### 1 Introduction

The purpose of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act) is to maintain a healthy, productive and resilient environment for the greatest well-being of the community, now and into the future, consistent with the principles of ESD.

The Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017 (BC Regulation) sets out threshold levels for when the Biodiversity Offset Scheme (BOS) will be triggered, see below.

Biodiversity Offset Scheme Trigger	Comment
Whether the amount of vegetation clearing	No – There is no native vegetation proposed
exceeds the applicable area threshold	to be removed to facilitate the development.
Whether the impacts occur on an area	No – the development does not occur in an
mapped on the	area mapped on the Biodiversity Values Map.
Biodiversity Values Map (BVM) published	See figure 1 below.
by the Minister for Environment	
The 'test of significance' in section 7.3 of	No – as demonstrated in the test of
the BC Act identifies that the development	significance below the development is
or activity is likely to	unlikely to significantly impact
significantly effect threatened species or	on threatened species or ecological
ecological communities, or their habitats	communities, or their habitats, either directly
	or indirectly.
The works are carried out on a declared	No – not applicable the development is not
area of outstanding biodiversity value	within a declared area of outstanding
	biodiversity value.



Figure 1 Location of the works (red hatched area) in relation to the Biodiversity Value mapped area

## 2 Impacts

A desktop review of the NSW BioNet, Commonwealth Protected Matters Search Tool and mapping previously carried out in the Perisher Resort area identified various State and Commonwealth conservation significant flora species, Endangered Ecological Communities and fauna species records occurring within a 10 km search area around the proposed development site. However, the proposed development is located on the site of the existing lift operators hut in a highly disturbed and modified area. There is no native vegetation being impacted by the development and no evidence was found within the development site (including the area for construction material storage and staging) of native fauna species.

The area has been mapped as part of the Perisher Ski Slope Master Plan (figure 2) and the development site was mapped as "exotic ground cover", which is consistent to what is observed on site.



Figure 2 - Excerpt from Perisher Ski Slope Master Plan – Vegetation, Back Perisher

# 3 Test of Significance

The test of significance outlined in Section 7.3 of the BC Act is used to determine whether proposed development or an activity is likely to significantly affect threatened species or ecological communities, or their habitats. An assessment of the Development against the 'test of significance' is provided below

#### Test of Significance under Section 7.3 of the BC Act

Test of Significance	Comment
(1) The following is to be taken into account for	
proposed development or activity is likely to sig	
ecological communities, or their habitats	
(a) in the case of a threatened species,	The development is wholly located on
whether the proposed development or	disturbed and modified land. The immediate
activity is likely to have an adverse effect on	site does not provide suitable habitat for
the life cycle of the species such that a viable	native fauna species and no evidence was
local population of the species is likely to be	found within the development site (including
placed at risk of extinction,	the area for construction material storage
	and staging) of native fauna species.
	The area surrounding the development site
	may be suitable habitat for fauna species
	such as broad toothed rat (Mastacomys
	fuscus), Guthega Skink (Liopholis guthega)
	and Alpine She-oak Skink (Cyclodomorphus
	praealtus). However, no development is
	proposed to occur in these areas and
	potential development impacts (direct and
	indirect) will be mitigated through measures
	implemented in accordance
	with the SEMP.
	Significant impacts to Commonwealth and
	State listed threatened flora and fauna,
	ecological communities or their habitats is
	considered unlikely.
	As such it unlikely that the proposed
	development will adversely affect the life
	cycle of listed threatened species, such that
	a viable local population of the species is
	likely to be placed at risk of
	extinction.
(b) in the case of an endangered ecological	There are no endangered ecological
community or critically endangered	communities or critically endangered
ecological community, whether the	ecologically communities within the site or
proposed development or activity—	immediate surrounds that would be directly
(i) is likely to have an adverse effect on the	or indirectly impacted by the development.
extent of the ecological community such that	
its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction, or	
(ii) is likely to substantially and adversely modify the composition of the ecological	
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## 4 Conclusion

The assessment concludes the Development is unlikely to result in a significant impact on any Commonwealth or State listed communities, threatened flora and fauna, or migratory species identified in the desktop and site assessment.