

Relocation of a Skier Conveyor and Installation of a Snowmaking Pit Drain, Front Valley

Statement of Environmental Effects

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Background

This report presents a statement of environmental effects (SEE) for a proposal by Perisher Blue Pty Limited (Perisher) to relocate Skier Conveyor (Carpet) 1 from the Tom Thumb children's ski area to a location below the load of the Village 8 Chairlift, Front Valley.

Also included in this proposal (due to its proximity to other proposed works), is the installation of a drain from a snowmaking pit below the Village 8 Chairlift, to a nearby existing stormwater drain that discharges to Perisher Creek.

The location of the proposal is within the Front Valley resort area, as shown in *Appendix A - Project Maps* and *Appendix B - Site Photos*.

1.2 Objectives of the Project

The objective of the proposal is to relocate Skier Conveyor 1 from the Tom Thumb ski area to a location below the Village 8 Chairlift, Front Valley. This will create a gentler slope for beginners in a more easily accessible location. In its current location, children are having to walk up hill past downhill skiers to get to the conveyor. The proposed relocation area also has better teaching terrain for small children.

The drainage works proposed from the snowmaking pit to the existing stormwater drain are necessary as the pit fills with water from sub surface ground seepage, causing the hydrant's electrical components to be submersed when in its retracted position. Connecting the drain to an adjacent existing stormwater outlet, rather than creating a new outlet to Perisher Creek, will avoid excavation and additional impacts on the Creek's banks.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 Project Overview

Broadly, this proposal involves the following:

- Site preparation and installation of environmental controls;
- Site access from the established Front Valley Access Tracks;
- Disconnection of Conveyor 1 from its current location, and termination of services at this point. Removal of conveyor parts and concrete sleepers by crane & truck, and stabilisation of the site:
- Installation of concrete sleepers and relocation of conveyor to new location, below Village 8 Chairlift;
- Trenching to connect electricity and fibre optics to the top of the conveyor (southern end), to existing in ground conduits below the Village 8 Chairlift;
- Trenching from the existing snowmaking pit to connect with the existing stormwater drain;
- Site stabilisation & rehabilitation, as required.

2.2 Project Detail

2.2.1 Site Access & Disturbance Corridor

Access to the existing carpet (for removal) and the proposed works area will be via the formed access tracks in Front Valley, as shown in *Appendix A* - .

Trenching for the snowmaking pit stormwater drain will extend for approximately 30m, generally parallel to the Access Track. The trench will be 750mm deep x 450mm wide, with 1 x 100mm drainage pipe laid in the trench, connecting with the drain to the north which discharges to Perisher Creek. A cross-section of the proposed trench is shown in Figure 1.

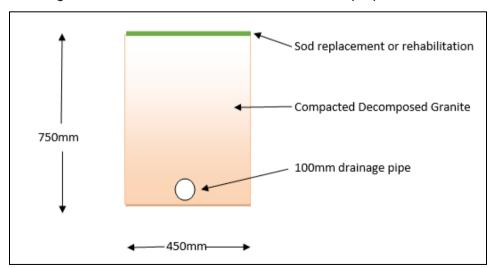


Figure 1 - cross-section of drain trench

The new conveyor position is between the proposed drain and the Perisher Creek bank (see, *Appendix A*). Trenching to connect the conveyor to existing services will extend from the southern end of the conveyor to existing services in the Access Track. An electrical services pit will be installed at the junction. Trench dimensions for power will be 750mm deep x 450mm wide, with 2 x 50mm conduit for power and communications. A cross-section of the proposed trench is shown in Figure 2.

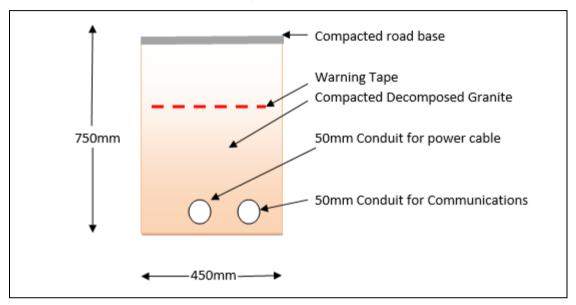


Figure 2 - cross-section of services trench

All ground disturbance and machinery access will be limited to the uphill (western) side of the conveyor location to minimise impacts on the riparian corridor.

2.2.2 Equipment, Machinery & Work methods

Conveyor 1 will be dismantled and lifted by crane onto a truck, for relocation to the new site (Appendix A).

Pre-fabricated concrete sleepers to be laid as footings for the conveyor will be levelled into the existing ground level. Minor scratching / levelling of the surface by excavator may be required to achieve a level surface.

Trenching for services connection and the snowmaking drain will be completed using a 13 tonne excavator. Rock removal is not expected to be required for trenching, given the extent of previous disturbance in the area.

2.2.3 Works Program

The timeframe for conveyor relocation is approximately 2 weeks.

Trenching works for the snowmaking drain are expected to be carried out over a 3-day period, with works carried out during the summer season.

Site stabilisation and rehabilitation will extend beyond this period, as required.

2.2.4 Site Restoration and Rehabilitation

The current conveyor site is likely to require revegetation with native wet area species (to be confirmed upon removal of the conveyor).

The Front Valley Access Track will be reinstated to its previous trafficable surface after trenching.

The area below the Village 8 Chairlift to be subject to disturbance is vegetated with exotic grasses only and will be restabilised following works.

The project will be rehabilitated as described in Appendix C – Site Environmental Management & Rehabilitation Plan.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

3.1 General site suitability and constraints

Front Valley is a highly utilised beginner ski area, catering to learner skiers of all ages. The current children's ski area ("Tom Thumb") is congested and lifting capacity in this area is not fully optimised. Relocating Conveyor 1 to the proposed area, will ensure optimisation of lifting capacity in an easily accessible location. The area proposed for conveyor relocation is currently used as a lesson meeting area, and gentle ski terrain area for first-timers in lessons.

The site is adjacent to Perisher Creek and impacts to the riparian area and biodiversity are addressed throughout this report.

3.2 Ecological Impacts

As shown on *Appendix A*, part of the project area is in an area identified as having high biodiversity value on the Biodiversity Values Map (*Biodiversity Conservation Act, 2016*). The area subject to proposed disturbance, however, is previously disturbed and comprised of exotic grasses. An assessment against the triggers for the Biodiversity Offset Scheme (BOS) under the Biodiversity Conservation Act has been carried out below.

BOS Trigger	Assessment	
1: Is the area cleared exceeding the clearing threshold?	No, the clearing threshold is not being exceeded	
2: Is the proposed development on land included on the Biodiversity Values (BV) Map as defined in the Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017?	Yes, part of the works are within a BV mapped area, however given there is to be no clearing of native vegetation or prescribed impacts, the BOS is not triggered from this work.	
3: Is there a significant effect on threatened species or their habitats determined by the test of significance?	No, minimal impact on exotic grass species only with no evidence of threatened species present on site.	
Conclusion: Given the responses to the triggers outlined above, this proposed development does not trigger		

The ecology of the current Conveyor 1 location will be improved through rehabilitation of the conveyor site, and other impacts are limited to formed access tracks with no ecological impacts.

3.3 General impacts on aquatic ecosystems

the BOS under the BC Act or require a BDAR

The trenching works and proposed conveyor location are within 40 metres of Perisher Creek.

Methods to minimise impacts on riparian zone are outlined in Appendix C – Site Environmental Management & Rehabilitation Plan.

3.4 Aboriginal cultural heritage

As shown in *Appendix A*, the project does not impact upon any area identified as having potential archaeological significance. However, given its proximity to the sensitive areas, and the ground disturbance proposed, an Archaeological Assessment has been included in *Appendix D - Archaeological Due Diligence*.

In summary, an AHIP application is not necessary for the proposed works. Proceed with caution. If any Aboriginal objects are found, stop work and notify DPIE. If human remains are found, stop work, secure the site and notify the NSW Police and DPIE.

3.5 European cultural heritage

The proposed works will have no impact on European cultural heritage.

3.6 Geotechnical Considerations

The proposed trenching and conveyor relocation area are outside the boundaries of the Geotechnical Policy Mapping areas. In addition, no excavations or ground penetrations deeper than 1 metre are proposed. Hence, no further geotechnical assessment is required for this proposal.

3.7 Soil impacts

Erosion impacts will be managed with appropriate controls, as outlined in *Appendix C - Site Environmental Management & Rehabilitation Plan.*

3.8 Visual impacts and aesthetics

The proposed works will have short-term visual impacts relating to construction disturbance and trenching. Stabilisation and revegetation will minimise these impacts.

The relocated conveyor will be a new feature at the bottom of Front Valley, however it will be in keeping with the existing ski lift infrastructure already at the site.

3.9 Social and economic impacts

The proposed works will have positive social and economic impacts, as they will result in the ongoing safe provision of beginner skiing in the Front Valley resort area.

3.10 Effects on ski resort operation

The proposed works will have positive impacts on ski resort operation, as they will result in the ongoing safe provision of beginner skiing in the Front Valley resort area.

Works are to be carried out during the non-operational summer season.

3.11 Noise and vibration

Localised noise and air impacts will result from construction vehicles however these will be temporary only. There will be no ongoing impacts on noise and air quality from the proposed works.

3.12 Waste management

The project will have no impacts on waste management. The existing skier conveyor is to be reused in the new location.

3.13 Energy use and conservation

There will be no impacts on energy consumption from the proposal. The existing skier conveyor is to be reused in the new location.

3.14 Construction impacts

Construction impacts including erosion, noise, air and waste are addressed in previous sections and *Appendix C - Site Environmental Management & Rehabilitation Plan*.

4. STATUTORY ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

4.1 State Environmental Planning Policy (Kosciuszko National Park – Alpine Resorts) 2007

Clauses 14 -16 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Kosciuszko National Park – Alpine Resorts) 2007 list the factors which need to be considered by the consent authority when determining a development application. As the proposed works do not involve the erection of a building or a subdivision, the factors included in Clauses 15 and 16 are not considered relevant for these works and are therefore not included in this assessment. The factors listed in Clause 14 are included in *Table 4.1*, together with a summary assessment of each of these factors.

Table 4.1 – Factors which must be considered by the consent authority when determining a development application under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Kosciuszko National Park – Alpine Resorts) 2007.

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Factor	Impacts / Comments
(a) the aim and objectives of this Policy, as se	et out in clause 2,
(1) The aim of this Policy is to protect and enhance the natural environment of the alpine resorts, in the context of Kosciuszko National Park, by ensuring that development in those resorts is managed in a way that has regard to the principles of ecologically sustainable development (including the conservation and restoration of ecological processes, natural systems and biodiversity).	The proposed works are taking place within the Resort boundary, in previously disturbed areas. The works are minor in scale and will not result in significant impacts on natural systems and biodiversity.
(2) The objectives of this Policy are as follows: (a) to encourage the carrying out of a range of development in the alpine resorts (including the provision of services, facilities and infrastructure, and economic and recreational activities) that do not result in adverse environmental, social or economic impacts on the natural or cultural environment of land to which this Policy applies,	a) The proposed development will enhance resort facilities and infrastructure, while having minimal impacts on the natural environment.
(b) to put in place planning controls that contribute to and facilitate the carrying out of ski resort development in Kosciuszko National Park that is ecologically sustainable in recognition of the fact that	b) Perisher encourages open discussion and transparency to ensure effective controls are in place to achieve ecologically sustainable development.

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this development is of State and regional significance, (c) to minimise the risk to the community of exposure to environmental hazards, particularly geotechnical hazards, bush fire and flooding, by generally requiring development consent on land to which this Policy applies.	c) All environmental risks are adequately assessed under the approval process for this project.
(b) the extent to which the development will achieve an appropriate balance between the conservation of the natural environment and any measures to mitigate environmental hazards (including geotechnical hazards, bushfires and flooding),	This proposal results in no impacts on measures to mitigate environmental hazards such as geotechnical, bushfire and flooding.
(c) having regard to the nature and scale of the development proposed, the impacts of the development (including the cumulative impacts of development) on the following:	
(i) the capacity of existing transport to cater for peak days and the suitability of access to the alpine resorts to accommodate the development,	The proposal will have no impact on traffic or access.
(ii) the capacity of the reticulated effluent management system of the land to which this Policy applies to cater for peak loads generated by the development,	The proposal will have no impact on effluent management.
(iii) the capacity of existing waste disposal facilities or transfer facilities to cater for peak loads generated by the development,	The proposal will have no impact on waste disposal.
(iv) the capacity of any existing water supply to cater for peak loads generated by the development,	The proposal will have no impact on peak load demand for water supply.
(d) any statement of environmental effects required to accompany the development application for the development,	This document
(e) if the consent authority is of the opinion that the development would significantly alter the character of the alpine resort - an analysis of the existing character of the site and immediate surroundings to assist in understanding how the development will relate to the alpine resort,	The proposal will not alter the character of the alpine resort.
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(f) the Geotechnical Policy – Kosciuszko Alpine Resorts (2003, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources) and any measures proposed to address any geotechnical issues arising in relation to the development,	No geotechnical assessment is required.
(g) if earthworks or excavation works are proposed – any sedimentation and erosion control measures proposed to mitigate any adverse impacts associated with those works,	Sedimentation and Erosion control measures are outlined in <i>Appendix C - Site Environmental Management & Rehabilitation Plan.</i>
(h) if stormwater drainage works are proposed – any measures proposed to mitigate any adverse impacts associated with those works,	No adverse impacts will result from stormwater drainage works proposed. An existing stormwater drain is to be utilised.
(i) any visual impact of the proposed development, particularly when viewed from the Main Range,	Visual impacts will be negligible. Views from the Main Range will not be impacted.
(j) the extent to which the development may be connected with a significant increase in activities, outside of the ski season, in the alpine resort in which the development is proposed to be carried out,	There are no connections to activities outside the ski season.
(k) if the development involves the installation of ski lifting facilities and a development control plan does not apply to the alpine resort:	The proposal involves the relocation of existing ski lifting facilities. Access to, from, or in the resort will not be impacted.
(i) the capacity of existing infrastructure facilities, and	
(ii) any adverse impact of the development on access to, from, or in the alpine resort,	
(I) if the development is proposed to be carried out in the Perisher Range Alpine Resort:	The proposal is generally consistent with the goals of the Perisher Master Plans.
(i) the document entitled <i>Perisher Range Resorts Master Plan</i> , as current at the commencement of this Policy, that is deposited in the head office of the Department, and	
(ii) the document entitled <i>Perisher Blue Ski</i> Resort Ski Slope Master Plan, as current at the commencement of this Policy, that is deposited in the head office of the	

Department, The proposed works are within 40m of the (m) if the development is proposed to be carried out on land in a riparian corridor: Perisher Creek riparian area. (i) the long-term management goals for Environmental management measures are outlined in Appendix C - SEMP. riparian land (see below), and (ii) whether measures should be adopted in the carrying out of the development to assist with meeting those goals. (2) The long-term management goals for The proposed works are within 40m of the riparian land are as follows: Perisher Creek riparian area, on wholly exotic vegetation. Minimal disturbance to the (a) to maximise the protection of terrestrial creek bank will result, and habitat linkages, and aquatic habitats of native flora and aquatic habitats and bank stability will not be fauna to ensure the provision of linkages, impacted. where possible, between such habitats on that land, (b) to ensure that the integrity of areas of conservation value and terrestrial and aquatic habitats of native flora and native fauna is maintained, (c) to minimise soil erosion and enhance the stability of the banks of watercourses where the banks have been degraded, the watercourses have been channelised, pipes have been laid and the like has occurred.

4.2 NSW Water Management Act 2000.

The proposed works are within 40 metres of Perisher Creek, therefore will be referred to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment NSW under the *Water Management Act* 2000.

Note: the installation of the original snowmaking pit (DA 10177), from which a drain is proposed, was deemed to be "not a controlled activity as defined by the WM Act", by the Natural Resources Access Regulator, 31 March 2020.

4.3 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

Section 4.15 (1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* lists the matters which must be taken into consideration by the consent authority when determining a development application. *Table 4.2* lists these matters and provides a summary assessment of each of these matters including, where appropriate, a cross reference to the relevant sections in this report.

Table 4.2 - Environmental Planning and Assessment Act checklist

Matter	Impacts / comments
(a) the provisions of any environmental planning instrument (including drafts), development control plans, planning agreements and the regulations	See Section 4
(b) the likely impacts of the development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality	See Section 3
(c) the suitability of the site for the development	See Section 3
(d) any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the regulations	N/A
(e) the public interest	The assessment addresses the aims and objectives of the SEPP (Kosciuszko National Park - Alpine Resorts) 2007 and therefore is deemed to be in the public interest.

4.4 Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

Refer to section 3.2.

4.5 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

The factors which need to be considered under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection* and *Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act*) are listed in *Table 4.3* together with an assessment of each of these factors. None of these factors are considered to result in impacts which would be considered significant under the guidelines applying to the *EPBC Act*.

Table 4.3 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act checklist

Table 4.5 - Environment Protection and Blodiversity Conservation Act Checkinst		
Factor	Impacts / comments	
Matters of National Environmental Significance		
Any environmental impact on a World Heritage Property?	No impact	
Any environmental impact on a National Heritage Place?	No impact on the Australian Alps National Heritage Place.	
Any environmental impact on wetlands of international importance?	No impact	
Any environmental impact on Commonwealth listed species or ecological communities?	No impact	
Any environmental impact on Commonwealth listed migratory species?	No impact	
Does any part of the proposal involve a nuclear action?	No nuclear action	
Any environmental impact on a Commonwealth Marine Area?	No impact	
Impact on great Barrier Reef Marine Park?	No impact	
Impact on Commonwealth land?	No impact	
Impact on the environment, from action taken by the Commonwealth?	No impact	
Commonwealth heritage places outside of Australian jurisdiction?	No impact	

5. CONCLUSION

The proposed relocation of Conveyor 1 and installation of a stormwater drain from an existing snowmaking pit will ensure the efficient, reliable and safe operation of snowmaking and beginner skiing in the Front Valley resort area.

Construction vehicles, techniques and disturbance corridors have been chosen to minimise impacts on the environment. Biodiversity impacts are minimal, and the site will be stabilised and rehabilitated as described. An archaeological assessment shows the project can proceed with caution.

Appendix A - Project Maps

Figure 1 - Project Location, Regional Setting

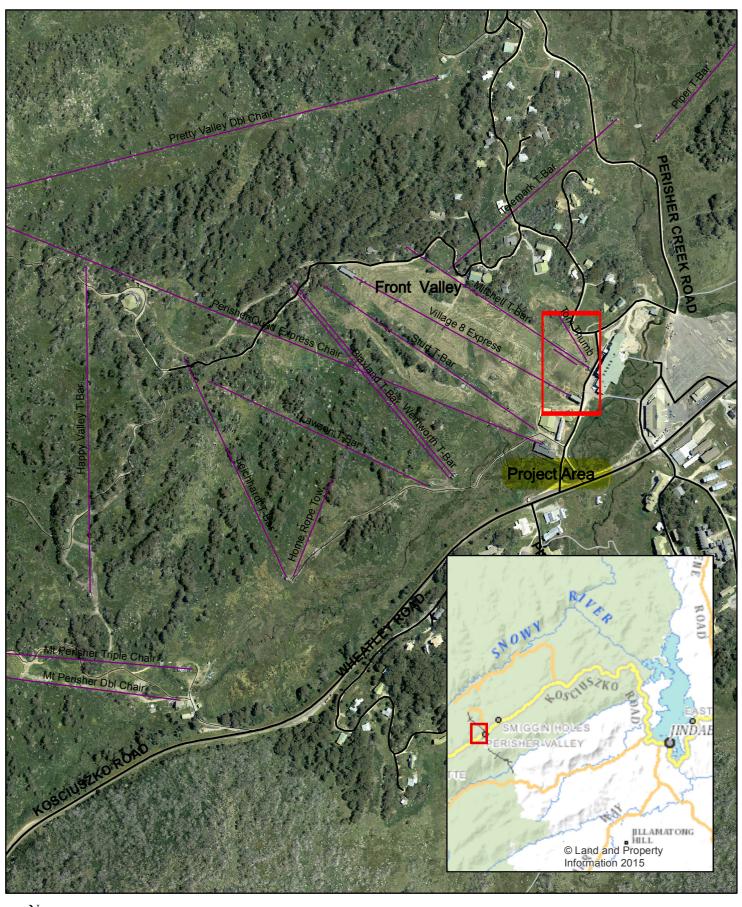
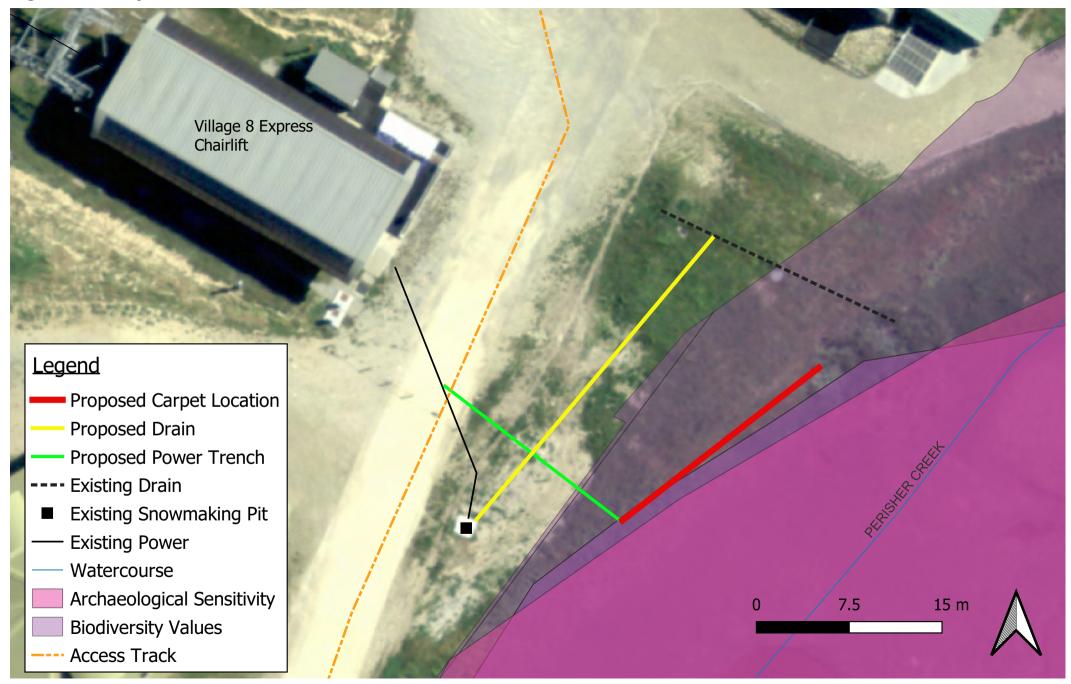
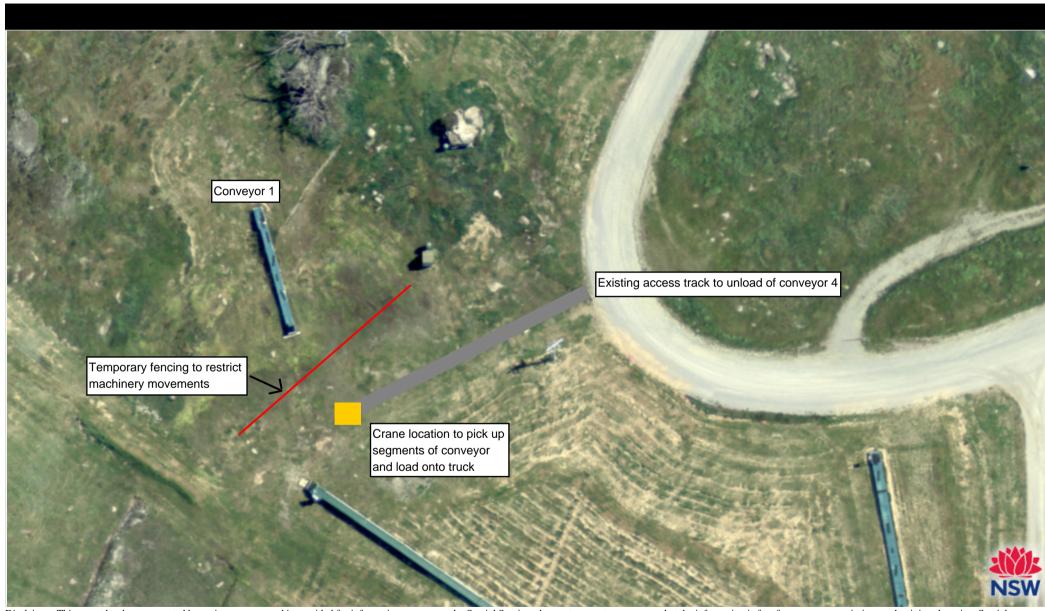




Figure 2 - Project Location





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APPENDIX B – SITE PHOTOS



Photo 1 – Looking south-east, current location of Conveyor 1



Photo 2 – Looking south-west, view of proposed project location



Photo 3 – Looking north-east towards Perisher Creek, view of the proposed conveyor site (foreground)



Photo 4 – view looking south-west from existing stormwater drain towards the snowmaking pit (red dotted line shows indicative trench for new drain)



Photo 5 – location of existing stormwater drain outlet to Perisher Creek (note: Juncus has been treated in this area)



Photo 6 – existing snowmaking pit requiring drainage

APPENDIX C – Site Environmental Management & Rehabilitation Plan

PROJECT & EMERGENCY CONTACTS		
Project Name	Relocation of skier conveyor and installation of a snowmaking pit drain, Front Valley	
Perisher Project Manager	Andrew Kennedy – 02 6459 4402	
Perisher Operations	Mountain Office - 02 6459 4408	
Perisher Environmental Manager	Tanya Bishop - 02 6459 4504	
Emergency	000	
DPIE	Pete Whiting – 02 6450 5543	
EPA	131 555	

ENVIRONME	NTAL MANAGEMENT MEASURES		
PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION			
Induction	All project staff to be made aware of disturbance footprint and environmental safeguards prior to works commencing		
Access	 Site works to be limited to dry periods, to minimise soil disturbance Fence off all approved construction areas and access corridors, including Perisher Creek and wet vegetation near Conveyor 1 (current location) Machinery from offsite to be cleaned prior to accessing site All access to site via the formed Front Valley access track, or disturbed tracks across Front Valley where required (see, SEMRP Figure 1). 		
Flora & Fauna	 Install rope line to restrict vehicle access to wet areas around Conveyor 1 current location, and Perisher Creek 		
Storage	 All equipment to be stored in areas of disturbed ground or exotic grass only. No storage of equipment or machinery under trees or on native vegetation (see, SEMRP Figure 1). 		
Disturbance to Soil	 Sedimentation and erosion controls to be installed in areas likely to experience soil loss into the surrounding environment 		
DURING CONSTRUCTION			
Disturbance to Soil	 For erosion control, the combined use of straw bale filters and sediment fencing are to be used Prioritise straw bale filters in areas of sensitive vegetation to minimise extent of excavation / disturbance 		

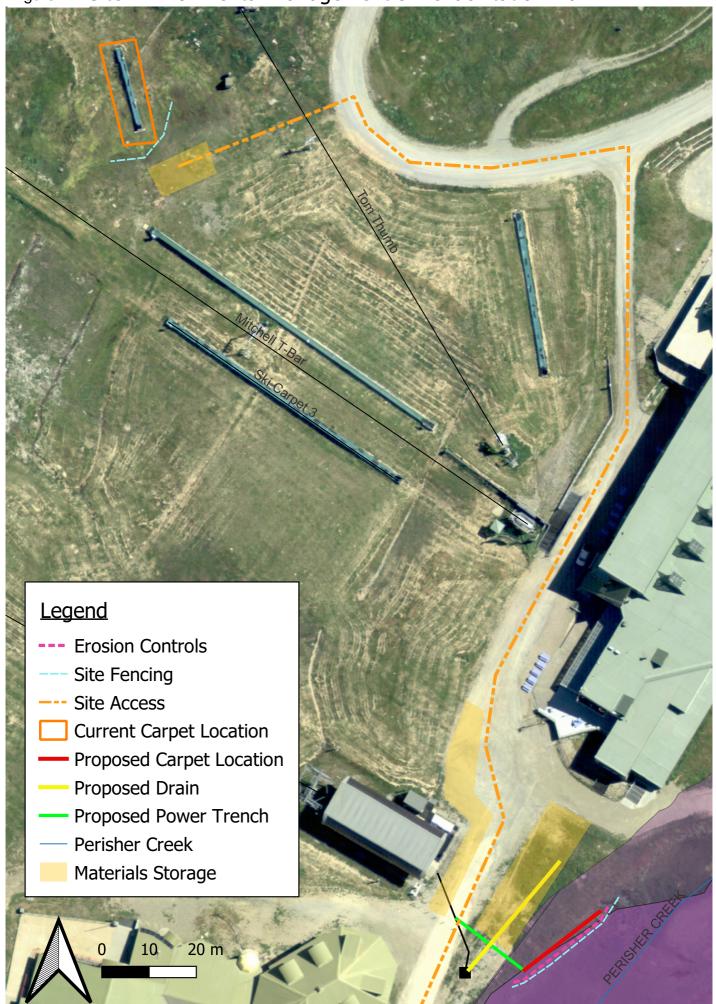
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	 Erosion and sedimentation controls shall be monitored & maintained daily and immediately following a rainfall event
Flora &	Maintain fencing to avoid impacts to native vegetation
Fauna	 No unapproved removal or disturbance of native vegetation
i auria	Sod replace trenches where possible
	Refuel away from areas of native vegetation
	 No storage of material beneath the canopy of trees or on native vegetation
	 Any excavations left open overnight will be left such that any fauna are able to escape easily
Machinery /	Spill kits shall be readily accessible
Fuel	 Spills of any liquids shall be controlled and cleaned up immediately No maintenance other than emergency repairs shall be undertaken on site.
Work Hours	Limit work to approved hours only (daylight)
Waste	All litter and waste to be contained and removed from site regularly
FOLLOWING	CONSTRUCTION
Stabilisation &	All disturbance to be stabilised immediately as works cease in an area
revegetation	Revegetation to be carried out as soon as practical following works
	Mulch disturbed areas with straw
	Control weeds annually, or as required in the area
Disturbance to Soil	 All erosion and sedimentation controls to be removed from site once ground has stabilised

REHABILITATION PLAN			
Project Area	Existing Environment	Rehabilitation Methods	
Current Carpet Location	Disturbed, wet heath and grass	 Assess site after conveyor removal Seed with <i>Poa Costiniana</i> Mulch with straw, if required to help establish vegetation cover Assess the need for further active revegetation (suitable low-lying wet heath species such as <i>Carex, Richea, Poa costiniana</i> at approx. 1.5/m2) 	
Site Access	Access Track / Road	- Reinstate to trafficable access track	

Proposed Drain & Power Trench	Disturbed, exotic grass	 Sod replace trench Seed with mix of Chewings fescue & Poa fawcettiae Mulch with straw Assess need for further stabilisation / rehabilitation Monitor site stability and drainage Monitor & manage weed incursions annually, or as required
Drain outlet, Perisher Creek	Drain outlet	- Continue treatment of Juncus annually, as required
Proposed Carpet Location	Disturbed, exotic grass	 Minimal disturbance, no revegetation required. Assess need for stabilisation / rehabilitation Monitor site stability and drainage Monitor & manage weed incursions annually, or as required

Relocation of Skier Conveyor and Snowmaking Pit Drain Figure 1 - Site Environmental Management & Rehabilitation Plan



APPENDIX D - Archaeological Due Diligence

Project Name:

The due diligence assessment below is taken from the Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales, DECCW 2010. The assessment was undertaken by Beth Davies, Perisher Health, Safety and Environmental Officer, January 2022.

1 Generic Due Diligence Process

Will the activity disturb the ground surface or any culturally modified trees?
 Yes, the activity disturb the ground surface.

Are there any:

- a. relevant confirmed site records or other associated landscape feature information on AHIMS? and/or
- any other sources of information of which a person is already aware?
 and/or
- c. landscape features that are likely to indicate presence of Aboriginal objects?

Is the proposed development:

- Located within 200m of water? Yes
- Located within a sand dune system? No
- Located on a ridge top, ridge line or headland? No
- Located within 20m of a cave, rock shelter? No

And, is on land that is not disturbed land? No

The proposed development is located within 200m of water, yet is on disturbed land.

<u>CONCLUSION</u> - AHIP application not necessary. Proceed with caution. If any Aboriginal objects are found, stop work and notify DECCW. If human remains are found, stop work, secure the site and notify the NSW Police and DECCW.

Your Ref/PO Number : Carpet relocation

Client Service ID: 650262

Perisher Date: 10 January 2022

Kosciuszko Road

Perisher New South Wales 2624

Attention: Beth Davies

Email: bethany.davies@vailresorts.com.au

Dear Sir or Madam:

AHIMS Web Service search for the following area at Address: KOSCIUSZKO ROAD PERISHER VALLEY 2624 with a Buffer of 50 meters, conducted by Beth Davies on 10 January 2022.

The context area of your search is shown in the map below. Please note that the map does not accurately display the exact boundaries of the search as defined in the paragraph above. The map is to be used for general reference purposes only.



A search of Heritage NSW AHIMS Web Services (Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System) has shown that:

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0 Aboriginal places have been declared in or near the above location.*

If your search shows Aboriginal sites or places what should you do?

- You must do an extensive search if AHIMS has shown that there are Aboriginal sites or places recorded in the search area.
- If you are checking AHIMS as a part of your due diligence, refer to the next steps of the Due Diligence Code of practice.
- You can get further information about Aboriginal places by looking at the gazettal notice that declared it.
 Aboriginal places gazetted after 2001 are available on the NSW Government Gazette
 (https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/gazette) website. Gazettal notices published prior to 2001 can be obtained from Heritage NSW upon request

Important information about your AHIMS search

- The information derived from the AHIMS search is only to be used for the purpose for which it was requested. It is not be made available to the public.
- AHIMS records information about Aboriginal sites that have been provided to Heritage NSW and Aboriginal places that have been declared by the Minister;
- Information recorded on AHIMS may vary in its accuracy and may not be up to date. Location details are recorded as grid references and it is important to note that there may be errors or omissions in these recordings,
- Some parts of New South Wales have not been investigated in detail and there may be fewer records of Aboriginal sites in those areas. These areas may contain Aboriginal sites which are not recorded on AHIMS.
- Aboriginal objects are protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 even if they are not recorded as a site on AHIMS.

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• This search can form part of your due diligence and remains valid for 12 months.

Appendix E - Engineering Drawing

