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RE: Ecological Constraints Assessment Letter Report, 105-119 Bong Bong Rd (Lot 115 // DP 1067955), Mittagong, NSW.

Dear Scott,

This letter has been prepared to outline the methods and results of an Ecological Constraints Assessment (ECA) prepared for 105-119 Bong Bong Road (Lot 115 // DP 1067955), Mittagong (the 'study area'; **Figure 1**). The study area is located approximately 2 km east of the main centre of Mittagong and south of the recently developed Renwick Estate. This ECA has been prepared to identify the ecological values present within the study area and to identify potential constraints for a proposed subdivision of the study area. Specifically, this ECA has been prepared to consider threatened species, populations and ecological communities listed under the Commonwealth's *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) and the NSW *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act).

The proposed sub-division is to be located in the western portion of the study area, west of the central drainage line (**Figure 1**).

Methods

Desktop review

A literature review and database review were undertaken for the study area which included the following sources:

- BioNet Atlas of NSW Wildlife (OEH 2018)
- Protected matters Search Tool (DotEE 2018a)
- Vegetation mapping (Tozer et al 2010, Local Land Services 2014)
- SIX Maps (Land and Property Information 2018)
- Weeds (Wingecarribee Shire Council 2018, DotEE 2018b)

Threatened species, populations and migratory species recorded during the literature and database review were consolidated and their likelihood of occurrence was considered by:

• review of available habitat within the study area and surrounding area

- review of the scientific literature pertaining to each species and population
- applying expert knowledge of each species

The potential for each threatened species, population and/or migratory species to occur was then considered. Following field surveys and review of available habitat within the subject site and study area, the potential for species to use the subject site and be affected directly or indirectly by the proposed action were considered as either:

- "Recent record" = species has been recorded in the study area within the past 5 years
- "High" = species has previously been recorded in the study area (>5 years) or in proximity (for mobile species), and/or habitat is present that is likely to be used by a local population
- "Moderate" = suitable habitat for a species is present onsite but no evidence of a species detected and relatively high number of recent records (5-20 years) in the locality or species is highly mobile
- "Low" = suitable habitat for a species is present onsite but limited or highly degraded, no evidence of a species detected and relatively low number of recent records in the locality
- "Not present" suitable habitat for the species is not present onsite or adequate survey has determined species does not occur in the study area.

Site inspection

A site inspection of the study area was undertaken by Elizabeth Norris (Senior Botanist/Ecologist) on 6 November 2018, over approximately 8 hours. The purpose of this site inspection was to validate vegetation community mapping, assess the structure and condition of vegetation in the study area, identify and rank the ecological values and constraints on site and determine if determine if these values and constraints would be impacted by the proposed works. Additionally, fauna habitat features (i.e. tree hollows, stags, decorticating bark, mature / old growth trees, winter-flowering eucalypts) and indirect signs of fauna use (i.e. scats, owl pellets, fur, bones, tracks, bark scratches, foliage chew marks and chewed capsules) were searched for and recorded where observed.

Results

Site details

The study area is located at 105-119 Bong Bong Road, Mittagong (Figure 2).

The majority of the study area is zoned RU2 – Rural Landscape with the eastern portion zoned E3 - Environmental Management (NSW Planning Portal 2018). Under the current planning controls, the minimum lot size for the study area is 40 ha. Lands to the north and west are zoned R2 – Low Density Residential and R5 – Large Lot Residential, land to the south is zoned RU2 – Rural landscape, whilst lands to the east are zoned E3 - Environmental Management.

The study area occurs within the Lower Mittagong soil landscape group on the Wianamatta Group Shales with no outcropping rock (OEH 2018). The vegetation has been historically cleared for cattle grazing.

Vegetation communities – previous mapping

One vegetation type was mapped within the study area by Tozer et al (2010), namely Southern Highlands Shale Woodland (p 268) (**Figure 3**). This community has been mapped in the south east corner of the study area, with additional areas mapped beyond the study area boundary in the north west. This community is described as an open forest or woodland with a sparse shrub stratum and a dense groundcover dominated by grasses and herbs and is restricted to soils derived from Wianamatta group shales. Typical canopy species include *Eucalyptus cypellocarpa, E. radiata, E. quadrangulata* and *E. globoidea*. Shrubs include *Leucopogon lanceolatus, Ozothamnus diosmifolius* and *Persoonia linearis* over a ground cover of *Hardenbergia violacea, Microlaena stipoides, Austrostipa rudis, Pteridium esculentum* and *Dichondra repens*.

Two vegetation communities have been mapped by Local Land Services (2014) within the study area, namely Southern Highlands Shale Woodland in the north west of the study and area and Highland Shale Tall Open Forest in the south east of the study area (**Figure 4**). This community is described as a tall open forest with an open shrub layer and moist herbaceous groundcover, occurring on shale and the shale/basalt boundary at altitudes between 450 m and 900 m in the Blue Mountains and Southern Highlands.

Vegetation communities - Ecoplanning site inspection

Following site inspection, two vegetation communities were identified as occurring within the study area, namely Southern Highlands Shale Woodland and Exotic grassland (**Figure 5**). A description of these communities is provided below.

Southern Highlands Shale Woodland (SHSW):

This community was identified on site and found in three condition classes: SHSW - 'modified' (**Plate 1** and **Plate 2**), SHSW – *Eucalyptus ovata* woodland (**Plate 3**), and SHSW - 'derived native grassland' (DNG) (**Plate 4**).

The SHSW - modified form of this community was found in the north west and south east portions of the study area. Canopy species were dominated by *Eucalyptus quadrangulata* (White-top Box) and *Eucalyptus cypellocarpa* (Monkey Gum) with *Eucalyptus globoidea* (White Stringybark) and *Eucalyptus radiata* (Narrow-leaved Peppermint) occurring less frequently. Few native shrubs species were present but include *Exocarpos cupressiformis* (Native Cherry), *Acacia mearnsii* (Black Wattle) and *Bursaria spinosa* (Blackthorn). Common exotic shrubs include *Berberis julianae* (Wintergreen Barberry), *Crataegus monogyna* (Hawthorn) and *Prunus* species.

The SHSW – *Eucalyptus ovata* woodland form was located along the central drainage line that dissects the site. This community was dominated by *E. ovata* having a low woodland structure. This species was known to occur as a component of SHSW in more poorly drained areas of the community. Few shrubs were present but included the exotic *Crataegus monogyna* (Hawthorn) over an understorey dominated by exotic grasses including *Anthoxanthum odoratum* (Sweet Vernal Grass).

The SHSW – DNG form is widespread in areas where the canopy had been historically cleared for grazing. Dominant species include *Microlaena stipoides* (Weeping Grass), *Themeda triandra* (Kangaroo Grass), *Rytidosperma racemosum* var. *racemosum* and *Eragrostis leptostachya* (Paddock Lovegrass). Exotic weed species include *Anthoxanthum odoratum* (Sweet Vernal Grass), *Cenchrus clandestinus* (Kikuyu), *Vulpia bromoides*,

Paspalum dilatatum (Paspalum) and the forbs Hypochaeris radicata (Catsear), Plantago lanceolata (Lambs Tongue) and Taraxacum officinale (Dandelion).

Exotic grassland

Exotic grassland occurs extensively across the study area, particularly in the central portions of the site (**Figure 5**). Typical species include the grasses *Anthoxanthum odoratum*, *Cenchrus clandestinus, Dactylis glomerata* (Cocksfoot), *Vulpia bromoides, Paspalum dilatatum* and the forbs *Hypochaeris radicata, Plantago lanceolata, Taraxacum officinale* and *Paronychia brasiliana*. Dense patches of *Nassella trichotoma* (Serrated Tussock) and *Rubus fruiticosus* spp. agg. (Blackberry) occur in this community. Native grasses are also present, occurring as a minor component and include *Themeda triandra* and *Microlaena stipoides*.

Acacia regrowth

Smaller trees and shrubs of *Acacia mearnsii* (Blackwood) regrowth occur within the study area, either as single trees or grouped together in small patches. (**Figure 5**).

A summary of the past and present vegetation mapping for the study area and the corresponding Plant Community Types (PCTs) is provided in **Table 1**.

Threatened Ecological Communities

Southern Highlands Shale Woodland is listed as a Critically Endangered Ecological Community under the Commonwealth *EPBC* Act, and as an Endangered Ecological Community under the State *BC* Act (**Table 1**).

The Commonwealth Conservation Advice (including listing advice) for Southern Highlands Shale Woodland (TSSC 2015) provides condition thresholds for when a patch of the community retains sufficient conservation value to be considered as a Matter of National Environmental Significance (MNES). The areas of SHSW – 'modified condition' subject to the proposal did not meet the condition thresholds for listing under the EPBC Act as:

- Condition Class B1: less than 50% of the perennial understorey vegetation cover is made up of native species, and
- Condition Class B2): the patch lacks connectivity to a native vegetation area and less than 30% of the perennial understorey vegetation cover is made up of native species.

As such, the SHSW is not considered to be a MNES and no referral to the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy is required.

Flora and fauna species

A total of 65 flora species were recorded across the site of which 38 were native and 27 exotic (**Table 5**). Three exotic species are listed as Weeds of National Significance (WONS) and are also listed as State Priority Weeds under the South East Weed Management Plan 2017-2022 (Local Land Services (LLS) 2017). (**Table 2**). Four species, *Crataegus monogyna* (Hawthorn), *Ligustrum sinense* (Small-leaved Privet), *Cenchrus clandestinus* and *Phalaris* sp. are listed as an Environmental Weeds in the Wingecarribee Shire (WSC 2018b).

A total of ten native fauna species were recorded comprising nine birds and one mammal (**Table 6**).

Threatened species - flora

Five records of threatened flora species were recorded within 5 km of the study area, namely *Eucalyptus macarthurii* (Camden Woollybutt), *Acacia pubescens* (Downy Wattle), *Persoonia glaucescens* (Mittagong Geebung), *Pomaderris brunnea* (Brown Pomaderris) and *Pterostylis ventricosa* (an orchid) (**Table 4** and **Figure 6**). Based upon the habitat preferences of these threatened flora species and the proximity of recent records and survey, the likelihood that these species would occur in the study area is considered to be low.

Threatened species - fauna and habitat

Sixteen threatened fauna species have been recorded within 5 km of the study area including one amphibian, nine birds and six mammals (**Table 4** and **Figure 6**). Fauna habitat features were sporadically found across the study area and included stag trees, hollow bearing trees, grass swards, fallen timber and dense blackberry patches. Shrubs were few, mostly comprising *Acacia* sp. and *Crataegus monogyna*. For the most part, the site has been under cattle grazing for a number of years resulting in few shrub species across the study area with the areas of SHSW modified due to historical clearing. Based upon the habitat preferences for the threatened fauna and the proximity of recent records, there is the potential that some of these species could utilise the site for foraging and roosting (**Table 4**).

Table 1: Past and present vegetation mapping for the study area and equivalent Plant Community Types (PCTs)

Vegetation Community (Tozer et al 2010)	Vegetation Community (LLS 2014)	Vegetation Community (Ecoplanning 2018)	Corresponding Plant Community Type (PCT) (OEH 2018)	TEC EPBC Act	TEC BC Act
Southern Highlands Shale Woodland (WSF p268) (HN601)		SHSW: Eucalyptus quadrangulata – E. cypellocarpa – E. radiata woodland - modified	PCT 944 Mountain Grey Gum - Narrow-leaved Peppermint grassy woodland on shales of the Southern Highlands, southern Sydney Basin Bioregion	Southern Highlands Shale Woodlands in the Sydney Basin Bioregion CEEC	Southern Highlands Shale Woodlands in the Sydney Basin Bioregion EEC
- Highlands Shale Tall Open Forest (HN601)		SHSW: Eucalyptus quadrangulata – E. cypellocarpa – E. radiata woodland - modified	As above	Yes	Yes
		SHSW: Eucalyptus quadrangulata – E. cypellocarpa – E. radiata woodland - DNG	As above	No	Yes
		SHSW: Eucalyptus quadrangulata – E. cypellocarpa – E. radiata woodland – Eucalyptus ovata woodland	As above	No	Yes
-			-	No	No
-	-	Exotic grassland	-	No	No

Common name	Scientific name	WoNS	Duty
Blackberry	Rubus fruiticosus*spp. agg.	Y	Mandatory Measure Must not be imported into the State or sold General Biosecurity Duty All plants are regulated with a general biosecurity duty to prevent, eliminate or minimise any biosecurity risk they may pose. Any person who deals with any plant, who knows (or ought to know) of any biosecurity risk, has a duty to ensure the risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised, so far as is reasonably practicable.
Fireweed	Senecio madagascariensis	Y	Mandatory Measure As above General Biosecurity Duty As above Regional Recommended Measure Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. Land managers should mitigate spread from their land. The plant should not be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment.
Serrated Tussock	Nassella trichotoma	Y	Mandatory Measure As above General Biosecurity Duty As above Regional Recommended Measure As above

Drainage lines and dams

A 1st order creekline exists within the middle portion of the study area, east of the proposed sub-division (**Plate 6**). At the time of the site inspection the creek bed was dry and colonized by trees of *Eucalyptus ovata* (Swamp Gum) with scattered *Crataegus monogyna* over a ground layer dominated by *Anthoxanthum odoratum* and other exotic ground layer species. Saplings of *Eucalyptus ovata* were common adjacent to the drainage line.

Four dams are present within the assessed study area. At the time of survey the dam located in the northwest corner contained water, whilst the remaining three were dry.

Ecological values, constraints and recommendations

The field survey identified ecological values that represent a low to high ecological constraint to future development of the site. Ecological constraints were ranked according to their conservation significance, landscape value and the approval process. In the context of the study area (**Figure 5**), these are provided in **Table 3**. Future development of the site should avoid areas of high ecological constraint, minimise impact to areas of moderate constraint, and concentrate future development in low and unconstrained areas.

Table 3: Ecological constraint

Ecological Values	Ecological constraint
SHSW in "modified" condition	High
Hollow bearing trees	
Riparian buffers	
SHSW in "woodland" condition	Moderate
SHSW in DNG condition	
Stags	
Acacia Regrowth	Low
Farm Dams	
Exotic grassland	Unconstrained

SHSW is listed as a Critically Endangered Ecological Community (CEEC) under the BC Act and is listed an Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) under the Commonwealth EPBC Act.

Riparian lands and dams

Impacts within 40 m of the 1st order stream (i.e. waterfront land) in the study area would trigger the need to apply for a Controlled Activity Approval. A 1st order stream requires a 10 m vegetated riparian zone under the *Water Management Act 2000* and, as such, the top of bank will need to be mapped and a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist should impacts to this buffer zone be proposed.

Within the proposed sub-division area there is one farm dam which, if containing water, would require a Dam De-watering Plan prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist.

Biodiversity Offset Scheme

The study area is zoned RU2 within a minimum lot size of 40 ha. As the proposed subdivision will remove >0.5 ha of native vegetation, a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist will be required. A key step in all assessments is demonstrating avoidance of impacts in the first instance. Therefore, opportunities to avoid areas of high ecological constraint (e.g. EECs) and minimise impacts to moderate constraints should be demonstrated. This may include the potential opportunity in part to include the SHSW located in the eastern portion of the study area, on land which is zoned as E3 – Environmental Management. Additional targeted surveys may be required during the preparation of the BDAR for some species, such as microbats. The timing of such surveys must comply with the survey periods identified in the Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) Credit Calculator, which can be limited to particular seasons.

During the preparation of the BDAR, plots will be undertaken to determine a vegetation integrity score (VIS) for each vegetation zone. During this survey, several plots were completed to calculate potential VIS for the validated vegetation mapping and thus provide an estimate to potential offsetting requirements at this point in time. This cost estimate is not static and will change over time depending on the market values at the time of assessment.

Under the BC Act if the VIS exceeds 15/100, offsetting will be required. Offsetting may be required for all vegetation types (including 'Weeds and Exotics' due to the presence of multiple native species). Current credit prices, according to the Biodiversity Offset Payments calculator (OEH 2018) for PCT 944 is \$2,515.29 (excl. GST). However, no trades have been recorded for any of these vegetation types and, therefore, prices may fluctuate (NB. The BCT review their prices quarterly). Our previous experience indicates that impact to similar PCTs require offsets of 25-40 ecosystem credits per hectare. Additional species credits may also be required. An assessment in accordance with the BAM is needed to determine the specific impact and offsetting requirements.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Figure 1: Proposed Concept Lot Layout Plan (Courtesy of Civil Development Solutions)



Figure 2: Location of the study area



Figure 3: Regional vegetation mapping (Tozer 2010)

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Figure 4: Regional vegetation mapping (LLS 2014)

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Figure 5: Validated vegetation mapping (Ecoplanning 2018)



Plate 1: Southern Highlands Shale Woodland – modified - western portion of site



Plate 2: Southern Highlands Shale Woodland - modified - eastern portion of site



Plate 3: Southern Highlands Shale Woodland - Eucalyptus ovata woodland



Plate 4: Southern Highland Shale Woodland – DNG



Plate 5: Exotic grassland



Plate 6: Serrated Tussock – eastern portion of site adjacent to Southern Highland Shale Woodland.

	BC Act		Most recent	Nearest record	Likelihood of Occurrence	
Species	EPBC Act	Count	record and distance (km)	(km) and date	Prior to field assessment	Post field assessment
Amphibia						
Pseudophryne australis Red-crowned Toadlet	BC Act: V	1	30/03/2016	4.5 km	Low	Low
Aves	·					
<i>Artamus cyanopterus cyanopterus</i> Dusky Woodswallow	BC Act: V EPBC Act: C, J, K	2	14/01/2017	4.9 km	Moderate	Moderate
Callocephalon fimbriatum Gang-gang Cockatoo	BC Act: V	19	18/08/2016	3.1 km	Moderate	Moderate
Calyptorhynchus lathami Glossy Black-Cockatoo	BC Act: V	13	11/07/2018	2.5 km	Moderate	Moderate
<i>Daphoenositta chrysoptera</i> Varied Sittella	BC Act: V	10	26/06/2015	1.6 km	Moderate	Moderate
<i>Gallinago hardwickii</i> Latham's Snipe	EPBC Act: C, J, K	2	26/01/2017	3.3 km	Low	Low
<i>Hieraaetus morphnoides</i> Little Eagle	BC Act: V	1	5/08/2018	2.4 km	Moderate	Moderate
<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i> White-throated Needletail	EPBC Act: C, J, K	2	24/12/2016	3.6 km	Low	Low
<i>Ninox strenua</i> Powerful Owl	BC Act: V	3	5/08/2018	1.8 km	Moderate	Moderate
<i>Petroica boodang</i> Scarlet Robin	BC Act: V	10	20/07/2017	3.1 km	Moderate	Moderate
Flora						
<i>Acacia pubescens</i> Downy Wattle	BC Act: V EPBC Act: V	3	3/02/2016	4.1 km	Low	Low

	BC Act EPBC Act	Count	Most recent record and distance (km)	Nearest record (km) and date	Likelihood of Occurrence		
Species					Prior to field assessment	Post field assessment	
<i>Eucalyptus macarthurii</i> Paddys River Box, Camden Woollybutt	BC Act: E EPBC Act: E	50	4/07/2017	2.4 km	Moderate	Low	
<i>Persoonia glaucescens</i> Mittagong Geebung	BC Act: E1 EPBC Act: V	47	27/07/2017	3.1 km	Low	Low	
<i>Pomaderris brunnea</i> Brown Pomaderris	BC Act: E1 EPBC Act: V	6	6/02/2014	3.0 km	Low	Low	
Pterostylis ventricosa	BC Act: E	1	1/04/2017	1.5 km	Low	Low	
Mammalia	Mammalia						
<i>Falsistrellus tasmaniensis</i> Eastern False Pipistrelle	BC Act: V	5	15/03/2018	0.3 km	Moderate	Moderate	
<i>Miniopterus schreibersii oceanensis</i> Eastern Bentwing-bat	BC Act: V	7	15/03/2018	0.3 km	Moderate	Moderate	
<i>Petauroides volans</i> Greater Glider	EPBC Act :V	23	10/09/2018	1.2 km	Low	Low	
Greater Glider population in the Mount Gibraltar Reserve area	BC Act: E EPBC Act: V	3	23/06/2015	3.4 km	Not present	Not present	
<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> Koala	BC Act: V EPBC Act: V	118	13/10/2017	0.011 km	Moderate	Moderate	
<i>Scoteanax rueppellii</i> Greater Broad-nosed Bat	BC Act: V	5	22/01/2014	0.84 km	Moderate	Moderate	



Figure 6: Threatened species records within 5 km of the study area (OEH 2018)

Table 5: Flora species recorded

Family Scientific Name		Common name	Native/ Exotic	
Apiaceae	Dichondra repens	Kidney Weed	Native	
Asteraceae	Brachyscome sp.		Native	
	Cassinia longifolia		Native	
	Cirsium vulgare	Spear Thistle	Exotic	
	Hypochaeris radicata	Flatweed	Exotic	
	Senecio madagascariensis	Fireweed	Exotic, WONS	
	Taraxacum officinale	Dandelion	Exotic	
Berberidaceae	Berberis julianae	Wintergreen Barberry	Exotic	
Campanulaceae	Wahlenbergia gracilis	Australian Bluebell	Native	
	Lobelia purpurascens	Whiteroot	Native	
Chenopodiaceae	Einadia trigonos subsp. trigonos	Fishweed	Native	
Caryophyllaceae	Paronychia brasiliana	Brazilian Whitlow	Exotic	
Cyperaceae	Carex longebrachiata		Native	
Cyperaceae	Carex sp.		Native	
Dennstaedtiaceae	Pteridium esculentum	Common Bracken	Native	
Fabaceae - Faboideae	Glycine clandestina		Native	
	Hardenbergia violacea	Purple Coral pea	Native	
Fabaceae - Mimosoideae	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle	Native	
Gentianaceae	Centaurium erythraea	Common Centaury	Exotic	
Geraniaceae	Geranium homeanum		Native	
Hypericaceae	Hypericum gramineum	Small St John's Wort	Native	
Iridaceae	Romulea rosea var. australis	Onion Grass	Exotic	
Juncaceae	Juncus usitatus		Native	
Lomandraceae	Lomandra filiformis subsp. coriacea		Native	
	Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush	Native	
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus cypellocarpa	Monkey Gum	Native	
	Eucalyptus elata	River Peppermint	Native	
	Eucalyptus globoidea	White Stringybark	Native	
	Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum	Native	
	Eucalyptus punctata	Grey Gum	Native	
	Eucalyptus quadrangulata	White-topped Box	Native	
	Eucalyptus radiata	Narrow-leaved Peppermint	Native	
	Eucalyptus sieberi	Silvertop Ash	Native	
Oleaceae	Ligustrum sinense	Small-leaved Privet	Exotic	
Oxalidaceae	Oxalis perennans		Native	
Pittosporaceae	Bursaria spinosa subsp. spinosa	Blackthorn	Native	
	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum	Native	
Poaceae	Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal Grass	Exotic	
	Austrostipa rudis		Native	
	Axonopus fissifolius	Carpet Grass	Exotic	
	Bromus catharticus	Prairie Grass	Exotic	
	Cenchrus clandestinus	Kikuyu	Exotic	
	Cynodon dactylon	Couch	Nat/Exo	
	Dactylis glomerata	Cocksfoot	Exotic	
	Ehrharta erecta	Panic Veldtgrass	Exotic	
	Entolasia stricta	Wiry Panic	Native	
	Eragrostis leptostachya	Paddock Lovegrass	Native	
	Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire Fog	Exotic	
	Lolium perenne	Perennial Rye	Exotic	
	Paspalum dilatatum	Paspalum	Exotic	
	Phalaris sp.	Phalaris	Exotic	

Family	Scientific Name	Common name	Native/ Exotic
	Poa labillardieri var. labillardieri	Tussock	Native
	Microlaena stipoides	Weeping Grass	Native
	Nassella trichotoma	Serrated Tussock	Exotic, WONS
	Rytidosperma racemosum var. racemosum	A Wallaby Grass	Native
	Rytidosperma sp.		Native
	Sporobolus sp.		Exotic
	Themeda australis	Kangaroo Grass	Native
	Vulpia bromoides	Squirrel Tail Fescue	Exotic
Plantaginaceae	Plantago lanceolata	Lamb's Tongue	Exotic
Ranunculaceae	Clematis aristata	Old Man's Beard	Native
Rosaceae	Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn	Exotic
	Prunus cerasifera	Cherry Plum	Exotic
	Rubus fruiticosus spp. agg.	Blackberry	Exotic - WONS
	Rosa rubiginosa	Sweet Briar	Exotic
	Rubus parvifolius	Native Raspberry	Native
Santalaceae	Exocarpos cupressiformis	Native Cherry	Native

WONS – Weed of National Significance

Table 6: Fauna species recorded

Family	Common Name	Scientific name	Sighting Notes
Aves			
Artamidae	Grey Butcherbird	Cracticus torquatus	O, W
	Magpie	Gymnorhina tibicen	O, W
	Pied Currawong	Strepera graculina	W
Columbidae	Crested Pigeon	Ocyphaps lophotes	O, W
Meliphagidae	Noisy Miner	Manorina melanocephala	W
Monarchidae	Magpie-lark	Grallina cyanoleuca	
Psittaculidae	Australian King Parrot	Alisterus scapularis	0
	Crimson Rosella	Platycercus elegans	W
	Eastern Rosella	Platycercus eximius	O, W
Mammalia			
Macropodidae	Grey Kangaroo	Macropus giganteus	0

O - observed; W - heard