poor immediately below headwaters and ponded area, moderate - good elsewhere | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Remnant Vegetation of locality significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | Moderate |

Reach Name: *Six Mile Creek Lake Macdonald to Pomona - Alluvial Low Sinuosity Fine Grained*

Reach Code: *Six 2*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Commencing just downstream of Lake Macdonald dam wall after a large weedy pond, this reach runs almost completely through state forest with excellent riparian and floodplain conditions, to just past Louis Bazzo Drive. It has very low sinuosity, being straight for long sections with abundant LWD stabilising the very low gradient channel flowing in a broad valley.

Position In Catchment: Midland - Cooroy Map (1:50,000)

AMTD: 54 - 47 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|--|--------|--|-----------|
| Channel planform | | Straight - low sinuosity | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Pebble Gravel 5% Sand 85% Clay/Silt 10% | | Within Channel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly glides and pools Few riffles Abundant LWD Floodplain Forested relatively broad floodplain | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Stabilised by vegetation and LWD | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Major abstraction and regulation upstream | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | Very High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Isolated Minor Disturbance | |
| Good 90% Minor Disturbance 10% Major Disturbance No Native Vegetation | | No significant disturbance only patchy bare earth due heavy shade cover. | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Small patches of "Of Concern" Ecosystem, very good public intact remnant | | Not generally grazed. | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Stable | | Recovery Potential: Very High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico-Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Low dissolved oxygen levels as elsewhere throughout Six Mile Creek. Dam release may impact on temperature. | | Native: Nil Exotic: Nil | |
| | | Macrophyte Condition Appropriate to location | |
| SIGNAL Score | | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | | Native: Exotic: | |
| PET Richness | | Known Mary River Cod Holes 2 | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | | |
| On Substrate | | Bank Overhang 0.5m | |
| In Water Column | | Canopy Overhang 95% | |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Very good | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Cod habitat of national significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | | In-stream Recovery Potential | |

Reach name: *Six Mile Creek Midland Pomona - Falls Creek - Alluvial Meandering Fine Grained*

Reach Code: *Six 3*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Commencing just below Louis Bazzo Drive the sinuosity of the creek increases dramatically. As the creek begins to meander, in a broad but still partially confining valley, floodplain width and utilisation increases as does riparian disturbance. Clay content of banks increases.

Position in Catchment: Midland - Cooroy Map (1:50,000)

AMTD: 47 - 33 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---|-----------|
| Channel planform | | Meandering - minimally confined | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Pebble | | Within Channel | |
| Gravel | 10% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly glides and pools Occasional billabongs & wetlands Abundant LWD | |
| Sand | 50% | Floodplain | |
| Silt/Clay | 40% | Extensive almost continuous flats | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Stable | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Moderate within reach irrigation, major upstream abstraction and regulation. | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | Very High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----|--|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Occasional Minor Disturbance | |
| Good | 40% | Removal of understorey and trampling by stock can lead to minor bank failure and scour during flow events. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 50% | | |
| Major Disturbance | 10% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Intact remnants are of regional significance | | Occasional minor disturbance, | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Degrading | | Recovery Potential: High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|--------|--|------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Chronic and some times extremely low dissolved oxygen levels. Quality in terms of nitrogen level is ranked as only moderate. | | Native: Nil Exotic: Nil | |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| Appropriate to location | | Fish Species Richness | |
| SIGNAL Score | 5.7 | Native: 7 Exotic: 1 | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 19 | Known Mary River Cod Holes 2 | |
| PET Richness | 4 | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| AusRivAS O/E | 0.99 | 3 Rare and Threatened Frog Species | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | Bank Overhang Isolated | |
| On Substrate | | Canopy Overhang 90% | |
| In Water Column | | Overall In-stream Condition Good to moderate | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Cod Habitat of National significance Frog habitat of local significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Stable | In-stream Recovery Potential | High |

Reach Name: *Six Mile Creek Lowland, Falls Creek - Woondum Creek*
Partly Confined Low Sinuosity Planform - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Six 4*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Falls Creek joins the Six Mile just downstream of Cooran at the beginning of a narrow constriction between Mt Cooran and the Mothar Mountain. From here the creek tends to wander from one side of the valley to the other with the Woondum and Mothar Mountain ranges form the controls. While the valley widens again around Traveston, floodplains tend to be restricted to one side of the creek as it takes a sinuous path to its confluence with the Mary River.

Position In Catchment: Midland - Cooroy, Imbil, Gympie Maps (1:50,000) **AMTD:** 33 - 15 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--|------|
| Channel planform | | Wandering - irregular | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Pebble | | Within Channel | |
| Gravel | 10% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly glides and pools, some riffles Abundant LWD Bedrock controls when against valley margin | |
| Sand | 65% | Floodplain | |
| Silt/Clay | 25% | Broad in places but discontinuous | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Stabilised by LWD, but depth of shifting sand suggests sedimentation is occurring | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Upstream abstraction is moderate in terms of overall subcatchment runoff | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Isolated Minor Disturbance | |
| Good | 40% | Banks generally stabilised by good riparian vegetation and LWD. Cattle trampling is major cause of minor erosion. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 50% | | |
| Major Disturbance | 10% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Small patch of "Of Concern Ecosystem", Good canopy cover for Cod habitat | | Extensive cattle access causing minor impact, steep banks tend reduce access and damage. | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Degrading | | Recovery Potential: High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----------|--|--------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Some local heavy metal contamination has been recorded in farm dam, may be linked to dumping or historic dip sites. | | Native: 3 Exotic: 1? | |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Moderate - in wider pools before confluence | |
| SIGNAL Score | 5.6 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 10 | Native: Exotic: | |
| PET Richness | 4 | Known Mary River Cod Holes | 2+ |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | 1 rare and threatened frog species | |
| On Substrate | Common | Bank Overhang | 0.6m |
| In Water Column | Isolated | Canopy Overhang | 25-90% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Good to moderate | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Cod Habitat of National Significance, Frog habitat of regional significance. | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | High |

Reach Name: *Six Mile Creek Lowland, Woondum Creek - Gympie*
Partly Confined Low Sinuosity Planform - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Six 5*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Commencing at the confluence of Woondum Creek this reach while of similar style to the previous becomes progressively more degraded as it winds its way to Gympie. Riparian weed infestations become progressively worse as the creek takes a sinuous path to its confluence with the Mary River. Water quality impacts from urban development are also an issue.

Position In Catchment: Midland - Cooroy, Imbil, Gympie Maps (1:50,000) **AMTD:** 15 - 0 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--|------|
| Channel planform | | Wandering - highly sinuous | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Pebble | | Within Channel | |
| Gravel | 10% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly glides and pools, some riffles Abundant LWD Bedrock controls when against valley margin | |
| Sand | 65% | Floodplain | |
| Silt/Clay | 25% | Broad in places but discontinuous | |
| Bed Stability- Degradation | | Stabilised by LWD, but depth of shifting sand suggests sedimentation is occurring | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Upstream abstraction is moderate in terms of overall subcatchment runoff | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Isolated Minor Disturbance | |
| Good | 30% | Banks generally stabilised by good riparian vegetation and LWD. Cattle trampling is major cause of minor erosion. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 45% | | |
| Major Disturbance | 20% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | 5% | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Good canopy cover for Cod habitat but being invaded by woody and viny weeds | | Extensive cattle access causing minor impact, steep banks tend reduce access and damage. | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Degrading | | Recovery Potential: Moderate - High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----------|--|------------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Localised nitrogen and phosphorous (& possibly heavy metal) impacts from small STP at Gympie industrial estate. | | Native: 3 | Exotic: 1? |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Moderate - in wider pools before confluence | |
| SIGNAL Score | 5.6 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 10 | Native: | Exotic: |
| PET Richness | 4 | Known Mary River Cod Holes | 1+ |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | | |
| On Substrate | Common | Bank Overhang | 0.6m |
| In Water Column | Isolated | Canopy Overhang | 25-90% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Moderate | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Cod Habitat of National Significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | High |

Reach Name: *Deep Creek Headwaters Beenham Range to Cedar Pocket Dam*
Confined Steep Headwaters

Reach Code: *Deep 1*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Steep bedrock confined headwaters drop from the Beenham Range and Mothar Mountain to the narrow valley above Cedar Pocket. The cobble lined stream threads its way through the valley floor from one bedrock constraint to another. Massive landslips in the adjacent hillslopes can impact on the waterway, inputting large volumes of sediment.

Position in catchment: Upland - Wolvi Map (1:50,000)

AMTD: 34 - 25 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--|------|
| Channel planform | | Straight - wandering | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Bedrock | 10% | Within Channel | |
| Boulder | 30% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waterfalls in headwaters and cascades over bedrock constraints Mainly riffles which would become rapids in high flows, linked by runs and glides. | |
| Cobble | 50% | Floodplain - Nil | |
| Pebble | 5% | | |
| Gravel | 5% | | |
| Sand | | | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Stable | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Minor abstraction | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Common Moderate Disturbance | |
| Good 10% (escarpments) | | Banks are generally stabilised by rock and vegetation, where vegetation has been cleared, bank and stream character changes significantly, possibly narrowing. | |
| Minor Disturbance 40% | | | |
| Major Disturbance 20% | | | |
| No Native Vegetation 40% | | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Good riparian rainforest and "Of Concern" Ecosystem in steep headwater section. | | Common severe disturbance associated with completely cleared sections. | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Degrading | | Recovery Potential: Moderate | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|----------------------|---|---------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Cleared sections would raise water temperature and together with agricultural activities has potential to impact dam. | | Native: | Exotic: |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| SIGNAL Score | 10 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 7 | Native: | Exotic: |
| PET Richness | 6.8 | Known Mary River Cod Holes | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | | |
| On Substrate | Abundant in clearing | Bank Overhang | Nil |
| In Water Column | Abundant in clearing | Canopy Overhang | 0-100% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Moderate (some parts good, some poor) | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Steep headwater streams of local significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | High |

Reach Name: *Deep Creek Dam to North Deep Creek Confluence*

Partly Confined Low Sinuosity Planform - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Deep 2*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Downstream of the bedrock control at the dam the creek beings to meander/wander through a progressively broader discontinuous floodplain. It is pinned against the valley margin for about 30% of the time. Riparian vegetation is highly disturbed particularly by camphor laurel. By the end of the reach at the north deep creek junction the channel is entrenched.

Position in Catchment: Midland - Wolvi, Gympie Maps (1:50,000)

AMTD: 25 - 11 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--|----------|
| Channel planform | | Moderately - sinuous, wandering between valley margins | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Boulder | | Within Channel | |
| Cobble | 20% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly runs and glides Deeper pools on outside bends against bedrock valley margin controls. Occasional riffles A number of small artificial weir pools | |
| Pebble | 50% | Floodplain | |
| Gravel | 10% | Moderately wide but discontinuous | |
| Sand | 10% | | |
| Silt/Clay | 10% | | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Historically incised but could be silting up due to low flushing rates. | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Extensive abstraction and regulation from dam supply can lead to stagnation of pools. No environmental flow mechanisms. | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Degrading | Channel Recovery Potential | Moderate |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | |
|--|---|
| VEGETATION | BANK STABILITY |
| Condition | Condition Occasional Moderate Disturbance |
| Minor Disturbance 20% | Accelerated migration of outside bends where vegetation has been cleared. Surface erosion and gulying in cattle tracks etc. |
| Major Disturbance 60% | |
| No Native Vegetation 20% | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | Stock Access |
| Any remnants are significant to locality | Common moderate impact some fencing |
| Riparian Trajectory: Degrading | Recovery Potential: Limited |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----------|--|-------------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Principal issue is related to potential over abstraction and flow regulation leading to stagnation of pools in fry periods. | | Native: 1 | Exotic: |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Moderate - Para grass invading cleared areas | |
| SIGNAL Score | 6 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 11 | Native: | Exotic: |
| PET Richness | 4 | Known Mary River Cod Holes | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | | |
| On Substrate | A little | Bank Overhang | Nil |
| In Water Column | Common | Canopy Overhang | 75% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Moderate | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Least disturbed areas of locality significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | Constrained |

Reach Name: *Deep Creek Lowland Junction to Mary River*
Partly Confined Meandering Planform - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Deep 3*

Reach Description and Boundaries: From the confluence of the east and north tributaries the valley reduces in width and the stream diverts through low hills, the stream bed appears to be historically incised so that it is largely entrenched within high clay banks. Historic mining activity, a piggery, an abattoir and a range of industrial development in the catchment has led to degradation of the stream.

Position In Catchment: Midland - Gympie Map (1:50,000)

AMTD: 11 - 0 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--|-----|
| Channel planform | | Highly sinuous following topography | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Boulder | | Within Channel | |
| Cobble | 5% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly glides (90%) and pools An artificial riffle (sampled) Little if any LWD | |
| Pebble | | Floodplain | |
| Gravel | | Limited pockets, tend to be terraced and narrow | |
| Sand | 45% | | |
| Silt/Clay | 50% | | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | No apparent active degradation | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Moderate upstream abstraction | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable? | Channel Recovery Potential | Low |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Common Minor Disturbance | |
| Good | | Clay content of bank makes them less prone to instability. Cattle trampling leads to surface erosion. Bank formation is modified in urban and old mining areas. | |
| Minor Disturbance | | | |
| Major Disturbance | 20% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | 80% | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Revegetation near highway | | Moderate to severe disturbance of vegetation | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Degrading | | Recovery Potential: Constrained | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----------|---|-------------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Significantly degraded, Heavy metal levels well in excess of environmental guidelines have been recorded, Phosphorous and nitrogen are very high and the water is brackish and turbidity can be excessive. | | Native: 6 | Exotic: 1 |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Healthy beds of macrophytes in the approaching the Bruce Hwy, plentiful emergents in this location. | |
| SIGNAL Score | 4.9 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 12 | Native: 6 | Exotic: 1 |
| PET Richness | 4 | Known Mary River Cod Holes | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | | |
| On Substrate | | Bank Overhang | Nil |
| In Water Column | | Canopy Overhang | 1% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Degraded - poor | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Macrophyte beds and emergents | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | Constrained |

Reach Name: *Gutchy Creek - Gunalda Range to Gundiah includes Deacons Creek Tributary Aluvial Low - Moderate Sinuosity Sand Bed*

Reach Code: *Gutchy 1*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Commencing from the Gunalda Range from Atkinson's Mountain & Theebine Mountain as the creek enters the Tiaro Coal Measures geological unit below Glenwood, the reach enjoys relatively good riparian cover. Brackish water quality, that is likely to be associated with underlying marine deposition, poses hazards for irrigated agriculture. Wandering through flat terrain the reach includes off-stream wetlands and old channel cut-offs. Abundant macrophytes and deep pools are also features.

Position In Catchment: Lowland - Gundiah Map (1:50,000)

AMTD: 14 - 7 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---|------|
| Channel planform | | Wandering - low sinuosity - partly confined | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Gravel | | Within Channel | |
| Sand | 25% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relatively large pools linked by glides Occasional riffles Common LWD | |
| Silt/Clay | 75% | Floodplain | |
| | | Broad but discontinuous | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Stable, no obvious signs of degradation | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Minor abstraction - but increasing | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Isolated Moderate Disturbance | |
| Good | 25% | High clay content in banks can add to stability. However, some soils are sodic and dispersive in subsoil is exposed or disturbed. This can lead to toe collapse and slumping. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 65% | | |
| Major Disturbance | 10% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Recovering areas of significance to locality | | Stock causing minor to moderate disturbance | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Recovering | | Recovery Potential: Moderate to High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----------|--|-----------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| High conductivity readings in the catchment, suggesting salinity will be an issue. Dissolved oxygen was also very low at levels where fish death may occur. | | Native: 4 | Exotic: 1 |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Very good – abundant and diverse in pools | |
| SIGNAL Score | 6 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 17 | Native: 6 | Exotic: |
| PET Richness | 3 | Known Mary River Cod Holes | Nil |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | Water rats (<i>Hydromys sp.</i>) sighted | |
| On Substrate | Nil | Bank Overhang | 0.2 |
| In Water Column | Nil | Canopy Overhang | 20% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Moderate | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Wetlands and macrophyte beds | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | Limited |

Reach Name: *Gutchy Creek Lowlands Gundiah to Mary River*
Partly Confined Meandering Planform - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Gutchy 2*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Longer wavelength meanders commence just downstream of Gundiah with an almost continuous floodplain to the north of the creek. The creek however passes through an area of moderate relief where it follows valley margins, about 2 km from the Mary River. Generally moderate to good riparian vegetation is complemented by abundant LWD and good pools.

Position in Catchment: Lowland

AMTD: 7 - 0 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--|------|
| Channel planform | | Mainly moderately sinuous - meandering | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Cobble | 30% | Within Channel | |
| Pebble | 35% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly pools joined by glides LWD appears to be dominant control Occasional runs and riffles | |
| Gravel | 15% | Floodplain | |
| Sand | 15% | Broad floodplain for the most part | |
| Silt/Clay | 5% | Stabilised by cobble/pebble and LWD | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Relatively minor abstraction for irrigation | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Occasional Minor Disturbance | |
| Good | 15% | Banks are generally stabilised by vegetation and LWD. Dispersive soil problem may exist in early part of reach. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 50% | | |
| Major Disturbance | 20% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | 15% | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Good remnants of local significance | | Minor disturbance in grazed areas | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Recovering | | Recovery Potential: High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----------|--|-----------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Brackish water even though experiencing flush at time of testing, possibly linked to underlying geology which will represent ongoing hazard if irrigated agriculture were to expand. Dissolved oxygen levels are also marginal. | | Native: _____ Exotic: _____ | |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | | |
| SIGNAL Score | 6.2 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 12 | Native: 12 | Exotic: 1 |
| PET Richness | 2 | Known Mary River Cod Holes Nil | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | | |
| On Substrate | Moderate | Bank Overhang | 0.4m |
| In Water Column | Nil | Canopy Overhang | 75% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Good- Moderate | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | LWD abundance. | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | Moderate |

Reach Name: *Tinana Creek Headwaters to Mount Tagigan - Partly Confined mixed type*

Reach Code: *Tinan 1*

Reach Description and Boundaries: The largely inaccessible headwaters tributaries drop sharply from the Wolvi, Tagigan and Beenham Ranges to a moderately narrow low gradient valley that runs through to Goomboorian, just south of the Tin Can Bay Road. Generally well vegetated the slow moving stream stops flowing during dry periods and stagnant pool conditions can result. Evidence exists of degraded upland wetlands on the floodplain, which have largely been cleared and drained.

Position in Catchment: Upland - Wolvi Map (1:50,000)

AMTD: 158 - 140 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---|------|
| Channel planform | | Partly confined - low sinuosity | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Cobble | | Within Channel | |
| Pebble | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly long glides with pools Occasional Riffles for most part Abundant LWD | |
| Gravel | | Floodplain | |
| Sand | 25% | Discontinuous moderate sized - disturbed wetlands | |
| Silt/Clay | 75% | | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Stable no evidence of degradation | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Minor to moderate abstraction | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----|--|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Occasional Minor Disturbance | |
| Good | 25% | Generally stable low banks. Cattle access can cause pugging. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 75% | | |
| Major Disturbance | | | |
| No Native Vegetation | | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Endangered and Of Concern Ecosystems | | Widespread minor impacts | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Recovering | | Recovery Potential: High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-------------|--|------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Dissolved oxygen levels have been recorded at very low levels in late summer and during dry times as pools tend towards stagnancy. The level of abstraction during these periods may exacerbate a natural cyclical event. | | Native: _____ Exotic: _____ | |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | Good - Abundant and diverse in pools, including submerged, floating and emergents. | |
| SIGNAL Score | | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | | Native: 5 Exotic: 0 | |
| PET Richness | | Known Mary River Cod Holes | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | 1 rare and Threatened frog species | |
| On Substrate | Nil | Bank Overhang | 0.4m |
| In Water Column | Nil | Canopy Overhang | 75% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Good-tending toward moderate | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Frog, Abundant LWD and macrophytes – of local conservation significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading ? | In-stream Recovery Potential | High |

Reach Name: *Tinana Creek Mt Tagigan to Teddington Weir*
Partly Confined Low Sinuosity Planform - Controlled Discontinuous Floodplain

Reach Code: *Tinana 2*

(Note: This reach is similar to the Coondoo Creek tributary, which is not separately described)

Reach Description and Boundaries: Commencing near the Wilson's Pocket Rd Crossing, the flood- plain broadens as the creek runs along the boundary of the strongly undulating Goomboorian red podzolic and the yellow podzolics of the coastal plain. LWD and clay content of banks appear to be dominant controls on the style of the creek. Includes "The Lagoons" of Scrubber Creek tributary of regional significance, important habitat for the Cod and the threatened pygmy perch in Coondoo Creek.

Position in Catchment: Midland - Maryborough Map (1:100,000)

AMTD: 140 - 16 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--|------|
| Channel planform | | Irregular moderately sinuous | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Cobble | | Within Channel | |
| Pebble | 5% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly silty clay pools and glides Occasional riffles Abundant LWD | |
| Gravel | 5% | Floodplain | |
| Sand | 25% | Mainly continuous mod. broad floodplain. | |
| Silt/Clay | 65% | | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Stabilised by LWD | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Tellegalla Weir for back up Town supply-irregular use, Teddington Weir major abstraction and cross catchment inflows | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | High |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|-----|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Isolated Minor Disturbance | |
| Good | 80% | Banks generally stable due to high clay content and abundant LWD. Isolated moderate problems in more disturbed area around Kia Ora, weed problems in this area. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 15% | | |
| Major Disturbance | 5% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Very Good remnants including Rare & Threatened Species and high diversity | | Minor impact from largely unfenced stock | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Recovering | | Recovery Potential: High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|--|---|------------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Turbidity and nitrogen levels have been rated as being of only moderate quality. Coondoo Creek is naturally slightly acid. High conductivity readings from sub catchments flowing into this reach suggesting salinity will be an issue in the future. | | Native: | Exotic: |
| | | Macrophyte Condition: good in open pools | |
| SIGNAL Score (Average) | 5.3 | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | 17 | Native: 17 | Exotic: 1 |
| PET Richness | 7 | Known Mary River Cod Holes 4+ | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | Threatened Pygmy Perch in Coondoo, 6 threatened Frogs in tributaries, vulnerable Black-breasted button quail in riparian zone. | | |
| On Substrate | Moderate | Bank Overhang | 5% of bank |
| In Water Column | | Canopy Overhang | 35-100% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Good to Very Good | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Habitat of National Significance | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Stable | In-stream Recovery Potential | Very High |

Reach Name: *Tinana Creek Teddington Weir - Tinana Barrage Impounded*

Reach Code: *Tinan 3*

Reach Description and Boundaries: Below Teddington Weir the creek begins to meander through broad floodplains substantially developed for sugar production. The Silty clay channel is subject to moderate banks slumping in parts and riparian buffer width is minimal and weed infested.

Position in Catchment: Lowland - Maryborough (1:100 000)

AMTD: 16 - 2 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|---|--------|--|----------|
| Channel planform | | Mainly moderately sinuous - meandering | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Cobble Pebble Gravel Sand Silt/Clay | | Within Channel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly glides and pools Silty clay channel Floodplain Broad continuous floodplain | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | No known bed degradation | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Major abstraction upstream, no environmental flow releases or strategy | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable | Channel Recovery Potential | Moderate |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition Occasional Moderate Disturbance | |
| Good | | Loss of riparian vegetation and LWD has lead to at times moderate bank instability including outside bend erosion and slumping. | |
| Minor Disturbance 20% | | | |
| Major Disturbance 70% | | | |
| No Native Vegetation 10% | | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| | | Not substantially grazed | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Recovering | | Recovery Potential: High | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|--|-----------|--|-------------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Potential acid sulfate soils in the locality may impact pH of stream if disturbed, but no recorded occurrence of this to date. | | Native: _____ Exotic: _____ | |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| SIGNAL Score | N/A | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | N/A | Native: _____ Exotic: _____ | |
| PET Richness | N/A | Known Mary River Cod Holes | |
| AusRivAS O/E | N/A | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | | |
| On Substrate | Moderate | Bank Overhang | 0.4m |
| In Water Column | | Canopy Overhang | 15% |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Moderate to Poor | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Degrading | In-stream Recovery Potential | Constrained |

Reach Name: *Tinana Barrage to Mary River Confluence - Tidal*

Reach Code: *Tinan 4*

Reach Description and Boundaries: The Tinana Barrage is constructed 1.6 kilometres from the confluence of the creek with the Mary River, to allow the reach above to be used as a conduit for fresh irrigation water. The increase in tidal amplitude is likely to be a major factor in the significant bank slumping that occurs in the reach. Mangrove communities at the toe of the bank play an important geomorphic and ecological role.

Position in Catchment: Lowland - Maryborough Map (1:100,000)

AMTD: 2 - 0 km

| STREAM MORPHOLOGY | | | |
|--|---------|---|---------|
| Channel planform | | Mainly moderately sinuous - meandering | |
| Bed material character | | Geomorphic units | |
| Sand | 25% | Within Channel | |
| Silt/Clay | 75% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tidal glide and weir pool | |
| Bed Stability - Degradation | | Floodplain | |
| Unknown - effect of sedimentation above barrage compared to input from tidal action? | | Extensive continuous floodplains | |
| Changes to Hydrologic Regime | | Substantial modification with no environmental flow releases. | |
| Sand and Gravel Extraction | | Nil | |
| Channel Trajectory | Stable? | Channel Recovery Potential | Unknown |

| RIPARIAN ZONE CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|---|--|
| VEGETATION | | BANK STABILITY | |
| Condition | | Condition - Common Moderate Disturbance | |
| Good | | High bank slumping into water as toe is destabilised by increased wetting from tidal amplification and lack of binding from riparian and littoral root systems. | |
| Minor Disturbance | 20% | | |
| Major Disturbance | 70% | | |
| No Native Vegetation | 10% | | |
| Assets/Conservation Status | | Stock Access | |
| Mangrove communities where present | | Largely ungrazed | |
| Riparian Trajectory: Degrading | | Recovery Potential: Limited | |

| IN-STREAM CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|---|----------|--|-----------|
| WATER QUALITY ASPECTS | | HABITAT PARAMETERS | |
| Physico - Chemical Problems | | Macrophyte Species Richness | |
| Tidal flushing is likely to reduce impacts of loss of flow. | | Native: | Exotic: |
| | | Macrophyte Condition | |
| | | | |
| SIGNAL Score | | Fish Species Richness | |
| Macro-invertebrate Richness | | Native: | Exotic: |
| PET Richness | | Known Mary River Cod Holes | |
| AusRivAS O/E | | Other Species of Significance Present | |
| Filamentous Algae Abundance | | | |
| On Substrate | Moderate | Bank Overhang | 0.4m |
| In Water Column | | Canopy Overhang | |
| Overall In-stream Condition | | Moderate | |
| Flora & Fauna Assets/ Conservation Status | | Wading bird habitat and fish nursery, | |
| In-stream Trajectory | Stable? | In-stream Recovery Potential | Moderate? |

**MAJOR NORTH WESTERN TRIBUTARIES
CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION**

*Tributaries Assessed from Broad Mapping, Previous Research and Limited Field Assessment Only
(Insufficient Data to Complete Reach Summary Sheets)*

| |
|-------------------|
| Glastonbury Creek |
| Widgee Creek |
| Wide Bay Creek |
| Munna Creek |
| Myrtle Creek |
| Susan River |