

VEGETATION CLASSIFICATION VERIFICATION & CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA			
PROJECT NAME:		JOB NO:	
Site No:	Date:	Recorders:	
Location details:			
AMG coordinates:		<b>Aspect:</b>	
Comments:			
GIS vegetation classification:			
Vegetation structure (field): closed forest / open forest / woodland / open woodland / isolated trees / isolated clumps of trees / closed shrubland / shrubland / open shrubland / sparse shrubland / heathland / grassland / sedgeland / rushland			
Floristic composition (dominant species)			
Species	Stem count <sup>1</sup>	Species	Stem count
Canopy dominants		Canopy sub-dominants	
Mid-strata		Understorey	
Pellet Search Results <sup>2</sup>			

1: Stem count of trees DBH>100mm within 20 m radius  
 2: 30 trees surveyed within same plot as stem count

ADDITIVE FACTORS										
Vegetation Structure		Native Canopy Species Richness		Native Shrub Species Richness		Native Groundcover Species Richness				
No overstorey ie cleared, grassland	0	Nil native canopy sp.	0	Nil native shrub species	0	Nil native	0			
Canopy only ie underscrubbed	1	1 to 3	1	1 to 3	1	1 to 3	1			
Canopy + native groundcover (g/c)	2	4 to 6	2	4 to 6	2	4 to 6	2			
Canopy + understorey (u/s)	3	7 to 9	3	7 to 9	3	7 to 9	3			
Canopy + u/s + native g/c	4	10 to 12	4	10 to 12	4	10 to 12	4			
Canopy + u/s + mid-storey + native g/c	5	13 to 15	5	13 to 15	5	13 to 15	5			
Relative abundance of woody weeds		Eucalypt dieback <sup>3</sup>		Relative abundance of herbaceous weeds		Disturbance				
76-100%	0	76-100%	0	76-100%	0		High	Moderate	Low	Nil
51-75%	1	51-75%	1	51-75%	1	fire	0	1	2	3
26-50%	2	26-50%	2	26-50%	2	clearing	0	1	2	3
1-25%	3	1-25%	3	1-25%	3	logging	0	1	2	3
0.00%	4	0.00%	4	0.00%	4	erosion	0	1	2	3
						weeds	0	1	2	3
						rubbish dumping	0	1	2	3
						Other (specify)	0	1	2	3
Mean No of Hollows per HBT (sample of 10 trees)		Nectar Supplies <sup>4</sup>			Ground Habitats					
None	0	None	0	None				0		
X < 5/tree	1	One season	1	Deep leaf litter or fallen timber or dense clumping groundcover or rocks / rubble / debris				1		
5 ≤ X ≤ 10/tree	2	Winter	2	Any two of the above				2		
X > 10/tree	3	Two consecutive seasons inc. winter	3	Any three of the above				3		
		Three consecutive seasons incl winter	4	All of the above				4		
		All seasons	5							

3: mean % from sample of 10 trees

4: can be completed post-fieldwork

Threatened species <sup>5</sup>		Introduced fauna		Fire Frequency <sup>6</sup>		Riparian Zones <sup>7</sup>	
No potential habitat	0	Evidence of foxes	3	High (0-2 years)	0	Absent	0
Low potential habitat	1	Evidence of rabbits	2	Moderate (3-12 years)	1	Non-riparian vegetation adjoining healthy riparian vegetation	1
Moderate potential habitat	2	Other (specify)	1	Very low (greater than 25 years)	2	Non-riparian vegetation adjoining disturbed riparian vegetation	2
High potential habitat	3	No evidence	0	Optimal (12 yrs < frequency < 25 years)	3	Disturbed riparian vegetation	3
Known Habitat	4				Healthy riparian vegetation		4
MULTIPLIERS							
Habitat Connectivity				Remnant Size			
Severely fragmented remnant (>1km to nearest vegetation)				0.2	X < 1ha		0.2
Highly fragmented (501 m - 1 km)				0.3	1 ha < X < 10 ha		0.3
Moderately Fragmented (100 – 500 m)				0.4	10 ha < X < 50 ha		0.4
Low fragmentation (50 to 100 m)				0.5	50 ha < X < 100 ha		0.5
Limited fragmentation (10 to 50 m)				0.6	100 ha < X < 1000 ha		0.6
Negligible (0-10 m)				0.7	X > 1000 ha		0.7
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:							

5: Includes Species, Endangered Populations and EECs

6: Estimate from site factors, such as fire scars, bracken, blady grass, simplified vegetation structure, ground fuel levels

7: Riparian zone includes riparian vegetation + non-riparian vegetated buffer