

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:	2
Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar	8
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	None
Commonwealth Marine Area:	None
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:	3
Listed Threatened Species:	42
Listed Migratory Species:	10

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 <u>permit</u> 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:	None
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Listed Marine Species:	15
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	None
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:	1
Regional Forest Agreements:	1
Nationally Important Wetlands:	None
EPBC Act Referrals:	6
Key Ecological Features (Marine):	None
Biologically Important Areas:	None
Bioregional Assessments:	None
Geological and Bioregional Assessments:	None

Details

Matters of National Environmental Significance

National Heritage Places		[<u>R</u>	Resource Information]
Name	State	Legal Status	Buffer Status
Historic			
Snowy Mountains Scheme	NSW	Listed place	In feature area
Natural			
Australian Alps National Parks and Reserves	ACT	Listed place	In feature area
Wetlands of International Importance (Rams	sar Wetlands)		Resource Information]
Ramsar Site Name		Proximity	Buffer Status
Banrock station wetland complex		700 - 800km upstream from Ramsar site	In buffer area only
Barmah forest		200 - 300km upstream from Ramsar site	In buffer area only
Blue lake		Within 10km of Ramsar site	In feature area
Gunbower forest		300 - 400km upstream from Ramsar site	In buffer area only
Hattah-kulkyne lakes		500 - 600km upstream from Ramsar site	In buffer area only
Nsw central murray state forests		200 - 300km upstream from Ramsar site	In buffer area only
<u>Riverland</u>		700 - 800km upstream from Ramsar site	In buffer area only
The coorong, and lakes alexandrina and albert we	<u>etland</u>	700 - 800km upstream from	In buffer area only

upstream from Ramsar site

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 NameThreatened CategoryPresence TextBuffer Status

Community Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Alpine Sphagnum Bogs and Associated Fens	Endangered	Community known to occur within area	In feature area
Natural Temperate Grassland of the South Eastern Highlands	Critically Endangered	Community may occu within area	ırln feature area
White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland	Critically Endangered	Community may occu within area	ırln buffer area only

Listed Threatened Species		[<u>R</u> e	source 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				
Calidris acuminata				
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area	
Calidris ferruginea				
Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may 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	
Climacteris picumnus victoriae				
Brown Treecreeper (south-eastern) [67062]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area	
Gallinago hardwickii				
Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]	Vulnerable	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	In feature area	

occur within area

Neophema chrysostoma Blue-winged Parrot [726]

Vulnerable

Species or species In feature area habitat likely to occur within area

Pycnoptilus floccosus Pilotbird [525]

Vulnerable

Species or species In feature area habitat known to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
<u>Stagonopleura guttata</u> Diamond Firetail [59398]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
CRUSTACEAN			
Euastacus diversus Orbost Spiny Crayfish [66782]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Euastacus rieki</u> Riek's Crayfish [83155]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
FISH			
<u>Galaxias supremus</u> Kosciuszko Galaxias [87878]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Galaxias terenasus</u> Roundsnout Galaxias [87175]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Macquaria australasica Macquarie Perch [66632]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Prototroctes maraena Australian Grayling [26179]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
FROG			
<u>Litoria verreauxii alpina</u> Alpine Tree Frog. Verreaux's Alpine	Vulporablo	Species or species	In huffor area only

Alpine Tree Frog, Verreaux's Alpine Tree Frog [66669]

Vulnerable

Species or species habitat known to occur within area In buffer area only

MAMMAL

Burramys parvus

Mountain Pygmy-possum [267]

Endangered

Species or species In feature area habitat known to occur within area

Scientific Name	Thrastanad Catagory	Dragonoo Toyt	Duffor Status
	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Dasyurus maculatus maculatus (SE mair 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
Mastacomys fuscus mordicus Broad-toothed Rat (mainland), Tooarrana [87617]	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 likely to occur within area	In feature area
Phascolarctos cinereus (combined popul	ations of Qld. NSW and th	ne 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 buffer area only
De eu de mue fumerue			
<u>Pseudomys fumeus</u> Smoky Mouse, Konoom [88]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Pteropus poliocephalus			
Grey-headed Flying-fox [186]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area	•
PLANT			
Argyrotegium nitidulum			
Shining Cudweed [82043]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Calotis glandulosa			
Mauve Burr-daisy [7842]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Colobanthus curtisiae			
Curtis' Colobanth [23961]	Vulnerable	Species or species	In feature area

habitat likely to occur within area

Glycine latrobeana

Clover Glycine, Purple Clover [13910]

Vulnerable

Species or species In feature area habitat may occur within area

Leucochrysum albicans subsp. tricolor

Hoary Sunray, Grassland Paper-daisy [89104]

Endangered

Species or species habitat may occur within area In feature area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
<u>Pimelea bracteata</u> [8125]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Prasophyllum bagoense Bago Leek-orchid [84276]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Prasophyllum petilum Tarengo Leek Orchid [55144]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Pterostylis oreophila Blue-tongued Orchid, Kiandra Greenhood [22903]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Ranunculus anemoneus Anemone Buttercup [14889]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
<u>Rytidosperma pumilum</u> Feldmark Grass [66716]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Thesium australe</u> Austral Toadflax, Toadflax [15202]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
<u>Viola improcera</u> Dwarf Violet [3879]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
<u>Xerochrysum palustre</u> Swamp Everlasting, Swamp Paper Daisy [76215]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area

REPTILE

Cyclodomorphus praealtus

Alpine She-oak Skink [64721]

Endangered

Species or species In feature area habitat known to occur within area

Liopholis guthega Guthega Skink [83079]

Endangered

Species or species In feature area habitat known to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Liopholis montana			
Mountain Skink [87162]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Pseudemoia cryodroma			
Alpine Bog Skink, Alpine Bog-skink [84408]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Listed Migratory Species		[<u>Res</u>	source Information]
Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Migratory Marine Birds			
Apus pacificus			
Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Migratory Terrestrial Species			
Hirundapus caudacutus			
White-throated Needletail [682]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Motacilla flava			

Yellow Wagtail [644]

Myiagra cyanoleuca Satin Flycatcher [612]

Rhipidura rufifrons Rufous Fantail [592] habitat known to occur within area Species or species In feature area habitat known to occur within area

Species or species

Species or species

habitat may occur

within area

In feature area

In feature area

Migratory Wetlands Species Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]

Species or species In feature area habitat may occur

within area

Calidris acuminata

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]

Vulnerable

Species or species In feature area habitat may occur within area

Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]

Critically Endangered Species or species In feature area habitat may occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Calidris melanotos			
Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Gallinago hardwickii			
Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Listed Marine Species		[Res	source Information]
Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Bird			
Actitis hypoleucos			
Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Apus pacificus			
Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
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 may occur within area	In feature area
Calidris ferruginea			
Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area

Calidris melanotos

Pectoral Sandpiper [858]

Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area

In feature area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
<u>Gallinago hardwickii</u> Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Haliaeetus leucogaster White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		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 overfly marine area	In feature area
Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
<u>Motacilla flava</u> Yellow Wagtail [644]		Species or species habitat may 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 chrysostoma Blue-winged Parrot [726]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	
<u>Rhipidura rufifrons</u> Rufous Fantail [592]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area

overfly marine area

Rostratula australis as Rostratula benghalensis (sensu lato) Australian Painted Snipe [77037] Endangered

Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area

In feature area

Extra Information

State and Territory Reserves			[Resource Information]
Protected Area Name	Reserve Type	State	Buffer Status
Kosciuszko	National Park	NSW	In feature area

Regional Forest Agreements

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.

[Resource Information]

RFA Name	Name		e B	uffer Status			
Southern RFA		New	South Wales Ir	feature area			
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			
Snowies Iconic Walk	2019/8558	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only			
Not controlled action (particular manner)							
Aerial baiting for wild dog control	2006/2713	Not Controlled Action (Particular Manner)	Post-Approval	In feature area			
Aerial dog baiting	2006/2791	Not Controlled Action (Particular Manner)	Post-Approval	In buffer area only			
INDIGO Marine Cable Route Survey (INDIGO)	2017/7996	Not Controlled Action (Particular Manner)	Post-Approval	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 are 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

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

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

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
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.

Acknowledgements

This database has been compiled from a range of data sources. The department acknowledges the following custodians who have contributed valuable data and advice:

-Office of Environment and Heritage, New South Wales -Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Victoria -Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, Tasmania -Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, South Australia -Department of Land and Resource Management, Northern Territory -Department of Environmental and Heritage Protection, Queensland -Department of Parks and Wildlife, Western Australia -Environment and Planning Directorate, ACT -Birdlife Australia -Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme -Australian National Wildlife Collection -Natural history museums of Australia -Museum Victoria -Australian Museum -South Australian Museum -Queensland Museum -Online Zoological Collections of Australian Museums -Queensland Herbarium -National Herbarium of NSW -Royal Botanic Gardens and National Herbarium of Victoria -Tasmanian Herbarium -State Herbarium of South Australia -Northern Territory Herbarium -Western Australian Herbarium -Australian National Herbarium, Canberra -University of New England -Ocean Biogeographic Information System -Australian Government, Department of Defence Forestry Corporation, NSW -Geoscience Australia -CSIRO -Australian Tropical Herbarium, Cairns -eBird Australia -Australian Government – Australian Antarctic Data Centre -Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory -Australian Government National Environmental Science Program

-Australian Institute of Marine Science

-Reef Life Survey Australia

-American Museum of Natural History

-Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Inveresk, Tasmania

-Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart, Tasmania

-Other groups and individuals

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Please feel free to provide feedback via the Contact us page.

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AHIMS Web Services (AWS) Search Result

Kosciusko Thredbo

Date: 15 April 2024

Attention: Jocelyn Best Email: jocelyn_best@evt.com Dear Sir or Madam: AHIMS Web Service search fo

AHIMS Web Service search for the following area at Lat, Long From : -36.504, 148.3072 - Lat, Long To : -36.4954, 148.3226, conducted by Jocelyn Best on 15 April 2024.

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:

4 Aboriginal sites are recorded in or near the above location.
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.
- This search can form part of your due diligence and remains valid for 12 months.