

Understanding Other Interest Groups #1 – Sample Record Sheet

Group	Importance	Uses or Interests	Effects	Concerns
Original Australians	Oldest users of the river system	Use of the river for camping, general activities, some sections of sacred significance	Some illegal / irresponsible camping and antisocial behaviour, contamination of some areas with human waste, rubbish, some destruction of vegetation and interference with wildlife	Interference with traditional use by rules and regulations, worried that minority groups cause problems for everyone
Food Growers	Provide food and employment, good for the economy	Use of water from the underground system	Effect the quantity of water, can add contaminants to surface and ground water	Actions of others might affect their livelihood, too many regulations, worried about spread of weeds and other pests
Householders	Community members, pay taxes	Want to maintain a healthy environment with good clean supplies of water available	Add contaminants to the system, sometimes without realising it, can affect the salinity levels	Actions of others might affect their livelihood, too many regulations, worried about spread of weeds and other pests
Commercial Recreation	Employ people, bring tourist dollars into the community	Use river for recreational businesses	Create some privacy problems for people whose properties back onto the river, some contaminants added to the system	Actions of others might affect their livelihood, too many regulations, worried about spread of weeds and other pest

