

Make an aromatawai | assessment:

How healthy is your awa?

Name of the stream:

Date and time of your assessment:

Always ensure it is safe to go into the waterway. Make sure an adult is with you.

USE YOUR
eyes



Pick the options closest to what you're seeing.

Look at the streambed..

Gravel of different sizes tightly packed together.

What is on the streambed?

No gravel.

Gravel, sand, and silt.

Stay clear?

If you stand and shuffle your feet in the streambed, does the water...

Get murky but clears?

Stay murky?

Stones are rough to touch and slime free!

How much algae (slimy stuff) is there?

Rocks are slimy.

Rocks are slippery but not slimy.

Lots of mayflies, stoneflies, and other crawling and swimming insects.

What sort of macroinvertebrates live there?

You'll need to look under rocks for them or look on water weeds, grass, logs, etc.

Go to kcc.org.nz on how to collect samples and ID help. Search "healthy habitat".

Mostly snails, worms, and midges.

Some crawling and swimming insects, but also lots of snails, worms, and midges.

Lots of big rocks and logs.

What natural things are in the water to create habitat (places to live)?

No rocks or logs.

Rocks and logs, but they move around.

Look at what can get in and is being taken out...

It would be very hard for rubbish to get in.

Can rubbish and other contaminants get into the stream?

It could.

It does, easily.

Can't see any pumps or pipes.

Are there any pumps or pipes taking water from the stream, say for irrigation?

More than one pump or pipe.

One pump or pipe.

Nope, it's all fenced off OR no stock around.

Do stock animals (cows, sheep, etc) have access to the stream?

Yep, all of it.

Yep, some of it.

No drainage into the stream.

Do drains, like storm water or farm drains, go into the stream?

More than one drain.

One drain.

Look at the in-stream life...

