



## Erskine/Sassafras Creek Subcatchment

91% of stream length in this subcatchment is considered to be in near intact condition. Bedford R2, Erskine R1, Glenbrook R1 and Queen Victoria R1 are near intact reaches and therefore are not included in the assessment below. The remaining 9% of stream length is rated as being in good condition due to impacts resulting from recreational use. Much of the subcatchment is within the Blue Mountains National Park, part of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

The headwaters of Queen Victoria Creek and Bedford Creek drain urbanised areas before they join Erskine Creek. Glenbrook Creek is a popular recreational site with swimming, fishing and bushwalking being popular activities. The subcatchment has a significant level of community environmental activity including Bushcare activities, Streamwatch and Council water quality monitoring/testing, along with educational programs and bushwalking groups.

## Reach Management Recommendations – Erskine / Sassafras Creek Subcatchment

Reach Name	Reach Description	Riparian Land Management Category	Reach Values	Reach Threats	Reach management recommendations (Planning, Education, Works, Monitoring, Institutional)
Bedford Creek R1	Headwater at Great Western Highway between Bullaburra and Wentworth Falls.	Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good riparian vegetation</li> <li>• Wetlands of regional or state significance (Montane Peatlands)</li> <li>• Good river condition</li> <li>• High geomorphic recovery potential</li> <li>• World Heritage Area</li> <li>• Significant vegetation community (Hanging Swamps)</li> <li>• Popular swimming</li> <li>• River based tourism contributes to regional economy</li> <li>• Identified flagship species (Adams Emerald Dragonfly; World Heritage Area)</li> <li>• Significant community based environment activity (Bushcare)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Damaging access (humans – walking tracks – minor)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage human impacts at public recreation river access points and along foreshores</li> <li>• Riparian wetland management (P,W)</li> <li>• Maintain existing community based environment activity – provision of incentives (E,P)</li> <li>• Develop conservation management agreements to protect remnant riparian vegetation (P)</li> </ul>
Glenbrook R2	From Duck Hole to confluence with Nepean River, includes Glenbrook causeway and Jelly Bean Pool in Glenbrook section of Blue Mountains National Park.	Conservation			<p>Reach mainly within National Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop conservation management agreements to protect remnant riparian vegetation (P)</li> </ul>

Near intact reaches within Reserved Lands: Queen Victoria R1, Glenbrook R1, Erskine R1, Bedford R2,