

Splitters Creek Heales Road box culvert fishway

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- Heales Road box culvert fishway is located on Splitters Creek – a tributary of the Burnett River near Bundaberg
- Splitters Creek provides high value fish habitat for the lower Burnett River system and has up to 50 native freshwater fish species
- the crossing has been a barrier to fish migration to upstream habitat – the fishway was developed in 2008
- the project was developed through collaborative arrangements with DPI Fisheries and Burnett Mary Regional Group

CLIENT AND PARTNERS



Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- provide for upstream fish passage at crossing
- retain structure integrity and minimise disturbance
- enhance ecological function of stream corridor
- provide demonstration site for community

SCOPE OF WORK

- concept design and evaluation of options
- design of fishway facilities
- collaboration on construction of fishway facilities
- stakeholder collaboration and extension

CROSSING DESCRIPTION

- 3-cell 2100 mm x 1800 mm box culvert 6 m long
- upstream and downstream culvert wingwalls
- low level timber bridge girders at culvert outlet
- low bitumen pad at outlet raises low flow levels

MIGRATION BARRIERS

- high velocities at culvert outlet in medium flow
- shallow water depths in low flow with pad removed
- high velocities in culvert barrel and at culvert inlet
- regular culvert cross section and lack of rest place

MITIGATION MEASURES

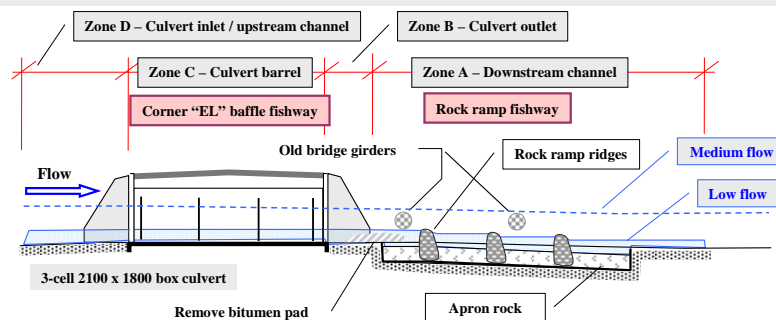
- Zone A – rock ramp fishway / retain bridge girders
- Zone B – remove bitumen pad
- Zone C – corner “EL” baffle fishway

OTHER FEATURES

- access for hydraulic and biological monitoring

REFERENCES

- Kapitzke 2008, *Splitters Creek Heales Road crossing fish passage – Design report*
- see <http://www.jcu.edu.au/fishpassagedesign/>



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