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Artwork by Maurice Goolagong 2023. This piece was commissioned by Water Technology and visualises the important connections we have to water, and the cultural significance of journeys taken by traditional custodians of our land to meeting places, where communities connect with each other around waterways.

The symbolism in the artwork includes:

- Seven circles representing each of the States and Territories in Australia where we do our work
- Blue dots between each circle representing the waterways that connect us
- The animals that rely on healthy waterways for their home
- Black and white dots representing all the different communities that we visit in our work
- Hands that are for the people we help on our journey



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ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

Acronym	Definition
BC Act	<i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i>
BV	Biodiversity Values
DCP	Development Control Plan
DD	Due Diligence
EP&A Act	<i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>
EPBC Act	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>
FM Act	<i>Fisheries Management Act 1994</i>
LEP	Local Environment Plan
LGA	Local Government Area
MNES	Matter of National Environmental Significance
PCT	Plant Community Type
SEARS	Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements
SINSW	Schools Infrastructure New South Wales
SSD	State Significant Development
TEC	Threatened Ecological Community
WM Act	<i>Water Management Act 2000</i>



1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Flora and Fauna Assessment has been conducted to identify potential constraints that may impede the future school infrastructure upgrades for the Ulladulla Public School. This assessment aims to seek approval for a Development Without Consent (REF) application under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), requiring a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) to be prepared to mitigate any risks during the delivery of the school upgrades. The report documents the findings of the biodiversity assessment, identifying potential biodiversity constraints relevant to the proposed development under the NSW *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, and the NSW *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

Three Plant Community Types (PCTs) were mapped as occurring within the subject site. Two of the PCTs found were associated with threatened ecological communities. The PCTs were confirmed as present on site, however in low condition.

No biodiversity values were mapped. The Grey-headed Flying-fox (*Pteropus poliocephalus*) had a moderate likelihood of occurrence. No other threatened species were found. The site has no Key Fish habitat.

The Flora and Fauna Assessment concluded that there will be no significant impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance. As there were no threatened species or threatened ecological communities found, nor was there any highly suitable habitat for threatened species, a Test of Significance was not required. Consequently, no referral to the Australian Minister for the Environment under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 is required. The proposal would be unlikely to cause a significant impact on the environment. Therefore, it is not necessary for an Environmental Impact Statement to be prepared and approval to be sought from the Minister for Planning under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.



2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Background

This Flora and Fauna Assessment (FFA) has been prepared to support a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the NSW Department of Education (DoE) for the Ulladulla Public School upgrade (the activity).

The purpose of the REF is to assess the potential environmental impacts of the activity prescribed by *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* (T&I SEPP) as “development permitted without consent” on land carried out by or on behalf of a public authority under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act). The activity is to be undertaken pursuant to Chapter 3, Part 3.4, Section 3.37 of the T&I SEPP.

This document has been prepared in accordance with the *Guidelines for Division 5.1 assessments* (the Guidelines) by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) as well as the *Addendum Division 5.1 guidelines for schools*. The purpose of this report is to document the direct and indirect impacts on biodiversity which arise as a result of the proposed school upgrades.

2.2 Site Description

Ulladulla Public School is located at 241 Green Street, Ulladulla NSW 2539. The site is located within the Shoalhaven Local Government Area (LGA) and has an approximate area of 3.5 hectares. An aerial photograph of the site is provided in Figure 2-1. The site is comprised of three lots, legally referred to as follows:

- Lot 1 in Deposited Plan 122514
- Lot 1 in Deposited Plan 529425
- Lot 1 in Section 16 in Deposited Plan 759018

The site is zoned SP2 Educational Establishment and existing development comprises various buildings, a car park, landscaping, a sports field and sports courts associated with Ulladulla Public School. Ulladulla Public School currently comprises 22 Permanent Teaching Spaces (PTS) and 11 Demountable Teaching Spaces (DTS). The western portion of the site contains playing fields, sports courts and parking. Vegetation is interspersed throughout the site.

The site is irregularly shaped with a long frontage to Green Street to the south. Land to the north of the site is zoned RE1 which consists of natural bushland. Low density residential dwellings adjoin the site along the western boundary.



Figure 2-1 Aerial photograph of the site.

Figure source: Urbis January 2024

2.3 Proposed Activity Description

The proposed activity relates to upgrades to Ulladulla Public School. Specifically, the proposed activity comprises the following:

- Construction of a new two-storey home base building over existing car park.
- Alterations to existing car park under new building.
- Construction of new stairs and covered walkways.
- Installation of new fencing.
- External landscape works.
- Installation of solar panels.
- Installation of new pedestrian gate and fire brigade booster.
- Tree removal.

Any works relating to the existing demountables or works associated with substations will be undertaken via a separate planning pathway. Figure 2-2 provides an extract of the proposed site plan.

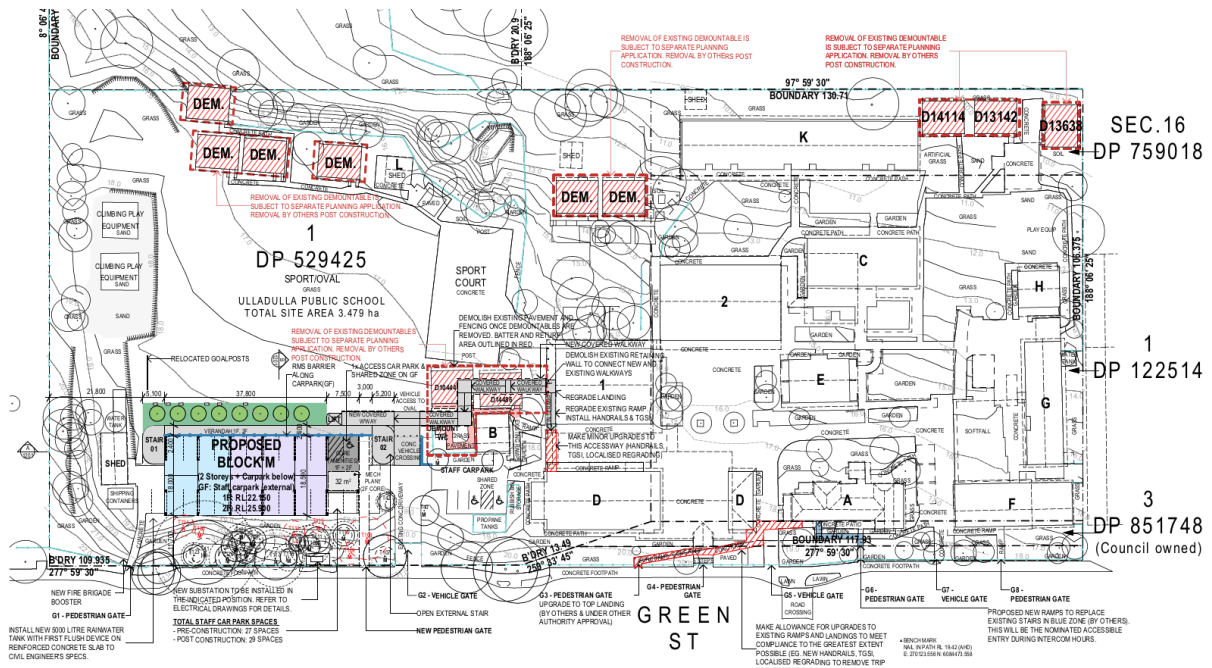


Figure 2-2 Site plan

The proposed trees to be removed are demarcated in red in an extract of the demolition plans in Figure 2-3. In total, 9 trees are marked for removal in the southwest corner of the site (tree 45 in the plan represents 3 trees). (Allied Tree Consultancy, 2025).

The full site plans are included in Appendix A.

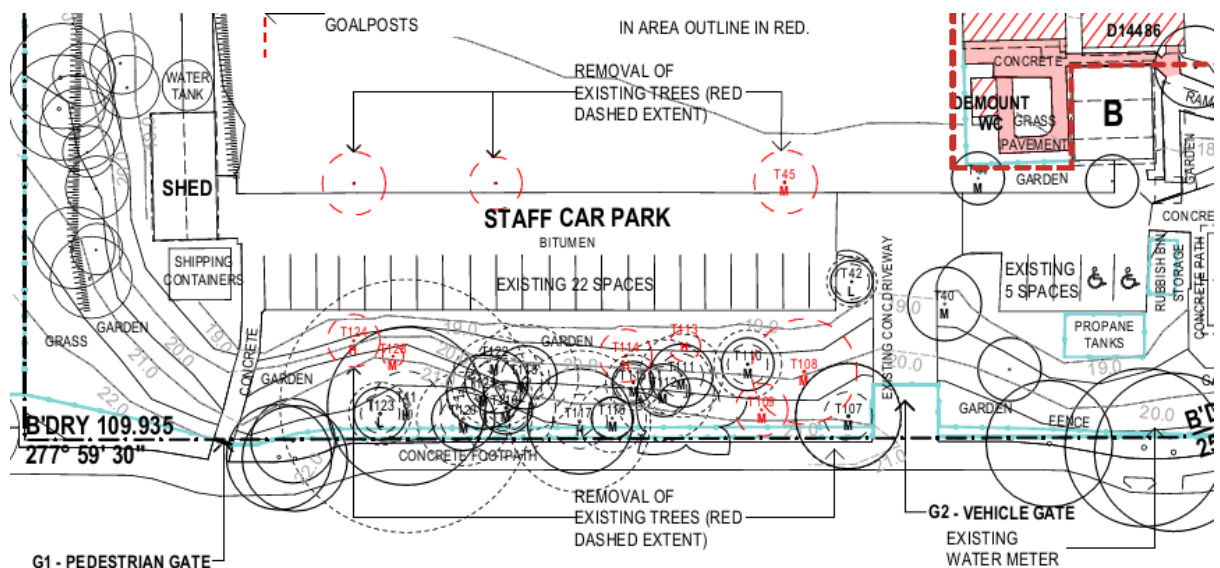


Figure 2-3 Demolition and tree removal plans



3 RELEVANT LEGISLATION

Legislation and policy relevant to the biodiversity component of works within the subject site are outlined below:

3.1 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

Planning and development within NSW is regulated by the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

The proposed works are permitted without consent under the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* (T&I SEPP). Where works do not require development consent but require approval of a Government organisation under any legislation, then they are defined as an activity under Part 5 of the EP&A Act. Division 5.1 and Section 5.7 of the EP&A Act requires any such Government body to determine whether the impacts of the activity are likely to be significant. A FFA contributes to that determination.

A FFA is prepared, to inform a Review of Environmental Factors, to meet the requirements of Clause 171 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

3.2 State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021

The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* (T&I SEPP) provides for the efficient provision of public infrastructure in NSW. The aim of this Policy is to facilitate the effective delivery of infrastructure across the State.

3.3 Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

The *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act) includes the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (BOS) that governs how biodiversity offsets will be used to ensure they offset the loss due to development and deliver conservation outcomes. The Act and Regulations also govern the Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) as a scientific method that assesses biodiversity losses from impacts at development sites and gains from conserving land at stewardship sites.

Public authorities seeking to undertake an activity under Part 5 of the EP&A Act can voluntarily opt-in to the BOS and BAM scheme, or alternatively can elect to undertake an Assessment of Significance and proceed with a Part 5 approval. It will be required to:

- take serious and irreversible impacts into consideration
- determine if there are any additional and appropriate measures that will minimise the impact if the activity is to be carried out or approved
- The potential ecological impacts of the proposal are discussed in Section 5 of this FFA

3.4 Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), Commonwealth approval is required for certain actions. Actions which have or may have or are likely to have a significant impact on Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES). MNES include nationally threatened species or endangered ecological communities. Under the EPBC Act an assessment of the impact of a proposal on a MNES must be undertaken to determine whether there is likely to be a significant impact. If the assessment concludes there is a significant impact, then it will become a controlled action under the EPBC Act and the proposal must be referred to the Commonwealth. Approval from the relevant Federal Minister is also required for any actions that may have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance, except in circumstances which are set out in the EPBC Act.



Approval from the Commonwealth is in addition to any approvals under NSW legislation.

The potential ecological impacts of the proposal are discussed in Section 5 of this FFA. It is concluded that the proposal is not likely to have a significant impact on any EPBC listed threatened species, populations or communities nor is it likely to impact on any MNES and so does not require referral to the Commonwealth under the EPBC Act.

3.5 Fisheries Management Act 1994

The provisions of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* relating to project development and approval processes operate similarly to the BC Act. The Act identifies threatened aquatic species, populations and ecological communities, as well as Key Fish Habitat.

Significant impacts trigger the need for a species impact statement for Part 4 and Part 5 projects. The potential ecological impacts of the proposal are discussed in Section 5 of this FFA report. It is concluded that the proposal is not likely to have a significant impact on any threatened aquatic species, populations or communities, or Key Fish Habitat.

3.6 Water Management Act 2000

The *Water Management Act 2000* (WM Act) provides for the sustainable and integrated management of the water sources of the State for the benefit of both present and future generations. The WM Act defines principles of water management, sets out water licensing laws and environmental water provisions.

Section 91 (2) states that: *waterfront land means—...where the prescribed distance is 40 metres or (if the regulations prescribe a lesser distance, either generally or in relation to a particular location or class of locations) that lesser distance.*

This project is being carried out further than 40 metres so is exempt from requiring a Controlled Activity Approval in accordance with the WM Act.

3.7 Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan 2014

This plan aims to make local environmental planning provisions for land in the Shoalhaven LGA in accordance with the relevant standard environmental planning instrument.

The works are to be conducted as per LEP SP2 zoned land. The objectives of this zone include:

- To provide for infrastructure and related uses.
- To prevent development that is not compatible with or that may detract from the provision of infrastructure.

3.8 Shoalhaven Development Control Plan 2014

The aim of the Shoalhaven Development Control Plan 2014 (DCP) is to allow detailed provisions to be made to control and guide development and subdivision within the Shoalhaven LGA.



4 EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

Prior to undertaking the ecological field survey, desktop searches were conducted to provide a context of the surrounding environment.

The draft Biodiversity Due Diligence Report prepared by Water Technology in 2023, as well as a Preliminary Arboricultural Assessment Report (Allied Tree Consultancy, 2023) was also reviewed and updated as required.

A field survey of the site was undertaken on 15 September 2023 for the Biodiversity Due Diligence Assessment by ecologist Clayton Woods (Water Technology, 2023). Due to the limited impacts on biodiversity and previous biodiversity and arborist surveys the field survey was not repeated for this Flora and Fauna Assessment.

4.1 Vegetation communities

A review of the vegetation mapping databases using the SEED portal- (NSW Government's central resource for Sharing and Enabling Environmental Data in NSW) was undertaken to identify Plant Community Types (PCTs) present within the area. As indicated in Figure 4-1, three PCTs were mapped as being present within the project site.

According to the NSW State Vegetation Type Mapping, three Plant Community Types (PCTs) are mapped as occurring within the subject site:

- PCT 4019 - Coastal Alluvial Bangalay Forest
- PCT 4052 - South Coast Low Hills Red Gum Grassy Forest
- PCT 3267 - Shoalhaven Foothills Turpentine Forest

The proposed school upgrades are located within the area mapped as PCT 4052 and PCT 3267.

PCT 4052 - South Coast Low Hills Red Gum Grassy Forest is associated with the following TECs:

- Illawarra Lowlands Grassy Woodland in the Sydney Basin Bioregion (Endangered – BC Act),
- Lowland Grassy Woodland in the South East Corner Bioregion (Endangered – BC Act),
- Illawarra and south coast lowland forest and woodland ecological community (Critically Endangered – EPBC Act).

PCT 3267 – Shoalhaven Foothills Turpentine Forest is not associated with any TECs.

An ecological site assessment was conducted as part of the Biodiversity Due Diligence Report (Water Technology 2023) concluded that PCT 4052 and PCT 3267 are still present in this area, but are in a highly cleared and degraded condition.

Any proposed development should try to avoid significant impact upon vegetation that relates to these PCTs. Significant impact would include removing trees characteristic of the PCT. Any significant impact upon species that are characteristic of PCTs associated with TECs may trigger the requirement for a BDAR report and offsetting requirements.

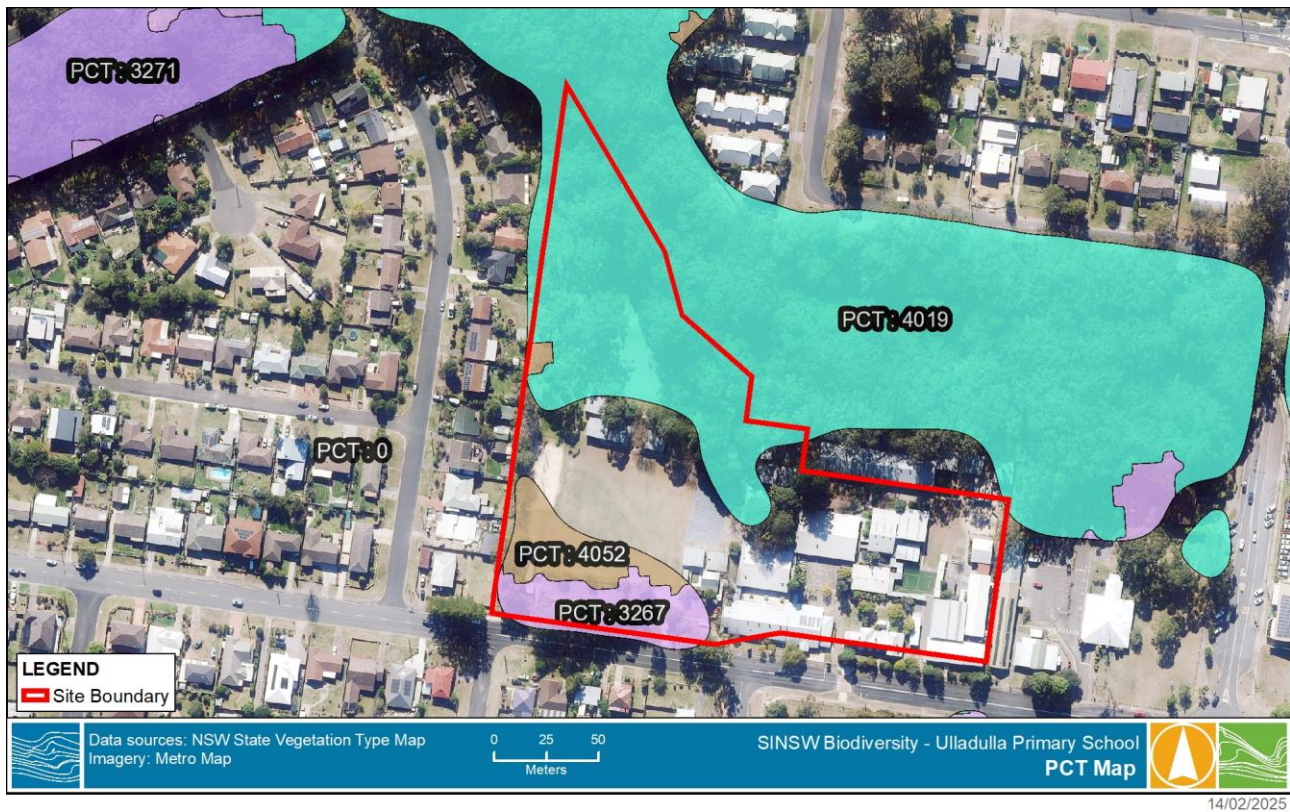


Figure 4-1 Plant Community Types

4.2 Threatened Species

A search of the DCCEEW BioNet Atlas revealed 631 records of 44 species previously recorded within 10 km of the site. Analysis of the Protected Matters Search Tool indicated 8 listed threatened ecological communities, 95 listed threatened species, and 57 listed migratory species previously recorded within 10 km of the subject site. No World Heritage Properties, National Heritage Places, nor Wetlands of international importance occurred within 10 km of the site (Appendix C).

The DCCEEW BioNet Atlas mapping identified three threatened species near the site, including the Grey-headed Flying-fox (*Pteropus poliocephalus*) is listed as Vulnerable under both the BC Act and the EPBC Act (Figure 4-2). The Pied Oystercatcher (*Haematopus longirostris*) is a shorebird and is unlikely to have suitable habitat on the site, as is the Sooty Oystercatcher (*Haematopus fuliginosus*).

A Likelihood of Occurrence table was prepared for this report to assess the likelihood of any threatened species occurring in the vicinity of the development footprint and being impacted by the works. The Glossy Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus lathami*) is considered moderately likely to occur on site due to the presence of Casuarinas which are one of the species' feed trees. Grey-headed Flying-fox (*Pteropus poliocephalus*) is considered moderately likely to occur on the site due to nearby sightings, however there is no high value habitat for the species within the development footprint. The nearby creek represents more suitable habitat. Some owl species were rated as moderately likely to occur, however due to the trees on the site being relatively small it is considered unlikely that any of the owl species would use the trees for nesting.



Figure 4-2 NSW Threatened Species Mapping

4.3 Fauna Habitat

An opportunistic fauna survey was undertaken for the Biodiversity Due Diligence assessment. No separate habitat survey was undertaken for this FFA.

The fauna survey included searches for proxy evidence of fauna activity such as tree scratches, scat, and bird nests. As many faunal species likely to occur are cryptic and/or nocturnal, they are unlikely to be detected during a short survey. The fauna assessment was therefore largely an assessment of the potential of the site as habitat for various fauna species. Apart from species definitely recorded on the site, there is no certainty as to the presence or absence of the species discussed. Therefore, it is important to adopt the precautionary principle such that it is assumed that any threatened species are likely to occur at the site if suitable habitat exists.

An assessment of potential habitat features for threatened species, such as tree hollows or crevices in tree bark was also conducted.

Three trees adjacent to the grass field and parking lot are marked for removal (two exempt trees). These trees are noted as being of low habitat value.

The remaining trees including a larger mature Turpentine next to the car park and trees in the more densely vegetated patch between the existing car park and Green Street are likely to be of higher habitat value and can provide refuge and feeding opportunities for fauna species (see Figure 4-3 and Figure 4-4). This location was noted as not being impacted by the works in the biodiversity due diligence report, however due to changes in the construction plans some of these trees will be removed as part of the works. Due to lack of previous detailed biodiversity surveys, a habitat assessment and fauna search should be undertaken in all trees prior to tree removal.



Figure 4-3 Vegetation partly marked for removal



Figure 4-4 Vegetation partly marked for removal

4.4 Aquatic Habitat

The subject site is not mapped as containing any Key Fish Habitat, nor is it in proximity to significant waterways or waterfront land, thus no further provisions within the FM Act and WM Act are not required for the proposed development.



5 POTENTIAL IMPACTS

During the pre-construction and construction phases, as well as long-term, impacts on biodiversity may occur as a result of construction activities on the site. These may be direct or indirect. Several detailed mitigation measures are essential to prevent adverse impacts on existing trees, vegetation, and local wildlife. The following sections detail potential impacts and lays out corresponding mitigation measures to be implemented to ensure ecological protection and compliance with relevant standards.

5.1 Tree Protection Measures

In total, 14 trees are marked for removal in the southwest corner of the site (tree 45 represents 3 trees). 9 of these trees have been deemed necessary to remove in the arborist impact assessment while the remaining five tree can be retained however would have a limited useful expectancy and can therefore be removed (Allied Tree Consultancy, 2025).

Tree removal should be avoided to the degree possible, particularly within the PCTs mapped on the site. However, it is noted that some of the retained trees life span could be limited due to the proposed works.

Construction activities can also damage trees through physical injury, soil compaction, and root damage. To mitigate these impacts, tree protection must be approved by a Consulting Arborist (AQF Level 5). No materials, mixing, parking, disposal, repairs, refuelling, fires, stockpiling, or backfilling is allowed near remaining trees. These measures ensure that trees are safeguarded from construction-related disturbances.

All trees to be protected shall be clearly identified, and all Tree Protection Zones (TPZs) surveyed and demarcated. This ensures accurate recognition and protection of trees throughout the construction process. Protective fencing around existing trees and within TPZs must be installed before any site work begins, in accordance with Australian Standard 4970 (2009) Protection of Trees on Development Sites (AS-4970), and maintained until works are finished.

At least three of the trees to be removed are located within PCT 4052 which is associated with a Threatened Ecological Community. The remaining trees are in PCT 3267. One *Acacia* (*Acacia* sp.) and one Narrow Leafed Paperbark (*Melaleuca linariifolia*) are part of PCT 3267.

5.2 Inspection for Fauna

Construction activities can harm wildlife inhabiting the trees. Potential disruption of habitat sites identified for possums, including dreys and scratching marks on trees, may impact species activity. The site assessment found potential fauna habitat within the subject site and the trees marked for removal, which may affect the development process. Prior to the commencement of construction, all trees and vegetation should be inspected for hollows and nests (this has not been done as part of this FFA). If fauna is discovered inhabiting hollows or nests, an ecologist may be required to remove and relocate any fauna if the tree or vegetation is to be removed. This measure protects wildlife and complies with ecological regulations.

A fauna spotter should also be present during tree removal to relocate any potential fauna.

5.3 Contractor Induction

Uninformed contractors may inadvertently cause ecological damage. To prevent this, induction of all contractors and staff outlining the ecological sensitivity of the site, no-go areas, the need to minimise ecological impact, and all other required mitigation measures must be undertaken. This ensures that all personnel understand the ecological importance of the site and adhere to the necessary protection measures.



5.4 Site Hygiene Protocols

Construction activities can introduce plant pathogens and diseases. To mitigate this risk, basic hygiene protocols will be implemented for construction personnel and machinery to reduce the potential for invasion by plant pathogens, including *Phytophthora cinnamomi*, the fungus myrtle rust (*Uredo rangellii*), and amphibian chytrid fungus. This prevents the spread of harmful pathogens and protects the local ecosystem.

5.5 Operational Impacts

During the operational phase, no significant operational impacts to flora and fauna are anticipated as a result of the proposal.



6 MITIGATION MEASURES

Measures to address construction impacts (C) are listed in Table 6-1 and Table 6-2. Detailed tree protection mitigation measures during pre-construction and construction must be adhered to ensure there are no significant impacts.

Table 6-1 Mitigation measures for pre-construction impacts (measures to be taken prior to construction commencing)

Project Stage	Mitigation Measure	Reason for Mitigation Measure	Section of Report
C	Tree protection must be approved by a Consulting Arborist AQF Level 5. No materials, mixing, parking, disposal, repairs, refuelling, fires, stockpiling, or backfilling is allowed near remaining trees. Removal or lopping of trees needs written permission from Council.	To safeguard trees from construction activities which can impact trees through physical injury, soil compaction, and root damage.	Section 5.1
C	All trees to be protected shall be clearly identified and all TPZs surveyed.	To ensure accurate recognition and protection of trees throughout the construction process.	Section 5.1
C	Protective fencing around existing trees and within TPZs must be installed before any site work begins. The fence must be 1800mm high chain wire mesh fixed to galvanised steel posts, enclosing an area to prevent damage as defined in the Tree Protection Plan. No storage inside fenced area.	To ensure accurate recognition and protection of trees throughout the construction process.	Section 5.1
C	Inspect all trees to be removed for hollows, nests and other signs of fauna habitat. If fauna is discovered, an ecologist will be required to remove and relocate any fauna if the tree or vegetation is to be removed.	To protect wildlife and comply with ecological regulations.	Section 5.2
C	Use AS 4454 leaf mulch with 90% recycled content for tree protection fencing. Chip trees marked for removal and use mulch 100mm deep. Avoid soil, weeds, sticks, and stones. Comply with AS 4454 (1999) and AS 4419 (1998).	To protect tree roots and soil from construction activities.	Section 5.1
C	Tree protection signage must be attached to tree protection zones before works begin. Signs should be displayed prominently and repeated at 10m intervals or closer when the fence changes direction. Signs must include information about the tree protection zone, access restrictions, developer's contact details, and Site Arborist information.	To ensure accurate recognition and protection of trees throughout the construction process.	Section 5.1



Project Stage	Mitigation Measure	Reason for Mitigation Measure	Section of Report
C	Induction of all contractors and staff outlining the ecological sensitivity of the site, no-go areas, the need to minimise ecological impact, and all other required mitigation measures is to be undertaken.	To ensure accurate recognition and protection of trees, protection of wildlife, and to comply with ecological regulations throughout the construction process.	Section 5.3

Table 6-2 Mitigation measures for impacts that may occur during construction

Project Stage	Mitigation Measure	Reason for Mitigation Measure	Section of Report
C	Tree Protection Zones (TPZs) will be maintained around vegetation to be retained. TPZs will be maintained in accordance with Australian Standard 4970 (2009) Protection of Trees on Development Sites (AS-4970). No activities are to take place within the Structural Root Zones (SRZs) of mature trees. No works, stockpiling of materials, excavation, parking or any other potentially harmful activities will be undertaken within TPZs unless a Level 5 Arborist has provided confirmation that the works will not impact the tree.	To safeguard trees from construction activities which can impact trees through physical injury, soil compaction, and root damage.	Section 5.1
C	No pedestrian or plant access is permissible to the TPZ.	As above	Section 5.1
C	Avoid storing bulk or harmful materials near trees. Keep spoil from excavations away from TPZs. Ensure wind-blown materials like cement don't harm trees. Contaminants stored properly with spill measures.	As above	Section 5.1
C	Protect the trees from harm. Avoid tying ropes, cables, or similar items to trees. No plant, machinery, or materials can enter the tree protection fencing.	As above	Section 5.1
C	Do not fill or compact soil above tree roots enclosed by protection fencing during construction near trees. Guidelines must be followed to prevent soil compaction in these areas. Protection includes using elevated planks attached to scaffolding to prevent ground compression.	As above	Section 5.1
C	Trenching, shall avoid the TPZ's. Proposed routes shall be re-routed outside of the TPZ. Underboring required if unable reroute. Any excavation in the area of a TPZ must be authorised and conditioned by the project arborist.	Protection of trees Subsurface utilities	Section 5.1



Project Stage	Mitigation Measure	Reason for Mitigation Measure	Section of Report
C	Contractors are to ensure plants are watered where necessary. Apply water at an appropriate rate suitable for the plant species during periods of little or no rainfall.	Construction impacts to site may alter soil hydrology and in turn tree root access to water.	Section 5.1
C	All site facilities must be located outside of TPZ. Chemicals and contaminants must be stored properly in an enclosed area with a spill bund to prevent runoff in case of accidents.	To safeguard trees from construction including root damaging activities and contaminant spills.	Section 5.1
C	Basic hygiene protocols would be implemented for construction personnel and machinery on site to reduce the potential for invasion by plant pathogens including <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i> , the fungus myrtle rust <i>Uredo rangelli</i> and amphibian chytrid fungus.	To prevent the spread of harmful pathogens and protects the local ecosystem.	Section 5.1



7 EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The extent and nature of potential impacts on biodiversity that may result as a consequence of the proposed construction project are low to moderate. The project is not expected to have a significant impact on the locality, community and/or the environment provided the proposed mitigation measures in Section 5 and Section 6 are followed. Through the use of the listed mitigation measures, the potential impacts can be appropriately mitigated or managed to ensure that there is minimal impact on the locality, community and/or the environment.

No native fauna, including any threatened species, were identified during the field survey undertaken for the Biodiversity Due Diligence assessment in 2023. The terrestrial flora and fauna survey was limited to less than one hour. The field survey was restricted to the proposed area of impact of the works at the time of the due diligence assessment. The area of impact has moved slightly, however within the immediate surrounding area of the previous plans.

As there were no threatened species found and no impact on threatened ecological communities is anticipated, a Test of Significance is not required. As many faunal species likely to occur within the project area are cryptic and/or nocturnal, or may only visit the site on occasion, they are unlikely to be detected even during seasonal surveys. The fauna assessment is, accordingly, largely an assessment of the potential of the project site as habitat for various fauna species. Therefore, it is important to adopt the precautionary principle such that it is assumed that threatened species may be at the site if suitable habitat exists.

Ultimately the extent and nature of potential impacts of this project are low to moderate and will not have a significant impact on the locality, community and/or the environment. Potential impacts can be appropriately mitigated or managed to ensure that there is minimal impact on the locality, community and/or the environment.



8 RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Determination

The site and selected location is suitable for school upgrades as proposed. Impacts to flora and fauna can be minimised by implementing the mitigation measures provided in Section 6. However, it is important that the extent of the impacts is minimised and no further impacts to the surrounding biodiversity features occurs. The site also contains good quality vegetation as well as amenity trees, and impacts on either of these would be detrimental for the biodiversity on the site.

The pre-construction, construction and operational stages are anticipated to have minimal impacts provided impact mitigation is carried out.

8.2 Statement of Significance

There is not likely to be a significant effect on biodiversity features on the site, including the Threatened Ecological Community PCT 4052 even if works are carried out within its mapped area. No significant impact on threatened species is anticipated provided the mitigation measures are adhered to.



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APPENDIX A SITE PLAN





APPENDIX B LIKELIHOOD OF OCCURRENCE





Likelihood	Description
Recorded	The species was observed in the study area during the current survey.
High	It is highly likely that a species inhabits the study area and is dependent on identified suitable habitat (i.e., for breeding or important life cycle periods such as winter flowering resources), has been recorded recently in the locality (10km) and is known or likely to maintain resident populations in the study area. Also includes species known or likely to visit the study area during regular seasonal movements or migration.
Moderate	Potential habitat is present in the study area. Species unlikely to maintain sedentary populations, however, may seasonally use resources within the study area opportunistically or during migration. The species is unlikely to be dependent (i.e., for breeding or important life cycle periods such as winter flowering resources) on habitat within the study area, or habitat is in a modified or degraded state. Includes cryptic flowering flora species that were not seasonally targeted by surveys and that have not been recorded.
Low	It is unlikely that the species inhabits the study area and has not been recorded recently in the locality (10km). It may be an occasional visitor, but habitat similar to the study area is widely distributed in the local area, meaning that the species is not dependent (i.e., for breeding or important life cycle periods such as winter flowering resources) on available habitat. Specific habitat is not present in the study area, or the species are a non-cryptic perennial flora species that were specifically targeted by surveys and not recorded.
None	Suitable habitat is absent from the study area.



Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	NSW status	Comm. status	Records	Description	Likelihood
Cheloniidae	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	Hawksbill Turtle	P	V	2	Hawksbill turtles typically occur in tidal and sub-tidal coral and rocky reef habitats throughout tropical waters, extending into warm temperate areas as far south as northern New South Wales.	Low
Apodidae	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	White-throated Needletail	V,P	V,C,J,K	15	In Australia, the White-throated Needletail is almost exclusively aerial, from heights of less than 1 m up to more than 1000 m above the ground. Because they are aerial, it has been stated that conventional habitat descriptions are inapplicable, but there are, nevertheless, certain preferences exhibited by the species. Although they occur over most types of habitat, they are probably recorded most often above wooded areas, including open forest and rainforest, and may also fly between trees or in clearings, below the canopy, but they are less commonly recorded flying above woodland. They also commonly occur over heathland, but less often over treeless areas, such as grassland or swamps. When flying above farmland, they are more often recorded above partly cleared pasture, plantations or remnant vegetation at the edge of paddocks. In coastal areas, they are sometimes seen flying over sandy beaches or mudflats, and often around coastal cliffs and other areas with prominent updraughts, such as ridges and sand-dunes. They are sometimes recorded above islands well out to sea.	Low
Procellariidae	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>	Sooty Shearwater	P	J	1	The species nests on islands and headlands in large colonies. Burrows are dug for breeding under tussock grass, low scrub and on the Snares Islands under Olearia forest. Birds typically do not return to their natal colonies until the age of four. The species feeds on fish, crustacea and cephalopods, which are caught while diving.	Low
Procellariidae	<i>Ardenna pacifica</i>	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	P	J	13	The Wedge-tailed Shearwater is a pelagic, marine bird known from tropical and subtropical waters. T In tropical zones the species may feed over cool nutrient-rich waters. The species has been recorded in offshore waters of eastern Victoria and southern NSW, mostly over continental slope with sea-surface temperatures of 13.9–24.4 °C	Low



Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	NSW status	Comm. status	Records	Description	Likelihood
Procellariidae	<i>Ardenna tenuirostris</i>	Short-tailed Shearwater	P	C,J,K	15	Colonies can be found in coastal areas from New South Wales through Western Australia, with the majority found through Bass Strait and around Tasmania. The birds begin by renovating old burrows or building new ones that extend one to two metres long in sandy headlands amongst low lying vegetation like bower spinach and tussock grasses. From early April to late September, they will spend all of their time out in the ocean, resting on the surface of the water when needed.	Low
Accipitridae	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	V,P		17	Habitats are characterised by the presence of large areas of open water including larger rivers, swamps, lakes, and the sea. Occurs at sites near the sea or sea-shore, such as around bays and inlets, beaches, reefs, lagoons, estuaries and mangroves; and at, or in the vicinity of freshwater swamps, lakes, reservoirs, billabongs and saltmarsh. Terrestrial habitats include coastal dunes, tidal flats, grassland, heathland, woodland, and forest (including rainforest). Breeding habitat consists of mature tall open forest, open forest, tall woodland, and swamp sclerophyll forest close to foraging habitat. Nest trees are typically large emergent eucalypts and often have emergent dead branches or large dead trees nearby which are used as 'guard roosts'. Nests are large structures built from sticks and lined with leaves or grass.	Low
Accipitridae	<i>^Lophoictinia isura</i>	Square-tailed Kite	V,P,3		6	Found in a variety of timbered habitats including dry woodlands and open forests. Shows a particular preference for timbered watercourses. In arid north-western NSW, has been observed in stony country with a ground cover of chenopods and grasses, open acacia scrub and patches of low open eucalypt woodland. Is a specialist hunter of passerines, especially honeyeaters, and most particularly nestlings, and insects in the tree canopy, picking most prey items from the outer foliage. Appears to occupy large hunting ranges of more than 100km ² . Breeding is from July to February, with nest sites generally located along or near watercourses, in a fork or on large horizontal limbs.	Low



Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	NSW status	Comm. status	Records	Description	Likelihood
Accipitridae	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>	Eastern Osprey	V,P,3		1	Favour coastal areas, especially the mouths of large rivers, lagoons and lakes. Feed on fish over clear, open water. Breed from July to September in NSW. Nests are made high up in dead trees or in dead crowns of live trees, usually within one kilometre of the sea.	Low
Haematopodidae	<i>Haematopus fuliginosus</i>	Sooty Oystercatcher	V,P		2	Favours rocky headlands, rocky shelves, exposed reefs with rock pools, beaches and muddy estuaries. Forages on exposed rock or coral at low tide for foods such as limpets and mussels.	Low
Haematopodidae	<i>Haematopus longirostris</i>	Pied Oystercatcher	E1,P		3	Favours intertidal flats of inlets and bays, open beaches and sandbanks. Forages on exposed sand, mud and rock at low tide, for molluscs, worms, crabs and small fish. The chisel-like bill is used to pry open or break into shells of oysters and other shellfish. Nests mostly on coastal or estuarine beaches although occasionally they use saltmarsh or grassy areas. Nests are shallow scrapes in sand above the high tide mark, often amongst seaweed, shells and small stones.	Low
Charadriidae	<i>Thinornis cucullatus cucullatus</i>	Eastern Hooded Dotterel	E4A	V	3	The Hooded Plover is endemic to southern Australia and is nowadays found mainly along the coast from south of Jervis Bay, NSW, south through Victoria and Tasmania to the western side of the Eyre Peninsula (South Australia). Hooded Plovers prefer sandy ocean beaches, especially those that are broad and flat, with a wide wave-wash zone for feeding, much beachcast seaweed, and backed by sparsely vegetated sand-dunes for shelter and nesting. Occasionally Hooded Plovers are found on tidal bays and estuaries, rock platforms and rocky or sand-covered reefs near sandy beaches, and small beaches in lines of cliffs.	Low



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Scolopacidae	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	Eastern Curlew	E4A,P	CE,C,J,K	1	<p>It generally occupies coastal lakes, inlets, bays and estuarine habitats, and in New South Wales is mainly found in intertidal mudflats and sometimes saltmarsh of sheltered coasts.</p> <p>Occasionally, the species occurs on ocean beaches (often near estuaries), and coral reefs, rock platforms, or rocky islets</p> <p>It forages in or at the edge of shallow water, occasionally on exposed algal mats or waterweed, or on banks of beach-cast seagrass or seaweed.</p> <p>It roosts on sandy spits and islets, especially on dry beach sand near the high-water mark, and among coastal vegetation including low saltmarsh or mangroves. May also roost on wooden oyster leases or other similar structures</p>	Low
Laridae	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Little Tern	E1,P	C,J,K	2	<p>Almost exclusively coastal, preferring sheltered environments; however may occur several kilometres from the sea in harbours, inlets and rivers (with occasional offshore islands or coral cay records).</p> <p>Nests in small, scattered colonies in low dunes or on sandy beaches just above high tide mark near estuary mouths or adjacent to coastal lakes and islands. The nest is a scrape in the sand, which may be lined with shell grit, seaweed or small pebbles.</p>	Low
Laridae	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Crested Tern	P	J	3	<p>The greater crested tern occurs in tropical and warm temperate coastal parts of the Old World from South Africa around the Indian Ocean to the Pacific and Australia. The nests are located on low-lying sandy, rocky, or coral islands, sometimes amongst stunted shrubs, often without any shelter at all. When not breeding, the greater crested tern will roost or rest on open shores, less often on boats, pilings, harbour buildings and raised salt mounds in lagoons. It is rarely seen on tidal creeks or inland waters.</p>	Low



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Cacatuidae	^^ <i>Callocephalon fimbriatum</i>	Gang-gang Cockatoo	E1,P,3	E	6	<p>In spring and summer, generally found in tall mountain forests and woodlands, particularly in heavily timbered and mature wet sclerophyll forests.</p> <p>In autumn and winter, the species often moves to lower altitudes in drier more open eucalypt forests and woodlands, particularly box-gum and box-ironbark assemblages, or in dry forest in coastal areas and often found in urban areas.</p> <p>May also occur in sub-alpine Snow Gum (<i>Eucalyptus pauciflora</i>) woodland and occasionally in temperate rainforests.</p> <p>Favours old growth forest and woodland attributes for nesting and roosting. Nests are located in hollows that are 10 cm in diameter or larger and at least 9 m above the ground in eucalypts.</p>	Low
Cacatuidae	^ <i>Calyptorhynchus lathami lathami</i>	South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo	V,P,2	V	59	<p>Inhabits open forest and woodlands of the coast and the Great Dividing Range where stands of sheoak occur. Black Sheoak (<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>) and Forest Sheoak (<i>A. torulosa</i>) are important foods.</p> <p>Inland populations feed on a wide range of sheoaks, including Drooping Sheoak, <i>Allocasuarina diminuta</i>, and <i>A. gymnanthera</i>. Belah (<i>Casuarina cristata</i>) is also utilised and may be a critical food source for some populations.</p> <p>In the Riverina, birds are associated with hills and rocky rises supporting Drooping Sheoak, but also recorded in open woodlands dominated by Belah.</p> <p>Dependent on large hollow-bearing eucalypts for nest sites. A single egg is laid between March and May.</p>	Moderate, suitable feed trees on site



Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	NSW status	Comm. status	Records	Description	Likelihood
Psittacidae	<i>Glossopsitta pusilla</i>	Little Lorikeet	V,P		1	<p>Forages primarily in the canopy of open Eucalyptus forest and woodland, yet also finds food in Angophora, Melaleuca and other tree species. Riparian habitats are particularly used, due to higher soil fertility and hence greater productivity.</p> <p>Isolated flowering trees in open country, e.g. paddocks, roadside remnants and urban trees also help sustain viable populations of the species.</p> <p>Feeds mostly on nectar and pollen, occasionally on native fruits such as mistletoe, and only rarely in orchards</p>	Low
Psittacidae	<i>Lathamus discolor</i>	Swift Parrot	E1,P	CE	1	<p>Migrates to the Australian south-east mainland between February and October.</p> <p>On the mainland they occur in areas where eucalypts are flowering profusely or where there are abundant lerp (from sap-sucking bugs) infestations.</p> <p>Favoured feed trees include winter flowering species such as Swamp Mahogany <i>Eucalyptus robusta</i>, Spotted Gum <i>Corymbia maculata</i>, Red Bloodwood <i>C. gummifera</i>, Forest Red Gum <i>E. tereticornis</i>, Mugga Ironbark <i>E. sideroxylon</i>, and White Box <i>E. albens</i>.</p> <p>Commonly used lerp infested trees include Inland Grey Box <i>E. microcarpa</i>, Grey Box <i>E. moluccana</i>, Blackbutt <i>E. pilularis</i>, and Yellow Box <i>E. melliodora</i>.</p> <p>Return to some foraging sites on a cyclic basis depending on food availability.</p>	Low
Strigidae	<i>Ninox strenua</i>	Powerful Owl	V,P,3		15	<p>The Powerful Owl inhabits a range of vegetation types, from woodland and open sclerophyll forest to tall open wet forest and rainforest.</p> <p>The Powerful Owl requires large tracts of forest or woodland habitat but can occur in fragmented landscapes as well. The species breeds and hunts in open or closed sclerophyll forest or woodlands and occasionally hunts in open habitats. It roosts by day in dense vegetation comprising species such as Turpentine <i>Syncarpia glomulifera</i>, Black She-oak <i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>, Blackwood <i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>, Rough-barked Apple <i>Angophora floribunda</i>, Cherry Ballart <i>Exocarpos cupressiformis</i> and a number of eucalypt species.</p>	Moderate, no trees with large enough hollows for breeding were detected.



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Tytonidae	<i>^Tyto novaehollandiae</i>	Masked Owl	V,P,3		2	Lives in dry eucalypt forests and woodlands from sea level to 1100 m. A forest owl, but often hunts along the edges of forests, including roadsides.	Moderate
Tytonidae	<i>^Tyto tenebricosa</i>	Sooty Owl	V,P,3		3	Occurs in rainforest, including dry rainforest, subtropical and warm temperate rainforest, as well as moist eucalypt forests. Roosts by day in the hollow of a tall forest tree or in heavy vegetation; hunts by night for small ground mammals or tree-dwelling mammals such as the Common Ringtail Possum (<i>Pseudocheirus peregrinus</i>) or Sugar Glider (<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>). Nests in very large tree-hollows.	Low
Neosittidae	<i>Daphoenositta chrysoptera</i>	Varied Sittella	V,P		2	Inhabits eucalypt forests and woodlands, especially those containing rough-barked species and mature smooth-barked gums with dead branches, mallee and Acacia woodland.	Low
Artamidae	<i>Artamus cyanopterus cyanopterus</i>	Dusky Woodswallow	V,P		3	Primarily inhabit dry, open eucalypt forests and woodlands, including mallee associations, with an open or sparse understorey of eucalypt saplings, acacias and other shrubs, and ground-cover of grasses or sedges and fallen woody debris. It has also been recorded in shrublands, heathlands and very occasionally in moist forest or rainforest. Also found in farmland, usually at the edges of forest or woodland. Depending on location and local climatic conditions (primarily temperature and rainfall), the dusky woodswallow can be resident year round or migratory. In NSW, after breeding, birds migrate to the north of the state and to southeastern Queensland, while Tasmanian birds migrate to southeastern NSW after breeding. Migrants generally depart between March and May, heading south to breed again in spring. There is some evidence of site fidelity for breeding. Although dusky woodswallows generally breed as solitary pairs or occasionally in small flocks, large flocks may form around abundant food sources in winter. Large flocks may also form before migration, which is often undertaken with other species.	Low



Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	NSW status	Comm. status	Records	Description	Likelihood
Dasyuridae	<i>Sminthopsis leucopus</i>	White-footed Dunnart	V,P		1	The White-footed Dunnart is found in a range of different habitats across its distribution, including coastal dune vegetation, coastal forest, tussock grassland and sedgeland, heathland, woodland and forest. They shelter in bark nests in hollows under standing or fallen timber, burrows in the ground, piles of logging debris, in the 'skirts' of grass trees <i>Xanthorrhoea</i> spp. and cycads <i>Macrozamia</i> spp. and rock crevices.	Low
Peramelidae	<i>Isodon obesulus obesulus</i>	Southern Brown Bandicoot (eastern)	E1,P	E	2	Southern Brown Bandicoots are largely crepuscular (active mainly after dusk and/or before dawn). They are generally only found in heath or open forest with a heathy understorey on sandy or friable soils.	Low
Phascolarctidae	<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	Koala	E1,P	E	1	Inhabit eucalypt woodlands and forests. Feed on the foliage of more than 70 eucalypt species and 30 non-eucalypt species, but in any one area will select preferred browse species.	Low
Burramyidae	<i>Cercartetus nanus</i>	Eastern Pygmy-possum	V,P		1	Found in a broad range of habitats from rainforest through sclerophyll (including Box-Ironbark) forest and woodland to heath, but in most areas woodlands and heath appear to be preferred, except in north-eastern NSW where they are most frequently encountered in rainforest. Feeds largely on nectar and pollen collected from banksias, eucalypts and bottlebrushes; an important pollinator of heathland plants such as banksias; soft fruits are eaten when flowers are unavailable.	Low
Pseudocheiridae	<i>Petauroides volans</i>	Southern Greater Glider	E1,P	E	53	Feeds exclusively on eucalypt leaves, buds, flowers and mistletoe. Shelter during the day in tree hollows and will use up to 18 hollows in their home range. Occupy a relatively small home range with an average size of 1 to 3 ha.	Low



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Pteropodidae	<i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i>	Grey-headed Flying-fox	V,P	V	96	Occur in subtropical and temperate rainforests, tall sclerophyll forests and woodlands, heaths and swamps as well as urban gardens and cultivated fruit crops. Roosting camps are generally located within 20 km of a regular food source and are commonly found in gullies, close to water, in vegetation with a dense canopy.	Moderate, no highly suitable habitat in or near impact area
Emballonuridae	<i>Saccolaimus flaviventris</i>	Yellow-bellied Sheath-tail-bat	V,P		1	Roosts singly or in groups of up to six, in tree hollows and buildings; in treeless areas they are known to utilise mammal burrows. When foraging for insects, flies high and fast over the forest canopy, but lower in more open country. Forages in most habitats across its very wide range, with and without trees; appears to defend an aerial territory.	Low
Molossidae	<i>Micronomus norfolkensis</i>	Eastern Coastal Free-tailed Bat	V,P		2	Occur in dry sclerophyll forest, woodland, swamp forests and mangrove forests east of the Great Dividing Range.	Low
Vespertilionidae	<i>Chalinolobus dwyeri</i>	Large-eared Pied Bat	E1,P	E	19	Roosts in caves (near their entrances), crevices in cliffs, old mine workings and in the disused, bottle-shaped mud nests of the Fairy Martin (<i>Petrochelidon ariel</i>), frequenting low to mid-elevation dry open forest and woodland close to these features. Females have been recorded raising young in maternity roosts (c. 20-40 females) from November through to January in roof domes in sandstone caves and overhangs. They remain loyal to the same cave over many years. Found in well-timbered areas containing gullies.	Low
Vespertilionidae	<i>Falsistrellus tasmaniensis</i>	Eastern False Pipistrelle	V,P		1	Prefers moist habitats, with trees taller than 20 m. Generally roosts in eucalypt hollows, but has also been found under loose bark on trees or in buildings.	Low
Vespertilionidae	<i>Myotis macropus</i>	Southern Myotis	V,P		10	Generally roost in groups of 10 - 15 close to water in caves, mine shafts, hollow-bearing trees, storm water channels, buildings, under bridges and in dense foliage.	Low



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Vespertilionidae	<i>Scoteanax rueppellii</i>	Greater Broad-nosed Bat	V,P		1	Utilises a variety of habitats from woodland through to moist and dry eucalypt forest and rainforest, though it is most commonly found in tall wet forest. Although this species usually roosts in tree hollows, it has also been found in buildings. Open woodland habitat and dry open forest suits the direct flight of this species as it searches for beetles and other large, slow-flying insects; this species has been known to eat other bat species.	Low
Miniopteridae	<i>Miniopterus orianae oceanensis</i>	Large Bent-winged Bat	V,P		5	Caves are the primary roosting habitat, but also use derelict mines, storm-water tunnels, buildings and other man-made structures. Form discrete populations centred on a maternity cave that is used annually in spring and summer for the birth and rearing of young. Maternity caves have very specific temperature and humidity regimes. At other times of the year, populations disperse within about 300 km range of maternity caves. Cold caves are used for hibernation in southern Australia. Breeding or roosting colonies can number from 100 to 150,000 individuals. Hunt in forested areas, catching moths and other flying insects above the tree tops.	Low
Otariidae	<i>Arctocephalus forsteri</i>	New Zealand Fur-seal	V,P		4	Prefers rocky parts of islands with jumbled terrain and boulders. Feeds principally on cephalopods and fish, but also seabirds and occasionally penguins.	None
Otariidae	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus doriferus</i>	Australian Fur-seal	V,P		6	Prefers rocky parts of islands with flat, open terrain. They occupy flatter areas than do New Zealand Fur-seals where they occur together.	None
Balaenidae	<i>Eubalaena australis</i>	Southern Right Whale	E1,P	E	6	A large marine mammal up to 18 m long. They move inshore in winter for calving and mating. Calving females and females with young usually remain very close to the coast, particularly in the 5-10 m watermark.	None



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Myrtaceae	<i>Rhodamnia rubescens</i>	Scrub Turpentine	E4A	CE	51	Occurs in coastal districts north from Batemans Bay in New South Wales, approximately 280 km south of Sydney, to areas inland of Bundaberg in Queensland. Populations of <i>R. rubescens</i> typically occur in coastal regions and occasionally extend inland onto escarpments up to 600 m a.s.l. in areas with rainfall of 1,000-1,600 mm. Found in littoral, warm temperate and subtropical rainforest and wet sclerophyll forest usually on volcanic and sedimentary soils. This species is characterised as highly to extremely susceptible to infection by Myrtle Rust. Myrtle Rust affects all plant parts.	Moderate
Myrtaceae	<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i>	Magenta Lilly Pilly	E1	V	4	The Magenta Lilly Pilly is found only in NSW, in a narrow, linear coastal strip from Upper Lansdowne to Conjola State Forest. On the south coast the Magenta Lilly Pilly occurs on grey soils over sandstone, restricted mainly to remnant stands of littoral (coastal) rainforest. On the central coast Magenta Lilly Pilly occurs on gravels, sands, silts and clays in riverside gallery rainforests and remnant littoral rainforest communities.	Low
Orchidaceae	<i>Caladenia tessellata</i>	Thick Lip Spider Orchid	V,P,2	V	2	Within NSW, <i>Caladenia tessellata</i> is currently known from two disjunct areas; one population near Braidwood on the Southern Tablelands and three populations in the Wyong area on the Central Coast. The total population size is estimated to be less than 50 individuals. Grows on clay loam or sandy soils; south from Swansea. Flowering between September–November.	Low
Orchidaceae	<i>Cryptostylis hunteriana</i>	Leafless Tongue Orchid	V,P,2	V	167	Does not appear to have well defined habitat preferences and is known from a range of communities, including swamp-heath and woodland.	Moderate
Orchidaceae	<i>Genoplesium baueri</i>	Bauer's Midge Orchid	E1,P,2	E	17	Grows in dry sclerophyll forest and moss gardens over sandstone.	Low



Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	NSW status	Comm. status	Records	Description	Likelihood
Orchidaceae	<i>^Pterostylis ventricosa</i>		E4A,P,2		5	<p>The two largest populations, one at St Georges Basin and one at Sussex Inlet, are located on estates of private land.</p> <p>Predominantly in more open areas of tall coastal eucalypt forest often dominated by one or more of the following tree species:- Turpentine, Spotted Gum, Grey Ironbark, Blackbutt, White Stringybark, Scribbly Gum and Sydney Peppermint.</p> <p>Often favours more open areas such as along powerline easements and on road verges where the tree overstorey has been removed or thinned.</p>	Low



APPENDIX C PROTECTED MATTERS SEARCH





Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water

EPBC Act Protected Matters Report

This report provides general guidance on matters of national environmental significance and other matters protected by the EPBC Act in the area you have selected. Please see the caveat for interpretation of information provided here.

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Summary

Matters of National Environment Significance

This part of the report summarises the matters of national environmental significance that may occur in, or may relate to, the area you nominated. Further information is available in the detail part of the report, which can be accessed by scrolling or following the links below. If you are proposing to undertake an activity that may have a significant impact on one or more matters of national environmental significance then you should consider the [Administrative Guidelines on Significance](#).

World Heritage Properties:	None
National Heritage Places:	None
Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar	None
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	None
Commonwealth Marine Area:	1
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:	8
Listed Threatened Species:	95
Listed Migratory Species:	57

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

This part of the report summarises other matters protected under the Act that may relate to the area you nominated. Approval may be required for a proposed activity that significantly affects the environment on Commonwealth land, when the action is outside the Commonwealth land, or the environment anywhere when the action is taken on Commonwealth land. Approval may also be required for the Commonwealth or Commonwealth agencies proposing to take an action that is likely to have a significant impact on the environment anywhere.

The EPBC Act protects the environment on Commonwealth land, the environment from the actions taken on Commonwealth land, and the environment from actions taken by Commonwealth agencies. As heritage values of a place are part of the 'environment', these aspects of the EPBC Act protect the Commonwealth Heritage values of a Commonwealth Heritage place. Information on the new heritage laws can be found at <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage>

A [permit](#) may be required for activities in or on a Commonwealth area that may affect a member of a listed threatened species or ecological community, a member of a listed migratory species, whales and other cetaceans, or a member of a listed marine species.

Commonwealth Lands:	4
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Listed Marine Species:	82
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	27
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:	None
Australian Marine Parks:	None
Habitat Critical to the Survival of Marine Turtles:	None

Extra Information

This part of the report provides information that may also be relevant to the area you have

State and Territory Reserves:	5
Regional Forest Agreements:	1
Nationally Important Wetlands:	2
EPBC Act Referrals:	5
Key Ecological Features (Marine):	1
Biologically Important Areas:	12
Bioregional Assessments:	1
Geological and Bioregional Assessments:	None

Details

Matters of National Environmental Significance

Commonwealth Marine Area

[Resource Information]

Approval is required for a proposed activity that is located within the Commonwealth Marine Area which has, will have, or is likely to have a significant impact on the environment. Approval may be required for a proposed action taken outside a Commonwealth Marine Area but which has, may have or is likely to have a significant impact on the environment in the Commonwealth Marine Area.

Feature Name	Buffer Status
Commonwealth Marine Areas (EPBC Act)	In buffer area only

Listed Threatened Ecological Communities

[Resource Information]

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are derived from recovery plans, State vegetation maps, remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

Status of Vulnerable, Disallowed and Ineligible are not MNES under the EPBC Act.

Community Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Coastal Swamp Oak (Casuarina glauca) Forest of New South Wales and South East Queensland ecological community	Endangered	Community likely to occur within area	In feature area
Coastal Swamp Sclerophyll Forest of New South Wales and South East Queensland	Endangered	Community likely to occur within area	In feature area
Illawarra and south coast lowland forest and woodland ecological community	Critically Endangered	Community likely to occur within area	In feature area
Illawarra-Shoalhaven Subtropical Rainforest of the Sydney Basin Bioregion	Critically Endangered	Community likely to occur within area	In feature area
Littoral Rainforest and Coastal Vine Thickets of Eastern Australia	Critically Endangered	Community likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Lowland Grassy Woodland in the South East Corner Bioregion	Critically Endangered	Community may occurIn buffer area only within area	
River-flat eucalypt forest on coastal floodplains of southern New South Wales and eastern Victoria	Critically Endangered	Community likely to occur within area	In feature area
Subtropical and Temperate Coastal Saltmarsh	Vulnerable	Community likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

Listed Threatened Species

[Resource Information]

Status of Conservation Dependent and Extinct are not MNES under the EPBC Act.
Number is the current name ID.

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
BIRD			
Anthochaera phrygia Regent Honeyeater [82338]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Aphelocephala leucopsis Southern Whiteface [529]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Ardenna grisea Sooty Shearwater [82651]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Botaurus poiciloptilus Australasian Bittern [1001]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Callocephalon fimbriatum Gang-gang Cockatoo [768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Calyptorhynchus lathami lathami South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo [67036]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Climacteris picumnus victoriae Brown Treecreeper (south-eastern) [67062]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Dasyornis brachypterus Eastern Bristlebird [533]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Diomedea antipodensis Antipodean Albatross [64458]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea antipodensis gibsoni Gibson's Albatross [82270]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea epomophora Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea exulans Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea sanfordi Northern Royal Albatross [64456]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Falco hypoleucos Grey Falcon [929]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Fregetta grallaria grallaria White-bellied Storm-Petrel (Tasman Sea), White-bellied Storm-Petrel (Australasian) [64438]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Grantiella picta Painted Honeyeater [470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail [682]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Lathamus discolor Swift Parrot [744]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Limosa lapponica baueri Nunivak Bar-tailed Godwit, Western Alaskan Bar-tailed Godwit [86380]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Macronectes halli Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Melanodryas cucullata cucullata South-eastern Hooded Robin, Hooded Robin (south-eastern) [67093]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Neophema chrysogaster Orange-bellied Parrot [747]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Neophema chrysostoma Blue-winged Parrot [726]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Pachyptila turtur subantarctica Fairy Prion (southern) [64445]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Phoebetria fusca Sooty Albatross [1075]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Pterodroma leucoptera leucoptera Gould's Petrel, Australian Gould's Petrel [26033]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Pterodroma neglecta neglecta Kermadec Petrel (western) [64450]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area	In buffer area only
Pycnoptilus floccosus Pilotbird [525]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Stagonopleura guttata Diamond Firetail [59398]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Sternula nereis nereis Australian Fairy Tern [82950]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Thalassarche bulleri Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [64460]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche bulleri platei Northern Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [82273]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche carteri Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche cauta Shy Albatross [89224]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Thalassarche eremita Chatham Albatross [64457]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche impavida Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche melanophris Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche salvini Salvin's Albatross [64463]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche steadi White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Thinornis cucullatus cucullatus Eastern Hooded Plover, Eastern Hooded Plover [90381]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Tringa nebularia Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
FISH			
Epinephelus daemeli Black Rockcod, Black Cod, Saddled Rockcod [68449]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Hippocampus whitei White's Seahorse, Crowned Seahorse, Sydney Seahorse [66240]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Prototroctes maraena Australian Grayling [26179]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Seriolella brama Blue Warehou [69374]	Conservation Dependent	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
FROG			
Heleioporus australiacus Giant Burrowing Frog [1973]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Litoria aurea Green and Golden Bell Frog [1870]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Litoria watsoni Southern Heath Frog, Watson's Tree Frog [91509]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Mixophyes balbus Stuttering Frog, Southern Barred Frog (in Victoria) [1942]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
MAMMAL			
Balaenoptera borealis Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Balaenoptera physalus Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Chalinolobus dwyeri Large-eared Pied Bat, Large Pied Bat [183]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Dasyurus maculatus maculatus (SE mainland population) Spot-tailed Quoll, Spotted-tail Quoll, Tiger Quoll (southeastern mainland population) [75184]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Eubalaena australis Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Isoodon obesulus obesulus Southern Brown Bandicoot (eastern), Southern Brown Bandicoot (south-eastern) [68050]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Petauroides volans Greater Glider (southern and central) [254]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Petaurus australis australis Yellow-bellied Glider (south-eastern) [87600]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Petrogale penicillata Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby [225]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Phascolarctos cinereus (combined populations of Qld, NSW and the ACT) Koala (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory) [85104]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Potorous tridactylus trisulcatus Long-nosed Potoroo (southern mainland) [86367]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Pseudomys novaehollandiae New Holland Mouse, Pookila [96]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Pteropus poliocephalus Grey-headed Flying-fox [186]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area	In feature area
PLANT			
Caladenia tessellata Thick-lipped Spider-orchid, Daddy Long-legs [2119]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Calochilus pulchellus Pretty Beard Orchid, Pretty Beard-orchid [84677]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Correa baeuerlenii Chef's Cap [17007]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Corunastylis vernalis listed as Genoplesium vernale East Lynne Midge-orchid [78699]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Cryptostylis hunteriana Leafless Tongue-orchid [19533]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Genoplesium baueri Yellow Gnat-orchid, Bauer's Midge Orchid, Brittle Midge Orchid [7528]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Melaleuca biconvexa Biconvex Paperbark [5583]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Persicaria elatior Knotweed, Tall Knotweed [5831]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Prasophyllum affine Jervis Bay Leek Orchid, Culburra Leek-orchid, Kinghorn Point Leek-orchid [2210]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Pterostylis gibbosa Illawarra Greenhood, Rufa Greenhood, Pouched Greenhood [4562]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Rhizanthella slateri Eastern Underground Orchid [11768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Rhodamnia rubescens Scrub Turpentine, Brown Malletwood [15763]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Syzygium paniculatum Magenta Lilly Pilly, Magenta Cherry, Daguba, Scrub Cherry, Creek Lilly Pilly, Brush Cherry [20307]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Thesium australe Austral Toadflax, Toadflax [15202]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
REPTILE			
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Breeding likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Hoplocephalus bungaroides Broad-headed Snake [1182]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area	In buffer area only
SHARK			
Carcharias taurus (east coast population) Grey Nurse Shark (east coast population) [68751]	Critically Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Carcharodon carcharias White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Migration route known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Galeorhinus galeus School Shark, Eastern School Shark, Snapper Shark, Tope, Soupfin Shark [68453]	Conservation Dependent	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Rhincodon typus Whale Shark [66680]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Listed Migratory Species		[Resource Information]	
Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Migratory Marine Birds			
Anous stolidus Common Noddy [825]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Ardenna carneipes Flesh-footed Shearwater, Fleshy-footed Shearwater [82404]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In feature area
Ardenna grisea Sooty Shearwater [82651]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Calonectris leucomelas Streaked Shearwater [1077]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea antipodensis Antipodean Albatross [64458]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea epomophora Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea exulans Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea sanfordi Northern Royal Albatross [64456]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

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Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Macronectes halli Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Phaethon lepturus White-tailed Tropicbird [1014]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Phoebetria fusca Sooty Albatross [1075]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Sternula albifrons Little Tern [82849]		Breeding likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche bulleri Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [64460]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche carteri Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche cauta Shy Albatross [89224]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche eremita Chatham Albatross [64457]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche impavida Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche melanophris Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Thalassarche salvini Salvin's Albatross [64463]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche steadi White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Migratory Marine Species			
Balaenoptera borealis Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Balaenoptera edeni Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Balaenoptera physalus Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Caperea marginata Pygmy Right Whale [39]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Carcharhinus longimanus Oceanic Whitetip Shark [84108]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Carcharias taurus Grey Nurse Shark [64469]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Carcharodon carcharias White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Migration route known to occur within area	In buffer area only

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Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Breeding likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Eubalaena australis as Balaena glacialis australis Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Lagenorhynchus obscurus Dusky Dolphin [43]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Lamna nasus Porbeagle, Mackerel Shark [83288]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Mobula birostris as Manta birostris Giant Manta Ray [90034]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Orcinus orca Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Physeter macrocephalus Sperm Whale [59]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Rhincodon typus Whale Shark [66680]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Migratory Terrestrial Species			
Cuculus optatus Oriental Cuckoo, Horsfield's Cuckoo [86651]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail [682]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Migratory Wetlands Species			
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Charadrius bicinctus Double-banded Plover [895]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Limosa lapponica Bar-tailed Godwit [844]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Tringa nebularia Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Commonwealth Lands

[[Resource Information](#)]

The Commonwealth area listed below may indicate the presence of Commonwealth land in this vicinity. Due to the unreliability of the data source, all proposals should be checked as to whether it impacts on a Commonwealth area, before making a definitive decision. Contact the State or Territory government land department for further information.

Commonwealth Land Name	State	Buffer Status
Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia		
Commonwealth Land - Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia [12017]	NSW	In buffer area only

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts - Australian Postal Corporation		
Commonwealth Land - Australian Postal Commission [12016]	NSW	In buffer area only

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts - Telstra Corporation Limited		
Commonwealth Land - Australian Telecommunications Commission [12015]	NSW	In buffer area only

Defence - Royal Australian Navy Central Canteens Board		
Commonwealth Land - Royal Australian Navy Central Canteens Board [12018]	NSW	In buffer area only

Listed Marine Species		[Resource Information]	
Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Bird			

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Anous stolidus Common Noddy [825]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Ardenna carneipes as Puffinus carneipes Flesh-footed Shearwater, Fleshy-footed Shearwater [82404]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In feature area
Ardenna grisea as Puffinus griseus Sooty Shearwater [82651]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Bubulcus ibis as Ardea ibis Cattle Egret [66521]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Calonectris leucomelas Streaked Shearwater [1077]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Charadrius bicinctus Double-banded Plover [895]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In buffer area only
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Charadrius ruficapillus Red-capped Plover [881]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In buffer area only
Diomedea antipodensis Antipodean Albatross [64458]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea antipodensis gibsoni as Diomedea gibsoni Gibson's Albatross [82270]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea epomophora Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea exulans Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea sanfordi Northern Royal Albatross [64456]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Haliaeetus leucogaster White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail [682]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Lathamus discolor Swift Parrot [744]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Limosa lapponica Bar-tailed Godwit [844]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Macronectes halli Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Monarcha melanopsis Black-faced Monarch [609]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Myiagra cyanoleuca Satin Flycatcher [612]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Neophema chrysogaster Orange-bellied Parrot [747]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Neophema chrysostoma Blue-winged Parrot [726]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Pachyptila turtur Fairy Prion [1066]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Phaethon lepturus White-tailed Tropicbird [1014]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Phoebetria fusca Sooty Albatross [1075]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Pterodroma cervicalis White-necked Petrel [59642]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Rhipidura rufifrons Rufous Fantail [592]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Rostratula australis as Rostratula benghalensis (sensu lato) Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Stercorarius antarcticus as Catharacta skua Brown Skua [85039]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Sterna striata White-fronted Tern [799]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In feature area
Sternula albifrons as Sterna albifrons Little Tern [82849]		Breeding likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Symposiachrus trivirgatus as Monarcha trivirgatus Spectacled Monarch [83946]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Thalassarche bulleri Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [64460]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche bulleri platei as Thalassarche sp. nov. Northern Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [82273]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche carteri Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche cauta Shy Albatross [89224]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche eremita Chatham Albatross [64457]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche impavida Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche melanophris Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Thalassarche salvini Salvin's Albatross [64463]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche steadi White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Thinornis cucullatus as Thinornis rubricollis Hooded Plover, Hooded Dotterel [87735]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Thinornis cucullatus cucullatus as Thinornis rubricollis rubricollis Eastern Hooded Plover, Eastern Hooded Plover [90381]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Tringa nebularia Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In buffer area only
Fish			
Acentronura tentaculata Shortpouch Pygmy Pipehorse [66187]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Cosmocampus howensis Lord Howe Pipefish [66208]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Heraldia nocturna Upside-down Pipefish, Eastern Upside-down Pipefish, Eastern Upside-down Pipefish [66227]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Hippocampus abdominalis Big-belly Seahorse, Eastern Potbelly Seahorse, New Zealand Potbelly Seahorse [66233]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Hippocampus breviceps Short-head Seahorse, Short-snouted Seahorse [66235]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Hippocampus whitei White's Seahorse, Crowned Seahorse, Sydney Seahorse [66240]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Histiogamphelus briggsii Crested Pipefish, Briggs' Crested Pipefish, Briggs' Pipefish [66242]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Kimblaeus bassensis Trawl Pipefish, Bass Strait Pipefish [66247]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Lissocampus runa Javelin Pipefish [66251]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Maroubra perserrata Sawtooth Pipefish [66252]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Notiocampus ruber Red Pipefish [66265]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Phyllopteryx taeniolatus Common Seadragon, Weedy Seadragon [66268]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Solegnathus spinosissimus Spiny Pipehorse, Australian Spiny Pipehorse [66275]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Solenostomus cyanopterus Robust Ghostpipefish, Blue-finned Ghost Pipefish, [66183]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Stigmatopora argus Spotted Pipefish, Gulf Pipefish, Peacock Pipefish [66276]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Stigmatopora nigra Widebody Pipefish, Wide-bodied Pipefish, Black Pipefish [66277]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Syngnathoides biaculeatus Double-end Pipehorse, Double-ended Pipehorse, Alligator Pipefish [66279]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Urocampus carinirostris Hairy Pipefish [66282]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Vanacampus margaritifer Mother-of-pearl Pipefish [66283]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Vanacampus phillipi Port Phillip Pipefish [66284]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Mammal			
Arctocephalus forsteri Long-nosed Fur-seal, New Zealand Fur-seal [20]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Arctocephalus pusillus Australian Fur-seal, Australo-African Fur-seal [21]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Reptile			
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Breeding likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area	In buffer area only

Whales and Other Cetaceans			[Resource Information]
Current Scientific Name	Status	Type of Presence	Buffer Status
Mammal			
Balaenoptera acutorostrata Minke Whale [33]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Balaenoptera borealis Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Balaenoptera edeni Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Balaenoptera physalus Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Berardius arnuxii Arnoux's Beaked Whale [70]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Caperea marginata Pygmy Right Whale [39]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Delphinus delphis Common Dolphin, Short-beaked Common Dolphin [60]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Eubalaena australis Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Globicephala macrorhynchus Short-finned Pilot Whale [62]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Current Scientific Name	Status	Type of Presence	Buffer Status
Globicephala melas Long-finned Pilot Whale [59282]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Grampus griseus Risso's Dolphin, Grampus [64]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Kogia breviceps Pygmy Sperm Whale [57]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Kogia sima Dwarf Sperm Whale [85043]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Lagenorhynchus obscurus Dusky Dolphin [43]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Lissodelphis peronii Southern Right Whale Dolphin [44]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Mesoplodon bowdoini Andrew's Beaked Whale [73]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Mesoplodon densirostris Blainville's Beaked Whale, Dense-beaked Whale [74]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Mesoplodon hectori Hector's Beaked Whale [76]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Mesoplodon layardii Strap-toothed Beaked Whale, Strap-toothed Whale, Layard's Beaked Whale [25556]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Current Scientific Name	Status	Type of Presence	Buffer Status
Mesoplodon mirus True's Beaked Whale [54]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Orcinus orca Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Physeter macrocephalus Sperm Whale [59]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Tursiops aduncus Indian Ocean Bottlenose Dolphin, Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin [68418]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Tursiops truncatus s. str. Bottlenose Dolphin [68417]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Ziphius cavirostris Cuvier's Beaked Whale, Goose-beaked Whale [56]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Extra Information

State and Territory Reserves			[Resource Information]
Protected Area Name	Reserve Type	State	Buffer Status
Conjola	National Park	NSW	In buffer area only
Meroo	National Park	NSW	In buffer area only
Morton	National Park	NSW	In buffer area only
Narrawallee Creek	Nature Reserve	NSW	In buffer area only
Yatteyattah	Nature Reserve	NSW	In buffer area only

Regional Forest Agreements	[Resource Information]
Note that all areas with completed RFAs have been included. Please see the associated resource information for specific caveats and use limitations associated with RFA boundary information.	

RFA Name	State	Buffer Status
Southern RFA	New South Wales	In feature area

Nationally Important Wetlands			[Resource Information]
Wetland Name	State	Buffer Status	
Lagoon Head	NSW	In buffer area only	
Tabourie Lake	NSW	In buffer area only	

EPBC Act Referrals			[Resource Information]	
Title of referral	Reference	Referral Outcome	Assessment Status	Buffer Status
Not controlled action				
Improving rabbit biocontrol: releasing another strain of RHDV, sthrn two thirds of Australia	2015/7522	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In feature area
INDIGO Central Submarine Telecommunications Cable	2017/8127	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In feature area
wastewater collection systems and pumping stations	2001/511	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only
Not controlled action (particular manner)				
INDIGO Marine Cable Route Survey (INDIGO)	2017/7996	Not Controlled Action (Particular Manner)	Post-Approval	In feature area
Referral decision				
Breeding program for Grey Nurse Sharks	2007/3245	Referral Decision	Completed	In buffer area only

Key Ecological Features	[Resource Information]
Key Ecological Features are the parts of the marine ecosystem that are considered to be important for the biodiversity or ecosystem functioning and integrity of the Commonwealth Marine Area.	

Name	Region	Buffer Status
Upwelling East of Eden	South-east	In buffer area only

Biologically Important Areas			[Resource Information]
Scientific Name	Behaviour	Presence	Buffer Status
Dolphins			
Tursiops aduncus			
Indo-Pacific/Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin [68418]	Breeding	Likely to occur	In buffer area only
Seabirds			
Ardenna carneipes			
Flesh-footed Shearwater [82404]	Foraging	Known to occur	In buffer area only
Ardenna grisea			
Sooty Shearwater [82651]	Foraging	Likely to occur	In buffer area only

Scientific Name	Behaviour	Presence	Buffer Status
Ardenna tenuirostris Short-tailed Shearwater [82652]	Foraging	Likely to occur	In buffer area only
Ardenna tenuirostris Short-tailed Shearwater [82652]	Foraging	Likely to occur	In buffer area only
Diomedea exulans antipodensis Antipodean Albatross [82269]	Foraging	Known to occur	In buffer area only
Eudyptula minor Little Penguin [1085]	Breeding	Likely to occur	In buffer area only
Pelagodroma marina White-faced Storm-petrel [1016]	Breeding	Known to occur	In buffer area only
Procellaria parkinsoni Black Petrel [1048]	Foraging	Likely to occur	In buffer area only
Sharks			
Carcharias taurus Grey Nurse Shark [64469]	Foraging	Known to occur	In buffer area only
Carcharias taurus Grey Nurse Shark [64469]	Reproduction	Known to occur	In buffer area only
Whales			
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]	Migration (north and south)	Known to occur	In buffer area only
Bioregional Assessments		[Resource Information]	
SubRegion	BioRegion	Website	Buffer Status
Sydney	Sydney Basin	BA website	In feature area

Caveat

1 PURPOSE

This report is designed to assist in identifying the location of matters of national environmental significance (MNES) and other matters protected by the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) which may be relevant in determining obligations and requirements under the EPBC Act.

The report contains the mapped locations of:

- World and National Heritage properties;
- Wetlands of International and National Importance;
- Commonwealth and State/Territory reserves;
- distribution of listed threatened, migratory and marine species;
- listed threatened ecological communities; and
- other information that may be useful as an indicator of potential habitat value.

2 DISCLAIMER

This report is not intended to be exhaustive and should only be relied upon as a general guide as mapped data is not available for all species or ecological communities listed under the EPBC Act (see below). Persons seeking to use the information contained in this report to inform the referral of a proposed action under the EPBC Act should consider the limitations noted below and whether additional information is required to determine the existence and location of MNES and other protected matters.

Where data is available to inform the mapping of protected species, the presence type (e.g. known, likely or may occur) that can be determined from the data is indicated in general terms. It is the responsibility of any person using or relying on the information in this report to ensure that it is suitable for the circumstances of any proposed use. The Commonwealth cannot accept responsibility for the consequences of any use of the report or any part thereof. To the maximum extent allowed under governing law, the Commonwealth will not be liable for any loss or damage that may be occasioned directly or indirectly through the use of, or reliance on the contents of this report.

3 DATA SOURCES

Threatened ecological communities

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are generated based on information contained in recovery plans, State vegetation maps and remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

Threatened, migratory and marine species

Threatened, migratory and marine species distributions have been discerned through a variety of methods. Where distributions are well known and if time permits, distributions are inferred from either thematic spatial data (i.e. vegetation, soils, geology, elevation, aspect, terrain, etc.) together with point locations and described habitat; or modelled (MAXENT or BIOCLIM habitat modelling) using point locations and environmental data layers.

Where little information is available for a species or large number of maps are required in a short time-frame, maps are derived either from 0.04 or 0.02 decimal degree cells; by an automated process using polygon capture techniques (static two kilometre grid cells, alpha-hull and convex hull); or captured manually or by using topographic features (national park boundaries, islands, etc.).

In the early stages of the distribution mapping process (1999-early 2000s) distributions were defined by degree blocks, 100K or 250K map sheets to rapidly create distribution maps. More detailed distribution mapping methods are used to update these distributions when time permits.

4 LIMITATIONS

The following species and ecological communities have not been mapped and do not appear in this report:

- threatened species listed as extinct or considered vagrants;
- some recently listed species and ecological communities;
- some listed migratory and listed marine species, which are not listed as threatened species; and
- migratory species that are very widespread, vagrant, or only occur in Australia in small numbers.

The following groups have been mapped, but may not cover the complete distribution of the species:

- listed migratory and/or listed marine seabirds, which are not listed as threatened, have only been mapped for recorded breeding sites; and
- seals which have only been mapped for breeding sites near the Australian continent

The breeding sites may be important for the protection of the Commonwealth Marine environment.

Refer to the metadata for the feature group (using the Resource Information link) for the currency of the information.

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