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Attention: Andrew Kennedy

Dear Andrew,

Smiggin Holes Workshop Extension - Perisher Ski Resort

As requested, on 24 November 2022, I inspected the footprint of the proposed extension of the workshop at Smiggin Holes.

The footprint of the proposed extension is a highly disturbed area dominated by exotic grasses and forbs with scattered natives common in disturbed wet areas such as *Carex echinata* and *Oreobolus distichus*, as shown in Photos 1-4. Much of the area surrounding the existing workshop is highly disturbed, however there is a small patch of remnant bog/wet heath immediately adjoining the footprint which includes characteristic native species such as *Baeckea gunniana*, *Richea continentis*, *Empodisma minus*, *Carex gaudichaudiana*, *Poa costiniana* and *Oreobolus distichus*. My understanding is that the proposed extension has been designed to avoid impacts on this remnant vegetation.

The footprint of the proposed extension was searched for threatened flora species, in particular *Rytidosperma vickeryae* (Perisher Wallaby Grass). No threatened flora species were observed within or immediately adjacent to the footprint.

On the basis of the inspection, it is concluded that there will be no direct impacts on native vegetation communities or associated fauna habitats, and the indirect impacts, such as shading, will be minor given the existing disturbances. Similarly, there will not be any impacts on threatened flora or important fauna habitats, nor will the proposed works adversely affect habitat connectivity or any other biodiversity values of conservation significance.

The proposed works will not affect directly or indirectly any area of land mapped within the Biodiversity Values Map as defined in the NSW *Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017* (BC Reg), as shown in Figure 1.

The proposed works will not result in any significant impacts on threatened species, populations or ecological communities pursuant to the NSW *Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2016* or the *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

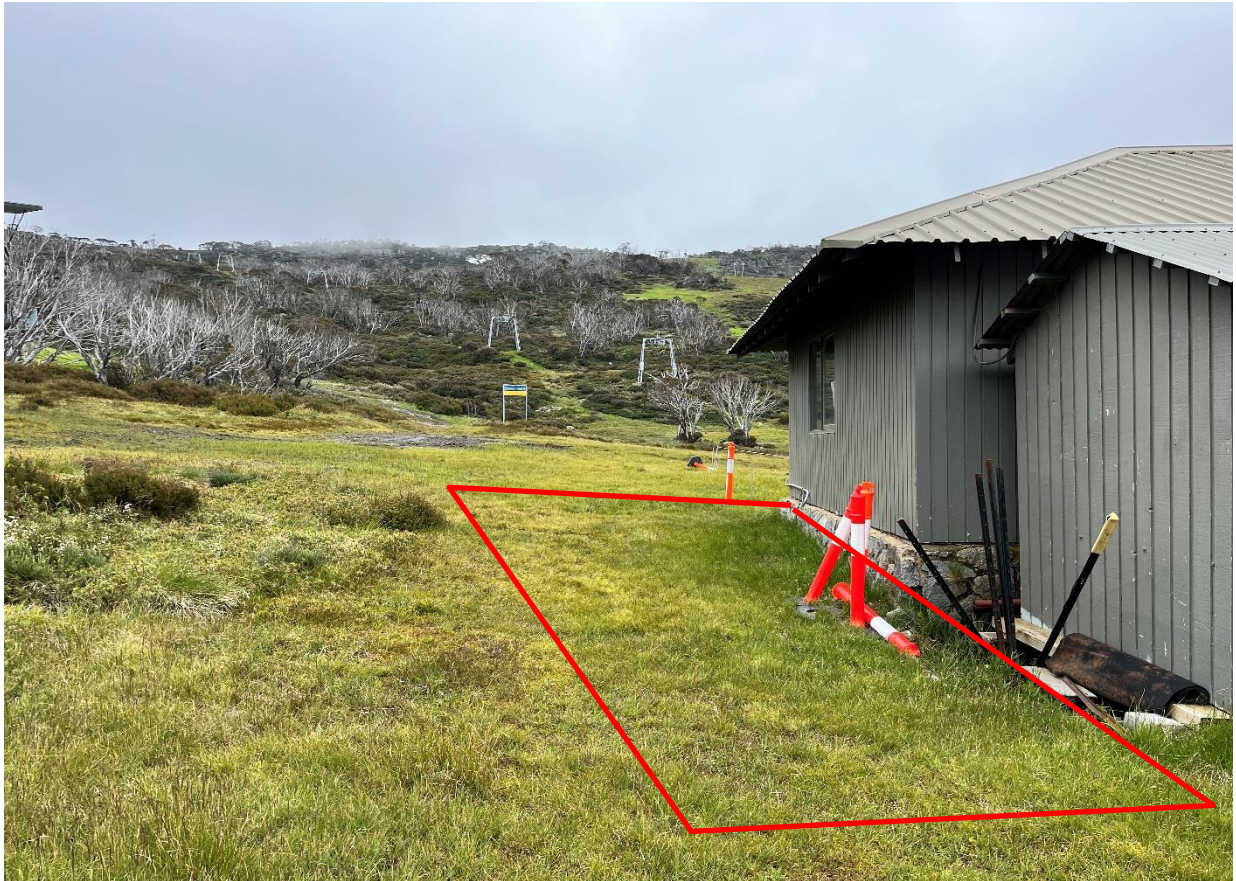


Photo 1: Approximate footprint of the proposed workshop extension.



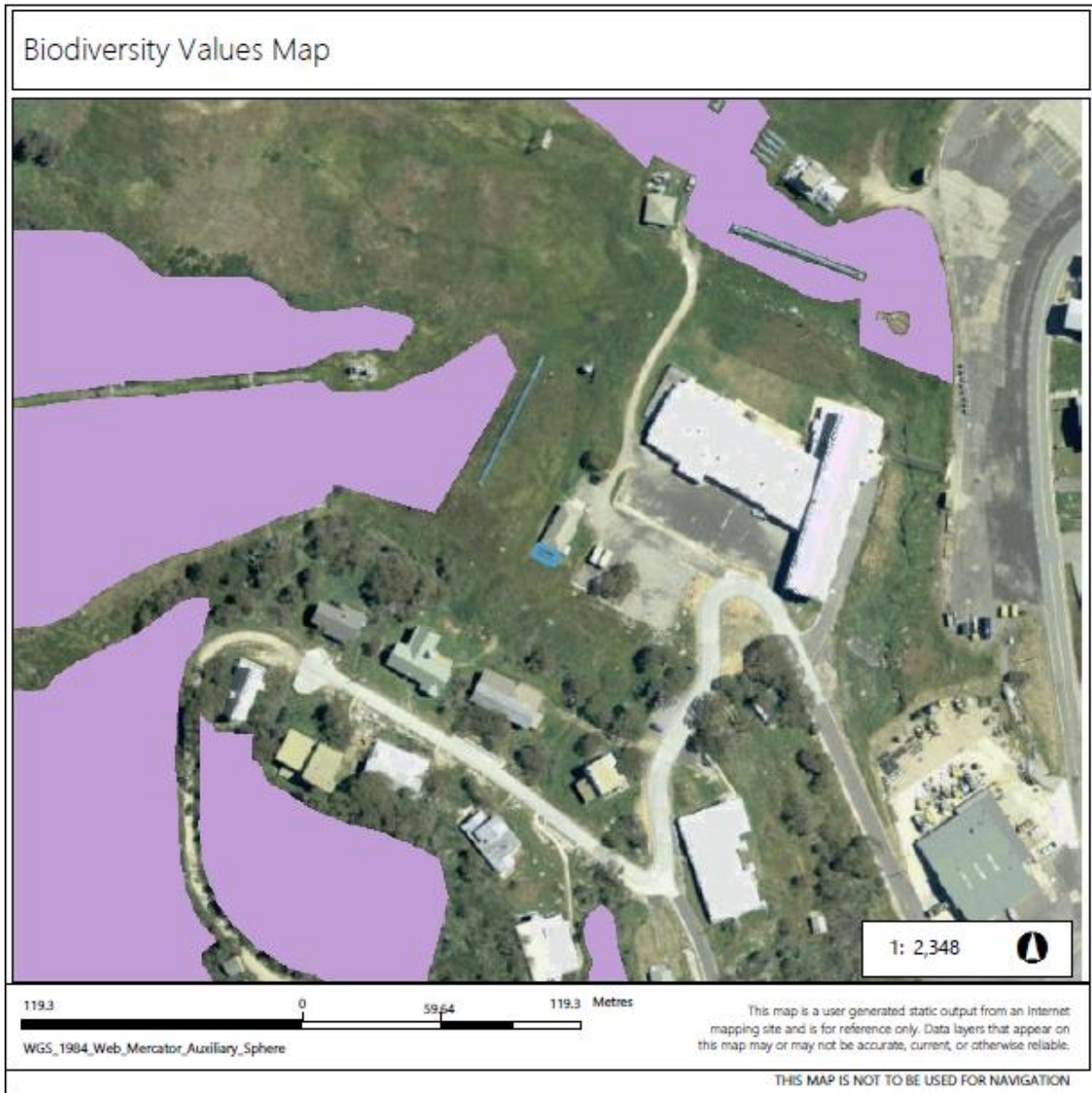
Photo 2: The small patch of remnant bog/wet heath to the south of the workshop is surrounded by heavily disturbed areas.



Photo 3: Looking north showing disturbance around the existing workshop.



Photo 4: Looking west showing disturbance around the existing workshop.



Legend

- Biodiversity Values that have been mapped for more than 90 days
- Biodiversity Values added within last 90 days

Notes

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Figure 1: Proposed works relative to Biodiversity Values Map.

Should you require any further information please contact me on 0422 802 447.

Regards,

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