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## **DECLARATION OF ACCURACY**

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Name of Action Management Plan this document and declaration refers to:	Environmental Management Plan (approval conditions 4-8)
Date:	11/11/2021

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## **1** INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 CONTEXT

This document is the Clarke Creek Wind Farm Biodiversity Management Plan (hereafter referred to as the 'BMP') and has been developed to address relevant conditions of approval for the Clarke Creek Wind Farm project (hereafter referred as 'the Project').

This BMP will be used to manage impacts to threatened and Least Concern flora and fauna during construction and operation of the Project. If the project is to be decommissioned, this plan will be revised and submitted for approval in order to minimise impacts from decommissioning activities.

This report addresses the requirements of the following three plans:

- 1. Environmental Management Plan (EMP), required under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) Commonwealth approval EPBC 2018/8141.
- 2. Vegetation and Flora Management Plan (VFMP), conditioned by the Queensland Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDMIP) under the *Planning Act 2016* and Planning Regulation 2017
- 3. High risk Significant Species Management Program (SSMP), required under the Queensland *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (NC Act) to manage impacts on animal breeding places.

This plan has been developed as a single road map for ease of use by Clarke Creek Energy Pty Ltd (CCEPL), the construction Contractors, subcontractors, and other relevant parties. The BMP sets out important project and site information, including a risk assessment and designation of roles and responsibilities.

### **1.2 BACKGROUND**

The Project is located approximately 150 kilometres (km) north-west of Rockhampton, 150 km south-west of Mackay and 80 km north of Marlborough. The Project Area is approximately 76,300 hectares (ha) across 11 freehold rural properties. The construction footprint of the project is anticipated to cover approximately 1,760 ha. The lots comprising the Project Area are agricultural lots, primarily used for grazing.

The project location and wind farm layout are shown in Figure 1-1 (sourced Lacour/Aecom, 11/11/2020)



### **1.2.1** Project description

Table 1-1 Project description

Project name	Clarke Creek Wind Farm		
Proponent	Clarke Creek Energy Pty Ltd		
Project cost	\$1.5 billion		
Construction start	Q1 2020		
Duration	30-36 months, depending o	n staging	
Project contact	Clarke Creek Energy Pty Ltd 1800 974 882 info@clarkecreekwindandsolar.com.au		
Local Government Authority (LGA)	Isaac Regional Council LGA Livingstone Regional Council LGA		
Location	Refer Figure 1-1		
Address	Stage 1 & Stage 2	Stage 3	
	Lot 8 on ROP41	Lot 8 on RP614441	
	Lot 18 on RP848821	Lot 10 on RP614442	
	Lot 1 on RP801235	Lot 1 on SP153335	
	Lot 1 on SP303299	Lot 23 on CP896088	
	Lot 3 on RP801346		
	Lot 3 on ROP178		
	Lot 4 on ROP192		

### **1.2.2** Key infrastructure components

Each key infrastructure component is described in Table 1-2, along with the approximate infrastructure footprint.

Table 1-2 Approximate development footprint of each key infrastructure component

Component	Total footprint (ha)
Access roads and wind turbine hardstand area	1,169
High voltage and medium voltage power poles and powerline corridors	487
Substation areas options 1-4	15
Offices and workshops	10
Compounds	24
Laydown areas	49
Site accommodation camp	13
TOTAL FOOTPRINT (overlaps removed)	1,767





A3 size





### 1.3 SCHEDULE

### **1.3.1** Pre-construction early works

Pre-construction early works are anticipated to commence in 2021 and may include off-site road improvements, establishing the site entrances and the access and site preparation works for a temporary construction compound and the accommodation facilities. This process is expected to take up to three months and constitute 'commencement' of the project in accordance with the definition in the EPBC approval.

### **1.3.2** Construction

The Project construction is planned to start in Q3 2021 and will be staged with about half the windfarm completed first over approximately 24 months. The balance of the project would be completed thereafter.

The wind farm is expected to be designed, developed and constructed progressively.

For the construction of the Project, the following activities are expected to occur:

- Site establishment (temporary site facilities, lay down areas, mobilisation of equipment and materials)
- Earthworks, paving (with gravel cap) and drainage for access roads and wind turbine hardstands
- Excavation for the turbine foundations
- Construction of wind turbine foundations (bolt cage, reinforcement and concrete)
- Installation of electrical and communications cabling and equipment (including overhead lines and underground cables to the substation)
- Establishment of substations, in parallel with electrical reticulation works
- Delivery of wind turbine components to the Project area
- Installation of wind turbines using large mobile cranes, in parallel with component deliveries
- Commissioning and reliability testing of wind turbines
- Progressive rehabilitation and restoration of the Project area.

The activities listed above will predominately occur in the order listed, however some of these activities will be carried out concurrently (or at multiple construction fronts across the wind farm) to minimise the overall length of the construction programme and to minimise environmental risks.

This BMP contains information on the biodiversity and ecological values relevant to the Project and the measures to avoid, minimise and mitigate impacts to identified values. The Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) applies the management measures described in this BMP during the construction period. The CEMP will be submitted to the DSDMIP prior to the commencement of construction, in accordance with the State condition of approval 12(a).



### 1.3.3 Operation

The operational period is approximately 25 years. CCEPL will be responsible, either directly or via a contractor, for the ongoing maintenance of the turbines following their commissioning and reliability testing. Maintenance personnel will be on site and responsible for the scheduled and unscheduled maintenance of the wind turbines and associated connection works. CCEPL, either directly or via a contractor, will undertake routine inspections of the wind turbines and other electrical infrastructure or complete the necessary scheduled (planned) maintenance activities. Ongoing maintenance of the access tracks and the electrical network will be required to maintain safe access at all times.

### 1.3.4 Decommissioning

At the end of the operational life of the Project CCEPL may decommission the wind farm which will involve the removal of turbines and all other above-ground infrastructure on-site being dismantled and removed from the Project Site. This includes all the interconnection and substation infrastructure unless the infrastructure which is owned by a network operator or is required by the Network Operator for other purposes. The wind turbine towers will be removed, but the foundations will be kept in situ.

Alternatively, CCEPL may repower the wind farm (replace the wind turbines) or replace the wind turbine components, such as the nacelle, blades, generator and hub.

The overhead lines will be removed once no longer required. The underground cables contain no harmful substances. They can be recovered, if economically attractive, or left in the ground. Gravel roads, hard standings and gravel areas associated with the project infrastructure will be left in situ for ongoing access.

### 1.3.5 Duration

The period of the project from start of construction to decommissioning could be ~30 years, and assuming a 2021 start date, the action would continue until the year 2050. Note, the DAWE approval has effect until 30 November 2050, however if the project continues beyond 30 November 2050 a request will be made to extend the period of EPBC Act approval.

### **1.4 OBJECTIVES**

### 1.4.1 Project objectives

The objective of the Project is to generate renewable electricity from wind turbines and connect the renewable electricity into the high voltage national electricity network for use throughout the state and wherever it is needed.



### **1.4.2** Environmental objectives and performance indicators

The environmental objectives and performance indicator for the Project are outlined in Table 1-3.

Table 1-3	Environmental	objectives and	Inerformance	indicators
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Environmental objectives	Performance indicators
EPBC Act threatened species - flora	
No net loss of threatened Cycad individuals.	Threatened cycads within the disturbance footprint are successfully translocated or propagated (refer to Cycad Translocation Plan).
EPBC Act threatened communities	
Improve the condition and management of retained SEVT vegetation in the Project Area.	Loss of SEVT will be minimised, with no more than the approved vegetation clearing amount:
	• 45.22 ha of SEVT TEC (RE 11.4.1, RE 11.8.3).
	Condition of the SEVT will be improved by implementing fire and pest animal management, as well as by providing a SEVT offset in accordance with the offset strategy and management plan for the Project.
Of Concern and Least Concern vegetation communities (	State)
Retain viable native vegetation communities in the	No more than the approved vegetation clearing:
Project Area. Riparian vegetation is retained and restored.	<ul> <li>0.92 ha of RE 11.3.21/11.3.3/ 11.3.27/ 11.3.21</li> <li>1.27 ha of RE 11.11.10</li> <li>2.93 ha of RE 8.12.7/8.12.23</li> <li>0.001 ha of RE 8.12.16</li> <li>0.003 ha RE 11.3.4</li> </ul>
EPBC Act threatened species – fauna	
To protect <b>EPBC Act threatened fauna species</b> (including Koala, Greater Glider, White-throated Needletail, Squatter Pigeon, and Red Goshawk) and <b>EPBC Act threatened bird and bat species</b> (including White-throated Needletail, Rainbow Bee-eater, Rufous Fantail, Fork-tailed Swift, Satin Flycatcher, Red Goshawk and Corben's Long-eared Bat)	No mortality or injury to EPBC (or NC) Act threatened species as a direct result of the Project. Alternative habitat (nest boxes) provided for Greater Glider and in use by this species (refer to Section 5.4.5).
General biodiversity (applies to EPBC and NC Act three	atened species and communities as well as to NC Act
protected species and Least Concern communities)	
Successful rehabilitation of disturbed ground.	Areas of disturbed ground no longer required for operations will have at least 70% groundcover, in consideration of the local environmental conditions.
Bushfire risk will not increase as a result of the Project.	Activities associated with the Project will not cause a bushfire.
Pest animal activity will not increase as a result of the Project.	Pest animal presence is at the same (or reduced) level as during pre-construction surveys.
No new restricted weed species introduced as a result of the Project.	Weed species diversity and location of infestations is at the same (or reduced level) as during pre-construction surveys.
No new outbreaks of restricted weeds within the Project Area.	
Protected fauna will not be killed or injured as a result of the Project.	No mortality or injury to protected native fauna as a direct result of the Project.
Biodiversity performance monitored and reported on.	Annual compliance report prepared for each 12 month period from construction commencement and published on the Project website within 60 business days of the relevant 12 month period.



### **1.5 ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION**

Approval for the Project was granted under the *Planning Act 2016* by the DSDMIP on 10 August 2018, with a changed decision notice approved on 4 June 2019. Approval was granted by a delegate of the Federal Minister for the Environment, in accordance with the EPBC Act, on 9 November 2018.

The following Commonwealth legislation is relevant to this BMP:

• Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)

The following key Queensland State legislation is relevant to this BMP:

- Planning Act 2016
- Biosecurity Act 2014
- Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act)
- Environment Protection Regulation 2008
- Nature Conservation Act 1992 (NC Act)
- Nature Conservation Regulations
- Fisheries Act 1994
- Vegetation Management Act 1999 (VM Act).



## 2 RELEVANT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

### 2.1 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN – CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

The Commonwealth Government has specified the requirements of this Project EMP. Table 2-1 presents each relevant condition, along with the section of this BMP where these are addressed.

No.	Conditio	on	Section
4	The app impacts threate approve	broval holder must submit an EMP for the Minister's approval to minimise to EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities and EPBC Act listed ned bird and bat species. If the Minister approves the EMP then the ed EMP must be implemented.	This document
5	The ap approve	proval holder must not commence the action unless the Minister has ed the Environmental Management Plan in writing.	N/A
6	The EM the prot listed th account relevan	P must include specific details of the management actions and outcomes for tection of EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities and EPBC Act irreatened bird and bat species, including how measures outlined take into the relevant conservation advice and are consistent with the measures in all the recovery plans and threat abatement plans.	Section 1.4 Appendix E
7	The EM a) b) c) d) e) f)	P must be consistent with the EMP Guidelines, and must include: the environmental objectives, relevant protected matter(s) and a reference to EPBC Act approval conditions to which the EMP refers; a table of commitments made in the EMP to achieve the objectives, and a reference to where the commitments are detailed in the EMP; reporting and review mechanisms, and documentation standards to demonstrate compliance with the Environmental Management Plan; an assessment of risks to achieving the EMPs environmental objectives and risk management strategies that will be applied; impact avoidance, mitigation and/or repair measures, and their timing; and a monitoring program, which must include: i. measurable performance indicators; ii. and timely detection of trigger values; and iii. proposed corrective actions if trigger values are reached. reference to other relevant plans and/or conditions of approval (including State/Territory approval conditions).	<ul> <li>a) Sections 1.4 and 2.1</li> <li>b) Section 2.1</li> <li>c) Sections 6 and 7</li> <li>d) Section 5.6</li> <li>e) Section 5</li> <li>f) Section 6.1</li> <li>g) Section 2</li> </ul>
8	For the the Env a) b) c) d) e) f) g)	protection of listed Cycad(s) species, the approval holder must include within ironmental Management Plan a Cycad(s) translocation program that: is in accordance with the National multi-species recovery plan and the Guidelines for translocation of threatened plants; specifies the number of Cycad(s) that cannot be avoided by the action; specifies the procedure for the relocation of Cycad(s) to areas outside of the impact areas suitable for their survival; identifies where Cycad(s) will be translocated to; specifies ongoing management to enable the successful re-establishment of translocated cycads; specifies the process for monitoring and reporting the progress and ultimate success (health) of translocated individuals; and specifies the program for propagating Cycad(s) to replace any relocated individuals that have not survived the translocation process.	a) Appendix G

Table 2-1 Conditions of approval reference table (EPBC 2018/8141)



### 2.2 VEGETATION AND FAUNA MANAGEMENT PLAN – TERMS OF APPROVAL

DSDMIP has conditioned the development of a vegetation and fauna management plan (VFMP). The condition is set out in Table 2-2, along with the relevant section of this plan where each condition is addressed. Condition 8(a) and 8(b) must occur prior to the commencement of construction of each respective stage of the wind farm, and 8(c) must occur during construction.

Table 2-2	Condition	of deve	lopment	approval –	VFMP
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No.	Condition	Section where this is satisfied
8(a)	<ul> <li>Prepare a VFMP certified by a suitably qualified ecologist. The VFMP must include</li> <li>details of all measures to identify and avoid fauna resources and habitats prior to clearing,</li> </ul>	Section 5.3 Appendix A
	<ul> <li>measures to protect and recover fauna during clearing operations, including:         <ul> <li>presence of a qualified wildlife officer during clearing operations,</li> <li>pre- clearing inspections,</li> <li>staging and sequence of clearing, and</li> <li>recovery procedures.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Section 5.4 Appendix A Appendix D
	<ul> <li>measures to replace/relocate habitat and resources that will be unavoidably lost</li> </ul>	See Offset Strategy (prepared under EPBC 2018/8141 CoA 14-17)
8(b)	Submit the VFMP to DSDMIP ( <u>windfarms@dsdmip.qld.gov.au</u> )	n/a
8(c)	Implement the measures detailed in the VFMP	n/a

### 2.3 SPECIES MANAGEMENT PROGAM

While a Species Management Program (SMP) has not been conditioned by Federal or State Government, it is a requirement under the NC Act when tampering with animal breeding places. A SMP describes requirements to minimise impacts on identified animal breeding places for animals classified as: extinct in the wild, endangered, vulnerable, near threatened (EVNT), special least concern, colonial breeder or least concern. An SMP is required where an animal breeding place has been identified, and activities required to complete the scope of works would tamper with the breeding place.

The purpose of an SMP is to:

- Assess the threats to native animal breeding places resulting from a planned activity.
- Incorporate management actions that will avoid or minimise both the immediate and the long-term impact of removing or altering an animal breeding place.
- Set monitoring and reporting requirements that demonstrate the management actions in the SMP are effectively implemented and produce the intended results.



### 2.3.1 SMP approach at Clarke Creek Wind Farm

A Low Risk SMP (SMP909) was approved for the project and remains in effect until midnight on 30 June 2023.

A High Risk SSMP is being requested to cover the entire Project area, with the application supported by this BMP. This recognises the potential for impacts to threatened fauna species and colonial breeders (i.e., microbats), and the likelihood of disturbance to animal breeding places.

The Project area is large, and vegetation clearing will be staged, likely to occur over a period of up to 36 months (Section 1.3.2). Animal breeding place surveys were completed between 28 February 2021 and 8 March 2021 (over 10 days). These were undertaken in accessible parts of the Stage 1 and Stage 2 areas of the Project (Map 3 of 3 within Figure 1-1). Detailed animal breeding place surveys will be completed for Stage 3 closer to construction commencing in this area, to ensure information collected is relevant with regards to both the Project footprint and timely wildlife usage of breeding places.

The Project will further identify animal breeding places during pre-clearance surveys which occur within one month of clearing (see Section 5.3). Data on breeding places from pre-clearance surveys will be forwarded to the DES quarterly, and for Stage 3 prior to construction commencing in this area. The DES will be informed of unexpected finds/species not explicitly addressed in the SMP application/this BMP within five business days. Additional species will be addressed through a separate application to DES and supported by this BMP.

The benefits of this approach include:

- A single SMP, no need to stage applications
- Pre-clearance surveys will provide timely and relevant ecological data (rather than identifying breeding places in an area that will not be cleared for another 12 36 months)
- A precautionary approach, with fauna management practices that assume the presence of threatened species and colonial breeders.



## **3 EXISTING ENVIRONMENT**

### 3.1 LANDSCAPE ATTRIBUTES

The Clarke Creek area is characterised by agricultural activities (primarily beef cattle production), and large areas of the region are extensively cleared to support these uses. There are also extensive patches of remnant and regrowth native vegetation in the Clarke Creek area, occurring predominantly along upper hills and ridges, as well as along some drainage systems. Much of the rest of the low-lying areas have been cleared to support the agricultural uses.

The Project area is characterised by agricultural activities (primarily beef cattle production). No production crops, including forestry, or other activities such as mining occur in the Project area or its immediate surrounds.

The hills and ridges of the Project area are characterised by undulating country on fine grained sedimentary rocks that generally have little or no deformation and usually form undulating landscapes. Typical rock types through these regions are made up of siltstones, mudstones, shales, calcareous sediments, and labile sandstones. Minor interbedded volcanics have the potential to occur. The land includes a diverse range of fine textured soils of moderate to high fertility, predominantly Vertosols, Sodosols, and Chromosols.

Mean daily maximum temperatures (from the temperature recording station located in St Lawrence [Bureau of Meteorology {BoM} station 33210] approximately 40 km northeast of the Project site) indicates that summer maximum temperatures average around 31°C (a high of 43.5°C has been recorded in November) with a minimum average of 22°C. In winter, average temperature ranges between 11°C and 24°C, but can be as low as 1°C. There is a high incidence of winter and early spring fogs.

Rainfall data from the BoM indicates that rainfall is seasonally distributed with a distinct wet season typically present from November through March and a drier season extending from April through October. The mean rainfall received during the summer wet season is approximately 170 mm/month; however, wet season rainfall is subject to a high degree of variability. Variability in rainfall depth throughout the winter dry season (April through October) is lower than during the wet season generally with mean monthly rainfall during the dry season approximately 33 mm, with August and September being the driest months.

### 3.1.1 Ecological survey and reporting

Detailed ecological field surveys were undertaken in March and September 2017. These surveys were undertaken to document existing vegetation communities, ground-truth State RE mapping, and to document fauna habitat types and communities. Targeted surveys were conducted for listed threatened fauna species. Surveys were in accordance with relevant guidelines and informed the project approval documentation, including:

- Preliminary documentation for EPBC Act assessment
- Ecological assessment report for assessment under Wind Farm State Code 23.

Further surveys occurred in 2018/19 to map Greater Glider habitat and to support a property map of assessable vegetation application. Bird utilisation surveys were repeated in 2020 and 2021.



Protected plant surveys were conducted in March 2021 to identify threatened cycads within the Stage 1 and 2 areas (Figure 1-1). The majority of the Stage 1 MCR2 disturbance footprint (supplied by Goldwind on 19 February 2021) was surveyed on foot or by vehicle except for these areas:

- Certain overhead high and medium voltage overhead lines
- Turbine hardstands and tracks to turbines 1-4 and 7-9.

In addition to recording cycads, ecologists also marked significant hollow bearing trees and other significant habitat features including (but not limited to) log piles, rock piles, dense vegetation (semi-evergreen vine thicket (SEVT)), arboreal termite mounds, nests, hollow logs, dams and burrows. The results of the habitat features survey are described in Section 3.1.4 below.

### 3.1.2 Flora and vegetation communities

Two EVNT cycad species have previously been identified within the Project site, *Cycas megacarpa* and *C. ophiolitica*, with samples confirmed at that time by the Queensland Herbarium. Profiles for each of these are provided in Appendix E. In June 2021, the Queensland Herbarium reassessed previous advice and determined that *C. megacarpa* and *C. ophiolitica* were mis-identified, and that cycads within the Project Area have been redetermined to be the NC Act Vulnerable *C. terryana*.

A review of the regulatory vegetation maps established under the VM Act identified that the Project is affected by Regulated Vegetation. Thirty-nine (39) regional ecosystems (REs) or regional ecosystem associations consisting of a mix of dominant and co-dominant REs, were identified as having previously been mapped in the study area. Four main vegetation communities were found to be present in areas likely to be impacted by the Project, one of which has been identified as being a Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) under the EPBC Act. These vegetation communities are described as:

- Vegetation Community 1: Eucalyptus crebra Open Woodland
- Vegetation Community 2: Riparian Vegetation
- Vegetation Community 3: Semi-Evergreen Vine Thicket (SEVT) (TEC)
- Vegetation Community 4: Alluvial plains.

Appendix A includes a map of these vegetation communities.

The dominant RE across the site is the *Eucalyptus crebra* Open Woodland, which is heavily disturbed within the Project Area. Fire and grazing have reduced the ecological condition of this vegetation community, and few mature hollow-bearing trees (HBT) were observed. The Riparian Vegetation community occurs along drainage lines, fringing levees and banks of streams. It displays a high level of connectivity and biodiversity value, with several threatened fauna species recorded within this RE. The Alluvial Plains vegetation community is restricted to the eastern portion of the site, outside of the footprint of the turbines and road. The dense nature of this community and the fire-retardant properties of the species found within creates a microhabitat that is relatively resistant to high level disturbance. This vegetation community held high fauna species diversity.

Across the development site, the SEVT TEC is generally restricted to hillsides, and typically observed in small pockets and on western-facing slopes. The dense nature of this community and the fire-retardant properties of the species found within creates a microhabitat that is relatively resistant to high level disturbance. This vegetation community held the most diverse range of bird species after the riparian communities. This habitat is generally found in areas restricted to hillsides and on a few ridge lines. A more detailed profile for the SEVT TEC is provided in Appendix E.



### 3.1.3 Fauna habitat assessment

Habitat features of the site for native fauna consist of resources (e.g. foraging and breeding niches) of varying quality and condition. Regarding native fauna, the site provides the following habitat resources:

- Foraging resources in the form of acacia and eucalypts species
- Hollow-bearing trees
- Rocky outcrops
- Watercourses provide refuge areas
- Abundant dry grass and leaf litter across the site.

Suitable habitat for each EVNT species known to occur in the Project Area is discussed in Appendix E. Habitat for Koala, Greater Glider and Squatter Pigeon is shown in the Figures within Appendix A.

The project area is broadly characterised by undulating landforms which are terminated at the periphery by dissected, rocky ridge lines. Due to the large wind currents occurring at the top of the ridge, these ridges are the preferred locations for most of the wind turbines. The presence of water in a mostly dry landscape provides small nodes of plant habitats occurring in the sheltered positions. These watercourses have important ecological values.

The ridge country (e.g., areas of the site containing steep slopes and ridge tops), particularly within the southern and western aspect, features niche habitats in highly restricted situations for a unique range of species (e.g., vine thicket). Where trees have established along ridges, these are typically stunted, wind-sheared forms with coarse, often tessellated bark. Nearly all the ridges have patches of vine thickets occurring along the southern aspect.

The terrain of the project area creates several habitat types for flora and fauna. These habitats include:

- Dissected and rocky ridgelines of granite and rhyolite geology, including knolls of outcropping rock. The vegetation structure in these exposed situations rarely develops beyond woodland and is primarily sparse, open woodland. The vegetation structure within the rocky outcrop is open forest, probably due to the marginally higher shelter aspect and less exposure to constant wind.
- The western section is mainly comprised of lowland grassland that is relatively heavily grazed. Patches of Brigalow occur in this section, but the extent of grazing and past clearing has heavily disturbed this ecosystem.
- Undulating hills of less rugged terrain supporting woodland to open forest (occasionally). Trees on this landform are taller, have wider girths and present a number of tree hollows greater than 10 cm diameter. Kangaroo grass (*Themeda triandra*) and giant spear grass (*Heteropogon triticeus*) dominate the grass layer.
- Low bank environments adjacent to watercourses with temporary flow. This habitat type is characterised by large hollow-bearing trees including *Eucalyptus tereticornis, Corymbia citriodora, Lophostemon sp.* and some *Callitris* trees in places, which along with large, angular rocks and boulders create deep crevices and capture points for organic matter with higher moisture content compared to the surrounding woodland.
- Rock pavements, generally in elevated situations, that are moderately to highly exposed and support wind-sheared, heath-like plants. Trees, where present, are sparsely distributed, and are invariably stunted with gnarled forms. Wattles are more common and sometimes create dense, impenetrable thickets around bare rock surfaces where some semblance of soil development has occurred. This habitat is suitable for threatened fauna species such as the Northern Quoll, however, no evidence was found of this species occurring on site.



- Sheltered valleys and broad gullies supporting higher densities of trees and SEVT. Some of
  these areas are partially fire-resistant niches and are therefore relatively more important as
  refugia zones for fauna and nodes of mesophytic vegetation than the surrounding
  sclerophyll vegetation. These zones also support a longer-term, more stable soil-water
  status and promote a higher percentage foliage cover; where the vegetation structure
  merges to open forest communities the moisture gradient is highest and more persistent.
- Micro-gilgai and semi-aquatic environments. These are temporary features and dependent solely on rainfall, and thus evaporate relatively quickly. These are potential micro-habitats for semi-aquatic plants.

### 3.1.4 Hollow bearing trees and other habitat features

A total of 461 hollow bearing trees were recorded within the Stage 1 & 2 disturbance footprint (shown in Figure 3-1). Many of these trees were stags with multiple hollows.

Seven bird nests were recorded, including one large active Wedge-tailed Eagle (*Aquila audax*) nest. The nest was adjacent to the disturbance footprint, but consideration should be given to possible impacts to any breeding birds from construction activities.

Rock piles, boulder patches and rock covered slopes were common within the footprint and could provide habitat for many species of reptiles and small mammals. Habitat features which have been identified onsite are summarised in Table 3-1 and detailed in Appendix F.

Туре	Number of individuals	Potential for use by (Least Concern as well as threatened)
Hollow bearing tree	474	Gliding mammals; birds; possums; reptiles; microbats
Nests	7	Birds
Rockpiles	403	Reptiles, mammals
Other habitat features (including dense vegetation, boulder fields, termite mounds, riparian vegetation, log piles, hollow logs)	136	Reptiles; mammals; amphibians
Dams	1	Reptiles, including turtles; fish; amphibians
Burrow	1	Echidna; pests, including rabbit, fox
Cracking clay	Area	Reptiles (i.e., Ornamental Snake).

Table 3-1 Habitat features recorded within the Stage 1 & 2 disturbance footprint (shown in Figure 3-1)

At the time of survey, none of the habitat features identified within the disturbance footprint were confirmed as supporting a threatened species.

None of the hollow bearing trees were located within Greater Glider habitat and therefore these are unlikely to be Greater Glider denning trees. This is reflective of the fact that the disturbance footprint largely avoids identified Greater Glider habitat.

Hollows would be used by Least Concern birds, possums, gliders, reptiles and potentially microbats. At the time of survey, hollows were identified in use by a species of kingfisher and Red-winged Parrot (*Aprosmictus erythropterus*). Hollows will be checked prior to clearing to confirm their occupancy (Section 5.3.2).

The burrow complex was considered likely to be Rabbit. An area of cracking clay has been identified, but this is in the Stage 3 area and outside the scope of this SMP.



The locations of the hollowing bearing trees and other habitat features (displayed in Figure 3-1) will be provided as spatial data to the Principal and construction contractors, who should seek to avoid these values in detailed design. This data will also be provided to the ecologists and/or spotter catchers undertaking the pre-clearance surveys so that they can assess equipment requirements and check if the hollows are being used prior to clearing.

### 3.1.5 Weeds and pests

A number of weed species were recorded on site, including Weeds of National Significance (WoNS), restricted invasive plants listed under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*, and other environmental weed species. Six pest animal species were confirmed in the Project Area, all of which are considered to be a restricted invasive animal under the Biosecurity Act. Refer to Appendix B for further information regarding the weed and pest species within the Project area.

### 3.2 MATTERS OF NATIONAL AND STATE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

The following MNES and MSES were recorded (or were considered likely to occur) during the field surveys. These species and communities and their listings under the EPBC Act, NC Act or VM Act are identified in Table 3-2. A detailed profile has been provided for threatened species and the MNES TEC in Appendix E. A map has been provided within Appendix A to show the area of Koala, Greater Glider and Squatter Pigeon habitat, as well as vegetation communities which are MNES or MSES.

Matter	Listing Status*				
	MNES	MSES			
	(EPBC Act)	(NC Act or VM Act)			
Flora					
Cycas megacarpa	E	E			
Cycas ophiolitica	E	E			
Cycas terryana	-	V			
Vegetation Commu	nity				
SEVT/ RE 11.4.1	TEC	E			
RE 11.3.21/11.3.3/11.3.27/11.3.21	-	E			
RE 11.11.10	-	OC			
RE 8.12.7/8.12.23	-	OC			
RE 8.12.16	-	OC			
RE 11.3.4	-	OC			
Fauna					
Squatter Pigeon (southern) (Geophaps scripta scripta)	V	V			
Koala (Phascolarctos cinereus)	V	V			
Greater Glider (Petauroides volans)	V	V			
Red Goshawk (Erythrotriorchis radiates)	V	V			
Corben's Long-eared Bat (Nyctophilus corbeni)	V	V			
Grey Falcon (Falco hypoleucos)	V	V			

Table 3-2 MNES and MSES known or likely to occur within the Project area, or noted in the EPBC approval



Matter	Listing Status*			
	MNES (EPBC Act)	MSES (NC Act or VM Act)		
Grey-headed Flying-fox (Pteropus poliocephalus)	V	V		
Ornamental Snake (Denisonia maculate)	V	V		
Migratory Birds				
White-throated Needletail (Hirundapus caudacutus)	Mi, Ma, V <sup>1</sup>	V		
Rainbow Bee-eater (Merops ornatus)	Ma	LC		
Rufous Fantail (Rhipidura rufifrons)	Mi, Ma	SL		
Fork-tailed Swift (Apus pacificus)	Mi, Ma	SL		
Satin Flycatcher (Myiagra cyanoleuca)	Mi, Ma	SL		

\* Status codes: E – Endangered, V – Vulnerable, OC – Of Concern, SL – Special Least Concern, LC – Least Concern, Ma – Marine (EPBC Act only), Mi – Migratory (EPBC Act only)



 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  The listing of this species as Vulnerable occurred after EPBC Act approval









## 4 IMPACTS

### 4.1 KEY ASPECTS AND IMPACTS

Key aspects of the Project that could result in impacts to biodiversity include:

- Site establishment, including installation of temporary facilities and mobilisation of equipment and materials
- Vegetation clearing
- Excavation and blasting
- Trenching works for installation of underground cabling
- Overhead power lines, hardstands and access track construction, including vegetation clearing, topsoil stripping, earthworks, and drainage works
- Installation of wind turbines
- Commissioning and operation of wind turbines and site compound facilities
- Vehicle movement during construction and operation.

### 4.1.1 Flora

Impacts to flora are expected to include:

- Potential damage to EPBC Act listed cycad species within the Project footprint
- The removal of remnant vegetation
- Increased competition from weed species which may be introduced to the Project Area or spread to new locations as a result of the Project.

### 4.1.2 Fauna

Impacts to fauna are expected to include:

- Vegetation clearance which may lead to:
  - Loss of vegetated habitat including hollow-bearing trees, bird nests and food resources
  - Damage or removal of ground-based habitat features including fallen timber, dead wood and bush rocks
  - o Injury and mortality to fauna during vegetation clearing
- Fauna collisions with construction vehicles
- Light, noise and vibration impacts which may disturb nesting or roosting fauna
- Removal of up to 1,513 ha of suitable Koala habitat
- Removal of up to 17.83 ha of suitable habitat for Greater Glider and Squatter Pigeon
- Degradation of habitat through runoff and pollutant results from clearing and infrastructure
- Collision of bird and bat species with turbine blades.



## 5 MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AND RISK ASSESSMENT

### 5.1 AVOID AND MINIMISE IMPACTS

Avoidance of impacts to threatened species has been achieved through the design refinement process detailed in the Project's Preliminary Documentation Submission Report, which has guided the alignment of the Project to minimise impacts to ecologically significant areas including remnant vegetation and particularly areas of SEVT. Following the ecological site investigations in 2015 and 2016, the wind farm was further designed to avoid environmental constraints. Originally, 234 turbine positions were surveyed. Following the survey results, it became apparent that seven turbines were mapped within SEVT; these seven turbines were subsequently removed from the design. Further turbines were also removed from the layout design for other reasons, resulting in a total of 195 turbines which were included in the approved action.

### 5.1.1 Final detailed design and micro-siting

Detailed design has considered how to further reduce vegetation clearing. The project detailed design is expected to result in an overall reduction of impact to MNES and MSES.

The following mitigation measures will be implemented for the detailed design, including micrositing of turbines, roads, underground cabling and other infrastructure, to reduce or avoid ecological impacts:

- Micrositing of turbines and access roads to minimise clearing SEVT TEC.
- Minimising clearing within the riparian vegetation community (which also incorporates core Greater Glider habitat).
- Final detailed design of road and overhead powerline alignments to minimise the overall clearing footprint to the greatest extent feasible, whilst also reducing the overall loss of Koala habitat.
- Micrositing infrastructure to avoid clearing listed Cycad spp. (or translocate in advance) and minimise the number of hollow bearing trees cleared.

### 5.2 WEED AND PEST MANAGEMENT; PRE-, DURING, AND POST-CLEARING

### 5.2.1 Weed management

Mitigation measures for managing weeds on site include:

- Managing existing weeds on site, including appropriate treatment and disposal
- Weed hygiene protocols
- Ongoing weed monitoring and control

The Weed & Pest Management Plan is detailed in Appendix B. The Contractor will take all reasonable steps to prevent the introduction, escape and/or spread of weeds through the Project Area and surrounds as a consequence of the use of the Site for the Works.



### 5.2.2 Feral animal control

The Weed & Pest Management Plan is detailed in Appendix B. Specific feral animal controls are outlined in this BMP as well as in the Cycad Translocation Plan (Appendix G) and separate Offset Strategy/Offset Management Plan. The measures that will be implemented include but are not limited to:

- Shooting
- Trapping
- Baiting

The Principal will be responsible for Feral Animal Control e.g. shooting, trapping and baiting (as required).

Site inductions and/or toolbox talks will include general training around minimising attraction for pest animal species, such as securing food scraps and rubbish bins, and not feeding wildlife.

### 5.3 **PRE-CLEARANCE MANAGEMENT ACTIONS**

### Confirming values and necessary approvals (including off-site clearing)

Prior to clearing a stage, the following assessment will be undertaken. This includes off-site clearing, which will be required to upgrade a road, bridge or drainage structure, or to allow clearance for over- size overmass vehicles.

- 1. Identify on-site and off-site areas where clearing, earthworks and/or alterations to a waterway corridor (i.e., construction of bridges, culverts, etc) will be required.
- 2. Complete a desktop due diligence to identify potential values and legislative triggers including:
  - Protected plant trigger areas (DES, 2019)
  - Clearing of mapped remnant vegetation in accordance with the State and Federal approvals
  - Clearing/construction within mapped waterways or stream orders.
- 3. Confirm that the planned clearing is within the area identified by the Technical Agency Response Plan (TARP) approved by Queensland DSDMIP and that it is also within the approved clearing limits (EPBC 2018/8141 and DSDMIP Decision Notice). The Principal will be responsible for the overall coordination of clearing between the different project Contractors.
- 4. Pre-clearance survey must be undertaken prior to clearing (see below).

### 5.3.1 Delineating the clearing boundary

All plant operators will have access to spatial data for vegetation clearing boundary. Physical demarcation (e.g., pegging, temporary fencing or similar) will be used to delineate the disturbance footprint, especially in areas of dense vegetation or other high-risk areas (such as within riparian vegetation).

All areas outside of the approved disturbance footprint are to be designated as no-go areas and protected as follows:

- Surveyor's pegs with brightly coloured flagging (or equivalent) will delineate the clearing boundary. These pegs are to be clearly placed and located so that contractors can easily discern the boundary of the area to be cleared.
- Trees will be felled away from retained vegetation, to ensure retained vegetation is not damaged.



### 5.3.2 Pre-clearance surveys

Prior to clearing works commencing, vegetation to be cleared will be inspected by an ecologist and/or suitably qualified fauna spotter (where they meet the definition in Appendix D). The fauna spotter for each Contractor will undertake a pre-clearance survey of vegetation within the clearing boundary of the Contractor's respective scope of work, within one month of felling. This survey will identify, record, and mark:

- Presence of fauna and/or fauna habitat
- Threatened flora (i.e. Cycad spp.)
- Weeds
- Evidence of pest animal species.

The ecologist and/or suitably qualified fauna spotter will locate, record and mark the location of resting, roosting and denning habitat, including the following specific habitat features:

- Tree hollows
- Large fallen logs and branches
- Bird nests
- Complex rock fissures
- Boulder piles.

Fauna habitat features will be clearly recorded and marked, preferably with pink spray marking paint (or similar), in order to identify those which will be inspected immediately prior to clearing and then be felled or removed with care. This includes HBT, which are trees that provide or potentially provide a number of resources including:

- Hollows, fissures or cracks
- Hollow logs on ground
- Stags
- Trees with diameter at breast height (dbh) >400 mm
- Large canopy spread
- Significant foraging resources for fauna.

In areas with surface rocks and timber, the fauna spotter will search for terrestrial reptiles and mammals.

Breeding habitat sites will be recorded and documented in the breeding habitat survey report. Survey reports will be provided to the DES on a quarterly basis. If any other threatened species under the NC Act are identified throughout the project, DES will be notified and consulted on any requirement for an additional permit or amendment to the SSMP (this plan).

### 5.3.3 Protected plants

The Project includes areas which are shown as high risk on the Protected Plants Flora Survey Trigger Map (DES, 2019). Pre-clearance surveys in these areas will follow the pre-translocation assessment process in the Cycad Translocation Plan, which is an EPBC Act condition of approval.

Targeted protected plant surveys occurred in March 2021, and a Protected Plants Clearing Permit application is underway at the time of writing.



If any additional threatened plants are identified within the Project Area, surveys will follow the Flora Survey Guidelines – Protected Plants (Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, 2016), and an online application for a Protected Plant Clearing Permit (DES) will be made prior to clearing.

Additional threatened plants (outside of cycad spp.) will require:

- Protected plant clearing permit to clear threatened plants
- Protected plant clearing permit OR exemption to clear in trigger map areas (i.e. south of Marlborough Road)
- Protected plant clearing permit to clear any unexpected threatened flora species found during pre-clearance surveys
- If any other EPBC Act listed threatened plant species are found within the project area, DAWE will be notified and appropriate action determined in consultation with the Department prior to clearing commencing in the known location of a threatened flora species.

### 5.3.4 Wildlife caring

Licensed and qualified wildlife carers will be contacted at least two weeks before the commencement of clearing to prepare for a potential admission of injured/orphan fauna. The Project will donate \$50 for each admission. Appendix D.5 lists contact details for local wildlife carers, and veterinarians. Due to the need for bats to only be handled by people who are vaccinated for Australian Bat Lyssavirus, the ability of local wildlife carers and veterinarians to receive bats will be established by the fauna spotter consultancy prior to clearing commencing.

### 5.4 MANAGEMENT ACTIONS DURING VEGETATION CLEARING

### 5.4.1 Timing

Clearing and bulk earthworks will be avoided during and immediately following heavy rainfall events to protect soils and vegetation at the site.

If undertaking nightworks, lights (both during nightworks and operation where necessary) will be directed away from vegetation and adjacent habitats.

### 5.4.2 Fauna spotter activities

A suitably qualified fauna spotter catcher will undertake a visual inspection of habitat features within 24 hours of clearing to identify resident fauna species that will require relocation. The definition of suitably qualified fauna spotter catcher is outlined in Appendix D.1, and further details of fauna spotter activities are outlined in Appendix D.2



### 5.4.3 Clearing approach

Sequential and staged clearing will be used. Trees will be progressively cleared to enable fauna residing in, or near the clearing site, enough time to vacate the clearing area and move into adjacent woodland without human intervention.

Cleared vegetation will be stockpiled or mulched, or where practical, may be relocated as fauna habitat:

- Where cleared vegetation has habitat features (such as hollow branches), these may be salvaged and relocated for use as replacement habitat outside the clearing footprint, as advised by the FSC. Salvaged hollows intended for Greater Glider use will be installed according to the specifications outlined in Section 5.4.5.
- Stockpiled vegetation may be suitable for use in erosion and sediment control and rehabilitation works. Stockpiled vegetation can provide habitat for fauna, and therefore a fauna spotter catcher will be present where stockpiles are removed or mulched. Mulch will be used within the Project Area as a preventative erosion control, to improve soil condition, reduce weeds, retain moisture and increase ecological diversity.

### 5.4.4 Sensitive clearing technique

A sensitive clearing technique will be implemented to fell hollow bearing trees, particularly in areas of mapped Greater Glider habitat (Appendix A).

Hollow bearing trees will be felled in a manner which reduces potential for fauna mortality. Trees will be tapped before felling to allow for fauna to self-relocate. It is at the discretion of the fauna spotter whether tapping is appropriate. The fauna spotter will also determine which trees will be felled using the sensitive clearing technique. This will consist of the trees being felled with an excavator or equivalent machinery using its boom to slow the trees fall. HBT are not to be pushed and allowed to fall under their own weight. After felling, HBT will be inspected by a fauna spotter to determine if any animals are present. Fauna spotters will capture and safely release any uninjured fauna present. See detailed procedure in Appendix D.

### 5.4.5 Nest box installation – Greater Gliders

Clearing hollow bearing trees which show signs of use by Greater Glider will require provision of alternative habitat. Alternative hollows, such as nest boxes or relocated hollows, will be installed in habitat suitable for Greater Glider outside of the clearing footprint.

Hollow bearing trees which have shown signs of use by Greater Glider will be sensitively cleared. Felled trees with suitable hollows for relocation will have the hollows salvaged where possible and removed by chainsaw (operated by an appropriately qualified fauna spotter), where safe to do so. Constructed nest boxes will be available on site in case natural hollows are not able to be salvaged and installed. The salvaged hollow or constructed nest box will be installed at height (see below) by either:

- Cherry picker (or similar)
- Tree climber (suitably qualified arborist) operating in a team of two.



Nest boxes or salvaged hollows will be installed according to the following specifications:

- Installation at a ratio of 4:1. Four nest boxes will be installed for each hollow-bearing tree
  removed that shows sign of occupation by a Greater Glider (presence of nest or species)
  unless the suitable hollow can be salvaged. Suitable hollows have better use rate by Greater
  Glider than nest boxes, therefore, when the hollow can be salvaged (e.g. not damaged as a
  result of the clearing) and relocated, only one suitable nest box will be installed for the same
  felled tree.
- Nest boxes will be installed prior to removal of a hollow-bearing tree in active use by Greater Glider.
- Installation at a height of 6 to 10 m.
- Nest box design will be in accordance with Franks and Franks (2003), i.e. hollow entrance 90 mm diameter, rear entrance (to avoid competition from Common Myna).

Fauna spotters will advise as to the most appropriate location for nest box installation. Nest boxes will be installed outside the clearing footprint and as close to the impacted hollow bearing tree as possible. The location of all installed Greater Glider nest boxes will be clearly recorded (including GPS), and monitoring of the nest box will be undertaken in accordance with Section 6.1.

Any Greater Gliders which need to be relocated will be released into a nest box.

### 5.4.6 General measures

Prior to and during construction, the construction Contractors will implement erosion and sediment control procedures for their works as per the CEMP. Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plans (ESCPs) will include further details of sediment control measures. These measures will include:

- Preparing site-specific ESCPs prior to commencement of construction in an area.
- Training all personnel on effective erosion and sediment control practice.
- Designing works to minimise the extent and duration of disturbance.
- Installation of erosion and sedimentation controls as per ESCP.
- Stabilising disturbed ground and exposed soils.
- Progressive rehabilitation.

Weed management measures will be implemented as outlined in Appendix B. Appendix C details rehabilitation measures.

### 5.4.7 Habitat features

Smaller rocks and logs will be inspected by the fauna spotter during the pre-clearance survey. Larger rocks and logs will be rolled using the excavator to search for fauna.

Where the fauna spotter considers grass or soil stripping has an elevated risk of encountering fauna, the fauna spotter will follow the bulldozer or grader and capture and relocate any uncovered fauna. The fauna spotter will supervise and direct soil stripping until they are satisfied that no further fauna will be uncovered.

Cleared vegetation will be stockpiled along the edges of the disturbance footprint or may be mulched. Certain habitat features (such as tree hollows that can serve as breeding structures) will be retained and relocated nearby as habitat for native fauna, if requested by the fauna spotter. Any such request will be implemented by the bulldozer or grader operator, where safe and practical to do so.


Where salvaged and relocated hollow branches are intended for Greater Glider use, as advised by the FSC, they will be installed according to the specifications outlined in Section 5.4.5.

#### 5.4.8 Injured fauna

Procedures for handling injured fauna are outlined in Appendix D. This involves the use of suitably qualified fauna spotter catchers, licensed wildlife carers, and veterinarians.

#### 5.4.9 Threatened species

The mitigation measures stated above generally cover a sensitive and best practice clearing technique for increasing fauna survival and allowing for successful relocation.

If a nocturnal threatened species, other than a Greater Glider, is recovered, it will be promptly transported by the Fauna Spotter Catcher to a suitable location. The animal will be released near to where it was found just after dusk. See Section 5.4.5 for the appropriate action to take for Greater Glider.

If other threatened species are recovered during the pre-clearance or clearance stages, the clearing methodology will be modified to reduce potential risks.

If a threatened species is orphaned or injured by clearing activities, it will be immediately transported to the nearest wildlife hospital for treatment. Any injuries or deaths of threatened fauna species must be reported immediately to the Site Environmental Coordinator and recorded as an environmental incident. For species listed as threatened under the NC Act, any death will be reported to DES within 48 hours (best practice, timeframe not legislated) on 1300 130 372. Any death of a threatened fauna species listed under the EPBC Act will be reported to DAWE within 10 business days.

# 5.5 **POST-CLEARANCE MANAGEMENT ACTIONS**

#### 5.5.1 Rehabilitation and revegetation

Implement rehabilitation protocol outlined in Appendix C.

Undertake progressive rehabilitation of the disturbed ground no longer required for construction or operation (e.g. hardstand and road batters, cable routes, etc). Where appropriate, topsoil will be reinstated to these areas to create a soil bedding layer for seeding and natural regermination of vegetation.

Remedial revegetation works will include the following:

- Scarification of subsoil
- Application of topsoil
- Re-seeding with temporary cover crops (where future disturbance is anticipated prior to establishing long-term vegetation cover)
- Seeding with appropriate longer-term vegetation cover (where deemed necessary).

Monitoring (and maintenance) of rehabilitated areas will continue until the rehabilitation success criteria of at least 70% groundcover has been met, in consideration of the local environmental conditions (Appendix C).

Habitat features such as hollow branches may be salvaged and relocated for use as habitat, as outlined in Section 5.4.7.



#### 5.5.2 Trenches

Trenches will be backfilled within 48 hours to minimise potential fauna trapping. If trenches are left open for longer than a day, they will be inspected daily (early in the morning) and any trapped fauna will be removed. Ramps or ladders in the trenches will be placed when leaving trenches overnight to facilitate the escape of trapped fauna.

## 5.6 **RISK ASSESSMENT**

The following matrix methodology (Table 5-1) has been used to assess risks to environmental factors during the construction and operational phases of the Project. This risk assessment was undertaken by experienced ecologists who have been involved with the project during the ecological assessments, preapproval and approvals phases. Input was also provided by environmental professionals with practical experience in implementing BMPs on wind farms in Queensland. The proponent's environment manager, construction manager and project manager have all reviewed and contributed to this assessment.

	Measures								
Qualit of like	ative measure lihood	How likely is it that implemented?	How likely is it that this event/circumstances will occur after management activities are implemented?						
Highly	likely	Is expected to occur	r in most circumsta	nces					
Likely		Will probably occur	during the life of th	ne project					
Possib	le	Might occur during	the life of the proje	ct					
Unlike	ly	Could occur but con	sidered unlikely or	doubtful					
Rare		May occur in except	ional circumstance	S					
Qualit of con	ative measure sequences	sure What will be the consequence/result if the issue does occur?							
Minor		Minor risk of failure to achieve plan objectives. Results in short term delays to achieving plan objectives, implementing low cost, well characterised corrective actions							
Mode	rate	Moderate risk of failure to achieve plan objectives. Results in short term delays to achieving plan objectives, implementing well characterised, high cost/effort corrective actions.							
High		High risk of failure to achieve plan objectives. Results in medium-long term delays to achieving plan objectives, implementing uncertain, high cost/effort corrective actions.							
Major		Plan objectives are and/or administrative	unlikely to be ach ve barriers to attair	nieved, with signific ment that have no	cant legislative, teo evidenced mitigatio	chnical, ecological on strategies.			
Critica		Plan's objectives are	e unable to be achie	eved, with no evide	nced mitigation stra	itegies.			
			Risk Matr	ix					
			Consequer	nce					
		Minor	Moderate	High	Major	Critical			
_	Highly Likely	Medium	High	High	Severe	Severe			
hooc	Likely	Low Medium High High Severe							
Likeli	Possible	Low	Medium	Medium	High	Severe			
_	Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	High	High			
	Rare	Low	Low Low High						

#### Table 5-1 Risk matrix method for risk assessment



#### 5.6.1 Results of risk assessment

The risk assessment (Table 5-2) considers the risk that the BMP's environmental objectives will not be met. These objectives are presented in the table below and have been developed with reference to established management objectives for MNES and MSES within recovery plans, conservation advice and other guidelines.

If monitoring (refer Section 6.1) or opportunistic observations indicate that a risk has been realised, a contingency response will identify appropriate and tailored corrective actions to rectify the specific event or circumstance.

Outcomes will be communicated to relevant personnel (i.e. through ongoing training opportunities; Section 7.2). Risks and the suggested contingency response are provided in Table 5-2.



#### Table 5-2 Risk assessment

Environmental	Risk event or	Management actions <sup>2</sup>	Residual risk		Trigger detection/	Contingency response	
objective	circumstance		L	С	R	monitoring activity <sup>3</sup>	and corrective action
Flora species							
EPBC Act threatened	species - flora				_		
No net loss of	Direct disturbance and	Pre-clearing:	Likely	High	High	Preclearance surveys	Undertake seed
threatened Cycad	death of individual cycads	<ul> <li>Pre-clearance surveys to identify and</li> </ul>					collection, propagation
individuals	during vegetation	mark individual Cycads.					and planting of cycads if
	clearing.	<ul> <li>Micrositing infrastructure and roads</li> </ul>					translocation efforts
		to avoid or minimise removal of large					have not reached
		stands of Cycads.					desired success rates (in
		Implement Cycad Translocation Plan.					accordance with Cycad
		During clearing:					Translocation Plan).
		• Where there is unavoidable clearing,					four propagated plants
		individual Cycads within the					for Commonwoolth
		construction footprint will					(Ior commonwealth
		translocated in accordance with the					1.1 for State Vulnerable
	Death of waters are de	Cycad Translocation Program.	Dees	111-1-	N. A. a. altissues	Lingthing f	C terryana
	Death of mature cycads	I ransiocation of Individual, mature cycads in	POSS	High	iviedium	Health of	e. terryunu.
	translocation	(Appendix C)				translocated plants to	
	transiocation	(Appendix G).				then baseline	
						than baseline.	
						tomporary storage (if	
						applicable) and	
						recipient sites	
Vegetation Commun	ities					recipient sites.	
EPBC Act threatened	communities						
Improve the	Areas of SEVT in excess of	Pre-clearing:	Unlike	High	Medium	Approved vegetation	Investigate the incident
condition and	approved clearing limits	<ul> <li>Micrositing infrastructure to avoid or</li> </ul>				clearing limits are	in accordance with
management of	are damaged or removed.	minimise ground truthed SEVT				exceeded.	Section 7.1.
retained SEVT	, v						Amendments proposed
vegetation in the						Monitored by pre-	for relevant approvals
Project Area.		During clearing:				and post-clearing	

<sup>2</sup> Management actions detailed in Section 5.1

<sup>3</sup> Monitoring detailed in Section 6

Environmental	Risk event or	Management actions <sup>2</sup>	Residual risk		Trigger detection/	Contingency response	
objective	circumstance		L	С	R	monitoring activity <sup>3</sup>	and corrective action
		<ul> <li>Marking clearing boundaries prior to clearing</li> <li>Implement erosion and sediment controls in accordance with the ESCP (required to be submitted to DSDMIP)</li> <li>Post-clearing:         <ul> <li>Implement stormwater management measures in accordance with the CEMP</li> <li>Implement Weed and Pest Management Plan (Appendix B)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				data (clearing limit verification)	and (where required) offsets to be provided.
Of Concern and Least	Concern vegetation commu	nities (NC Act)	1				
Retain viable native vegetation communities in the Project Area	Areas of remnant vegetation in excess of approved clearing limits are damaged or removed.	<ul> <li>Pre-clearing:</li> <li>Micrositing infrastructure to further avoid or minimise remnant SEVT vegetation</li> <li>Delineating clearing boundaries prior to clearing</li> </ul>	Unlike	Mod	Low	Approved vegetation clearing limits are exceeded. Monitored by pre- and post- clearing data (clearing limit verification)	Investigate the incident in accordance with Section 7.1. Amendments proposed for relevant approvals and (where required) offsets to be provided.
Riparian vegetation is retained and restored	Removal of or damage to native vegetation associated with a waterway, impacting on waterway health.	<ul> <li>Pre-clearing:</li> <li>Micrositing infrastructure to minimise clearing within waterways and within a defined distance of a waterway</li> <li>Waterway crossings designed in a manner that will not impede or alter stream flows.</li> <li>Post-clearing: <ul> <li>Undertake rehabilitation in accordance with the Rehabilitation Protocol (Appendix C).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Unlike	Mod	Low	Approved vegetation clearing limits are exceeded. Monitored by pre- and post- clearing data (clearing limit verification)	Investigate the incident in accordance with Section 7.1. Amendments proposed for relevant approvals and (where required) offsets to be provided.
Fauna							
EPBC Act threatened	species - fauna						
To protect <b>EPBC Act</b> <b>threatened fauna</b> <b>species</b> (including Koala, Greater Glider, White-	Removal of habitat	<ul> <li>Pre-clearing:</li> <li>Pre-clearance surveys to identify threatened species, including active nests, hollows, and Koala presence.</li> </ul>	Poss	High	Medium	Threatened species found within clearing impact area. Pre-clearance surveys	Order stop work if threatened fauna found in clearing impact area.

Environmental	Risk event or	Management actions <sup>2</sup>	Residual risk		Trigger detection/	Contingency response	
objective	circumstance		L	С	R	monitoring activity <sup>3</sup>	and corrective action
throated Needletail, Squatter Pigeon, Ornamental Snake and Red Goshawk) and EPBC Act threatened bird and bat species (including White- throated Needletail, Rainbow Bee-eater,		<ul> <li>Micrositing infrastructure (i.e. underground cable alignment) to minimise direct impacts to active nests, hollows and other habitat features in use by a threatened species.</li> <li>Provide short-medium term alternative habitat (nest boxes) for Greater Glider, where active hollow bearing trees are to be removed.</li> </ul>					Review risk, with fauna spotter to advise on appropriate action. Nest box installed (1:4 for removal of hollow bearing tree with sign of use by Greater Glider).
Rufous Fantail, Fork-tailed Swift, Satin Flycatcher, Red Goshawk and Corben's Long- eared Bat)	Injury or death during vegetation clearing	<ul> <li>During clearing:</li> <li>Use sensitive clearing techniques in accordance with Appendix D. This will include tapping hollow-bearing trees to encourage self-relocation, and slowly lowering the trees down to the ground prior to inspection by fauna spotter.</li> <li>Order stop works if threatened fauna is found within clearing area.</li> </ul>	Rare	High	Low	Animal observed during clearing. Pre-clearance surveys/ fauna spotter observation during clearing.	Injured fauna transported to a wildlife carer. If a threatened species, report as per Section 5.4.9. Review risk, fauna spotter to assess whether clearing approach could be improved.
	Injury or death from vehicle/mobile plant strike	<ul> <li>Educate on-site staff</li> <li>Strict enforcement of speed limits.</li> </ul>	Rare	Mod	Low	Injuries or death of threatened species are an environmental incident and must be reported to the Site Environmental Coordinator within 48 hours (see Appendix D).	Review risk, may be appropriate to amend speed limit, install signage and conduct additional staff training.
Injury or death from strike with wind turbineImplement actions within the Bird and Bat Management Plan, (prepared under EPBC 2018/8141 CoA 9-13), including (but not limited to):    Stock forage control  Carrion removal  Using low lux lighting		Poss	High	Medium	Dead/injured animal observed. Incidental/ carcass searches	Review risk in accordance with the Bird and Bat Management Plan. May necessitate additional controls or staff training	

Environmental	Risk event or	Management actions <sup>2</sup>	Residual risk		Trigger detection/	Contingency response	
objective	circumstance		L	С	R	monitoring activity <sup>3</sup>	and corrective action
		<ul> <li>Baffled lighting on buildings, directed to avoid light spill skyward or beyond target lit area.</li> </ul>					
General biodiversity	applies to EPBC and NC Act	threatened species and communities as well as to NC	Act prote	cted speci	ies and Leas	t Concern communities)	•
Successful rehabilitation of disturbed ground	Disturbed ground not rehabilitated, or rehabilitation fails, resulting in increased erosion (degrading adjacent areas, including potentially SEVT)	<ul> <li>Pre-, during and post clearing:</li> <li>Erosion and sediment control</li> <li>Progressively rehabilitate disturbed ground</li> </ul>	Poss	High	Medium	70% groundcover rehabilitation target not met. Monitored through photo points and quadrat sampling.	Corrective action to be appropriate to local environmental conditions
Bushfire risk will not increase as a result of the Project.	Bushfire caused by Project activities	Contact fire authorities on 000 if an uncontrolled fire is seen on site. Implement the Bushfire Management Plan, which has been endorsed by the Queensland Fire and Emergency Service in accordance with DSDMIP condition 10, including (but not limited to): • Hot work permit system • Specific mitigation measures relating to vehicle use, smoking, and use of flammable materials.	Rare	Major	Medium	Bushfire or near miss	Investigate the incident in accordance with Section 7.1 and review risk. May necessitate additional controls or staff training. Corrective action may require: Inspect and repair/clear fire
	Project unprepared for bushfire	<ul> <li>Contact fire authorities on 000 if an uncontrolled fire is seen on site.</li> <li>Implement the Bushfire Management Plan, which has been endorsed by the Queensland Fire and Emergency Service in accordance with DSDMIP condition 10, including (but not limited to):</li> <li>Established separation distances (buffer) between infrastructure and threat (vegetation).</li> <li>Maintaining asset protection zones.</li> <li>Mowing and slashing.</li> <li>Fire-fighting equipment and water on hand.</li> <li>Emergency service access clear.</li> </ul>	Unlike	Major	High		<ul> <li>breaks and widen if necessary</li> <li>Reassess fuel load reduction practices (i.e. increase controlled stock access if appropriate, or increase control of invasive grasses with high biomass.</li> </ul>
Pest animal activity will not increase as	Pest animals attracted to the Project Area, i.e. by increased food resources	Conduct pest animal management measures in accordance with the Weed and Pest Management Plan (Appendix B).	Unlike	Mod	Low	Opportunistic sightings of feral species (direct	Pest animal control and/or increase frequency of trapping

Environmental	Risk event or	Management actions <sup>2</sup>	Residual risk			Trigger detection/	Contingency response
objective	circumstance		L	С	R	monitoring activity <sup>3</sup>	and corrective action
a result of the Project.						sighting or evidence of presence)	events, additional staff training, review of attractants (i.e. unsecured bins with food waste).
No new restricted weed species introduced as a result of the Project.	Weeds are spread by Project plant or equipment.	Conduct weed control measures in accordance with the Weed and Pest Management Plan (Appendix B). Weed and seed protocol to be implemented to wash down vehicles, plant and any machinery coming to site.	Poss	Mod	Medium	Weed survey data (pre-clearance surveys) and construction environmental compliance	Weed control, reviewed weed hygiene practices. Adapt weed treatments with the advice of the weed management contractor.
No new outbreaks of restricted weeds within the Project Area.	Weed seeds introduced through mulch, topsoil or other material brought to site.	Imported materials such as sand, gravel and sediment controls materials will be sourced from sites which have been declared free of noxious weeds or Phytophthora infection by a suitably qualified person (included in glossary).	Unlike	Mod	Low	monitoring. New weed species observed, or weeds in a new location.	Upon being notified or becoming aware of new weed infestation relevant Contractor is to implement weed control measures within one month.
Protected fauna will not be killed or injured as a result of the Project	Injury or death during vegetation clearing	<ul> <li>Pre-clearing:         <ul> <li>Micro-siting of infrastructure to avoid or minimise clearing native fauna habitat</li> <li>Pre-clearance surveys to identify animal breeding places.</li> </ul> </li> <li>During clearing:         <ul> <li>Use sensitive clearing techniques in accordance with Appendix D Order stop works if threatened fauna is found within clearing area</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Poss	High	Medium	Dead animal observed during clearing. Pre-clearance surveys/ fauna spotter observation during clearing.	Injured fauna transported to a wildlife carer. Review risk, fauna spotter to assess whether clearing approach could be improved.
	Injury or death from vehicle/mobile plant strike	<ul> <li>Educate on-site staff.</li> <li>Strict enforcement of speed limits.</li> </ul>	Unlike	Mod	Low	Injuries or death of threatened species are an environmental incident and must be reported to the Site Environmental Coordinator within 48 hours (see Appendix D).	Investigate the incident in accordance with Section 7.1. Review risk, may be appropriate to amend speed limit, install signage and conduct additional staff training.

# 6 MONITORING AND REPORTING

# 6.1 MONITORING

Environmental monitoring will be undertaken to observe and report on the performance of proposed mitigation and management measures and performance indicators, with a focus on demonstrating:

- 'early-control' (that management actions are effective) and 'early warning' (corrective actions are required) functions, with respect to the performance targets
- early intervention and remediation of potential or realised non-conformances. Non-conformances include failure to achieve the plan objectives as measured by the plan's performance targets and management triggers. The monitoring program will inform adaptive implementation and demonstrate whether the management objectives for protected matters have been, or are likely, to be met.

Suitably qualified personnel will design and conduct monitoring and survey activities and analyse monitoring results.

Table 6-1	Monitoring schedule
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Environmental objective	Performance indicator	Monitoring activity	Location	Timing/frequency
EPBC Act threatened species - flora			·	
No net loss of threatened Cycad individuals.	Threatened cycads within the disturbance footprint are successfully translocated or propagated (refer to Cycad Translocation Plan).	Monitoring as per Cycad Translocation Plan. Monitoring will include but not limited to collecting information on the cycads' health, reproductive status, growth status and presence of pests.	Temporary storage area and recipient site.	Cycad condition assessment to be performed monthly at the temporary storage site, followed by monthly (year 1), quarterly (year 2-5) (60 months), as described in the Cycad Translocation Plan (for (Commonwealth Endangered cycads).
EPBC Act threatened communities	•			•
Improve the condition and management of retained SEVT vegetation in the Project Area.	Loss of SEVT will be minimised, with no more than the approved vegetation clearing amount:	Project impact areas will be inspected by environmental officer using GPS tablet to ensure consistency with design and clearing limits (i.e. clearing limits specified in	SEVT vegetation within Project area.	During weekly site inspections during clearing activities (Section 6.2). Periodically formalised via site drone/aerial survey and analysis



Environmental objective	Performance indicator	Monitoring activity	Location	Timing/frequency
	<ul> <li>45.22 ha of SEVT TEC (RE 11.4.1, RE 11.8.3)</li> </ul>	CoA, and DSDMIP approved clearing area [TARP]).		(6 monthly during clearing activities).
	Condition of the SEVT will be improved by implementing fire and pest animal management, as well as by providing a SEVT offset in accordance with the offset strategy and management plan for the Project.			
Of Concern and Least Concern vegetation	on communities			
Retain viable native vegetation communities in the Project Area.	No more than the approved vegetation clearing:	Project impact areas will be inspected by environmental officer using GPS tablet to ensure	Remnant vegetation within Project	During weekly site inspections during clearing activities (Section 6.2).
Riparian vegetation is retained and restored.	<ul> <li>0.92 ha of RE 11.3.21/11.3.3/ 11.3.27/ 11.3.21</li> <li>1.27 ha of RE 11.11.10</li> <li>2.93 ha of RE 8.12.7/8.12.23</li> <li>0.001 ha of RE 8.12.16</li> <li>0.003 ha RE 11.3.4</li> </ul>	consistency with design and clearing limits (i.e. clearing limits specified in CoA, and DSDMIP approved clearing area [TARP]).	area.	Periodically formalised via site drone/aerial survey and analysis (6 monthly).
EPBC Act threatened species - fauna	Γ	Γ		
To protect EPBC Act threatened fauna species (including Koala, Greater	No mortality or injury to EPBC Act	During clearing:	Project area.	During clearing:
Glider, White-throated Needletail, Squatter Pigeon, Ornamental Snake	threatened species as a direct result of the Project.	Fauna spotter methodology in Appendix D will be adhered to by		By fauna spotter during clearing.
and Red Goshawk) and EPBC Act threatened bird and bat species	Alternative habitat (nest boxes or relocated hollows) provided for	fauna spotters and clearing contractors.		During operation:
(including White-throated Needletail, Rainbow Bee-eater, Rufous Fantail,	Greater Glider for hollow bearing trees removed that shows sign of	During operation:		In accordance with the Bird and
Fork-tailed Swift, Satin Flycatcher, Red Goshawk and Corben's Long-eared	occupation by a Greater Glider (presence of nest or species).	Incidental/carcass searches (see Bird and Bat Management Plan).		At all times:
Bat).		At all times:		Injuries or death of threatened species are an environmental



Environmental objective	Performance indicator	Monitoring activity	Location	Timing/frequency
		Opportunistic observations.		incident and must be reported to the Site Environmental Coordinator within 48 hours (see Appendix D).
	Alternative habitat provided for Greater Glider and in use by this species.	Visual inspection of nest box (signs of decay, damage, pest animal/insect incursion). Signs of use/occupancy.	Greater Glider habitat areas where nest boxes installed.	Twice yearly, for 24 months from nest box installation (or less, if nest box confirmed to be successfully in use).
Conoral biodiversity (applies to EDPC a	nd NC Act threatened species and es	species occupying the box (if any).	tod species and Las	act Concorn communities)
General blodiversity (applies to EPBC a	hd NC Act threatened species and co	mmunities as well as to NC Act protec	ted species and Lea	ast Concern communities)
Successful rehabilitation of disturbed ground.	Disturbed ground reaches at least 70% groundcover or equivalent to surrounding areas not disturbed by project.	Monitor implementation and success of progressive rehabilitation across project (including temporary groundcover in relevant construction areas). Before and after records are required for representative areas requiring treatment, Monitored through photo points and quadrat sampling. % cover of vegetation (native/non- native) and weed species will be recorded.	Areas where the ground cover and substrate are disturbed by Project activities.	As part of weekly inspections regime during construction. During environmental audits, with the first within 3 months of construction commencing and then every 6 months thereafter during construction, and annually during operations until success criteria has been met (see Section 7.5.1).
Bushfire risk will not increase as a result of the Project.	Activities associated with the Project do not cause a bushfire.	Visual inspection, including fire breaks.	Within the property boundaries.	At any time.
Pest animal activity will not increase as a result of the Project.	Pest animal presence is at the same (or reduced) level as during pre-approval ecological surveys.	Opportunistic sightings of feral species (direct sighting or evidence of presence).	Within the Project Area.	Opportunistic, sightings recorded.



Environmental objective	Performance indicator	Monitoring activity	Location	Timing/frequency
No new restricted weed species introduced as a result of the Project. No new outbreaks of restricted weeds within the Project Area.	Weed species diversity and location of infestations is at the same (or reduced level) as during pre-construction surveys.	Pre-clearance surveys (see Section 5.3). Weed species will be noted and infestations marked by GPS, including an approximate extent and density.	Within the Project Area.	Pre-clearance. During environmental audits, with the first within 3 months of construction commencing and then every 6 months thereafter during construction, and annually during operations (see Section 7.5.1).
Protected fauna will not be killed or injured as a result of the Project.	No mortality or injury to protected native fauna as a direct result of the Project.	During clearing: Fauna spotter methodology in Appendix D will be adhered to by fauna spotters and clearing contractors. During operation: Incidental/carcass searches (see Bird and Bat Management Plan). At all times: Opportunistic observations.	Project area.	During clearing: By fauna spotter during clearing. During operation: In accordance with the Bird and Bat Management Plan. At all times: Injuries or death of threatened species (i.e. under NC Act) are an environmental incident and must be reported to the Site Environmental Coordinator within 48 hours (see Appendix D).
Biodiversity performance monitored and reported on.	Annual compliance report prepared for each 12-month period from construction commencement, published on the Project website within 60 business days of the relevant 12- month period.	As described above.	Project area.	Annually (as per EPBC 2018/8141 CoA 25).



# 6.2 ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTIONS

The relevant Contractor Site Environmental Coordinator and/or Site Engineers will regularly inspect work sites and critical activities throughout construction and commissioning of the Project. Site Environmental Coordinator/ Site Engineer inspections will occur on a weekly basis during construction and commissioning. Non-conformances will be identified and corrective actions specified and prioritised for action at the completion of the inspection.

Each inspection, with observations, non-conformance, corrective actions and timeframes will be documented and logged. Further detail on environmental inspections is provided in the CEMP.

# 6.3 DATA HANDLING

Clarke Creek Energy Pty Ltd or their nominated representative will oversee data collection, handling and storage.

Suitably qualified personnel will be used to capture, analyse and report on data collected during the Project.

Data will be stored electronically in consolidated databases (such as Excel) which will be maintained by external consultant(s) with responsibility for implementing components of this BMP. External consultants will provide data annually (or as required by the Proponent) to Clarke Creek Energy Pty Ltd, who will include this data within the overarching Project Database, stored on the Clarke Creek Energy Pty Ltd server.

# 6.4 **REPORTING**

Environmental reporting requirements are summarised in Table 6-2. The table sets out the environmental reporting requirements applicable to the Project, timing of the reporting, who is responsible for managing preparation of the reports and the intended recipient(s).

Additional reporting may be necessary as the works progress. In such a circumstance, Table 6-2 will be amended to reflect these changes.

No.	Report	Requirement	Timing	Responsibility	Recipient
1	Compliance Report.	Reporting as per EPBC 2018/8141 CoA 25.	Annual (within 60 business days following the relevant 12-month period.	Clarke Creek Energy Pty Ltd.	Project Website with notification to DAWE by email.
2	Species management program reporting.	Data on breeding places from pre- clearance surveys.	Quarterly.	Fauna spotter catcher contractor. Data also provided to Principal for overall project records.	Department of Environment and Science.

Table 6-2 Reporting requirements



Annual reports will be published on the project website within 60 business days following the end of the relevant 12-month period, in accordance with the relevant EPBC condition (CoA 25). To meet the requirements of CoA 7c, and to demonstrate compliance with the BMP, the annual compliance report will set out the following for the reporting period:

- impact avoidance, mitigation and/or rehabilitation measures implemented
- the timing of implementation of the above measures, and an assessment of the effectiveness of those measures; management triggers detected and risks realised, contingency response/s and corrective actions implemented
- an evidence-based assessment of whether and to what extent the BMP is achieving the plan's objectives.

#### 6.4.1 Scientific permit reporting requirements

To address the requirements of a High Risk SMP, data on breeding places from pre-clearance surveys will be forwarded to the DES quarterly and also provided to the Principal. As described in Table 6-2, the fauna spotter catcher contractor will be responsible for this process. The Principal will oversee compliance and maintain a register of tampering with animal breeding places, as the approved entity under the SMP.

The DES will be informed of unexpected finds/species not explicitly addressed in the SMP application/this BMP within five business days.

Under a Scientific Purposes Permit issued by DES, the permit holder (i.e. contracted fauna spotter services) is required to submit a return of operations to DES annually. This includes details of species involved in works conducted, other organisations involved in the collection of information, locations of surveys, and any publications and reports written as a result of information collected. The Principal must be provided with copies of the pre-clearance data.

Under an Animal Ethics Committee certificate of approval issued by the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF), the permit holder is required to submit an annual progress report. This includes project details and the status of any projects. For permit details, see Section 7.3.



# 7 COMPLIANCE

# 7.1 COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT

Compliance management, including non-conformity, corrective, and preventative actions, is addressed in the CEMP and summarised in relation to this BMP below.

Non-conformances may be identified through routine weekly site inspections, impromptu site inspections and general observations, via the BMP review or audit process, or be incident or complaint based. Any member of the Project team may raise a non-conformance or improvement opportunity.

The BMP and associated management-plans will be used as the reference to monitor and verify that environmental management objectives for threatened species are effectively implemented.

Environmental non-conformances might include:

- Failing to comply with the environmental regulations or license/permit conditions.
- Failure to implement commitments in the approved BMP or other environmental requirement.
- Carrying out work practices that have the potential to cause harm to threatened species.
- Activities that have caused actual harm to the environment not permitted by the project approvals or covered in the environmental assessment or management documentation.
- Deficiencies or concerns raised by client representatives and/or state and local authorities or agencies.

Upon detection, any of the above will trigger immediate steps to control the non-conformance and immediate reporting, investigation of the non-conformance and development of additional controls to prevent re-occurrence. A response will be developed in consultation with relevant stakeholders (e.g. DAWE if triggered) and will be assigned to the appropriate personnel for close out. Records will be kept of all corrective actions and follow-up processes to ensure close-out.

Environmental incidents will be recorded and reported in a number of ways:

- As identified during inspections, audits or routine observations.
- Recorded on the Environmental Incidents Register (and if required by Law, reported to the regulator).
- Communicated to workers during toolbox talks to share lessons learnt.

### 7.2 TRAINING

Details on training requirements are provided in the CEMP. The requirements of the CEMP (and sub-plans, including this BMP) will be communicated through:

- Environmental induction
- Toolbox talks, training and awareness
- Environmental awareness training
- Daily Pre-Start meetings

In addition:

- Annotated site plans will be displayed in lunchroom / site offices.
- Specific management required near constraints areas will be discussed in toolbox talks and environmental work method statement (EWMS) inductions.



# 7.3 RELEVANT PERMITS AND LICENSES

The following permits and licenses will be in place before undertaking vegetation clearing:

- Animal Welfare and Ethics, administered by the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) under the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001*.
- Registration as a Scientific User, administered by DAF under the Animal Care and Protection Act 2001.
- Scientific Purposes Permit, administered by DES under the NC Act.
- Rehabilitation permit, administered by DES under the NC Act and relevant to fauna spotter catcher activities.
- *Protected Plant Harvesting License*, administered by DES under the NC Act.
- Protected Plant Clearing (or Clearing Exemption) Permit, administered by DES under the NC Act.
- High Risk Species Management Plan (supported by this BMP).

# 7.4 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Roles and responsibilities for the implementation of this plan are described in Table 7-1.

Table 7-1 Project roles and responsibilities

Positions	Responsibilities	Activities
Principal's Site Representative	Overall responsibility for project compliance	<ul> <li>Supervision of the Principal's responsibilities onsite</li> <li>Coordination of construction Contractors and their activities to maintain overall project compliance</li> <li>Undertake site inspections and review records of audits to ensure works are proceeding in compliance with project environmental obligations</li> <li>Reviewing and approving EWMS and ESCP plans prior to any clearing / earthworks</li> <li>Reviewing planned works and controls, notifying contractors of unsatisfactory controls and required corrective action</li> <li>Oversee management of cycads and heritage</li> <li>Monitoring consistency of overall construction impacts against design</li> <li>Supporting project audits through provision of required information and availability for audit interviews</li> <li>Following up on Contractor responses to incident investigations, corrective actions and requests</li> <li>Provide leadership in relation to responsible environmental management and behaviours</li> <li>Participate in incident investigations and monitor corrective actions</li> <li>Respond to any complaints received regarding environmental issues</li> <li>Report to senior management.</li> </ul>

Positions	Responsibilities	Activities
Contractor Construction Manager	Overseeing Contractors scope of work	<ul> <li>Manage Contractor's scope of work in accordance with the project environmental documentation (e.g. BMP, CEMP, VFMP, Bushfire Management Plan) and contract requirements throughout the construction phase</li> <li>Ensure processes are in place to include the necessary provisions of the project environmental requirements into works (as relevant to Contractor' scope)</li> <li>Ensure workers are trained in the requirements of the environmental documentation</li> <li>Monitoring consistency of Contractors' construction impacts against design</li> <li>Ensure that the appropriate arrangements and agreements are in place for the management of Flora and Fauna</li> <li>Ensure all the vegetation protection measures are implemented and maintained during the construction phase</li> <li>Report incidents to the Principal's Site Representative</li> <li>Undertake incident investigation and corrective actions.</li> </ul>
Contractor Site Environmental Coordinator	Overseeing Contractors' environmental activities during construction works	<ul> <li>Preparation of Contractor's EWMS and oversee their implementation</li> <li>Coordinate the implementation of the relevant environmental management measures required for the respective scope of work</li> <li>Coordinate the fauna spotter to implement the required fauna related actions</li> <li>Respond to incidents advising Contractor Construction Manager and Principal's Representative of actions undertaken</li> <li>Fulfil environmental management and reporting obligations</li> <li>Inspect site works, provide inspection/compliance reports and follow up on the implementation of corrective actions.</li> </ul>
Ecologist / suitably qualified Fauna Spotter Catcher	Pre-clearance surveys, and monitoring clearing activities	<ul> <li>Undertake the required pre-clearance survey within one month of clearing</li> <li>Undertake a visual inspection of habitat features within 24 hours of clearing to identify resident fauna species that will require relocation</li> <li>Monitor all clearing activities and relocate wildlife where required</li> <li>Be on-call for duration of clearing activities for the project</li> <li>Support the Civil Contractor in their endeavours to undertake the work in accordance with the relevant legislative requirement around the protection of native wildlife on site</li> <li>Determine which trees will be felled using the sensitive clearing technique</li> <li>Must be suitably qualified (defined in Appendix D)</li> <li>Must hold a current DES license/permit with appropriate experience in surveying, monitoring, and rescuing fauna.</li> </ul>



# 7.5 AUDIT AND REVIEW

### 7.5.1 Environmental auditing

Environmental auditing will occur as per the schedule identified in the CEMP.

The project will be subject to ongoing auditing throughout the project. The audits will be undertaken at regular intervals throughout construction (within 2 months of construction commencing and every 6 months thereafter) and operations (annually). Details are outlined in the CEMP.

Specific to the BMP, audits will focus on:

- Compliance with environmental and planning conditions, including the application of the BMP. This will include (but is not limited to) those performance indicators listed in Section 6.1.
- Document control and review.
- Incident reporting and closure.

#### 7.5.2 Adaptive management

This plan uses an adaptive management approach, whereby management measures set out in this BMP may be amended in accordance with EPBC 2018/8141 approval conditions 31 – 33 *"Revision of action management plans"* to ensure effective management and mitigation are implemented. A suitably qualified person will draft any amended management measures or monitoring, including training of personnel, data analysis, interpretation, and reporting.

To ensure the effectiveness of this BMP, all activities are subject to regular review and reporting. BMP reviews will be undertaken as a minimum every three years as part of a continual improvement process. Triggers for a BMP review will include (but not be limited to):

- A reportable incident (any incident where material harm to the environment is caused or threatened, material harm being harm that is not trivial or negligible in nature, extent or context [s 16 *Environmental Protection Act 1994*]), including but not limited to:
  - o Mortality of a listed matter
  - Injury of a listed matter requiring the matter to undergo care or transport to a wildlife facility
  - o Identification of a threatened matter on site not listed under this plan
- Confirmed presence of a threatened species not covered by this plan
- Changes to the Project (methodology, activity, footprint).

The outcome of the reviews may result in amendments to the BMP and related documentation, risk assessment review, re-evaluation of the Project objectives and targets, as well as updates to other Project documents.

Continuous improvement of the BMP will be achieved by the ongoing evaluation of environmental management performance against the Plan's objectives and performance targets, and subsequent review and regulatory approval of revised versions of the BMP.



The continuous improvement process will therefore:

- Ensure new data/information is collected and incorporated into the BMP, as a result of lessons learnt through BMP implementation, and new information from external sources
- Effectively coordinate, schedule and/or trigger monitoring, risk management, auditing and reporting activities
- Periodically review risks, including in response to changing circumstances or in light of the results from implementing contingency response/corrective actions
- Review the effectiveness of management measures upon which the BMP is highly dependent
- Address the consequences of significant environmental incidents
- Identify areas of opportunity for improvement of environmental management and performance
- Determine the cause or causes of non-conformances and deficiencies
- Develop and implement a plan of corrective and preventative action to address any nonconformances and deficiencies
- Verify the effectiveness of the corrective and preventative actions
- Document any changes in procedures resulting from process improvement
- Assess attainment of BMP's environmental objectives against the performance indicators.



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# 9 GLOSSARY

Term	Definition		
ВМР	Biodiversity Management Plan		
BOM	Australian Bureau of Meteorology		
CCEPL	Clarke Creek Energy Pty Ltd		
СЕМР	Construction environmental management plan		
Cwth	Commonwealth		
DAWE	Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (formerly DoEE)		
DES	Queensland Department of Environment and Science		
DoEE	Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy (now DAWE)		
DSDMIP	Queensland Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning		
EEC	Endangered ecological community		
EIA	Environmental impact assessment		
ЕМР	Environmental Management Plan		
EPBC Act	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwth)		
ESCP	Erosion and Sediment control Plan		
EVNT	Species that are extinct in the wild, endangered, vulnerable, or near threatened		
ha	Hectares		
НВТ	Hollow bearing tree		
km	Kilometres		
m	Metres		
MNES	Matters of National Environmental Significance under the EPBC Act ( <i>c.f.</i> )		
MSES	Matter of State Environmental Significance under the NC Act		
NC Act	Queensland Nature Conservation Act 1992		
ОМР	Offset Management Plan		
QLD	Queensland		
The Project	Clarke Creek Wind Farm Project		
Project Area	Defined in Figure 1-1		
Proponent	Clarke Creek Energy Pty Ltd		
RE	Regional Ecosystem		
SEVT	Semi-Evergreen Vine Thicket threatened ecological community		
SMP	Species Management Program		
SSMP	Significant Species Management Program		
sp/spp	Species/multiple species		
Suitably qualified	A person with professional qualifications, training, skills and/or experience related to the subject matter and can give authoritative assessment, advice and analysis on performance relative to the subject matter using the relevant protocols, standards, methods and/or literature.		
TEC	Threatened ecological community		
VFMP	Vegetation and Flora Management Plan		
VM Act	Vegetation Management Act 1999		
WoNS	Weeds of National Significance		



# APPENDIX A SIGNIFICANT AREA VEGETATION CLEARING MAPS





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# APPENDIX B WEED & PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

# B.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Weed and Pest Management Plan is to describe how significant weed and pest species present at the site will be controlled throughout pre-construction, construction and operation of the Project. The objective and performance criteria for weeds and pest animals are presented in Table B-1.

Table B-1 Weed and pest management objectives and performance criteria

Objective	Performance criteria
Pest animal activity will not increase as a result of the Project.	Pest animal presence is at the same (or reduced) level as during pre-approval ecological surveys.
No new restricted weed species introduced as a result of the Project.	Weed species diversity and location of infestations is at the same (or reduced level) as during pre-construction surveys.
No new outbreaks of restricted weeds within the Project Area.	

# **B.2 EXISTING ENVIRONMENT**

#### **B.2.1** Significant weed species

Significant weed species present at the site include Weeds of National Significance (WoNS), restricted invasive plants listed under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*, and other environmental weed species. Landowners and land managers are responsible for managing WoNS. Under the Biosecurity Act, a General Biosecurity Obligation requires all reasonable and practical steps be taken to minimise the risks associated with restricted invasive plant species. Restrictions specific to Category 3 restricted invasive plants are that they must not be given away, sold or released into the environment without a permit. Table B-2 lists the significant weed species identified on site.

Table B-2 Significant weed species recorded within the broader Project Area to date (during ecological surveys and/or reported by landowners)

Scientific name	Common name	WoNS status	Status under <i>Biosecurity Act 2014</i> (Qld)
Ageratum houstonianum	Blue Billy Goat Weed	-	Environmental weed
Cenchrus ciliaris	Buffel Grass	-	Environmental weed
Cryptostegia grandiflora & C. madagascarensis	Rubber vine	$\checkmark$	Restricted invasive plant
Gomphocarpus fruticosus	Balloon Cotton	-	Restricted invasive plant
Lantana camara	Lantana	$\checkmark$	Restricted invasive plant (Cat 3)
Leucaena leucocephala	Leucaena	-	Environmental weed
Neonotonia wightii	Glycine	-	Environmental weed
Opuntia stricta	Prickly Pear	$\checkmark$	Restricted invasive plant (Cat 3)



Scientific name	Common name	WoNS status	Status under <i>Biosecurity Act 2014</i> (Qld)
Opuntia tomentosa	Tree Pear	$\checkmark$	Restricted invasive plant (Cat 3)
Parkinsonia aculeata	Parkinsonia	$\checkmark$	Restricted invasive plant
Parthenium hysterophorus	Parthenium	$\checkmark$	Restricted invasive plant (Cat 3)
Sida cordifolia	Flannel Weed	$\checkmark$	Environmental weed
Sporobolus pyramidalis, S. natalensis, S. jacquemontii & S. fertilis	Giant Rats Tail Grass, American rats tail grass, Giant Parramatta grass	-	Restricted invasive plant
Xanthium spinosum	Bathurst burr	-	Environmental weed
Xanthium strumarium	Noogoora burr	-	Environmental weed / poisonous to stock

#### **B.2.2** Pest animal species

Six invasive animal species were recorded on site. These are identified in Table B-3, including notation of their pest status under the Biosecurity Act.

Table B-3 Pest species recorded on site

Scientific name	Common name	Status under Biosecurity Act 2014 (Qld)	
Canis lupus dingo	Wild Dog/Dingo	Restricted invasive animal	
Cervus timorensis rusa	Deer (Rusa)	Restricted invasive animal	
Felis catus	Feral Cat	Restricted invasive animal	
Oryctolagus cuniculus	Rabbit	Restricted invasive animal	
Sus scrofa	Feral Pig	Restricted invasive animal	
Vulpes vulpes	Red Fox	Restricted invasive animal	

### **B.3** CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS AND RISKS

Key aspects of the Project that could result in the introduction of weeds to the site, spread of weeds within the site, or transportation of weeds from the site, include:

- Movement of vehicles, plant, equipment and personnel on, off and around the Project site.
- Movement and stockpiling of weed infested topsoil.
- Clearing, grubbing and stockpiling of weed infested mulch.
- Inappropriate disposal of weeds.

Potential impacts associated with weeds at the Project area include:

- Spread of weeds into previously non-infested areas (both inside and outside the Project area).
- Degradation of native flora and fauna habitat, including remnant vegetation and TECs.
- Introduction of new weeds to Project area.



Potential impacts associated with pest animals in the Project area include:

- Consumption of native plants by herbivorous pests.
- Trampling of native flora and fauna habitat, such as leaf litter mats.
- Predation of native fauna.

## **B.4 MITIGATION MEASURES**

Mitigation measures to manage weeds and pests include:

- Recording incidental weed infestations and pest animal observations
- Weed management and disposal
- Implementing weed hygiene protocols
- Ongoing weed control and monitoring
- Implementing, on an annual basis, pest animal control mechanisms consistent with best practice guidelines in response to the detection of pest animals in the Project area. Relevant guidelines include:
  - Australian Pest Animal Strategy 2017 2027, Invasive Plants and Animals
     Committee, Cwth Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, 2017
  - Principles of pest management, Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries http://www.agriculture.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/pestsdiseases-weeds/consultation/apas-final.pdf
  - Controlling pest animals on your property, Business Queensland https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishingforestry/agriculture/land-management/health-pests-weedsdiseases/pests/controlling/chemical

### B.4.1 Management of pest animal species

Mitigation measures to manage pest animal species at the site may include those listed in Table B-4.

Pest animal	Key control measures*
Canis lupus dingo Dingo/wild dog	Shooting, poisoning, trapping and fencing.
<i>Cervus timorensis rusa</i> Deer (Rusa)	Shooting, exclusion fencing.
Felis catus	Multiple methods including night shooting, poisoning and rubber-jawed leg-hold traps
Feral Cat	placed near territorial markers
Oryctolagus cuniculus	Warren ripping or harbour destruction (most-effect method for long-term control).
Rabbit	Integrated approach combines destroying warrens, baiting, rabbit-proof fencing, fumigation, trapping and shooting.
Sus scrofa	Beiconing (the most officient and offective way to reduce hig nonulation)
Feral Pig	Poisoning (the most encient and elective way to reduce pig population).
Vulpes vulpes	Shooting (to control small populations).
Red Fox	Trapping, using padded or offset laminated jawed traps (minimal impact on non-target
	species and is effective when used as part of an integrated approach).
	Baiting (the most economical and effective control method).

Table B-4 Control measures for pest animal species.

\*Queensland Government, Business Queensland, Restricted invasive animals - Control



## **B.4.2** Management of existing weeds

Environmental mitigation measures to manage existing weeds at the site will include:

- Identification and mapping of significant weeds occurring in construction areas prior to disturbance; with monitoring occurring as part of the pre-clearance surveys. Log GPS point/tracks, species, and extent of infestation. This will support a clear determination of 'clean' and 'infested' construction zones to assist in weed management.
- Where significant weeds are recorded within the disturbance footprint (including topsoil stockpile locations); treat or remove weeds progressively prior to construction commencing in each area. Key control measures for the significant weeds present at the site are outlined in the table below.

Significant Weed	Key Control Measures (Reference)		
Ageratum houstonianum Blue Billy Goat Weed	Foliar spray or complete removal (cut and remove) for small numbers in early growth stages before they produce seed. https://weeds.brisbane.qld.gov.au/weeds/blue-billygoat-weed		
<i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i> Buffel Grass	Combination of physical and chemical treatments. Small, isolated plant can be dug out from key sites before seeding. Foliar spray when leaves are bright green and glossy. Follow up is essential. *Australian Association of Bush Regenerators Weed Guides – Buffel Grass		
Gomphocarpus fruticosus Balloon Cotton	Foliar spray or complete removal https://weeds.brisbane.qld.gov.au/weeds/balloon-cotton-bush		
<i>Lantana camara</i> Lantana	Integrated approach including herbicides, mechanical removal, fire, biological control and revegetation. Long-term follow up control is required after initial attempts. Weeds of national significance Weed Management Guide, Lantana – Lantana camera		
<i>Neonotonia wightii</i> Glycine	Cut stump then foliar spray https://weeds.brisbane.qld.gov.au/weeds/glycine		
<i>Opuntia stricta</i> Prickly Pear	Herbicide and biological control https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/land- nagement/health-pests-weeds-diseases/weeds-diseases/invasive-plants/prohibited/prickly- pear		
<i>Opuntia tomentose</i> Tree Pear	Herbicide and biological control https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/land- nagement/health-pests-weeds-diseases/weeds-diseases/invasive-plants/prohibited/prickly- pear		
Parthenium hysterophorus	Pasture management and herbicide treatment with a knockdown herbicide to kill plants and a residual herbicide to control future germinations. Repeated spraying within one growing season. DAF 2016 https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/68602/IPA-Parthenium- PP2.pdf		
<i>Sida cordifolia</i> Flannel Weed	Foliar spray when actively growing Northern Territory Government 2015. Weed Management Handbook.		

Table B-4 Control measures for significant weeds.



## B.4.3 Weed hygiene protocols

All plant and machinery that enters the site must be cleaned and inspected as free from mud and weed seed. The wheels of all machinery and equipment will be washed down before transportation to the site, to avoid the risk of importation of root-rot fungus, other pathogens or weeds into the local area. Plant and equipment will be inspected and cleaned before leaving a worksite that is infested with weeds, to remove any soil and vegetation. This will occur in dedicated washdown areas

Imported materials such as sand and gravel will be sourced from sites which have been declared free of noxious weeds or Phytophthora infection by a suitably qualified person.

#### B.4.4 Weed stockpiling, transportation and disposal

All Category 3 restricted invasive plant species on site are not to be distributed (i.e. within mulch or stockpiled soil). If they are to be disturbed all material will be disposed of in accordance with legislative requirements:

- Burying the matter in the ground at a depth that ensures any seeds or vegetative material cannot grow; or
- Transporting the matter directly to a waste facility if the matter is
  - In a sealed container or a covered vehicle; or
  - Covered in a way that prevents the restricted matter from being lost or released during transport; or
- Sealing the matter in plastic and leaving the matter in the sun until any vegetative material being disposed has decomposed.

Under no circumstances are weeds or exotic species to be used for mulch.

# **B.5** ONGOING CONTROL AND MONITORING

Regular monitoring throughout construction is required to determine the success of weed and pest control treatments. An ongoing monitoring and management regime will involve monitoring of:

- The presence of pest animals. This monitoring will be undertaken for a period of 5 years using camera traps and incidental records. Additional monitoring will be undertaken if the trigger outlined in the risk assessment is met (i.e. if the project has resulted in an increase of pest animals in the project area). To measure this, camera traps will be setup at representative sites (i.e. near water, site compound, along tracks) to monitor the movement and abundance of pests. This monitoring will be repeated every six months during construction and operation for a period of 5 years. Records of pest animal sightings will be kept. Active pest animal control will only commence following additional pest animal sightings, or there is observable impact from these animals, e.g. feral pig damage to translocated cycads.
- Weed infested areas to determine effectiveness of weed control measures until weed densities are less or equal to the pre-disturbance density, similar densities to surrounding areas not subject to project activities, or new species infestations are eradicated. If previous weed treatments are found to have been ineffective, a review of the weed management activities will be undertaken and treatments modified as necessary.



# APPENDIX C REHABILITATION PROTOCOL

# C.1 OBJECTIVES OF REHABILITATION

The objective of rehabilitation is to re-establish stable ground surfaces, resistant to erosion and weed ingress, and to maximise the potential for colonisation by native ground cover. This section applies to the construction phase however monitoring and maintenance will be required to varying levels throughout the life of the Project.

# C.2 REHABILITATION METHODS

The key to effective rehabilitation will be using strategies appropriate to the location and condition of the area disturbed. Ideally, rehabilitation will be achieved with vegetative cover. However, this will not be achievable where there is insufficient topsoil to support vegetative growth. These include:

- Areas which are geologically stable and resistant to erosion, e.g. Rocky outcrops (where seeding would be ineffective)
- Large cuts where weathered rock is present and where plants are not able to establish.

In lieu of seeding in these areas, catch drains or raised berms will be constructed to minimise the erosion of rock faces and to re-direct water flows away from exposed and stable earth surfaces.

# C.3 AREAS TO BE REHABILITATED

Areas disturbed during construction will be stabilised progressively during construction. Areas which will be rehabilitated include:

- Access track and crane hard standing batters
- Underground cable routes
- Temporary construction compounds, laydown sites or stockpile sites.

Roads will be maintained and will remain passable for over- size over-mass vehicle loads in the event of a blade replacement during operation, or other maintenance. Therefore, no trees that could grow to become future obstructions will be allowed to grow where large oversailing blades could be transport in. This also applies over underground cable routes where roots from large trees could over time damage the underground cable.

Pre-approval documentation (NGH *et al.* 2017) proposed that Koala habitat would be reinstated around infrastructure, roads and hardstand. As Project design has progressed, it is apparent that there are challenges to effectively revegetating with Koala trees. For example, cleared areas will need to be maintained as bushfire buffers, and/or to allow for oversized loads to be brought on site throughout operation. To compensate for this, the entirety of vegetation clearing associated with Koala habitat will be addressed through the Offsets Strategy/Management Plan.





# C.4 STOCKPILE, MULCHING AND REUSE OF ORGANIC WASTE

- Topsoil will be stripped and set aside for use in progressive site rehabilitation, close to the point of origin. Relevant areas which are no longer influenced by traffic/machinery will have topsoil reinstated, thereby creating a soil bedding layer for the natural and assisted germination of vegetation.
- Cleared vegetation will be stockpiled or mulched for use in erosion and sediment control and rehabilitation works.
- Stockpiling of felled vegetation and soil from earthworks activities is to remain within the development footprint. Stockpiles must not be placed within 30 m of a waterway.

## C.5 GENERAL MEASURES FOR REHABILITATION

- Where appropriate, plantings and/or seeding within rehabilitated areas will incorporate local indigenous species, with the primary objective of addressing erosion and sedimentation issues, but also to be consistent with the biodiversity values of the existing surrounding vegetation (e.g. species selections are to be consistent with the surrounding vegetation community (RE) composition).
- Appropriate planting and/or seeding techniques to be specified by the Contractor for the different areas of the site, in consideration of climatic conditions (e.g. sterile cover crops or soil tacifier) will be required as an intermediate step to ensure early stabilisation of disturbed areas.
- Include monitoring to demonstrate whether ground cover establishment targets have been met (see Section 6.1).

# C.6 REHABILITATION BENCHMARKS AND INDICATORS

Areas disturbed during construction will be stabilised progressively during and following construction. Areas to be revegetated must achieve at least 70% groundcover (which includes rock cover), or equivalent groundcover to surrounding areas not disturbed by the project.

Before and after records are required for areas requiring treatment, including site notes and photographs. Rehabilitation objectives (i.e. stabilisation, revegetation) will differ depending on site characteristics.

Generally, the objective will be to:

- Stabilise steep rocky areas with limited topsoil and vegetation cover.
- Restore vegetation cover n flatter terrain or where vegetation cover currently occurs (through a mixture of natural and assisted regeneration).

# C.7 TIMING OF REHABILITATION

Rehabilitation will be undertaken progressively as the works are completed. Disturbed areas planned for rehabilitation will be rehabilitated as soon as practicable following completion of works in each disturbance area. Temporary stabilisation methods during construction will likely be required to minimise the risk of erosion and the transport of sediment (e.g. hydroseeding of sterile cover crop/seedmix or soil tacifier on bare batters and stockpiles).



# APPENDIX D FAUNA SPOTTING AND VEGETATION CLEARING PROCEDURE

# D.1 SUITABLY QUALIFIED FAUNA SPOTTER

A suitably qualified fauna spotter is one who (from Hangar and Nottidge 2009):

- Holds current relevant permits and licences
- Is competent in survey techniques and identification of fauna, including legislatively significant species
- Is competent in humane capture, trapping, and handling of fauna
- Is competent in humane techniques for emergency euthanasia
- Is suitably equipped to capture a range of fauna species (different size and weight)
- Is appropriately vaccinated (i.e. for bat handling).

# D.2 FAUNA SPOTTER ACTIVITIES

In accordance with DES requirements for tampering with breeding animal places (DEHP, 2010), the approved fauna spotter must:

- Contribute to implementing this plan to ensure protected wildlife and their respective breeding places are appropriately managed during clearing operations;
- Work with the Construction Contractor to achieve procedural uniformity in terms of understanding and implementing this plan;
- Assist the Construction Contractor to incorporate this plan into contract documentation;
- Use their discretion to inform DES where they identify unusual incidents (i.e. critically endangered species, multiple individuals, unexpected species/out of range)
- Any injuries or deaths of threatened fauna species must be reported immediately to the Site Environmental Coordinator. Any death will be reported to DES within 48 hours (best practice, timeframe not legislated) on 1300 130 372. Any death of a threatened fauna species listed under the EPBC Act will be reported to DAWE within 10 business days.
- Consultation with the project Principal's Representative will occur prior to consultation or reporting to external regulatory authorities.

Construction procedures will (see also Section 5.3.1):

- Provide for fauna movement where exclusion fencing or footprint demarcation is necessary, as well as clearing and worker safety requirements.
- include mechanisms to facilitate fauna movement away from clearing activities.

The fauna spotter will educate staff as well as the Construction Contractor regarding the potential risks of fauna injury and deaths and how to best manage animals that may become injured or displaced, including those species listed as threatened and/or migratory under the NC Act and/or EPBC Act.

Where actual or potential animal breeding places are identified, the fauna spotter will comply with the actions identified within Table E-1 below and details of the breeding place/s will be recorded.



Table E-1 details relevant species management practices to be implemented, and where practicable be applied to all fauna spotter activities to minimise disturbance to breeding animals and/or their young. Where the removal of eggs/animals is required, the fauna spotter will engage a suitably qualified and licensed wildlife carer/facility to incubate all viable (undamaged) eggs removed and to raise young animals, and will adequately store the eggs/animals until they are supplied to the wildlife carer.

Species group	Breeding place status	Management action
Least concern – special least concern or colonial breeding	All	Implementation of mitigations measures outlined in this BMP.
Other least concern species	Contains young or eggs	Avoid unnecessary disturbance. Breeding place will be removed, and eggs/young handed over to a licensed wildlife carer/facility. It is preferable to allow eggs to hatch and/or young to mature before moving them away from a breeding place. As a last resort, eggs may be destroyed?
Other least concern species	No eggs or young	Proceed with caution. Remove breeding place if applicable.

Table D-1 Authorised Species Management Actions with Respect to Animal Breeding Places

Source: (DEHP, 2010)

<sup>1</sup>Where the removal or translocation of wildlife is required, the 'take' must be facilitated by a suitably licensed and experienced person. There are two acceptable methods for destroying or terminating eggs: quickly breaking and crushing its contents; or reducing the temperature of the egg to less than 4 degrees Celsius for at least 4 hours.

Fauna spotters will direct the salvage of relevant hollows and relocate these to nearby habitat that will be retained.

The decision to rehabilitate an animal must consider the ability for it to be successfully released and availability of appropriate natural habitat within the vicinity of where the animal was found. Where the removal of eggs/animals is required, the fauna spotter must engage a suitably qualified and licensed wildlife carer/facility to incubate all eggs removed and to raise young animals, and adequately store the eggs/animals until the wildlife carer's arrival.

The fauna spotter must maintain a register to document any tampering with animal breeding places (checklist). The checklist must record the number of obvious animal breeding places destroyed and/or relocated and a description of each. Where the SMP does not apply, DES's authority is required for tampering with breeding places of species. Furthermore, the register must be made available to DES upon their request.



# D.3 PRIOR TO UNDERTAKING FAUNA SPOTTING

- The area proposed to be cleared will be surveyed by a competent surveyor and delineated on the ground using pickets, markers or equivalent.
- A pre-clearance habitat survey will be undertaken by an Ecologist or suitably qualified FSC.
- Pre-clearance habitat surveys will consist of:
  - Traversing the area marked to be cleared no more than a month before clearing is to take place.
  - Physically marking hbts or other habitat features (e.g. Using flagging tape or spray paint).
  - Breeding habitat sites will be recorded and documented in the breeding habitat survey report.
  - Searching for and identifying fauna habitat/s that have the potential to be used by threatened fauna and other fauna (e.g. Fresh tracks outside of burrows, latent trees with hollows etc.). This will involve inspecting bark from trees, turning rocks and logs and inspecting hollows where feasible within the area of disturbance. Active (and likely) breeding places will be marked.
  - Potential habitat includes burrows, loose bark, rocks and rock piles, logs, dead and live trees with hollows, bird and possum nests and cracking clay soil.
- Just before clearing, the fauna spotter will traverse the area again to ensure all habitat marking remains and search for additional fauna and specifically search for Koalas.

## D.3.1 Specific to Koalas

If a Koala is found during the pre-clearance assessment, they must be managed in accordance with the following:

- Leaving a 30m buffer of vegetation around the Koala tree in addition to a corridor of vegetation to the nearest vegetated area.
- Not felling any tree that has the potential to fall on or near the tree the Koala is residing in.
- Monitoring the Koala location and its visible stress levels. If the Koala is appearing visibly stressed and agitated, move the clearing front further from the Koala until they appear calm.
- Allow the Koala to self-relocate of its own volition.
- Koalas are not to be interfered with unless they have been injured. Injured Koalas are to be handled by experienced personnel, stored in a large carry crate suitable for Koalas and immediately transported to the nearest vet with wildlife capabilities or to an experienced Koala carer. If a Koala is injured on site, follow steps outlined in Appendix D.5.

### D.3.2 Specific to Eastern Long-eared Bat

If juvenile Eastern Long-eared Bats, or any juvenile microbat, are located they must be transported to a suitably qualified bat carer as soon as possible with the mother bat. If the mother bat can't be identified, then any female bat from the colony must stay with the juvenile bat. Microbats with young attached are not to be released or placed into translocated hollows. Bats are to be kept warm, above 30 degrees and kept within the colony they were found in. The Australian Bat Clinic will be contacted on 0490 708 884 for advice on correct care and to organise a suitably qualified carer. Bats will not to be kept overnight without hydration. Hydration will be administered through a subcutaneous injection administered by the fauna spotter catcher, wildlife carer or vet.



#### D.3.3 Specific to Greater Glider

See Section 5.4 for details about installing nest boxes where hollow bearing trees in use by Greater Glider are going to be cleared.

# D.4 DURING VEGETATION CLEARING

- At least one fauna spotter on site will have training and experience in basic wildlife first aid and wildlife health assessments.
- During clearing works, the fauna spotter and plant operator must maintain positive two-way radio contact.
- The fauna spotter will supervise vegetation clearing and the removal of habitat features. This includes the removal of trees and understory, grass and soil stripping and any dewatering.
- The fauna spotter will follow the bulldozer or grader during soil and grass stripping.
- For safety purpose, the fauna spotter will maintain a distance of at least 25m (in the opposite direction of the tree fall) during the felling of a tree.

#### D.4.1 Sensitive clearing technique

In addition to the vegetation clearing steps outlined above, sensitive clearing techniques will be implemented to fell hollow bearing trees, particularly in areas of mapped Greater Glider habitat.

- The fauna spotter will communicate to the machine operator when they are approaching a HBT and will advise on the clearing procedure that is to be undertaken.
- Excavators or equivalent machinery will be used to clear HBTs. If the habitat is a tree hollow, the fauna spotter will instruct the machine operator by two-way radio if it is suitable to tap the tree with the ripper or bucket (to encourage fauna inside the hollow to move out of the hollow).
- Once the tree has been tapped and if no fauna is detected, the fauna spotter will give positive communication that the tree can be felled. If fauna is seen, the fauna spotter will use their discretion to as whether to continue the tree felling or to let the tree remain overnight to encourage self-relocation.
- The excavator or equivalent machinery operator will slowly lower HBT trees. HBTs will not be pushed and left to fall under their own weight as this can cause direct injury or death to animals.
- The fauna spotter will approach the tree to check the hollow/s and remove any fauna into a handling bag. The fauna spotter will release the fauna into the designated release area (a distance of ~50m outside the clearing footprint).
- If the hollow is in good condition and the fauna is not injured, the fallen tree will be marked and left in situ over night to allow the fauna to self-relocate.


## D.4.2 Other fauna habitat

- Any area of water must to be inspected by a fauna spotter before it is disturbed. For larger areas of water, a dewatering will need to be undertaken where the water is pumped out while the fauna spotter supervises. For smaller areas of ephemeral water, the fauna spotter will request the plant operator to use their bucket to dig around the water to recover frogs and turtles.
- Stockpiled areas of vegetation left for longer than 48 hours are considered habitat and a fauna spotter will need to be present to supervise any impacts to these stockpiles.
- If a threatened species is identified, the above process outlined above in D.4 (points 14-16) will be followed.

### D.4.3 Threatened fauna – unexpected find

- If a new threatened species is encountered on site (species that has not being recorded during
  previous fauna searches), vegetation clearing in that area must cease, and the fauna spotter must
  contact their supervisor and the Principal's Representative. The Principal's Representative will
  facilitate contact with the appropriate State or Federal Department in relation to an appropriate
  course of action. Changes to the clearing methodology in response to new threatened species may
  be subject to state government approval of a revised SMP (this document).
- Clearing of the specific area of concern will not recommence until approval has been granted by the relevant agency.

## D.5 INJURED FAUNA

- All animals recovered during clearing must be thoroughly checked for injuries. If the fauna spotter who captured the animal is not experienced in health assessments, the animals will be transported to an experienced fauna spotter with experience assessing injuries and viability for that animal. The fauna spotter will in contact their supervisor or an experienced wildlife carer or vet for advice on viability. If an injury is deemed unviable see 'Euthanasia' below.
- All animal care and transport must be undertaken in line with the Care of Sick, Injured or Orphaned Protected Animals in Queensland Code of Practice (DES 2013).
- Preferably the fauna spotter will have wildlife caring experience and be able to hydrate and care for fauna in the short term until transport can be arranged. This can include the ability to give pain medication, keep an animal comfortable and ensure animals are kept at an appropriate temperature.
- Viably injured animals need to be transported to a suitably experienced wildlife carer or vet as soon as possible. If pain relief can be given and the animal kept comfortable in a suitable enclosure, this can be within 24 hours. If the animal cannot be subcutaneously hydrated, they need to be transported within 12 hours.
- The capture coordinates of the animal need to be provided to the vet or wildlife carer at time of drop off.
- Captured animals will be handled in a way that minimizes the risk of injury or stress-induced disease. This can be best achieved by:
  - Firm and quiet handling
  - o Keeping handling and restraint time to the minimum needed
  - o Using techniques and timing appropriate to the species.



- Housed animals will be kept in a way appropriate to their biology and in circumstances that ensure they are safe from harm, environmental stresses and other adverse conditions. Mammals and reptiles can be held in cloth bags and frogs in plastic bags with some water for short term storage. For longer term storage plastic terrariums, large cat carry cages or secure dog crates will be used.
- When transported in vehicles, cloth or plastic bags will be kept within hard plastic containers to prevent animals from being inadvertently squashed. Containers will be cleaned / disinfected frequently to minimise chances of spread of parasites and disease.
- Animals will be transported in a suitable secure container protected by a blanket or other material to provide darkened conditions. Transportation will be by air-conditioned vehicle and will aim to ensure the trip is as brief and comfortable as possible.

Vet and wildlife carer details for the local region are identified in Table D-2 below.

Name	Phone	Location/Address	Bats (Y/N?)
Wildlife Rockhampton	0429 GO WILD (0429 469 453)	PO Box 2066 Wandal QLD 4700	Yes
RSPCA	1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625)	391 Yaamba Rd, North Rockhampton QLD 4701	Yes
Rockhampton Vet Clinic QLD	(07) 4928 4266	Dean St, Frenchville QLD 4701	No
Rockhampton Wildlife Rescue Association Inc	0437 556 744	North Rockhampton QLD 4701	Yes
Alma Street Veterinary Hospital	(07) 4922 8138	67 Alma St, Rockhampton QLD 4700	No

Table D-2 Vet and wildlife carer details for the local region

## D.6 EUTHANASIA

Euthanasia will be conducted using blunt force trauma in accordance with the Animal Care guidelines (DES 2013). Blunt force trauma is mainly recommended to humanely kill reptiles, amphibians and small to medium sized mammals but can be used on larger mammals. This is a hard, sharp blow to the base of the back of the skull with a blunt metal or heavy wooden bar. This method will be utilised where the person has some experience in the practice of blunt trauma, feels comfortable in carrying out the technique and will be followed by a secondary method of euthanasia where appropriate (e.g. cervical dislocation, decapitation) if there is uncertainty as to final death.

The anatomy of the skull varies greatly between species and some will require more force than others. A second fauna spotter will be required to assist with larger animals. Appropriate tools to undertake blunt trauma are to be carried by all suitably experienced spotters. Larger tools (e.g. large crowbars or sledge hammers) are to be available in each car.



## D.7 DESIGNATED RELEASE AREA

- Release areas are located outside of the disturbance footprint and a distance of at least 50 metres from the boundary of the clearing area.
- Fauna must be released into adjacent area of vegetation allowing fauna to stay within their home range.
- When releasing the animal, the spotter must check for predation and release the animals in a safe spot.
- Nocturnal fauna (e.g. microbat) must be kept in a bag during the day and must be released at dusk.

## D.8 FIELD DATA RECORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

- The fauna spotter will maintain a record of all fauna encountered and the action taken to relocate, euthanise or rehabilitate the animal/s. The app 'Sightings' (or a similar system) will be used to record the location of all fauna.
- Photo of the vegetation/habitat must be taken when dealing with threatened species.

## D.9 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- The plant operator and fauna spotter must maintain positive radio communication at all times.
- The fauna spotter must wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) consistent with site requirements and additional PPE including snake gaiters (optional), gloves etc. GLOVES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIME WHEN RESCUING / HANDLING BATS.
- The fauna spotter must carry with them a snake bite kit on them at all times and enough water for the period that the fauna spotter will be in the field.
- Regular breaks must be taken so that the fauna spotters can ensure that they remain hydrated.

## D.10 REFERENCES

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## APPENDIX E MNES AND MSES PROFILES

## E.1 THREATENED FAUNA SPECIES

## E.1.1 Squatter Pigeon

Squatter Pigeon (Southern) - Geophaps scripta scripta



### Listing Status:

- EPBC Act: Vulnerable
- NC Act: Vulnerable

### Description

Medium sized (30 cm) ground dwelling pigeon. They have black and white stripes on face and throat, black beaks, dark-brown irises, and dull purple legs and feet. Blue-grey skin around the eye is a distinguishing feature of the southern subspecies.

### Ecology

- **Breeding** habitat occurs on stony rises occurring on sandy or gravelly soils, within 1 km of a suitable, permanent waterbody.
- https://www.discoverlife.org/mp/20p?see=I\_LHT9871&res=640
  - Ground covering vegetation layer in foraging and breeding habitat is considerably patchy consisting of native, perennial tussock grasses or a mix of perennial tussock grasses and low shrubs or forbs.
  - In QLD, foraging and breeding habitat is known to occur on well-draining, sandy or loamy soils on low, gently sloping, flat to undulating plains and foothills and lateritic (duplex) soils on low 'jump-ups' and escarpments.
  - Occurs mostly in grassy woodlands and open forests dominated by eucalypts, usually with ready access to water.
  - Habitat occurs on Project area in northern, central, and southern sections, however only likely to be impacted on project works occurring in central and southern section

During site surveys, were observed in proximity to water bodies throughout project area. Population is low throughout the site; higher populations occur outside the project area.

### Impacts

- A maximum of 17.83 ha of suitable habitat for Squatter Pigeon (riparian vegetation) will require removal for the project. As this clearing is linear, there will be large tracts of retained habitat surrounding the clearing for wildlife to disperse into.
- Project noise and vibration has the potential to disturb nesting individuals, though no nests were found during site surveys.
- Species at low risk of mid-flight collision with turbines.
- This species occurs primarily along more open woodland and grasslands in the lower-lying areas. Unlikely to be impacted by operations, although some chance of minor impact during construction
- Ecological assessment determined the project would have low impact on Squatter Pigeons, particularly when incorporating mitigation measures. No significant residual impact predicted to occur.

### **Management Approach**

- The project's environmental objective is to protect EPBC (and NC) Act threatened fauna species.
- Management measures which will benefit Squatter Pigeon within the Project Area, and which have regard for conservation priorities suggested in TSSC (2015) include:



### Squatter Pigeon (Southern) - Geophaps scripta scripta

- Further avoidance of Squatter Pigeon habitat through the detailed design stage, and micrositing (Section 5.1.1).
- $\,\circ\,$  Nests identified through pre-clearance surveys (Section 5.3.2).
- Habitat enhanced and increased through the offset provided for Greater Glider (Clarke Creek Wind Farm Offsets Strategy & Management Plan).

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- NGH Environmental et al. (2017), Ecological Assessment: Clarke Creek Wind Farm Project, produced for Lacour

## E.1.2 Koala

### Koala - Phascolarctos cinereus



## Photo: Jasmine Vink

### Listing Status:

- EPBC Act: Vulnerable
- NC Act: Vulnerable

### Description

Medium-sized marsupial, mostly grey fur, stocky body and large round ears.

### Ecology

Female Koalas able to produce one offspring each year. Births occur between October and May. Young are independent from 12 months old.
Habitat: Occurs in Eucalypt woodlands and forests throughout eastern Australia and may prefer certain Eucalypt species within any local or regional area.

• Confirmed to occur at the site in north, central and southern areas.

### Impacts

- Potential project-related impacts include fragmentation of habitat, vehicle / plant strike and disease.
- Preparation of this BMP, including pre-clearance surveys, combined with mobile nature of species means that direct impacts during construction are unlikely.
- Fragmentation of habitat likely to be minor given narrow roads that will be used on a very infrequent basis. No concerns over ongoing operational impacts.

### Management Approach

- The project's environmental objective is to protect EPBC (and NC) Act threatened fauna species.
- Management measures which will benefit Koala within the Project Area, and which have regard for conservation priorities suggested in DoEE (2012) and Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council (2009) include:
  - Mitigating the risk of vehicle strike by educating on-site contractors, and by enforcing strict speed limits (Section 5.6.1).

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	<ul> <li>Koalas identified through pre-clearance surveys (Section 5.3.2) and avoided during clearing.</li> <li>Bushfires can be a threat to the conservation of this species (through loss of habitat and direct mortality). Appropriate burning practices and other procedures to minimise fire threat at the Project Area include maintained separation distances between infrastructure and vegetation, commitment to mowing and slashing to reduce fuel load, fire-fighting equipment and water on site (Section 5.6.1).</li> <li>Pest animal management which will reduce threat of predation (Appendix B).</li> <li>Condition and extent of Koala habitat will be further enhanced through actions under the Clarke Creek Wind Farm Offsets Strategy &amp; Management Plan.</li> </ul>
R	<ul> <li>eferences</li> <li>NGH Environmental (2017), Ecological Assessment: Clarke Creek Wind Farm Project, produced for Lacour</li> <li>Threatened Species Scientific Committee, DoEE (2012), Approved Conservation Advice for Phascolarctas cinereus</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/197-conservation-advice.pdf</li> <li>DAWE, SPRAT Profile: <i>Phascolarctos cinereus (combined populations of Qld, NSW and the ACT) – Koala</i> http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon_id=85104</li> <li>EPBC Act Referral Guidelines for the vulnerable koala (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory), Commonwealth of Australia, 2014.</li> </ul>

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## E.1.3 Greater Glider

## Greater Glider - Petauroides Volans



Photo: Jasmine Vink

### Listing Status:

- EPBC Act: Vulnerable
- NC Act: Vulnerable

### Description

Largest gliding possum in Australia, with a head and body length of 35–46 cm and a nonprehensile furry tail measuring 45–60 cm. Has thick fur, colour is white or cream below and varies from dark grey, dusky brown through to light mottled grey and cream above. It has large furry ears and a short snout.

### Ecology

• Diet mostly comprises eucalypt leaves and occasionally flowers.

• Females birth single offspring between March and June. Sexual maturity reached in the second year.

- Occurs in open woodlands and open forests in eastern Australia. Shelters in large tree hollows during the day, active at night. Home ranges typically 1–4 ha with home ranges overlapping between individuals. Individuals will also share the same hollows at different times.
- Sensitive to forest clearance, logging and wildfire. Slow to recover after major disturbance due to their reliance on large hollows.
- Confirmed to occur on Project area in north, central and southern areas in riparian vegetation.



### Greater Glider - Petauroides Volans

### Impacts

- A maximum of 17.83 ha of suitable habitat for Greater Glider will require removal for the project. As this clearing is linear, there will be large tracts of retained habitat surrounding the clearing footprint for wildlife to disperse into.
- Potential project-related impacts include habitat loss through clearing.
- Direct impacts during tree clearing are possible.
- Fragmentation of habitat likely to be minor given narrow roads that will be used on a very infrequent basis through suitable habitat.
- No concerns with regards to ongoing operational impacts.
- Preparation of this BMP, including pre-clearance surveys, combined with mobile nature of species means that direct impacts during construction are unlikely.

### **Management Approach**

- The project's environmental objective is to protect EPBC (and NC) Act threatened fauna species.
- Management measures which will benefit Greater Glider within the Project Area, and which have regard for conservation priorities suggested in TSSC (2016) include:
  - Further avoidance of Greater Glider habitat through the detailed design stage, and micrositing (Section 5.1.1).
  - Active hollows identified through pre-clearance surveys (Section 5.3.2).
  - o Sensitive clearing techniques in Greater Glider habitat areas (Section 5.4.4).
  - Provision of alternative hollows (nest boxes) where hollow bearing trees showing signs of Greater Glider use are to be removed (Section 5.4.5), including ongoing monitoring (Section 6.1).
  - Bushfires are a threat to the conservation of this species (through loss of habitat and direct mortality). Appropriate burning practices and other procedures to minimise fire threat at the Project Area include maintained separation distances between infrastructure and vegetation, commitment to mowing and slashing to reduce fuel load, fire-fighting equipment and water on site (Section 5.6.1).
  - Condition and extent of Greater Glider habitat will be further enhanced through actions under the Clarke Creek Wind Farm Offsets Strategy & Management Plan.

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## E.1.4 Red Goshawk

### Red Goshawk - Erythrotriorchis radiatus



Photo: David Stowe Photography

### Listing Status:

•EPBC Act: Vulnerable •NC Act: Endangered

### Description

Large, swift and powerful reddish-brown hawk, with long and broad wings, deeply 'fingered' wing-tips, and heavy yellow legs.

### Ecology

•Breeding habitat is not well known but is likely to be in Spring and Summer in Southern Qld, in a stick nest in a tall tree (>20m tall), within 1km of a watercourse or wetland (Aumann & Baker-Gabb 1991).

•The Red Goshawk occurs in coastal and sub-coastal areas in wooded and forested lands of tropical and warm-temperate Australia (Marchant & Higgins 1993). It prefers forest and woodland with a mosaic of vegetation

types, large prey populations (birds), and permanent water.

- Red Goshawk are solitary and very sparsely dispersed. They usually hunt from concealed or, less often, exposed perches, but also fly close above or through forest or woodland searching for prey. They often hunt from perches early in the morning and late in the day and tend to hunt more on the wing at other times of the day (NSW Office of Environment 2019).
- Foraging habitat has to be open enough for fast attack and manoeuvring in flight but provide cover for ambushing of prey. Therefore, forests of intermediate density are favoured. They avoid very dense and very open habitats (Marchant & Higgins 1993).
- Not recorded on site during surveys but potential habitat is found across the Project area.

### Impacts

- Potential impacts include the disturbance of a breeding place, rotor strike and the avoidance of the area.
- These impacts are considered unlikely as the species has not been recorded on site. It is unlikely that the site constitutes a usual area of home range and it is further deemed unlikely that breeding occurs at the site.
- Low probability of population-level impact

### Management Approach

- The project's environmental objective is to protect EPBC (and NC) Act threatened bird and bat species.
- Management measures which will benefit Red Goshawk within the Project Area, and which have regard for conservation priorities suggested in Department of Environment and Resource Management (2012) include:
  - Previously unknown nesting sites (considered unlikely to occur) may be identified through preclearance surveys (Section 5.3.2).
  - Operational monitoring and analysis, including carcass searches, to enable detection of any mortality (an impact trigger, which enacts a decision-making framework to determine appropriate mitigation) (management, including monitoring and mitigation measures are detailed in the separate Clarke Creek Wind Farm Bird and Bat Management Plan).

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## E.1.5 Corben's Long-eared Bat

### Corben's long-eared bat - Nyctophilus corbeni



Listing Status:

•EPBC Act: Vulnerable •NC Act: Vulnerable

### Description

**A** relatively large for a microbat with a head to body length of up to 75mm. Females weigh more than males, up to 21g (DoE 2013). They are a light brown colour on the back, have a lighter stomach colour and long distinct ears.

### Ecology

*N. corbeni* are insectivorous, hunting prey aerially, by foliage gleaning or by hunting on the ground. Prey includes a variety of insects such as moths, beetles, grasshoppers and crickets. They predominantly forage around groups of the trees in the landscape and share this foraging ground with member of their own species

Photo: Jasmine Vink

and others (DoE 2013). They generally roost alone in dead trees, dead hollows or branches of live trees or under bark. They are highly mobile, choosing a new roost site almost nightly.

- Breeding: Breeding colonies consisting of 10-20 bats have been found in dead trees including ironbarks, cypress and buloke. Their breeding ecology is not well known but lactating females have been captured in QLD and NSW in November (Schulz and Lumsden 2010).
- Habitat: They are found in a variety of woodland habitat including brigalow, ironbark/cypress woodlands, buloke woodlands, mallee and river red gum forest. They are the most common in the iron bark/cypress pine woodlands in large stands of vegetation. They prefer areas with a distinct tree canopy with a dense mid and understory. The disturbed condition of the vegetation at the Project site suggests that this does not represent core habitat for this species.
- *N. corbeni* have not been confirmed on site but their calls cannot be distinguished from other members of their genus. *Nyctophilus spp.* calls were recorded across the site and two Least Concern *Nyctophilus spp* (*N. geoffroyi* and *N. gouldi*) were confirmed (captured in harp trap) close to the unconfirmed echolocation records. Potential habitat on site includes highly vegetated gullies, waterways, vine thicket edges and areas of dense vegetation.

### Impacts

- Direct death and injury of bats during vegetation clearing.
- Impacts from turbine strike—considered unlikely due to their ecology.
- disturbance of maternity roosts—could be significant for local populations as they seem to naturally have a low population density.

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### Corben's long-eared bat - Nyctophilus corbeni

### Management approach

- The project environmental objective is to protect EPBC (and NC) Act threatened bird and bat species.
- Management measures which will assist to protect *N. corbeni* include (management, including monitoring and mitigation measures are detailed in the separate Clarke Creek Wind Farm Bird and Bat Management Plan):
  - Sensitive clearing techniques for potential HBTs (Section 5.4.4).
  - Operational monitoring and analysis, including carcass searches, to enable detection of any mortality (an impact trigger, which enacts a decision-making framework to determine appropriate mitigation).
  - Bushfires are a threat to the conservation of this species (through loss of habitat and direct mortality). Appropriate burning practices and other procedures to minimise fire threat at the Project Area include maintained separation distances between infrastructure and vegetation, commitment to mowing and slashing to reduce fuel load, fire-fighting equipment and water on site (Section 5.6.1).

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## E.1.6 Grey Falcon



- Usually restricted to shrubland, grassland and wooded watercourses of arid and semi-arid regions, they are occasionally found in open woodlands near the coast during drought. Also occurs near wetlands where surface water attracts prey.
- Only a single individual was seen on one occasion. Very few records of species in the area, suggesting this individual may be a vagrant. Low probability of population-level impact.
- One sighting of this species above a ridgeline in the central portion of the Project area.

Impacts

- Potential impacts include the disturbance of a breeding place, rotor strike and the avoidance of the area due to operating wind turbines.
- These impacts are considered unlikely, due to the high likelihood of the single sighted bird (during preapproval ecological surveys) being a vagrant. It is unlikely that the site constitutes a usual area of its home range and it is further deemed unlikely that breeding occurs at the site.

### Grey Falcon - Falco hypoleucos

### Management Approach

- The project's environmental objective is that *protected fauna will not be killed or injured as a result of the Project.*
- Management measures which will benefit Grey Falcon within the Project Area, and which have regard for conservation priorities suggested in Department of the Environment (2019) include:
  - Supporting improved fire management: Appropriate burning practices and other procedures to minimise fire threat at the Project Area include maintained separation distances between infrastructure and vegetation, commitment to mowing and slashing to reduce fuel load, firefighting equipment and water on site (Section 5.6.1).
  - Identifying nesting trees (considered unlikely to occur) through pre-clearance surveys (Section 5.3.2).
  - Operational monitoring and analysis, including carcass searches, to enable detection of any mortality (an impact trigger, which enacts a decision-making framework to determine appropriate mitigation) (management, including monitoring and mitigation measures are detailed in the separate Clarke Creek Wind Farm Bird and Bat Management Plan).

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## E.1.7 Ornamental Snake

### Ornamental Snake – Denisonia maculata



### Listing Status:

- EPBC Act: Vulnerable
- NC Act: Vulnerable

### Description

A member of the Elapidae family, the Ornamental Snake is venomous and feeds exclusively on frogs. It has a stout body, growing up to 50 cm in length. Brown, grey-brown or black in colour with lighter coloured smooth body scales, often with darker streaks/flecks. The crown of the head is darker brown/black with lighter flecks, it has distinctly barred lips with enlarged hollow fangs in the front of the mouth. The belly is a white/cream with dark spots/flecks on the outer edges, (Cogger 2000).

### Ecology

- The Ornamental Snake is a viviparous species with a mean litter size of 6.8 (range of 3–11, n = 4). Minimum snout-vent length of sexually mature animals is 24.7 cm for females and 23.0 cm for males (Shine 1983).
- Habitat: The Ornamental Snake's preferred habitat is within, or close to, habitat that is favoured by its prey; frogs. The species is known to occur in Brigalow (*Acacia harpophylla*) woodlands and open forests associated with moist areas, particularly around gilgai formations (melon-hole) in swelling and deep cracking clay soils on alluvial floodplains). Gilgai formations are found where deep-cracking alluvial soils with high clay contents occur (Brigalow Belt Reptiles Workshop 2010). This species is capable of flattening its body to squeeze through narrow spaces or cracks in the earth.

### Ornamental Snake – Denisonia maculata

- Confirmed to occur within the road reserve in the Stage 3 area (identified during targeted surveys in May; NGH, 2021)
- Highly likely to occur in areas where there is suitable habitat, i.e., cracking clay soil
- Considered unlikely to occur in Stage 1 and 2 area.

### Impacts

- Potential project-related impacts include direct removal of habitat and through direct mortality during clearing, also indirect impacts through loss of habitat for prey species (frogs) e.g. removal of drainage depressions during construction that provide habitat for frogs.
- The ornamental snake inhabits deep cracks in the soil and is often killed during earthworks when the cracks are excavated.
- They are difficult to trap which makes pre-clearance trapping ineffective.
- Preparation of this BMP, including pre-clearance surveys, combined with mobile nature of species means that direct impacts during construction are unlikely.

### **Management Approach**

- The project's environmental objective is to protect EPBC (and NC) Act threatened fauna species.
- Management measures which will benefit the ornamental snake within the Project Area, and which have regard for conservation priorities include:
  - o Increasing community awareness and species knowledge
  - Implementing land management practices to reduce threats to individuals and broader populations
  - o Maintain habitat connectivity and retain microhabitat features
  - Mitigating the risk of vehicle strike by educating on-site contractors, and by enforcing strict speed limits (Section 5.6.1).
  - Species and potential habitat identified through pre-clearance surveys (Section 5.3.2) and avoided during clearing.
  - Bushfires can be a threat to the conservation of this species (through loss of habitat and direct mortality). Appropriate burning practices and other procedures to minimise fire threat at the Project Area include maintained separation distances between infrastructure and vegetation, commitment to mowing and slashing to reduce fuel load, fire-fighting equipment and water on site (Section 5.6.1).
  - $\circ~$  Pest animal management which will reduce threat of predation (Appendix B).

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## E.2 MIGRATORY BIRDS

### E.2.1 White-throated Needletail

White-throated Needletail - Hirundapus caudacutus



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### **Listing Status:**

- EPBC Act: Vulnerable, Migratory and Marine
- NC Act: Vulnerable

### Description

• The White-throated Needletail is a large (20 cm in length and approximately 115–120 g in weight) swift with a thickset, cigar-shaped body, stubby tail and long pointed wings.

• Breeding does not occur in Australia

• In Australia, the White-throated Needletail is almost exclusively aerial, from heights of less than 1 m up to more than 1,000 m above the ground (Coventry 1989; Tarburton 1993). Because of this, conventional habitat descriptions are inapplicable (Cramp, 1985).

• It forages over a wide variety of habitats ranging from heavily treed forests to open habitats, such as farmland, heathland or mudflats (Tarburton 1993; Templeton 1991),

• Migratory aerial species, found in Australian Eastern states and Territories.

• Recorded at the Site in the northern and central areas.

### Impacts

• Potential impacts include rotor strike and avoidance of the area.

• Less than 5% of the habitat within the study area will be removed with large tracts of habitat available in the surrounding area. No high use flight paths are known or were identified during the site survey. No breeding areas or ecologically significant areas were identified within the project footprint. Given the above, it is unlikely that the project will have a significant impact on this species.

### **Management Approach**

- The project environmental objective is to protect EPBC (and NC) Act threatened bird and bat species.
- Management measures which will assist to protect White-throated Needletail include (management, including monitoring and mitigation measures are detailed in the separate Clarke Creek Wind Farm Bird and Bat Management Plan):
  - Operational monitoring and analysis, including carcass searches, to enable detection of any mortality (an impact trigger, which enacts a decision-making framework to determine appropriate mitigation).

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### E.2.2 Rainbow Bee-eater

### Rainbow Bee-eater - Merops ornatus



Photo: David Stowe Photography

### Listing Status:

- EPBC Act: Marine
- NC Act: Least Concern

### Description

• Rainbow bee-eaters are brilliantly coloured birds that grow to be 19–24 cm (max 28 cm) in length, including the elongated tail feathers.

• They are a common species and are widely distributed across mainland Australia.

• Rainbow bee-eaters are very social birds and when they are not breeding, they roost together in large groups in dense undergrowth or large trees.

• They occur mainly in open forests and woodlands, shrublands, and in various cleared or

semi-cleared habitats, including farmland and areas of human habitation (Higgins, 1999).

- The nest is located in an enlarged chamber at the end of long burrow or tunnel that is excavated in flat or sloping ground, in the banks of rivers, creeks or dams, in roadside cuttings, in the walls of gravel pits or quarries, in mounds of gravel, or in cliff-faces (Fry 1984).
- Rainbow bee-eaters are a common species and were recorded frequently throughout the site. This included around water bodies and along ridgelines.

### Impacts

- Potential impacts include rotor strike and avoidance of the area.
- Less than 5% of the habitat within the study area will be removed with large tracts of habitat available in the surrounding area. No high-use flight paths are known or were identified during the site survey. No breeding areas or ecologically significant areas were identified within the project footprint. Given the above, it is unlikely that the project will have a significant impact on this species.

### **Management Approach**

- The project's environmental objective is to protect EPBC (and NC) Act threatened bird and bat species.
- Management measures which will assist to protect Rainbow Bee-eater include (management, including monitoring and mitigation measures are detailed in the separate Clarke Creek Wind Farm Bird and Bat Management Plan):
  - Operational monitoring and analysis, including carcass searches, to enable detection of any mortality (an impact trigger, which enacts a decision-making framework to determine appropriate mitigation).

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## E.2.3 Rufous Fantail

### Rufous Fantail – Rhipidura rufifrons



### Listing Status:

- EPBC Act: Migratory and Marine
- NC Act: Special Least Concern

### Description

• Rufous Fantails are medium sized birds (15cm) with an orange-reddish-brown back, rump and base of tail. They have a black and white breast that grades into a white colour on the chin and throat (Higgins et al, 1999).

• The Rufous Fantail inhabits moist and moderately dense habitats. Within these areas, it has large variations in habitat requirements. They can be found in Eucalyptus forests, mangroves, rainforests and woodlands (usually near a river or a swamp).

- Rufous Fantails will generally occupy the lower levels of their habitat, the understorey or the subcanopy, straying no further than 6m from the ground.
- Rufous fantails were recorded in the northern, central and southern portions of the site.

### Impacts

- Potential impacts include rotor strike and avoidance of the area.
- Less than 5% of the habitat within the study area will be removed with large tracts of habitat available in the surrounding area. No high use flight paths are known or were identified during the site survey. No breeding areas or ecologically significant areas were identified within the project footprint. Given the above, it is unlikely that the project will have a significant impact on this species.

### **Management Approach**

- The project's environmental objective is to protect EPBC (and NC) Act threatened bird and bat species.
- Management measures which will assist to protect Rufous Fantail include (management, including monitoring and mitigation measures are detailed in the separate Clarke Creek Wind Farm Bird and Bat Management Plan):
  - o Project design has minimised clearing along waterways (suitable habitat for this species).
  - Operational monitoring and analysis, including carcass searches, to enable detection of any mortality (an impact trigger, which enacts a decision-making framework to determine appropriate mitigation).

- Fry, C.H. (1984). The Bee-eaters. In: Book. Poyser, Calton, England.
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## E.2.4 Satin Flycatcher

### Satin Flycatcher - Myiagra cyanoleuca



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### Listing Status:

- EPBC Act: Migratory and Marine
- NC Act: Special Least Concern

### Description

• The Satin Flycatcher is a small blue-black and white bird with a small crest. Male Satin Flycatchers have a glossy blue-black head, breast and upperparts that give the species its name. Females have prominent brownish orange feathers on the throat and chin.

• Ecology: The Satin Flycatcher is a very active, mobile bird that is almost never still. They dart from branch to branch or make dashing flights to catch insects. Even when they land on a branch

they are continually on the move, wagging the tail from side to side or quivering it up and down (Birdlife Australia 2019).

- Breeding: Satin Flycatchers prefer to nest in a fork of outer branches of trees, such as paperbarks, eucalypts, and banksias. They nest in the same locality each year, and sometimes in the same tree (BA NRS 2002)
- Habitat: Satin Flycatchers inhabit heavily vegetated gullies in eucalypt-dominated forests and taller woodlands, and on migration, occur in coastal forests, woodlands, mangroves and drier woodlands and open forests (Emison *et al.* 1987).
- Satin flycatchers were recorded in the northern, central and southern portions of the site.

### Impacts

- Potential impacts include rotor strike and avoidance of the area.
- Less than 5% of the habitat within the study area will be removed with large tracts of habitat available in the surrounding area.
- No high use flight paths are known or were identified during the site survey. No breeding areas or ecologically significant areas were identified within the project footprint.
- Given the above, it is unlikely that the project will have a significant impact on this species.

### Management Approach

- The project's environmental objective is to protect EPBC Act threatened bird and bat species.
- Management measures which will assist to protect the Satin Flycatcher include (management, including monitoring and mitigation measures are detailed in the separate Clarke Creek Wind Farm Bird and Bat Management Plan):
  - Operational monitoring and analysis, including carcass searches, to enable detection of any mortality (an impact trigger, which enacts a decision-making framework to determine appropriate mitigation).

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## E.2.5 Fork-tailed Swift

### Fork-tailed Swift – Apus pacificus



Photo: Robert Pudwill (wikipedia commons)

### Listing Status:

- EPBC Act: Migratory and Marine
- NC Act: Special Least Concern

### Description

The fork-tailed swift is a medium sized swift with a wingspan of 40-42cm. Its colouration is predominantly black with a white band across its tail. It is defined by a long and deeply forked tail.
Fork-tailed swifts do not breed in Australia but can be found in every state. They occupy Australia from October to mid-April.

• This species is almost entirely aerial ranging from 1-300m in height and probably higher (DoE 2019).

- They forage aerially, following low pressure systems. Their diet is not well studied but it consists of various insects (Higgins 1999).
- They are predominantly found over inland plains but can also be found over coastal areas, cliffs, beaches, foothills and out to sea.
- Not recorded on site but suitable habitat occurs in gully heads, ridge lines, deep valleys and escarpments across the site.

### Impacts

- Potential impacts include rotor strike and avoidance of the area.
- There are no significant threats to this species in Australia, and given the wide range, impacts within Australia are thought to be negligible.
- Less than 5% of the suitable habitat for this species within the study area will be removed, with large tracts of habitat available in the surrounding area. No high use flight paths are known or were identified during the site survey. No breeding areas or ecologically significant areas were identified within the project footprint. Given the above, it is unlikely that the project will have a significant impact on this species.

### Management Approach

- The project's environmental objective is to protect EPBC Act threatened bird and bat species.
- Management measures which will assist to protect Fork-tailed Swift include (management, including monitoring and mitigation measures are detailed in the separate Clarke Creek Wind Farm Bird and Bat Management Plan):
  - Operational monitoring and analysis, including carcass searches, to enable detection of any mortality (an impact trigger, which enacts a decision-making framework to determine appropriate mitigation).

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## E.3 THREATENED FLORA

## E.3.1 Cycad species

### Cycas megacarpa



Photo: Jasmine Vink

### Listing Status:

- EPBC Act: Endangered
- NC Act: Endangered

### Description

• Ecology: small to medium sized Cycad with an erect trunk. Stands around 3 m tall and approximately 15 cm wide. Leaves are 70 – 110 cm long, with 120 – 170 leaflets.

• *C. megacarpa* is visually similar to Cycas media (listed as Least Concern under the NC Act) which also occurs within the area. These two species can be distinguished by *C. megacarpa* having larger seeds, shorter and more strongly keeled leaves with fewer leaflets and a slender trunk. *C. megacarpa* is distinguished from *C. ophiolitica* by the green new growth and larger seeds.

- Seeds are ripe from March onwards. Seeds drop from the megasporophylls, and do not germinate for at least nine months.
- Habitat: Found in woodland and open forest, often in conjunction with a grassy understory. Found in habitat dominated by *Eucalyptus crebra* and *Corymbia citriodora*.
- *C. megacarpa* may occur within the Project area (Figure 1). Cycad species were mainly recorded in good quality remnant patches of woodland and open forest dominated by narrow-leaved ironbark (*Eucalyptus crebra*) (regional ecosystem, RE 11.12.1/11.12.1a) and to a lesser extent, spotted gum (*Corymbia citriodora*) open forest (RE 11.12.6a).

### Impacts

- Potential impacts include the disturbance and removal of individuals during the clearing process.
- Due to the low impact that the project will have on the habitat for this species and the proposed mitigation measures, it is considered that no significant residual impact will occur on this species.

### Management Approach

- The project's environmental objective: *No net loss of threatened Cycad individuals*. This aligns with the recovery plan objective (Queensland Herbarium, 2007), which is to prevent further loss of individuals, populations, pollinator species and habitat critical to the species survival. This objective applies to any cycads threatened under the EPBC Act and/or the NC Act.
- Management measures consistent with Queensland Herbarium (2007) which will benefit threatened Cycads within the Project Area include (see Appendix G for further detail):
  - Cycads will be translocated with a commitment to appropriate, long-term management at the recipient site
  - Propagation will compensate for any failed translocation
  - Loss of individuals and populations from illegal harvesting and destruction will be prevented by ensuring all translocation is under relevant permits and licences, and the storage and recipient site will be secured and monitored.
  - Monitoring will be long-term (10 years), contributing to an understanding of the effects of management practices on a population over time.

- NGH Environmental *et al.* (2017), *Ecological Assessment: Clarke Creek Wind Farm Project*, produced for Lacour
- Queensland Herbarium (2007). National Multi-species Recovery Plan for the cycads, *Cycas megacarpa*, *Cycas ophiolitica*, *Macrozamia cranei*, *Macrozamia lomandroides*, *Macrozamia pauli-guilielmi* and *Macrozamia platyrhachis* Report to the Department of the Environment and Water Resources, Canberra. Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Brisbane.



### Cycas ophiolitica



Photo: Luke Hogan

### Listing Status:

- EPBC Act: Endangered
- NC Act: Endangered

### Description

• Ecology: small to medium sized cycad with an erect trunk and rounded crown. Grows to 2 m tall, though it can reach 4 m, with a trunk diameter of 4–20 cm. The glossy blue-green / dark green leaves are 95–140 cm long, with 170–220 pinnae (leaflets). New growth is bluish-green, densely hairy with grey-white or pale orange-brown hairs that persist as leaves age. Figure E.3.1 below compares the character state of *C. ophiolitica* with *C. media* and *C. terryana*, which are challenging to distinguish between.

- Seeds are ripe from March onwards. Seeds drop from the megasporophylls, and do not germinate for at least nine months.
- Habitat: Found on hills and slopes in sparse, grassy open forests, in association with *Corymbia* dallachiana, Eucalyptus crebra, and Eucalyptus tereticornis.
- Cycad species were mainly recorded in good quality remnant patches of woodland and open forest dominated by narrow-leaved ironbark (*Eucalyptus crebra*) (regional ecosystem, RE 11.12.1/11.12.1a) and to a lesser extent, spotted gum (*Corymbia citriodora*) open forest (RE 11.12.6a).

### Impacts

- Potential impacts include the disturbance and removal of individuals during the clearing process.
- Due to the low impact that the project will have on the habitat for this species and the proposed mitigation measures, it is considered that no significant residual impact will occur on this species.

### **Management Approach**

• As per C. megacarpa.

- Forster, P. (2011). *Cycas terryana* P.I.Forst. (Cycadaceae), a new species from central Queensland. *Austrobaileya* 8(3): 356-363
- NGH Environmental *et al.* (2017), *Ecological Assessment: Clarke Creek Wind Farm Project*, produced for Lacour
- Queensland Herbarium (2007) National Multi-species Recovery Plan for the cycads, *Cycas megacarpa*, *Cycas ophiolitica*, *Macrozamia cranei*, *Macrozamia lomandroides*, *Macrozamia pauli-guilielmi* and *Macrozamia platyrhachis* Report to the Department of the Environment and Water Resources, Canberra. Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Brisbane.



Character State	C. media	C. ophiolitica	C. terryana
Mature leaf indumentum	glabrous	tomentose below and on rhachis	tomentose below and on rhachis
Leaflet insertion	± flat to weakly keeled	strongly keeled	keeled
Leaflet number	160-300	170-220	184-320
Leaflet colour mature leaves	glossy green	glaucous grey-blue	glossy green to glaucous green-grey
Leaflet texture	flexible to weakly brittle	flexible	strongly brittle
New growth indumentum colour	pale orange-brown	mixture of grey- white and pale orange-brown	pale grey-fawn
Cataphyll indumentum colour	orange-brown	orange-brown	pale grey-fawn
Megasporophyll indumentum	ferruginous or grey	brown	fawn-tan
Megasporophyll width (mm)	1730	12-30	30-38
Seed sarcotesta colour	green becoming orange-yellow, not pruinose	green becoming yellowish, pruinose	green becoming orange, not or only weakly pruinose
Seed size: length × wide (mm)	31-38 × 26-32	29-33 × 28-32	37-40 × 30-35

Figure E.3.1 Comparison of character states for *C. media, C. ophiolitica* and *C. terryana* (from Forster, 2011).



## E.4 THREATENED VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

## E.4.1 Semi-Evergreen Vine Thickets of the Brigalow Belt

### Semi-Evergreen Vine Thickets of the Brigalow Belt (North and South) and Nandewar Bioregions



Listing Status:

- EPBC Act: Threatened Ecological Community
- NC Act: Endangered

### Description

- Composed of Semi-Evergreen Vine Thicket (SEVT) with emergent eucalypts and/or Brachychiton species.
- Generally restricted to hillsides, and typically observed in small pockets and on western-facing slopes. Often found on poor, rocky soil, but with high levels of organic matter/leaf litter.

Photo: Green Tape Solutions

• Resistant to high-level disturbance, due to its

- dense nature and fire-retardant species. Susceptible to weed incursion after disturbance (TSSC 2001).
- Contained evidence of threatened species (Koala, Cycas megacarpa, Grey Falcon sighting).
- This vegetation community is found throughout the site in the north, central and southern portions. Some larger tracts are located in the west, east and south (see Appendix A).

### Impacts

- Potential project-related impacts include the direct clearing of this vegetation community, edge effects from clearing, weed incursion from clearing and fragmentation.
- A maximum of 45.22 ha of SEVT will be cleared as a result of the Project.
- Ground truthing found large areas of this vegetation community which were not mapped by DNRME. Impacts will be to less than 1% of SEVT within the project area. This clearing area is considered to be a negligible reduction in the extent of the SEVT EEC at both a local and regional scale.

### Management Approach

- The Project's environmental objective: *Improve the condition and management of retained SEVT* vegetation in the Project Area. This considers the overall recovery objective for this TEC, which is to 'maintain and conserve the environmental values of the semi-evergreen vine thicket ecological community over the long term, by minimising the loss of both remnant and regrowth SEVT and improving their condition and management' (McDonald 2010).
- Management measures consisted with McDonald (2010) which will benefit SEVT TEC within the Project Area include:
  - Appropriate burning practices and other procedures to minimise fire damage to remnant areas of SEVT, including maintained separation distances between infrastructure and vegetation, commitment to mowing and slashing to reduce fuel load (outside of SEVT TEC), fire-fighting equipment and water on site (Section 5.6.1).
  - Sediment and erosion controls in place and maintained to reduce impacts from runoff (Section 5.6.1).
  - Pest animal management program to control/manage feral animals (Appendix B).
  - Condition and extent of SEVT will be further enhanced through actions under the Clarke Creek Wind Farm Offsets Strategy & Management Plan.

- NGH Environmental et al. (2017), Ecological Assessment: Clarke Creek Wind Farm Project
- Threatened Species Scientific Committee (2001) Commonwealth Listing Advice on Semi-evergreen vine thickets of the Brigalow Belt (North and South) and Nandewar Bioregions www.ea.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/communities/sevt.html.
- McDonald, W.J.F (2010). National recovery plan for the "Semi-evergreen vine thickets of the Brigalow Belt (North and South) and Nandewar Bioregions" ecological community. Report to Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, Canberra. Queensland Department of Environment and Resource Management, Brisbane. In effect under the EPBC Act from 12-Mar-2010.



# APPENDIX F HABITAT FEATURES INCLUDING ANIMAL BREEDING PLACES



Latitude	Longitude	Date	Habitat feature	Notes
-22.9379	149.4974	3/03/2021	other habitat feature	Entire edge of turbine pad is rocky escarpment
-22.9371	149.4977	3/03/2021	rock pile	Several large outcrops over 40m radius on turbine pad
-22.9319	149.4954	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9374	149.4971	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 8m 10cm wide ×2
-22.9343	149.4973	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 4m high 5cm wide
-22.9343	149.4973	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 8m high 5cm wide
-22.9366	149.4979	3/03/2021	rock pile	Outcrop
-22.9353	149.4978	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9305	149.4935	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 8m 30cm horizontal
-22.9303	149.4938	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9303	149.493	3/03/2021	rock pile	3 large outcrops in vicinity within 20m of each other
-22.9304	149.4933	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 4m 10cm
-22.931	149.4947	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 6m 10cm and 5cm
-22.9312	149.4948	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag dead 4m 15cm
-22.9305	149.4942	3/03/2021	rock pile	Several outcrops in radius 50m
-22.9308	149.4944	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	4m 5cm stag
-22.9328	149.4977	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	4m high dead stag 20cm wide
-22.9332	149.4979	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	6m off the ground E. crebra 10cm wide
-22.9322	149.4978	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Possibly actively inhabited. 4m high 10cm wide E. crebra
-22.9325	149.4975	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	10m high E. crebra 10cm
-22.8882	149.4655	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8883	149.4665	3/03/2021	rock pile	Strangely more rocky on the hillside going back to track.
-22.9337	149.4975	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Microbat habitat
-22.9338	149.4975	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 4m high 10cm wide
-22.932	149.4982	3/03/2021	rock pile	Large outcrop 30m thicker veg
-22.9317	149.4977	3/03/2021	rock pile	Outcrop
-22.934	149.4972	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	10m E.crebra 10cm wide
-22.9327	149.498	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	8m high E.crebra 10cm wide
-22.9318	149.4976	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 6m high 30cm wide stag
-22.9319	149.4976	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	4m E. crebra 5cm wide
-22.9318	149.4976	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9318	149.4975	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9247	149.5028	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9239	149.5019	4/03/2021	rock pile	

-22.9259	149.5048	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9257	149.5041	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9217	149.4978	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Corymbia sp. 15m &17m 30cm & 15cm
-22.9218	149.4973	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9234	149.4996	4/03/2021	Nest	Eagle nest about 10m down slope 12m up dead Corymbia sp. Well maintained i.e. witnessed 2 wedgetailed Eagles soaring near ridge.
-22.9217	149.4982	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 12m 8cm
-22.9279	149.509	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9277	149.5082	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 12m 5cm ×2
-22.9269	149.5104	4/03/2021	rock pile	Rocky outcrop and edge of escarpment
-22.9276	149.5096	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 10m 15cm
-22.9268	149.5068	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9267	149.5064	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9277	149.5081	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.927	149.5071	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9251	149.4914	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9239	149.4913	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9221	149.4917	3/03/2021	rock pile	Creek bed
-22.9252	149.4919	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 4m 10cm
-22.9288	149.4928	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9294	149.493	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9243	149.4916	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9284	149.4926	3/03/2021	rock pile	Thicket
-22.9211	149.4951	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.92	149.4942	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9219	149.4956	4/03/2021	rock pile	Large outcrop Gully line
-22.9212	149.4952	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 6m 10cm
-22.9263	149.4929	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9231	149.492	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Dead E.crebra stag 6m 10cm
-22.9197	149.4925	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9192	149.4914	4/03/2021	rock pile	Rocky Gully line
-22.9141	149.4992	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 3m 4cm
-22.9188	149.5014	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 6m 10cm
-22.9137	149.4991	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 6m 20cm
-22.9137	149.4992	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 3m 20cm spout

-22.9177	149.5001	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 6m 30cm
-22.9177	149.5001	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 6m 15cm
-22.9188	149.5013	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 8m 10cm
-22.9188	149.5013	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9122	149.4987	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 5m 5cm
-22.9121	149.4988	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 6m 10cm
-22.9117	149.4973	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.9121	149.4976	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 6m 5cm
-22.913	149.4993	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 8m spout 20cm
-22.9135	149.4992	4/03/2021	rock pile	Thicket
-22.9122	149.499	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 4m 5cm
-22.9127	149.4995	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9233	149.5082	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.9234	149.5082	4/03/2021	rock pile	Outcrop with vine thicket
-22.9228	149.5091	4/03/2021	rock pile	Several outcrops surround the edge of the turbine pad.
-22.9229	149.5089	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 5m 10cm
-22.9257	149.5094	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9262	149.5096	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9242	149.5085	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 8m 8cm wide
-22.9249	149.5095	4/03/2021	rock pile	Large outcrop 30m
-22.9162	149.4996	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 8m 15cm
-22.9161	149.4996	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 6m 10cm
-22.9175	149.4999	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 4m 10cm
-22.9171	149.4998	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 8m 5cm
-22.9303	149.5134	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 3m 10cm
-22.9303	149.5132	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 8m 30cm
-22.9163	149.4999	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 8m 30cm
-22.9299	149.5131	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 10m 10cm
-22.866	149.4606	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8657	149.4605	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8674	149.4629	4/03/2021	rock pile	With SEVT species
-22.8653	149.4616	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8639	149.4564	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.862	149.4557	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Large number of hollow bearing trees along ridgeline
-22.8659	149.461	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	

-22.8636	149.4561	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8923	149.4761	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8925	149.4761	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8907	149.4754	4/03/2021	rock pile	Many rock piles on corridor and ridgeline
-22.8915	149.4759	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.894	149.4775	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8942	149.4775	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8932	149.4768	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8936	149.4773	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8577	149.4538	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8575	149.4541	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8603	149.4538	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8576	149.4536	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9097	149.4957	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9104	149.497	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8571	149.4535	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9095	149.4953	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8625	149.4554	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8627	149.455	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8613	149.455	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8619	149.4558	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8613	149.4545	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8604	149.4539	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Many HBT s on ridgeline
-22.862	149.4548	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8618	149.4547	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8619	149.4582	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8617	149.4571	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Arboreal termite mound
-22.8622	149.459	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple habitat trees. Radius 10m
-22.8619	149.4585	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple habitat trees in area. Radius of 15
-22.862	149.4566	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Arboreal termite mound
-22.8616	149.4562	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Arboreal termite mound/ hollow
-22.8618	149.457	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Arboreal termite mound
-22.8621	149.4565	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8635	149.4609	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Arboreal termite mound
-22.8633	149.4604	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	

-22.8646	149.4607	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.8637	149.4607	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8626	149.4608	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8627	149.4607	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8634	149.4603	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8624	149.46	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8579	149.4528	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.8574	149.4527	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8593	149.4543	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.858	149.4529	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Arboreal termite mound
-22.8838	149.468	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8836	149.4681	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8764	149.4639	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Many HBTs
-22.8839	149.468	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8607	149.4555	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Red winged parrots x3/ multiple hollows
-22.8609	149.4555	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8613	149.4562	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple x3 stags
-22.8611	149.4562	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Arboreal termite mound x2
-22.8604	149.4553	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Arboreal termite mound
-22.8604	149.455	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Arboreal termite mound
-22.8605	149.4555	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.8603	149.4554	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8908	149.4755	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple along ridge line/corridor
-22.891	149.4757	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8858	149.4718	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8859	149.4718	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8916	149.4759	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8919	149.476	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8912	149.4757	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8915	149.4758	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.884	149.4683	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8843	149.4685	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.919	149.4907	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	C dallachiana 3m 20cm diam
-22.884	149.4683	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8841	149.471	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Arboreal termite mound

-22.8843	149.4712	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Arboreal termite mound
-22.8844	149.4686	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8845	149.4687	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8974	149.4784	4/03/2021	Other	Wild pig
-22.8704	149.4614	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple habitat trees
-22.8973	149.4784	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8976	149.4784	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8695	149.4633	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8694	149.4644	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Arboreal termite mound
-22.8703	149.4617	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8701	149.4621	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.893	149.4767	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8931	149.4767	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8926	149.4762	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8926	149.4762	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8939	149.4774	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.8943	149.4775	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Arboreal termite mound
-22.8935	149.4772	4/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8937	149.4774	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.925	149.5086	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 7m 12cm diam
-22.926	149.5093	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	E crebra c dallachiana ow
-22.9235	149.5079	4/03/2021	rock pile	Minor e crebra ow
-22.9242	149.5082	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 8m 14cm diam
-22.9277	149.5089	4/03/2021	rock pile	E crebra ow w scattered vine scrub species
-22.9266	149.507	4/03/2021	rock pile	Open woodland w scattered vine scrub species
-22.9271	149.51	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 3m 14cm diam
-22.9277	149.5094	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Mainly e crebra, c dallachiana ow w xanthorrhoea johnsoni
-22.9283	149.5098	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky slope w lots xanthorrhoea
-22.9261	149.5095	4/03/2021	rock pile	Bottle tree in e crebra ow
-22.928	149.5104	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra x2 12m 6 diam
-22.9284	149.5104	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky slope with xanthorrhoea
-22.9221	149.5091	4/03/2021	rock pile	E crebra ow w scattered vine scrub species
-22.9219	149.5087	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 12m stage 18cm diam
-22.9224	149.5091	4/03/2021	rock pile	E crebra ow w scattered vine scrub species
-22.9223	149.5092	4/03/2021	rock pile	E crebra ow

-22.9222	149.4962	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 7m 22cm diam
-22.9216	149.4954	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 1m 12cm diam
-22.922	149.497	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Narrow saddle, steep ridge both sides
-22.9221	149.4961	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Steep boulder gully, difficult construction? Culvert?
-22.9203	149.4948	4/03/2021	rock pile	Minor in open woodland
-22.9195	149.4923	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky creek crossing
-22.9215	149.4954	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Steep rocky slope and gully to north east 20degrees
-22.9213	149.4953	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 2m 11cm diam
-22.9259	149.5057	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 7m 14cm diam
-22.9257	149.5052	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 8m 15cm diam
-22.9262	149.5064	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 11m 12cm diam
-22.926	149.5059	4/03/2021	rock pile	Minor in open woodland w few vine scrub species
-22.9219	149.4981	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 2m 21cm diam
-22.9218	149.4973	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 5m 25cm diam
-22.9244	149.503	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m 16cm diam
-22.9133	149.499	4/03/2021	rock pile	Minor in e crebra ow w few vine scrub species
-22.9196	149.5016	4/03/2021	rock pile	Quartz? Around crest In e crebra ow
-22.9127	149.4984	4/03/2021	rock pile	Minor w few vine scrub species
-22.9131	149.4989	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 2m 18cm diam
-22.9198	149.5009	4/03/2021	rock pile	Quartz ? At base of crest in e crebra ow
-22.9191	149.5005	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 7m 12cm diam
-22.9198	149.5014	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 8m 18cm diam
-22.9197	149.5012	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 12m 12cm diam
-22.91	149.4954	4/03/2021	rock pile	Minor in e crebra ow
-22.9102	149.4948	4/03/2021	rock pile	Broad rocky shelf to north in e crebra ow w brachychiton, jasminum
-22.803	149.4163	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple habitat trees along ridge line
-22.8029	149.4166	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9131	149.4987	4/03/2021	rock pile	Larger vine scrub patch in e crebra ow
-22.9129	149.4987	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 10m 18cm diam
-22.9119	149.4979	4/03/2021	rock pile	Minor in e crebra ow
-22.9156	149.4992	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 6m 23cm diam
-22.9299	149.5133	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 5m 21cm diam
-22.9164	149.4993	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra stag 6m 16cm diam
-22.9163	149.4992	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 12m 16cm diam
-22.9274	149.511	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra stag 8m 20cm diam

-22.9278	149.5104	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky crest with lots xanthorrhoea
-22.9294	149.5136	4/03/2021	other habitat feature	Open rocky scree w scattered vine scrub species
-22.9295	149.5133	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 7m 17cm diam
-22.9183	149.5001	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 12m 12cm diam
-22.9178	149.5	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m 16cm diam
-22.9188	149.5003	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 7m 15cm diam
-22.9185	149.5001	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 5m 14cm diam
-22.9167	149.4995	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E melanophloia stag 5m 21cm diam
-22.9165	149.4995	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E exserta? 6m 24cm diam
-22.9178	149.4999	4/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m 12cm diam
-22.9174	149.4997	4/03/2021	rock pile	Minor few vine scrub species
-22.7701	149.4164	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7701	149.4161	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8019	149.4192	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Several trees
-22.8017	149.4202	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7776	149.4139	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.7802	149.4163	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple habitat trees along ridge
-22.7705	149.4156	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.777	149.4222	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.7894	149.4228	5/03/2021	rock pile	Very steep of edge
-22.7893	149.4226	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7873	149.4183	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	Thick SEVT
-22.7887	149.4229	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8029	149.4158	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.803	149.416	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7893	149.4223	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	SEVT across whole site, disturbed condition
-22.8028	149.4153	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7897	149.4221	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.7895	149.422	5/03/2021	rock pile	SEVT
-22.7876	149.4176	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple hollows, arboreal termite mound
-22.7898	149.4223	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.7893	149.4222	5/03/2021	Other	Rainbow bee-eaters, approximately 4
-22.8024	149.4186	5/03/2021	Other	Rainbow bee-eaters, several numbers in locations approximately 5-10
-22.7892	149.4219	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.7891	149.4221	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple habitat trees along track

-22.7809	149.4163	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7836	149.4175	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7807	149.4163	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7811	149.4165	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7836	149.4174	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7832	149.417	5/03/2021	rock pile	SEVT
-22.7832	149.4172	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9119	149.4969	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky gully slopes to west
-22.7709	149.4151	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9123	149.4951	5/03/2021	rock pile	Rocky slope in e crebra ow
-22.912	149.4965	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky gully line
-22.7773	149.4224	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	With orchids
-22.7774	149.4225	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7708	149.4151	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7708	149.4151	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9133	149.4899	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 5m 12cm diam
-22.913	149.4913	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky gully line in e crebra ow
-22.9137	149.4881	5/03/2021	rock pile	Rocky slope to east
-22.9137	149.4888	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	C erythrophlioa 2m 14cm diam
-22.9125	149.4945	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E tereticornis 12m18 cm diam
-22.9123	149.4947	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	C erythrophlioa 2m 8cm diam
-22.9126	149.4938	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	West bdy of riparian corridor
-22.9126	149.4943	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky creek crossing E tereticornis riparian vegetation
-22.7806	149.4169	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7808	149.4166	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7808	149.4178	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7807	149.4177	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7869	149.4172	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	SEVT very steep slope
-22.7872	149.418	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	SEVT
-22.7842	149.4171	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	SEVT
-22.7874	149.4175	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7734	149.4171	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7729	149.4157	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7771	149.4224	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7763	149.4219	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Several on ridge

-22.7815	149.4179	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7808	149.4179	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7783	149.4148	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	SEVT
-22.7783	149.4148	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9053	149.4937	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	C dallachiana 6m 8cm diam
-22.9058	149.4939	5/03/2021	rock pile	With jasminum
-22.9049	149.4939	5/03/2021	rock pile	Rocky crest with vine scrub species
-22.905	149.4936	5/03/2021	rock pile	With vine scrub species
-22.9053	149.4964	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 3m 32 cm diam
-22.9048	149.4963	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	E crebra grassy open woodland
-22.9061	149.4939	5/03/2021	rock pile	Minor with scattered vine scrub species
-22.9045	149.497	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	Steep slope with cycas, too steep to clear
-22.8995	149.4966	5/03/2021	Nest	Kingfisher nest hollow
-22.8997	149.4959	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E melanophloia 4m 6cm diam
-22.7194	149.3977	6/03/2021	rock pile	Steep rocky ridge line all the way here from southern turn off
-22.7224	149.3976	6/03/2021	other habitat feature	Steep granite Boulder slope with high density of cycas
-22.9043	149.4936	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 8m 17cm diam
-22.9013	149.4943	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	E crebra ow burnt w xanthorrhoea and brush box regrowth
-22.9038	149.4933	5/03/2021	rock pile	Rocky edge to crest
-22.915	149.4957	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E melanophloia 8m 14cm diam
-22.9146	149.4951	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	Riparian corridor w gravelly creek bed
-22.9156	149.4965	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 6m 12cm diam
-22.9152	149.4958	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 10m 22cm diam
-22.9152	149.4924	5/03/2021	rock pile	Rocky outcrop w scattered vine scrub species
-22.9152	149.4925	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra ow 3m 19cm diam
-22.9145	149.4935	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	Scree slope enters rocky gully flowing to east down slope
-22.9148	149.4931	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky slope w xanthorrhoea in open woodland
-22.9066	149.4942	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 5m 11cm diam
-22.9075	149.4941	5/03/2021	rock pile	Minor rocky slope with jasminun
-22.9057	149.4947	5/03/2021	rock pile	Rocky slope in e crebra ow w jasminum
-22.9068	149.4945	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 6m 18cm diam
-22.9163	149.4979	5/03/2021	rock pile	Densely vegetated area on top of slope to south
-22.916	149.4971	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m 17cm diam
-22.9085	149.4944	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 5m 22cm diam
-22.9088	149.4945	5/03/2021	rock pile	Minor rocky slope with extensive Jasminum

-22.765	149.4114	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7659	149.4124	6/03/2021	other habitat feature	Steep slope
-22.7637	149.4105	6/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7638	149.4106	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7667	149.4118	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Tow
-22.7676	149.412	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7659	149.4124	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7662	149.412	6/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7621	149.4073	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7624	149.4075	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.76	149.4048	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7633	149.4101	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7634	149.4106	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7627	149.4079	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7632	149.4094	6/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7127	149.3999	6/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky slope with granite boulders all the way down to P5
-22.724	149.3983	6/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7113	149.4007	6/03/2021	other habitat feature	Granite boulder ledger
-22.7186	149.3973	6/03/2021	rock pile	Rocky outcrop with few vine scrub species
-22.7191	149.3973	6/03/2021	other habitat feature	Steep slope with granite boulders halfway down footprint
-22.7173	149.3975	6/03/2021	other habitat feature	Continuous rocky crest on ridge
-22.7181	149.3974	6/03/2021	other habitat feature	Continuous rocky edge to crest of ridge
-22.7687	149.413	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7695	149.4137	6/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.768	149.4122	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7686	149.4128	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7243	149.3984	6/03/2021	other habitat feature	Outcropping boulders from crest lower north east slope
-22.7243	149.3987	6/03/2021	rock pile	Steep slope with boulder outcrops
-22.7697	149.4139	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7255	149.3968	6/03/2021	rock pile	Large boulders in mid ridge in e crebra ow
-22.766	149.4118	6/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7661	149.4118	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7656	149.412	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.7658	149.4117	6/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7679	149.412	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	

-22.7682	149.4121	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7671	149.4118	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.7678	149.4119	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7637	149.4101	6/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7639	149.4102	6/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7622	149.4073	6/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7628	149.4081	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7652	149.4116	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7655	149.4122	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.7641	149.4104	6/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7646	149.411	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple habitat trees along ridge
-22.7599	149.3887	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7596	149.3896	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.76	149.3864	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7602	149.3883	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.766	149.4001	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7659	149.4001	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7594	149.3903	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7575	149.3914	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7719	149.4152	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple habitat trees along ridge
-22.7586	149.386	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7688	149.4129	6/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7691	149.4134	6/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7596	149.386	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7599	149.3863	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7589	149.3861	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7591	149.3859	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8179	149.4094	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8189	149.4177	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	SEVT on line
-22.8185	149.4104	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8185	149.4102	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Nest
-22.8206	149.4128	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Side of corridor
-22.82	149.4127	7/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.821	149.4106	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Small watercourse
-22.8217	149.411	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	On ug cable

22 9242	140 4206	7/02/2024	rock pilo	
-22.0242	149.4300	7/02/2021	hollow bearing trop	
-22.0243	149.4300	7/03/2021		
-22.0230	149.4300	7/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.024	149.4307	7/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.0104	149.4110	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Nest/ multiple babitat trees in creek bed
-22.0100	149.4100	7/03/2021	other babitat feature	
-22.0244	149.4304	7/03/2021	bollow bearing tree	
-22 7591	149 3908	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22 7561	149 3919	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22,7593	149.3866	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7596	149.3867	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7614	149.4069	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7659	149.4004	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8189	149.4105	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.749	149.3642	6/03/2021	other habitat feature	Log pile
-22.819	149.4116	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8188	149.4115	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Grass trees
-22.7486	149.3766	6/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7491	149.3642	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple habitat trees along ridge
-22.749	149.3642	6/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7427	149.4013	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	C dallachiana 3m 31cm diam
-22.7425	149.4007	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Crest of slope to south west
-22.7453	149.4032	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Gently sloping on crest w e crebra, c dallachiana
-22.7438	149.4023	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky slope to south west
-22.7392	149.399	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Steep rocky slope to east , e crebra ow
-22.7372	149.398	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky crest
-22.742	149.4009	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Steep rocky slope on north east side
-22.7411	149.4007	7/03/2021	rock pile	Scattered boulders on gently saddle
-22.7458	149.3993	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Gently slope on ridge in e crebra ow
-22.7442	149.4	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	E crebra ow on gentle slope on ridge
-22.7491	149.3974	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	E crebra on gently ridge in grazing country
-22.7466	149.3992	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	E crebra on flatter grazed land
-22.7438	149.4018	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m 18cm diam
-22.7438	149.4004	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Top of slope with rocky shelf to crest

-22.7437	149.4013	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Steep rocky
-22.7276	149.397	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky slope gradually rising to south
-22.7267	149.3964	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Flat saddle area in e crebra ow
-22.7292	149.3963	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky crest
-22.7289	149.3963	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky granite outcrop at crest
-22.8236	149.4308	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7234	149.3977	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	C erythrophlioa 5m 23cm diam
-22.819	149.4174	7/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7326	149.397	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Open forest at base of slope from west
-22.7305	149.3964	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky crest
-22.7348	149.3955	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Steep slope to south
-22.7342	149.397	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky crest in e crebra ow w steep rocky slope to west
-22.7295	149.3966	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Steep rocky slope to east
-22.7293	149.396	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 7m 15cm diam
-22.7281	149.3942	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Crest with outcropping rock, e crebra ow the
-22.73	149.3962	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Considerable slope to west
-22.9135	149.4898	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9135	149.4903	5/03/2021	rock pile	Gully line
-22.9138	149.4884	5/03/2021	rock pile	Gully line
-22.9135	149.4897	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 3m 15cm
-22.9129	149.4922	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9128	149.4933	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 20cm wide at 8m
-22.9133	149.4915	5/03/2021	rock pile	Gully line
-22.913	149.4918	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9146	149.4958	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 15m 5cm
-22.9145	149.4952	5/03/2021	rock pile	Creek line
-22.9121	149.4961	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 6m crack 5cm wide micro bat
-22.9125	149.4959	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9153	149.4916	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 3m 4cm
-22.9145	149.4895	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	15m 20cm
-22.9145	149.4932	5/03/2021	rock pile	Gully line
-22.9151	149.4923	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7498	149.3913	6/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky open area on gentle slope, e crebra ow thinned
-22.9121	149.497	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 8m 10cm ×3
-22.912	149.4974	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.751	149.396	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Ion country
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-22.7503	149.3972	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	E crebra in thinned grazing country
-22.7506	149.3947	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Narrow Melaleuca bracteata, M fluviatilis riparian corridor 10-15m wide
-22.7508	149.3951	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Patch of denser vegetation leading down to gully crossing
-22.9126	149.4939	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 12m & 15m 5cm hollow & 15cm spout
-22.9126	149.494	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9128	149.4935	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Several off one branch 15m horizontal E.crebra
-22.9127	149.4937	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	12m spout 15cm
-22.9122	149.4954	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Large stag 8m 30cm
-22.9121	149.4966	5/03/2021	rock pile	Gully line
-22.9125	149.495	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Large stag Corymbia sp. 15m 30cm
-22.9125	149.4951	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8059	149.4567	2/03/2021	rock pile	With SEVT whole ridge line has many rocks Granite
-22.8415	149.4523	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8433	149.4516	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8045	149.4554	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8035	149.4546	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8068	149.4574	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Many trees on ridge line
-22.8046	149.4556	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8193	149.4088	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.819	149.4091	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8185	149.4083	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8188	149.4084	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.817	149.4084	1/03/2021	other habitat feature	Hollow log
-22.817	149.4078	1/03/2021	other habitat feature	Koala habitat tree
-22.8182	149.4095	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.8168	149.4088	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7977	149.4298	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7976	149.4301	1/03/2021	rock pile	20m wide
-22.7983	149.4407	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.792	149.4259	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Several trees with hollows
-22.8192	149.4091	1/03/2021	other habitat feature	Watercourse
-22.8178	149.4092	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Large hollow in centre of tree
-22.8172	149.4051	1/03/2021	Other	Shrub
-22.8205	149.4081	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Large melaleuca trees in watercourse

-22.8012	149.452	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7933	149.4372	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8013	149.4522	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8012	149.4521	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7956	149.4398	1/03/2021	other habitat feature	SEVT small patch
-22.798	149.4411	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7932	149.4372	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7933	149.4376	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8059	149.4569	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8058	149.4569	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8095	149.4573	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8088	149.457	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.804	149.4543	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.8029	149.4532	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.805	149.4559	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8045	149.4555	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8154	149.439	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8159	149.4385	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	Log pile
-22.8174	149.4519	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.815	149.4393	2/03/2021	dam	Dam
-22.8152	149.4364	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	Arboreal termite mound
-22.8051	149.4561	2/03/2021	Nest	Nest
-22.8159	149.4382	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8158	149.4371	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	Arboreal termite mound
-22.8039	149.4297	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.7923	149.4256	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8046	149.4313	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8052	149.4318	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.7984	149.3714	1/03/2021	Nest	Nest
-22.8182	149.4084	1/03/2021	other habitat feature	Exfoliating bark & multiple hollows
-22.7939	149.4264	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.7986	149.3714	1/03/2021	Nest	Nest
-22.805	149.4318	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8046	149.4318	1/03/2021	Other	
-22.8025	149.453	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	Scratch marks

-22.8043	149.4318	1/03/2021	Nest	Nest
-22.8045	149.4319	1/03/2021	Other	
-22.8043	149.4318	1/03/2021	Other	
-22.8182	149.4086	1/03/2021	other habitat feature	Arboreal termite mound
-22.8045	149.432	1/03/2021	Other	
-22.8914	149.4665	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8905	149.4656	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8922	149.4684	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8921	149.4679	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8321	149.4669	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8341	149.4683	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8373	149.457	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8367	149.4578	3/03/2021	other habitat feature	Habitat log
-22.8943	149.4697	1/03/2021	rock pile	Brachychiton patch 10x20m
-22.8938	149.4697	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8933	149.4689	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8937	149.4692	1/03/2021	rock pile	With patchy vine thicket species
-22.8929	149.4692	1/03/2021	rock pile	Screw slope w a few vine forest species
-22.8925	149.4686	1/03/2021	rock pile	Small brachychiton patch 20x20m
-22.8932	149.4697	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8933	149.4694	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8356	149.448	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8358	149.4479	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.835	149.4477	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8352	149.4479	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.8347	149.4472	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8179	149.4524	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.836	149.4477	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	Arboreal termite mound
-22.836	149.4473	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.84	149.4623	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8399	149.4624	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8369	149.4695	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8401	149.4623	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Unstable
-22.8421	149.4523	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8445	149.4527	2/03/2021	rock pile	

-22.8402	149.4626	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.8401	149.4546	2/03/2021	Nest	Nest
-22.9032	149.4731	1/03/2021	rock pile	W vine scrub species
-22.9032	149.4734	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 2m 8cm diam
-22.9007	149.4763	1/03/2021	rock pile	Minor in e crebra ow
-22.9016	149.4737	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra dead 3m 16cm dia
-22.9009	149.4736	1/03/2021	rock pile	Vine scrub species present
-22.9007	149.4736	1/03/2021	rock pile	Wallaby resting place
-22.9019	149.4742	1/03/2021	Other	Parsons is ?
-22.9018	149.4743	1/03/2021	rock pile	Some vine scrub species esp downslope to East
-22.8962	149.4732	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 8m 5cm diam
-22.8967	149.4734	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 8m 5cm diam
-22.8926	149.4704	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m 10cm diam
-22.8962	149.4731	1/03/2021	rock pile	Brachychiton in rocky gully line
-22.8997	149.4759	1/03/2021	rock pile	Steep slope e crebra ow
-22.9002	149.4763	1/03/2021	rock pile	Minor
-22.898	149.4748	1/03/2021	rock pile	Base of scree slope from north east
-22.8987	149.4752	1/03/2021	rock pile	Open woodland, cycas habitat
-22.8978	149.4724	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m, 18cm diam
-22.8992	149.4727	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 3m, 7cm diam
-22.8987	149.4725	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 2m,27cm diam
-22.896	149.4716	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m , 20cm diam
-22.894	149.47	1/03/2021	rock pile	With vine a few scrub species
-22.897	149.472	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8962	149.4707	1/03/2021	rock pile	With vine scrub incl flindersia
-22.9003	149.4728	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m, 17cm diam
-22.9008	149.4735	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra6m 10cm diam
-22.9007	149.4734	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m, 15cm diam
-22.9005	149.4732	1/03/2021	rock pile	Scree with vine scrub species
-22.8995	149.4729	1/03/2021	rock pile	E crebra ow
-22.8999	149.4725	1/03/2021	Other	Olearia??
-22.9003	149.4731	1/03/2021	Other	Marsdenia sp ? Larcomesis
-22.9026	149.4838	1/03/2021	Other	Marsdenia sp?
-22.9012	149.4827	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9033	149.4836	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m 20cm

-22.903	149.4836	1/03/2021	rock pile	Extensive open scarp area
-22.9003	149.4826	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9001	149.4828	1/03/2021	rock pile	With vine scrub species
-22.901	149.4827	1/03/2021	other habitat feature	Den?
-22.9005	149.4826	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 6m 8cmx3
-22.8994	149.4778	1/03/2021	rock pile	E crebra ow
-22.9031	149.4842	1/03/2021	rock pile	With dense patch vine scrub species
-22.8997	149.4774	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 7m 14cm diam
-22.8996	149.4775	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9047	149.4854	1/03/2021	rock pile	Scattered vine scrub species
-22.9039	149.4849	1/03/2021	rock pile	Minor
-22.9062	149.4862	1/03/2021	rock pile	Scattered vine scrub species
-22.9055	149.4861	1/03/2021	rock pile	Scattered vine scrub species
-22.8892	149.4672	1/03/2021	rock pile	Minor
-22.8895	149.4677	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 7m 11cm diam
-22.8902	149.4646	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 5m 10cm diam
-22.8896	149.465	1/03/2021	rock pile	Minor
-22.8915	149.4694	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m 13cm diam
-22.8919	149.4696	1/03/2021	rock pile	Minor
-22.8896	149.4679	1/03/2021	rock pile	Above steep gully
-22.8911	149.4689	1/03/2021	rock pile	E crebra ow
-22.8996	149.4817	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8979	149.4805	1/03/2021	rock pile	Cleared around tower
-22.8997	149.4827	1/03/2021	rock pile	Scattered vine scrub species
-22.8998	149.482	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8989	149.4787	1/03/2021	rock pile	Crest in ow w xanthhohoea
-22.8903	149.4646	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m 8cm diam
-22.8988	149.4806	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8989	149.4798	1/03/2021	rock pile	Minor
-22.9069	149.4798	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 3m 13cm diam
-22.9072	149.4797	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 2m 18cm diam
-22.9058	149.4792	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 4m 17cm diam
-22.9059	149.4796	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 7m 20cm diam
-22.9076	149.4805	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m 12cn diam
-22.9078	149.4807	2/03/2021	rock pile	Minor

-22.9074	149.4804	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 6m 20cm diam
-22.9076	149.4805	2/03/2021	rock pile	Few vine scrub species
-22.9069	149.4781	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m 12cm diam
-22.9069	149.478	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 8m 22cm diam
-22.9066	149.4786	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m 17cm diam
-22.9072	149.4787	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 6m 20cm diam
-22.9066	149.4778	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 2m 12cm diam
-22.9121	149.483	2/03/2021	rock pile	Vine scrub species present
-22.912	149.483	2/03/2021	Other	Olearia ?
-22.912	149.4827	2/03/2021	rock pile	Vine scrub bdy
-22.9012	149.475	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 6m 18cm diam
-22.9	149.4772	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 8m 25cm diam
-22.912	149.4831	2/03/2021	rock pile	Scattered vine scrub species
-22.9115	149.483	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 5m 10cm diam
-22.9092	149.4822	2/03/2021	rock pile	Few vine scrub species
-22.9093	149.4825	2/03/2021	rock pile	Scattered vine scrub species
-22.9084	149.481	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 3m 16cm dbh
-22.9091	149.4816	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 2m 14cm diam
-22.9115	149.4823	2/03/2021	rock pile	Bottle scrub
-22.9118	149.4823	2/03/2021	rock pile	Bottle tree scrub
-22.9099	149.4826	2/03/2021	rock pile	Minor
-22.9146	149.4864	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 6m 9cm diam
-22.9146	149.4869	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 10m 6cm diam
-22.9152	149.4887	2/03/2021	rock pile	With vine scrub species present
-22.915	149.4881	2/03/2021	rock pile	Minor
-22.9132	149.4863	2/03/2021	rock pile	Minor
-22.9127	149.486	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 3m 10cm diam
-22.9142	149.4874	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 2m 30cm diam
-22.9135	149.4866	2/03/2021	rock pile	Rocky gully
-22.9158	149.491	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E melanophloia 2m6cm diam
-22.9156	149.4907	2/03/2021	rock pile	Rock slope around crest
-22.9161	149.4915	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky gully to south
-22.9161	149.4916	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 5m 23cm diam
-22.9152	149.489	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 10m 6cm diam
-22.9154	149.489	2/03/2021	rock pile	With vine scrub species present

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-22.9158	149.4905	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 5m 14cm diam
-22.9156	149.4894	2/03/2021	rock pile	With vine scrub species present
-22.901	149.4754	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m, 6m hollows x8cm diam
-22.9015	149.4764	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 3m 18cm diam
-22.9029	149.4744	2/03/2021	rock pile	E crebra ow
-22.902	149.4739	2/03/2021	Other	Marsdenia sp smalll flower?
-22.9056	149.4786	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 4m 12cm diam
-22.9064	149.4785	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m 14cm diam
-22.903	149.4776	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 8m 15cm diam
-22.9028	149.4775	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 7m13cm diam
-22.9114	149.4843	2/03/2021	rock pile	Scattered vine scrub species
-22.9116	149.4831	2/03/2021	rock pile	Minor
-22.9124	149.4856	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 6m 6cm diam
-22.9118	149.4849	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 10m 16cm diam
-22.9033	149.4753	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 2m 18cm diam
-22.9035	149.4751	2/03/2021	rock pile	Few vine scrub species
-22.9048	149.4783	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m 20cm diam
-22.9044	149.4779	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m 6cm diam
-22.9143	149.4886	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky open gully
-22.9145	149.4896	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 8m 16cm diam
-22.8843	149.4493	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	Buffel grass in open paddock
-22.914	149.4881	2/03/2021	rock pile	Brachychiton on steep slope
-22.9146	149.4903	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 4m 24cm diam
-22.9146	149.4905	2/03/2021	rock pile	Minor in e crebra ow
-22.9146	149.49	2/03/2021	rock pile	E crebra ow
-22.9146	149.49	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m 10 ck diam
-22.8776	149.4315	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	Lots of ground litter timber etc
-22.8779	149.4314	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 12n 20cm diam
-22.8858	149.455	3/03/2021	rock pile	Rock shelf scattered trees
-22.8763	149.4299	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	Regular remnant trees in paddock to creek
-22.8817	149.4369	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	Scattered e crebra in buffel grass paddock
-22.8828	149.4414	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	Buffel grass in open paddock
-22.8781	149.4317	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 15m 15cm diam
-22.8781	149.4316	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky Creek crossing w m fluviatalis, m bracteata
-22.9201	149.4909	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 3m 32cm diam

-22.9188	149.4912	2/03/2021	rock pile	Open w scattered vine scrub species
-22.9213	149.4916	2/03/2021	rock pile	Rocky open gully line
-22.921	149.4913	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 5m 12cm diam
-22.9175	149.4913	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	Steep gully ow (re change? W c erythrophlioa, brush box u/s)
-22.9165	149.4913	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky slope to south
-22.9185	149.4911	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	Steep slope gully line, eastern edge unsuited to clearing?
-22.9185	149.4911	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 10m 27cm diam
-22.9226	149.4903	2/03/2021	rock pile	E crebra w scattered vine scrub species
-22.9225	149.4906	2/03/2021	rock pile	Minor
-22.9203	149.4904	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 7m 10cm diam
-22.9225	149.4904	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 5m 12cm diam
-22.9221	149.4914	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	Open gully line in e crebra ow
-22.9216	149.4917	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	Open rocky gully line
-22.9223	149.4911	2/03/2021	rock pile	Minor
-22.9222	149.4914	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 10m 16cm diam
-22.9336	149.4979	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 5m 12cm diam
-22.9339	149.4983	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 10m 18cm diam
-22.9339	149.4969	3/03/2021	rock pile	Minor in open woodland
-22.9339	149.4972	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra x2 7m 10-16cm diam
-22.9337	149.499	3/03/2021	rock pile	Edge to c dallachiana, c tessellated ow
-22.9365	149.4976	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 8m 20 cm diam
-22.9362	149.4976	3/03/2021	rock pile	Rocky escarpment with scattered vine scrub species
-22.9373	149.4972	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 7m 25cm diam
-22.9371	149.4976	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9344	149.4972	3/03/2021	rock pile	Rocky escarpment extends south ward in open woodland along western slope
-22.9343	149.497	3/03/2021	rock pile	Minor in open woodland
-22.9355	149.4975	3/03/2021	rock pile	Continuous Rocky escarpment on western slope
-22.9347	149.4974	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8871	149.463	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 4m 18cm diam
-22.887	149.463	3/03/2021	rock pile	Steep rocky slope to north, c erythrophlioa ow
-22.8875	149.4636	3/03/2021	rock pile	Small patch with vine scrub species incl sterculia quadrifa
-22.8874	149.4633	3/03/2021	rock pile	Contours rocky slope rising to south
-22.886	149.4538	3/03/2021	other habitat feature	Gentle slope with scattered remnant trees downslope
-22.886	149.4546	3/03/2021	rock pile	Major rocky shelf
-22.8868	149.4623	3/03/2021	rock pile	Rock scree on steep slope to north, scattered ow

-22.8867	149.462	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	C erythrophloia 4m 10cm diam
-22.934	149.4975	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 6m 12cm diam
-22.934	149.4975	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra x2 6m 17cm diam
-22.934	149.4983	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 6m 30cm diam
-22.9338	149.4977	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 7m 16cm diam
-22.8892	149.465	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	C erythrophlioa 3m 8cm diam
-22.8879	149.464	3/03/2021	rock pile	Continuous steep rocky slope on north east edge
-22.8889	149.4674	3/03/2021	rock pile	Extreme slope down to north, vine scrub species
-22.889	149.4676	3/03/2021	rock pile	Minor in open woodland
-22.9262	149.4916	3/03/2021	rock pile	Already disturbed for track, e crebra ow
-22.9266	149.4919	3/03/2021	rock pile	Few vine scrub species
-22.9252	149.4918	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 6m 16cm diam
-22.9254	149.4918	3/03/2021	rock pile	Northern end of rocky crest with escarpment to west, rocky slope to east
-22.9275	149.4913	3/03/2021	rock pile	Scattered vine scrub species incl ficus
-22.9276	149.4913	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 10m 26diam
-22.927	149.4915	3/03/2021	rock pile	Crest with xanthhorhoea, rocky around crest 40x40m
-22.9273	149.4913	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 11m 13cm diam
-22.9261	149.4931	3/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky gully to east, Mel bracteata downslope
-22.9248	149.4928	3/03/2021	other habitat feature	Deep rocky gully to east
-22.8274	149.4598	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9269	149.4934	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 8m 15cm diam
-22.9234	149.4907	3/03/2021	rock pile	Edge of corridor w rocky patches, few vine scrub species
-22.924	149.4911	3/03/2021	rock pile	Scattered vine scrub species
-22.9238	149.4925	3/03/2021	other habitat feature	Southern end of dense regrowth area on rocky scree
-22.9231	149.4906	3/03/2021	rock pile	Scattered vine scrub species
-22.9313	149.495	3/03/2021	rock pile	Minor in open woodland
-22.9324	149.4958	3/03/2021	rock pile	Southern end of extensive rocky area on crest 50x50m
-22.9306	149.4946	3/03/2021	rock pile	With scattered vine scrub species
-22.931	149.4949	3/03/2021	rock pile	Several on eastern edge with few vine scrub species
-22.9382	149.4973	3/03/2021	rock pile	Open rock face to southeast
-22.9376	149.4971	3/03/2021	rock pile	Open, occurs around base of saddle where turbine proposed
-22.933	149.4964	3/03/2021	rock pile	Minor in open woodland
-22.9336	149.4972	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 7m 12cm diam
-22.9284	149.4929	3/03/2021	rock pile	Scattered vine scrub species
-22.9292	149.4933	3/03/2021	rock pile	Minor in open woodland

-22.928	149.4919	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	C dallachiana 6m 12cm diam
-22.9281	149.4924	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 8m 14cm diam
-22.9302	149.494	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 7m 24cm diam
-22.9302	149.4943	3/03/2021	rock pile	Continuous outcrops on eastern edge
-22.9294	149.4938	3/03/2021	rock pile	Open rocky scree on eastern slope
-22.9295	149.494	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 6m 16cm diam
-22.8463	149.4532	3/03/2021	other habitat feature	Caution dangerous rocky slope
-22.8268	149.4244	3/03/2021	Other	Rainbow bee-eater (flock) estimated 25
-22.8477	149.4531	3/03/2021	other habitat feature	Arboreal termite mound
-22.8464	149.4532	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Arboreal termite mound
-22.8268	149.4244	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8269	149.4242	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8191	149.417	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.819	149.452	3/03/2021	Other	Black-necked stork
-22.8364	149.473	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Large number of HBTs in the turbine footprint
-22.8362	149.4729	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8393	149.4406	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8272	149.4594	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8513	149.453	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8523	149.4529	3/03/2021	other habitat feature	Arboreal termite mound
-22.8402	149.462	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8523	149.4527	3/03/2021	other habitat feature	Arboreal termite mound
-22.8355	149.4266	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8353	149.4264	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8378	149.4288	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8352	149.4271	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8397	149.4411	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8269	149.4597	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8357	149.4363	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8396	149.4412	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8251	149.4289	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.8251	149.429	3/03/2021	burrow	
-22.8264	149.4237	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8262	149.424	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8378	149.4342	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	

-22.8378	149.4284	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.8382	149.4367	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.838	149.4345	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Multiple
-22.8946	149.4699	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E. crebra 10cm wide about 5m off the ground.
-22.8937	149.4686	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8964	149.4709	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8964	149.4708	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8916	149.4662	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8515	149.4548	3/03/2021	other habitat feature	Small watercourse
-22.8927	149.4684	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8924	149.4679	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9012	149.4738	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Large stag hollow at 4m about 15cm wide
-22.9012	149.4737	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E crebra 2 hollows 5cm wide around 3m high
-22.9025	149.473	1/03/2021	other habitat feature	Brachychiton sp.
-22.9025	149.473	1/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rock outcrop with vines and thicker scrub
-22.9003	149.4728	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8997	149.4722	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9003	149.4729	1/03/2021	other habitat feature	Brachychiton sp.
-22.9002	149.4725	1/03/2021	other habitat feature	Brachychiton sp. and vine thicket 50×50
-22.83	149.4357	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Several trees in this area
-22.8316	149.4366	3/03/2021	other habitat feature	SEVT on side of hill
-22.8279	149.4356	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8296	149.436	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8355	149.4276	3/03/2021	rock pile	With SEVT SPECIES
-22.8395	149.4407	3/03/2021	rock pile	With SEVT
-22.8323	149.4381	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8357	149.4271	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Several trees
-22.8262	149.4245	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8261	149.4242	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8506	149.4536	3/03/2021	other habitat feature	Small watercourse
-22.8188	149.4177	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8242	149.4302	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8277	149.4354	3/03/2021	other habitat feature	SEVT species
-22.8245	149.4293	3/03/2021	other habitat feature	Termite mound
-22.8241	149.4301	3/03/2021	rock pile	

-22.9009	149.4829	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9008	149.4824	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9003	149.4819	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Large spout
-22.9002	149.4818	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9003	149.4822	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9026	149.4843	1/03/2021	rock pile	With thicket
-22.902	149.484	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9033	149.4846	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9033	149.4848	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9011	149.4832	1/03/2021	rock pile	Escarpment
-22.901	149.483	1/03/2021	rock pile	Continuing
-22.9018	149.4838	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9014	149.4834	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8918	149.4694	1/03/2021	rock pile	Outcrop
-22.8977	149.474	1/03/2021	other habitat feature	Gully- rocky outcrop
-22.8908	149.4684	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8912	149.4687	1/03/2021	rock pile	Outcrops
-22.9008	149.4754	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	6m high about 10cm wide
-22.9028	149.4731	1/03/2021	other habitat feature	Brachychiton sp.
-22.8982	149.4746	1/03/2021	other habitat feature	Gully rainforest thicket
-22.9001	149.4757	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8982	149.4806	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8985	149.4788		other habitat feature	
-22.8996	149.4814	1/03/2021	rock pile	Line of rocks from two previous points
-22.8978	149.4808	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8901	149.465	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8901	149.465	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.8988	149.4785	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.8904	149.4655	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9061	149.4796	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9064	149.4798	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9059	149.4792	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.906	149.4793	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9076	149.4808	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9076	149.4807	2/03/2021	rock pile	

-22.9067	149.4801	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9068	149.4803	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.903	149.4789	2/03/2021	rock pile	Outcrop
-22.9046	149.4785	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9036	149.4772	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9035	149.4779	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9049	149.4788	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9055	149.4797	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9036	149.4796	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9048	149.4789	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9041	149.4848	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9039	149.4847	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9039	149.4848	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9058	149.4849	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9036	149.4845	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9033	149.4846	1/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9036	149.4842	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9035	149.4843	1/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9092	149.4826	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9097	149.483	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9083	149.4816	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.909	149.4824	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.911	149.4827	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9108	149.4829	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9101	149.4833	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9103	149.4833	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9057	149.4789	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9046	149.478	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9116	149.4844	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9116	149.4843	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9031	149.4748	2/03/2021	rock pile	Large rocky outcrop 50+ radius
-22.903	149.4751	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9045	149.4778	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9045	149.4778	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9152	149.4866	2/03/2021	rock pile	Large outcrop thicket

-22.9148	149.4861	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9156	149.4888	2/03/2021	rock pile	Outcrop
-22.9152	149.487	2/03/2021	rock pile	Same outcrop 30m
-22.9118	149.4848	2/03/2021	rock pile	Outcrop
-22.9117	149.4848	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9146	149.486	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9123	149.485	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9028	149.477	2/03/2021	rock pile	Creek bed and small escarpment
-22.9028	149.4776	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9022	149.4779	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9032	149.4772	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9036	149.4772	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9026	149.4783	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.903	149.4756	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9028	149.4763	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9032	149.4751	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9032	149.4751	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stags
-22.9011	149.4768	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9017	149.4772	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9024	149.4763	2/03/2021	rock pile	Creek
-22.9021	149.4762	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9147	149.4896	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	2 stags
-22.9142	149.4879	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9143	149.4881	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.915	149.4905	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.915	149.4908	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9147	149.49	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9148	149.4903	2/03/2021	rock pile	Outcrop and creek
-22.8894	149.4673	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.8871	149.4624	3/03/2021	rock pile	Outcrop
-22.8887	149.4667	3/03/2021	rock pile	Entire slope steep and rocky.
-22.8889	149.467	3/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 3m high 20cm wide vertical
-22.8857	149.4547	3/03/2021	rock pile	Escarpment
-22.8823	149.4391	2/03/2021	other habitat feature	M. bracteata regrowth on rocky Creek. W rubber vine dense.
-22.8865	149.4616	3/03/2021	rock pile	

-22.8862	149.4613	3/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9171	149.4908	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9169	149.4909	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9181	149.4907	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9175	149.491	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9159	149.4905	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9159	149.4891	2/03/2021	rock pile	Many piles around 50m
-22.9168	149.4909	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.9166	149.4905	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9222	149.4901	2/03/2021	rock pile	Outcrop
-22.922	149.4901	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9199	149.4902	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9223	149.4902	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9213	149.4913	2/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	
-22.9211	149.4912	2/03/2021	rock pile	Creek
-22.9218	149.4902	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9216	149.4904	2/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7115	149.4006	6/03/2021	other habitat feature	Large rocky outcrop
-22.7142	149.3976	6/03/2021	other habitat feature	Steep boulder field ~40
-22.7239	149.398	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 8m 30cm spout ×2
-22.7238	149.3979	6/03/2021	rock pile	Rocky outcrop and boulder field down the slope between the two towers.
-22.7223	149.3986	6/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky outcrop and boulders. Very steep dropoff
-22.9	149.4962	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 8m 30cm
-22.7193	149.3977	6/03/2021	other habitat feature	Steep dropoff
-22.7218	149.3986	6/03/2021	other habitat feature	Boulders and steep
-22.7252	149.3976	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.7246	149.3981	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.7255	149.3965	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	C. dellachiana 8m 10cm
-22.7254	149.3965	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 12m 10 &15cm
-22.7245	149.3977	6/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7239	149.398	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 10 & 12 m spout 30 and 20cm
-22.7247	149.3978	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag
-22.7245	149.3978	6/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag several hollows
-22.9073	149.495	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	Rocky outcrops and eacarpment
-22.9077	149.4946	5/03/2021	rock pile	

-22.9053	149.4941	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 10m 30cmspout
-22.9053	149.4941	5/03/2021	rock pile	Outcrop with large boulders.large outcrop for about 50m+ with thicket
-22.9085	149.4945	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 8m 10cm crack
-22.9088	149.4948	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 5m spout 30cm
-22.9084	149.4944	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 10m 5cm
-22.9084	149.4945	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 6m 30cm spout
-22.9015	149.4939	5/03/2021	other habitat feature	Thicker veg on edge escarpment
-22.9027	149.4936	5/03/2021	rock pile	30m radius
-22.9001	149.4961	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag x3 30+cm
-22.9006	149.4958	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 8m x2 20cm
-22.9036	149.4939	5/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.9035	149.4939	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 10m 5cm
-22.9037	149.4938	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 5m 10cm
-22.9036	149.4938	5/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra 10m 5cm
-22.7359	149.3973	7/03/2021	rock pile	Outcrops
-22.7346	149.3954	7/03/2021	rock pile	Steep slope and rocky outcrops
-22.7394	149.3995	7/03/2021	rock pile	Outcrop and steep slope
-22.7378	149.3974	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Steep slope
-22.7269	149.3962	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 15m 20cm
-22.7267	149.3961	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 12m 30cm
-22.7295	149.3954	7/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.7284	149.3962	7/03/2021	rock pile	
-22.743	149.4019	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	Stag 15m crack microbat
-22.7418	149.4014	7/03/2021	other habitat feature	Outcrops and boulders
-22.745	149.403	7/03/2021	hollow bearing tree	E.crebra stag 10 and 15m 30 and 20cm

## APPENDIX G CYCAD TRANSLOCATION PLAN (EPBC LISTED SPECIES)

