

Index of Stream Condition Sentinel Sites 2008

Client: Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority
Location: 15 sites in the upper Goulburn and Broken catchments



Water Technology was commissioned by the Goulburn Broken CMA to assess the condition of a selection of riparian sites located within the respective catchment areas. These sites are referred to as Sentinel Sites and are assessed annually to detect natural climatic and temporal changes in condition. The sites are selected to represent a variety of stream types across Victoria and are part of an ongoing statewide monitoring program implemented by the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

The sites were assessed using the Index of Stream Condition 2004 (2nd ed) method (DSE 2006). The ISC measures the environmental condition of rivers from an ecological perspective and enables comparison in waterway / catchment health to be made at a state-wide level. The Streamside Zone (vegetation) and Physical Form (bed and bank) sub-indices of the Index of Stream Condition were assessed for this project.

Key Services Provided:

- River health condition assessments
- Waterway management

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