

# Special places mapping. Have your say on Fitzroy Basin waterways!

**Fitzroy Partnership for River Health** is a collective of government, industry, agriculture, resources and community interests that assesses and reports on waterway health in the Fitzroy Basin. We produce a Fitzroy Basin Report Card every year which provides the community with information about the health of local waterways across 11 catchments, the estuary and the inshore marine zone.

**In 2023, we are undertaking research to find out the waterways you are most connected to in the Fitzroy region.**

This will help us gain a more complete picture of waterway health, to include not only the physical measures, but how our community use and value our local rivers and waterways.

Public participation mapping of this kind has never been done in our region before. This is a new way to let **communities define the meaning of waterways** and ecosystem health in the Fitzroy.

Public participation mapping lets you identify waterways, record how you experience them and what they mean to you.

Use the map to drop a pin on a waterway place that you visit, use, or value in the **Fitzroy catchment**.

**Then answer a few questions to let us know what this waterway means to you.** When you have submitted your answers, the survey will reload so that you can identify multiple waterway places.

Please click on the link or scan the QR code below to take the survey. You can also post the link straight into your chosen internet browser to complete.



<https://arcg.is/1em9H1>

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## Terms and Conditions

The survey is being conducted by Fitzroy Partnership for River Health, it was designed in collaboration with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), and with funding and support provided by the partnership between the Australian Government's Reef Trust and the Great Barrier Reef Foundation, the Queensland Government's Reef Water Quality Program, and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

Survey respondents will not be identified. Summary results from this survey will contribute to the Fitzroy Basin Report Card, publicly available at <https://riverhealth.org.au/>.

## Risk and benefits

Aside from giving up your time, there are no foreseeable risks associated with participating in this survey. While your participation in this survey may not benefit you directly, your responses will help to inform local and state management agencies responsible for regional waterways, and will help to evaluate progress towards management objectives.

## Confidentiality

All information provided by you in this survey will be treated confidentially. All survey data will be de-identified, and you will remain anonymous. All results from this survey will be analysed and presented in an aggregate form. All data collected as part of this study will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the NH&MRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007). Your data will be securely stored in accordance with CSIRO's Recordkeeping Procedure, and the de-identified aggregated data will be made available to researchers and managers from a range of institutions, for long-term data set analyses, reporting and scientific publications.

## How will my information be used?

It is anticipated that the de-identified survey findings will be published and/or presented in a variety of forums. This includes the production of the Fitzroy Basin Report Card, other technical reports, scientific journal publications, conference presentations, and potentially a range of other targeted communications and news stories. De-identified data collected from the survey will be made publicly available via a persistent online repository and will be used for long-term evaluations of regional changes. The Fitzroy **Partnership for River Health will endeavour to communicate key findings to all residents in the region, as well as to relevant government agencies and supporting institutions.**

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## Privacy Statement

Your personal information is protected by the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth). Fitzroy Partnership for River Health and CSIRO will handle your personal information in accordance with this Act and the NH&MRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007) as amended from time to time.

Some personal information (e.g. your postcode, gender, employment sector) and answers to the survey questions are being collected for the purpose of ensuring the survey sample is representative of the regional population. While the collection of your information is not intended to identify you, it is possible, however unlikely, that some of the information may have the potential to re-identify you once collated.

The information you provide will be de-identified and/or aggregated before it is made available for analyses by researchers, and subsequently published/presented in a variety of forums. This will include the Fitzroy Basin Report Card, other technical reports, scientific papers, conference/seminar presentations, as well as news media and social media posts.