

ZONE 11 Hewitts Creek from 'straightened' section eastward to bridge		
Soil	Original soil profile intact with minimal disturbance	
Vegetation Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Banksia integrifolia</i> \ <i>Casuarina glauca</i> dominated estuarine community • Significant occurrences of characteristic plant species for the SCESFC 	
Weed Density	Low	
Habitat Value	HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The creek line bank is a significant nesting area for Spotted Pardalote with nesting sites evident. • <i>Phragmites australis</i> is growing approximately 5 metres into water offering significant habitat. • The abundance of roosting birds was noted in mature Casuarinas on creek bank • Sighting of fish in water, although species unidentified.
Major Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite the major impacts to Hewitts Creek immediately upstream of this section, the riparian areas of this zone remain predominantly stable and healthy. • Informal track networking along the foreshore of the creek is an issue. • Some weed invasion is present. 	
Contribution to Conservation Value of Sandon Point	SIGNIFICANT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This Zone has the potential to regenerate on the south side of Hewitts Creek to consolidate a green corridor with the incipient dune zone. • <i>Crinum pedunculatum</i> (Swamp Lily) occurring in this Zone is cited as regionally rare in Northern Illawarra • <i>Hibiscus diversifolius</i> (Swamp Hibiscus) occurring in this Zone is cited as regionally rare in the Illawarra

Plate 34 & 35: Looking west from the gabion diversion of Woodlands Creek into the protective fencing and Casuarina's of remnant Hewitts Creek swamp wetland in Zone 9. Note the high density weed at the foreground in the gabion constructed channel.



Plate 43: Zone 11 looking south from Hewitts Creek bank beneath Banksia and Casuarina canopy. Note healthy native grassland community.



Plate 44: Looking north across Hewitts Creek in Zone 11, downstream from major impacts. Note healthy, multi-level riparian vegetation, presence of mature tree providing significant habitat.



Plate 45: Looking west long Hewitts Creepline in Zone 11 showing native grass community in foreground. Note some woody weed invasion at edge of Casuarinas.



Plate 46: Zone 11 looking west up Hewitts Creek to Illawarra Escarpment from footbridge/cycle way. Note proximity of urban interface on northern side of the creek.