

Understanding Other Interest Groups 2 – Sample Record Sheet

Group	Importance	Uses or Interests	Effects	Concerns
Leisure Recreation	Provide relaxation for mental and physical health	Use river bed and surrounding areas for fun and relaxation	Some trash the area, damage vegetation and interfere with wildlife	Worried about restrictions that could be imposed if too many people do irresponsible things
Environmentalists	Citizen 'watchdogs' to protect the environment	Interested in water quality and a healthy environment	Act as 'watchdogs' over river system users	Want to see that the existing laws are enforced, worried that there are not enough resources allocated to do this
Business and Industry	Employ people, bring dollars into the local economy, pay taxes, service providers	Interested in the general welfare of the town, make use of some river resources eg sand	Add contaminants to the river system, sometimes without realising it, alter the flow by removing sand	Need ways to dispose of waste, ways they can access river bed resources
State and Federal Agencies	Guardians of the river system in the interest of everyone, balance use of the resources of the system against special interests of users	Interested in quality and quantity of water, want a healthy river system, guardian activities	Improve the condition of the system, regulate use	Sustainability, need to develop awareness of the problems and find solutions

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