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1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.1 Site Description and Location

The subject site is Lot 1 DP842144 and is located on Beranghi Road. The site is 7.9ha in area and is currently vacant, though there is an approval for a single dwelling. Land in the surrounding area comprises rural properties, with Maria National Park to the west of the site. The location of the site is shown in Figure 1.

1.2 Development Proposal

The proposal is to subdivide the property into two lots and establish a building envelope, APZ and new driveway access to the new lots. The building envelopes and driveways have been located as much as possible within cleared areas, though one mature tree and a patch of young regrowth trees will require removal for the driveway access to Lot 1B. The proposed new boundary passes through existing clearings and will not require tree removal. The development layout plan is shown in Figure 2.

Photos of the site and location of the development footprint are shown in Photos 1-2.

1.3 Key Definitions

The development footprint is defined as the area of land directly affected by the development comprising the building envelopes and driveways. This covers an area of approximately 0.4ha. The subject site comprises the whole of Lot 1 DP842144 which is 7.9ha. The study area is land within 20m of the subject site. The locality is land within a 10km radius of the site.



Photo 1: View of the southern development envelope



Photo 2: View of the northern development envelope





Legend

Subject site





Figure 1 | Location of site



Figure 2: Site Development Layout



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2. METHODS

2.1 Desktop Study and Literature Review

A desktop study was carried out prior to the field survey to gather relevant information and data. The following databases and Geographic Information System (GIS) layers were searched/obtained:

- Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Protected Matters Search Tool (DCCEEW 2022);
- NSW BioNet/Atlas of Wildlife (DPIE 2022a);
- NSW Threatened Biodiversity Data Collection (OEH 2019b);
- Coastal Management SEPP Map Viewer (DPE 2022); and
- Coastal Quaternary Geology North and South Coast of NSW digital data layer (Troedson & Hashimoto 2008).

2.2 Flora Survey

The flora survey consisted of the following:

- Identification, description and mapping of the vegetation communities on the site.
- Searches for threatened species listed under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act) and *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) undertaken in accordance with the NSW Guide to Surveying Threatened Plants (OEH 2016).
- Identification, mapping and condition assessment of any Endangered Ecological Communities (EEC) listed under the BC Act, and EPBC Act.

Flora surveys were carried out by WolfPeak's Senior Ecologist on the 14th September 2022.

2.2.1 Vegetation Classification and Mapping

The vegetation communities were described from data collected during random meander transect surveys. The site vegetation communities are classified as per the NSW Plant Community Type (PCT) Classification.

Identification of possible EECs was based on the data collected in the survey and review of the relevant listings on the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) website (www.environment.nsw.gov.au) and Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water MNES SPRAT website (DCCEEW 2022).

Plant species were identified to species or subspecies level and nomenclature conforms to that currently recognised by the Royal Botanic Gardens via PlantNET (Royal Botanic Gardens 2022).

2.2.2 Threatened Flora Species

2.2.2.1 Searches

Searches for the locally recorded threatened flora were carried out over the survey period.

Threatened plant searches consisted of undertaking walking transects throughout the subject site targeting habitat most likely to support threatened flora. Opportunistic searches for threatened flora species were also undertaken during other activities. Given the small site area, the combination of these methods allowed a thorough search of its entire extent.

2.2.3 Potential Occurrence Assessment

Potential occurrence assessment of threatened flora species is provided in Appendix B. This section assesses threatened species for their potential to occur on site.

2.3 Fauna Survey

2.3.1 Habitat Evaluation

Habitats on and adjacent to the subject site were defined and assessed according to parameters such as:

- Structural and floristic characteristics of the vegetation;
- Degree and extent of disturbance;
- Availability of water;
- Size and abundance of tree hollows and fallen timber;
- Surface rocks and outcrops;
- Vegetation connectivity; and
- Presence of mistletoe, nectar, gum, seed and sap sources.

2.3.2 Secondary Evidence Searches

Habitat searches involved inspection and assessment of potentially suitable habits for potentially occurring threatened species: Searches generally involved:

- Inspection under fallen timber, rocks and debris;
- Inspection of dense vegetation, aquatic habitats and leaf litter for frogs and reptiles;
- Inspection of trees for Koalas and claw markings;
- Searches for Glider sap incisions;
- Searches for nests and dreys; and
- Searches for scats, owl regurgitation pellets, tracks and feeding signs.



2.3.3 Direct Observation

This involved passive and active observation of any fauna on or directly adjacent to the subject site during survey activities. Birds and reptiles were the main focus of the surveys. Searches for Koalas in the crowns of trees over the site were also undertaken. A total of three hours was spent on this activity over one day in conjunction with the overall site survey.

2.3.4 Hollow-bearing Tree and Koala Food Tree Survey

Searches for hollow-bearing trees (HBTs) and preferred Koala Food Trees (KFTs) were carried out over the development footprint.

3. **RESULTS**

3.1 Desktop Search Results

3.1.1 Locally Recorded Threatened Species

The following table lists the threatened flora and fauna species identified in database and literature searches of the locality.

Scientific Name	Common Name	NSW status	Comm. status	Records
Maundia triglochinoides		V		1
Litoria brevipalmata	Green-thighed Frog	V,P		5
Stictonetta naevosa	Freckled Duck	V,P		1
Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus	Black-necked Stork	E1,P		28
Haliaeetus leucogaster	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	V,P		8
Hieraaetus morphnoides	Little Eagle	V,P		3
^Lophoictinia isura	Square-tailed Kite	V,P,3		2
^Pandion cristatus	Eastern Osprey	V,P,3		1
Grus rubicunda	Brolga	V,P		1
Irediparra gallinacea	Comb-crested Jacana	V,P		5
^Calyptorhynchus lathami	Glossy Black-Cockatoo	V,P,2		8
Glossopsitta pusilla	Little Lorikeet	V,P		3
Minox strenua	Powerful Owl	V,P,3		4
^^Tyto novaehollandiae	Masked Owl	V,P,3		4
Daphoenositta chrysoptera	Varied Sittella	V,P		2
Artamus cyanopterus cyanopterus	Dusky Woodswallow	V,P		4
Dasyurus maculatus	Spotted-tailed Quoll	V,P	E	4
Phascogale tapoatafa	Brush-tailed Phascogale	V,P		1
Phascolarctos cinereus	Koala	E1,P	E	92
Petaurus australis	Yellow-bellied Glider	V,P	V	5
Petaurus norfolcensis	Squirrel Glider	V,P		1



Pteropus poliocephalus	Grey-headed Flying-fox	V,P	V	18	
Saccolaimus flaviventris	Yellow-bellied Sheathtail-bat	V,P		4	
Micronomus norfolkensis	Eastern Coastal Free- tailed Bat	V,P		3	
Falsistrellus tasmaniensis	Eastern False Pipistrelle	V,P		2	
Myotis macropus	Southern Myotis	V,P		2	
Scoteanax rueppellii	Greater Broad-nosed Bat	V,P		4	
Vespadelus troughtoni	Eastern Cave Bat	V,P		1	
Miniopterus australis	Little Bent-winged Bat	V,P		6	
Miniopterus orianae oceanensis	Large Bent-winged Bat	V,P		5	

3.1.2 Matters of National Environmental Significance

The results of the MNES search are provided in Appendix D. The search was undertaken using a 10km search radius from the subject site.

3.2 Flora Survey Results

3.2.1 Site Vegetation Communities

Vegetation within the study area has been disturbed in the past as a result of clearing and slashing. The development footprint comprises native and exotic grassland with scattered trees and dry sclerophyll forest occurs on the western edge of the subject site.

Table 2 and 3 provide detailed descriptions of the vegetation communities identified on site, Figure 3 provides the Plant Community Type mapping and photos of the types are provided below.

3.2.1.1 Dry Sclerophyll Open Forest

Table 2: Vegetation community description

Vegetation Community	Dry Sclerophyll Forest
NSW Plant Community Type (PCT)	No 1135: Scribbly Gum - Needlebark Stringybark heathy open forest of coastal lowlands of the northern NSW North Coast Bioregion
EEC Status	Not an EEC
Location and Area	Located on the western edge of the subject site.

Description	Canopy: Structure and Species: The canopy layer is mostly regrowth dominated by Needlebark Stringybark (<i>Eucalyptus planchoniana</i>), Scribbly Gum (<i>Eucalyptus signata</i>) and White Stringybark (<i>Eucalyptus globoidea</i>). Height to 25m.
	Understorey/shrub layer:
	Structure and Species: Open layer of shrubs and small trees present including Black Oak (<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>), occasional Broad-leaved Paperbark (<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>), <i>Melaleuca sieberi</i> , Slender Tea-tree (<i>Leptospermum trinervium</i>), Broad-leaved Geebung (<i>Persoonia levis</i>), <i>Pultenaea myrtoides</i> and Notched Bush Pea (<i>Pultenaea retusa</i>).
	Ground layer:
	<i>Structure and Species</i> : A dense layer (95% cover) comprising native grasses including Wiry Panic <i>(Entolasia stricta)</i> and Blady Grass <i>(Imperata cylindrica)</i> , Thyme Spurge (<i>Phyllanthus hirtellus</i>), Forest Goodenia (<i>Goodenia hederacea</i>), Fluke Bogrush (<i>Schoenus apogun</i>) and Kangaroo Grass (<i>Themeda triandra</i>).
Condition	Good condition with very few weeds present.



Photo 3: Dry Sclerophyll Open Forest



3.2.1.2 Mixed Native and Exotic Grassland with Scattered Trees

Table 3: Vegetation community description

Vegetation Community	Mixed Native and exotic grassland with scattered trees	
NSW Plant Community Type (PCT)	NA	
EEC Status	Not an EEC	
Location and Area	Occurs across most of the subject site.	
Description	Canopy: Has a few scattered trees including Tallowwood (<i>Eucalyptus microcorys</i>), Blackbutt (<i>Eucalyptus pilularis</i>), Pink Bloodwood (<i>Corymbia intermedia</i>) and White Stringybark (<i>Eucalyptus globoidea</i>). Height ranges from 15-20m with canopy cover of less than 5%.	

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	Understory: Absent
	Shrub layer: Occasional shrubs present in windrows of fallen timber that have not been slashed. Species include Wallum Heath (<i>Epacris pulchella</i>), Elderberry Panax (<i>Polyscias sambucifolia</i>), Geebung (<i>Persoonia levis</i>), <i>Pultenaea retusa</i> and <i>Pultenaea myrtoides</i> .
	Ground layer:
	Structure and Species: Consists of a mix of native and exotic and forbs including Wiry Panic, Kangaroo Grass, Pigeon Grass (<i>Setaria</i> <i>pumila</i>), Catsear (<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>), Fireweed (<i>Senecio</i> <i>madacascariensis</i>) Thyme Spurge, Blady Grass, Forest Goodenia, Fluke Bogrush.
	Regularly slashed and has a height of about 5-30cm.
Condition	This community is generally highly modified with various levels of weed cover. Low biodiversity value.

Photo 4: Grassland community with scattered trees









3.2.2 Threatened Flora

3.2.2.1 Site Survey and Potential Occurrences

No threatened flora species were detected on site during the field survey.

Searches of relevant literature and databases (DPIE 2022) found records of one threatened flora species in the locality, *Maundia triglochinoides*. The Protected Matters Search Tool also produced a list of additional potential occurrences in the locality. Given the modified habitats on site and lack of nearby records, no threatened flora species are considered likely to occur on the site.

3.2.3 Endangered Ecological Communities and Populations

3.2.3.1 Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

Review of the site vegetation community has determined that it does not qualify as an EEC listed under the BC Act.

3.2.3.2 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Review of the site vegetation has determined that it does not qualify as an EEC listed under the EPBC Act.

3.3 Fauna and Habitat Survey Results

3.3.1 Habitat Evaluation

The following table summarises the survey findings for habitat within the development footprint and the constraints/opportunities it provides for potentially occurring threatened species.

Habitat/Attribute Type	Development footprint	Potential Values to Threatened Species Occurrence
Groundcover	Groundcover comprises slashed grass across most of the site. The south west edge of the site contains intact groundcover.	No threatened species are likely to utilise the groundcover habitat due to site disturbance.
Logs and Debris	Absent	No significance for any threatened species.
Hollows	Absent in development footprint. A few occur along the western edge of the site but will not be impacted.	Development footprint has no potential nesting/denning habitat for hollow-obligate species.

Table 4: Habitat constraints/opportunities for threatened species

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Habitat/Attribute Type	Development footprint	Potential Values to Threatened Species Occurrence
Nectar Sources	Some trees within the subject site would provide a minor nectar source.	Eucalypts in study area could potentially be used when flowering by Grey-headed Flying Fox and Little Lorikeet.
Preferred Koala use Trees	One KFT (White Stringybark) as per Kempsey Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management occurs in the northern development footprint. No other KFTs are likely to be impacted. Tallowwood, White Stringybark and Scribbly Gum occur as scattered trees and in the Dry Sclerophyll Forest on the western edge of the site.	The removal of one KFT is a very minor impact on available Koala habitat. Koalas are likely to persist on site post development.
Allocasuarinas	Some young <i>Allocasuarina</i> <i>littoralis</i> will require removal to allow for the driveways (four meters by four meters) accessing the lots. However, most <i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i> will be retained.	Glossy Black Cockatoo was detected via observation of chew <i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i> cones in the south west of the site. This habitat resource will remain on the site.
Aquatic habitats	Absent	N/A
Fruiting species	Absent	No fruiting resource for frugivorous birds.
Caves, cliffs, culverts, bridges	Absent	Absence of potential roosts for Microchiropteran bats.
Habitat Linkages	The vegetation on the western edge of the subject site extends offsite and links to large areas of forest associated with Maria National Park.	Site would be accessible for Koala, however it would have to cross Beranghi Road. Highly mobile species (e.g. birds and bats) would be able to access the site vegetation.

3.3.2 Observed Fauna

The main fauna species detected during the survey consisted of common bird species including Scarlet Honeyeater, White-throated Treecreeper, Grey Shrike-thrush, Noisy Friarbird. The Glossy Black-Cockatoo was detected via observation of chewed *Allocasuarina littoralis* cones.

The following table lists the fauna species recorded during the field survey.

Table 5: Fauna species detected

Class	Scientific Name	Common Name
Aves	Phylidonyris niger	White-cheeked Honeyeater
Aves	Cormobates leucophaea	White-throated Treecreeper

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Aves	Philemon corniculatus	Noisy Friarbird
Aves	Geopelia humeralis	Bar-shouldered Dove
Aves	Caligavis chrysops	Yellow-faced Honeyeater
Aves	Colluricincla harmonica	Grey Shrike-thrush
Aves	Corvus coronoides	Australian Raven
Aves	Oriolus sagittatus	Olive-backed Oriole
Aves	Gymnorhina tibicen	Australian Magpie
Aves	Smicrornis brevirostris	Weebill
Aves	Acanthiza pusilla	Brown Thornbill
Aves	^Calyptorhynchus lathami	Glossy Black-Cockatoo
Aves	Geopelia striata	Peaceful Dove
Aves	Eopsaltria australis	Eastern Yellow Robin
Aves	Rhipidura albiscapa	Grey Fantail
Aves	Myzomela sanguinolenta	Scarlet Honeyeater
Aves	Malurus cyaneus	Superb Fairy-wren
Aves	Dacelo novaeguineae	Laughing Kookaburra
Amphibia	Litoria fallax	Eastern Dwarf Tree Frog

3.3.3 Potential Occurrence Assessment

Review of literature and databases search results of threatened fauna species in the locality are provided in Appendix B. The threatened Glossy Black-Cockatoo was detected via observation of chewed *Allocasuarina littoralis* cones. No other threatened species were recorded on site during the survey. In consideration of the habitats present on site, the following species are considered to potentially occur on the subject site:

- Little Lorikeet;
- Masked Owl;
- Powerful Owl;
- Grey-headed Flying Fox;
- Koala;
- Yellow-bellied Sheathtail-Bat;
- Large Bentwing Bat;
- Eastern Coastal Free-tailed Bat; and
- Little Bentwing Bat.

4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION

4.1 Avoidance and Minimisation

The development will minimise impacts on native vegetation and habitat by locating the development footprints and proposed driveways in existing cleared areas as much as possible. Any new fences or other infrastructure associated with the development is to avoid tree removal.

4.2 Direct Impacts

Due to the avoidance and minimisation measures applied to the proposal, direct impacts will be very limited. Establishing the development will largely impact mixed native and exotic grassland. For the northern lot, some widening of the existing entrance is likely to be required (four metres wide) and one mature White Stringybark may require removal. For the southern lot, a four metre wide strip of young regrowth trees is proposed to be removed as part of the driveway. The extent of native vegetation removal is approximately 0.2ha which includes some patches of native dominated grassland.

Photo 5: Regrowth trees proposed to be removed for the driveway to the southern lot



4.3 Indirect Impacts

The following potential impacts may be associated with the proposal:

- **Injury/mortality during clearing**: Unlikely to be a risk as no hollow trees will be removed.
- Inadvertent impacts on retained or adjoining vegetation: If not properly demarcated and protected, it is possible that retained trees and vegetation adjacent to the construction site could be impacted by clearing, earthworks and construction vehicle movements. Recommendations are provided to reduce this risk.
- **Erosion and sedimentation**: Standard mechanisms and controls should ensure the prevention of erosion and sedimentation during construction and post-development and such impacts do not extend beyond the development footprint.
- **Predation of Native Fauna**: New owners may wish to keep cats and dogs which can prey on native wildlife. Recommendations are provided to keep pets restricted to yard and not roam adjacent bushland.
- **Weed invasion:** Weeds currently occur on the site. The proposal is unlikely to introduce any new weed species, however it may increase the potential for spread of weeds within the site through vegetation modification.
- **Noise and vibration:** Currently, noise is derived from traffic and nearby rural areas, hence fauna are likely to have some tolerance to anthropogenic noise. During the development's establishment, noise would be highest during construction, but limited to daytime hence would only impact diurnal birds and mammals. Post-development, noise levels are expected to return to levels which occurred prior to construction.

4.4 Mitigation Measures

4.4.1 Avoiding Vegetation Removal

Vegetation removal is to be limited to the minimum extent required to establish the development and not greater than what has been assessed in this report. Any new driveways, fence lines or infrastructure is to avoid removal of mature trees and native vegetation.

4.4.2 CKPOM offset area

As per the requirements of the Kempsey Council Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management (CKPOM)(refer to section 5), a parcel of land that equates to no less than two times the total area to be affected by the proposed vegetation removal is to be set aside and secured under a legally binding agreement that ensures in perpetuity habitat protection. The proposal is likely to require the removal of one White Stringybark, which is no more than 5mx5m. The south west edge of the site that contains Scribbly Gum - Needlebark Stringybark heathy open forest is to be set aside as an offset, with a protective covenant on title (Figure 5).



4.4.3 Clearing Measures

The area to be cleared/modified should be clearly marked (e.g. with stakes and bunting) before clearing in order to prevent inadvertent clearance beyond what is required and has been assessed. Trees to be removed should be clearly marked with flagging tape or spray paint.

Site induction is to specify that no clearing is to occur beyond the marked area, and vehicles are only to be parked in designated areas. Similarly, any materials are to be stored outside the retained vegetation. Clearing and earthworks is to avoid damage to root zones of the retained trees.

4.4.4 Domestic Pets

Cats and dogs should be restrained to the vicinity of the residence as far as practicable to avoid potential injury to native fauna. Ideally, dogs should be restricted within a fence which prevents fauna access, but permits their escape (e.g. by a wooden post).

4.4.5 Sedimentation and Erosion Controls

Standard soil and sedimentation control measures will be required throughout the clearing and construction works to ensure that habitats on the site and in the study area, as well as any downstream aquatic habitats are not substantially affected by erosion and sedimentation.

4.4.6 Weed control

Disturbance of the sites soils during vegetation removal and construction has potential to encourage weed invasion. Hence, it is recommended that:

- Disturbance of vegetation and soils on the site should be limited to the areas of the proposed work and should not extend into adjacent vegetation.
- To assist in reducing the spread of exotic species, all vehicles and machinery are to be inspected for the presence of weeds prior to entering the site.
- Any new weed infestations that arise within the works area during construction are to be treated and removed.

5. KEMPSEY CKPOM ASSESSMENT

5.1 Site Classification

The CKPoM covers the whole of the eastern part of the Kempsey Shire LGA. The Koala habitat mapping provided in the CKPoM shows that the subject site is mostly mapped as 'Unknown', the south west edge of the site is mapped as Secondary (Class B) and Primary habitat occurs to the south of the site. This map is shown in Figure 4.

As per Section 4.5 of the CKPoM, areas mapped as unknown are required to be classified as either preferred Koala habitat (Primary, Secondary A or Secondary B), or Other vegetation. Detailed CKPOM Koala habitat mapping has been completed for the site as shown in Figure 4.

Only one White Stringybark tree will be impacted by the northern development envelope, with the remaining area in which the development envelopes are located being managed grassland.

No evidence of the Koala was identified on the site during the field survey.

5.2 Compliance Assessment

As the proposed development comprises DA for a subdivision, and one KFT (White Stringybark) will be impacted by the proposed development, Habitat Compensation Measures (Section 4.12) and nominated Performance Criteria for areas mapped as Preferred Koala Habitat (PKH) in Section 4.10 are to be applied.

5.3 Habitat Compensation Measures

Section 4.12 of the CKPOM stipulates the Habitat Compensation Measures required for the subject DA that would involve the loss of KFTs. These measures involve the securement of a parcel of land that equates to no less than two times the total area to be affected by the proposed vegetation removal. This land is to be secured under a legally binding agreement that ensures in perpetuity habitat protection (refer to Section 4.12 of the CKPOM for details). The removal of one White Stringybark equates to an area of no more than 5mx5m. As an offset for this impact, the south west edge of Lot 1B that contains a patch Scribbly Gum - Needlebark Stringybark heathy open forest is to be secured under a protective covenant on title (Figure 5).

5.4 **Performance Criteria Compliance Assessment**

Section 4.10 of the CKPoM list the performance criteria for Preferred Koala Habitat. The proposed development has been assessed by these criteria in the following table, to demonstrate compliance with the CKPoM.

Performance Criteria		Compliance Assessment
a)	maximise retention and minimise degradation of native vegetation across the subject land;	The proposal will require the removal of only one KFT. All native vegetation in areas outside the proposed development footprint will be retained. This includes numerous preferred KFTs. The loss of the one KFT is to be offset through securing the patch of Scribbly Gum - Needlebark Stringybark heathy open forest in the south west edge of the site under a protective covenant.
b)	minimise the removal of any identified preferred koala food trees, where they occur across the subject land;	The development has been designed to reduce removal of all trees, including KFTs. One KFT will however be impacted by the proposal.

Table 6: CKPoM Performance Criteria



c)	ensure such trees will not be negatively impacted by subsequent development works including the construction of buildings, associated infrastructure and/or provision of public utilities;	The area outside of the development footprint is to be retained.
d)	maintain key linkages across the landscape, where they occur, to reduce the effects of habitat fragmentation;	Existing linkages across the landscape will not be impacted by the proposed development, as retained vegetation and APZs within the site will continue to provide habitat connecting through the site.
e)	comply with the Habitat Compensation Measures where relevant as per Section 4.12 of this plan;	Habitat Compensation Measures are to be provided for via a protective covenant to be put in place for the patch of Scribbly Gum - Needlebark Stringybark heathy open forest in the south west of the site.
f)	Where Onsite PKFT Tree Replacement Measures have been applied, as per Section 4.9 of this plan, measures to ensure the retention of replacement trees over time, which may include but are not limited to restrictions on title; and	It is proposed to offset the loss of the KFT on the development site with the securing of the patch of vegetation in the south west of the site.
g)	Where Koala habitat and associated linkages are proposed to be retained on the development site to mitigate impacts, measures to ensure the protection of those areas in the long term, which may include but are not limited to restrictions on title;	Fences for the proposed development are to be of post and rail or post and two strands of wire design so that Koalas and other fauna can move freely through the site.
h)	Appropriate measures (ie erection of exclusion fencing) are to be in place to ensue Koalas are protected during site construction works. Should Koalas be found on site during clearing, construction or site works then provisions (i) and (j) in Section 4.11 apply.	Pre-clearing surveys will ensure that Koalas are not impacted during construction works. Provisions i) and j) have been incorporated into the mitigations measures of this report.

5.4.1 Special Conditions

The following lists the special conditions associated with the Performance Criteria Compliance Assessment, as outlined in the Kempsey CKPoM.

Clearing of Vegetation

• Clearing for development purposes must not proceed until the area has been inspected for the presence of Koalas and approval given in writing by a suitably qualified and/or accredited Koala specialist.



- Approval to proceed with the clearing of vegetation in accordance with this section is only valid for the day on which the inspection has been undertaken.
- The Koala specialist referred to above must remain on site during clearing of vegetation.

Protection of Koalas from Undue Disturbance

The clearing of native vegetation and/or earthworks must be temporarily suspended within a range of 25m from any tree which is occupied by a Koala and must not resume until the Koala has moved from the tree of its own volition.





*Note - all unmapped areas are classified as "other" habitat

Figure 5 | Revised Kempsey CKPOM mapping

6. TESTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

6.1 Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 Test of Significance

6.1.1 Assessment Pathways

Under the NSW BC Act and *Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017*, Part 4 developments under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* (other than State Significant Development) are assessed to determine if they trigger the Biodiversity Offset Scheme (BOS). For developments which trigger the BOS, a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) will be required. This assesses the impact using the Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) and determines the offset obligations required.

There are three triggers to the BOS:

- **Clearing Threshold** Section 7.1 of the Biodiversity Regulation 2017 sets out a clearing threshold based on minimum Lot size.
- **Biodiversity Values Map** The Biodiversity Values Map (BV map) provides mapping of areas of high biodiversity value such as riparian zones, critical habitat for threatened species and Core Koala Habitat. Any impact on a mapped area will trigger the BOS.
- **Significant Impact as determined by Test of Significance** Developments which fall below the clearing threshold and do not impact on sensitive biodiversity values must be assessed under the new five-part test of significance. If the test determines that a significant impact is likely, a BDAR will be required.

6.1.2 Assessment Pathway Determination

Although a very small area in the south of the subject site is mapped on the BV Map as part of a larger mapped area extending south of the site, this area will not be impacted by the proposed dwellings. The Biodiversity Offset and Threshold Tool Map is provided in Appendix C. The clearing threshold for the development site is 0.5ha. Analysis of the required clearing for the development has determined that less than 0.2ha of native vegetation removal is required which is below the threshold.

The development has been assessed via the Test of Significance in Section 6.1.3 below.

6.1.3 Test of Significance

The Test of Significance is prescribed in Part 7, Division 1, Section 7.2 of the BC Act. The purpose of the Test of Significance is to determine whether a proposed development or activity is likely to significantly affect threatened species or ecological communities, or their habitats.

If it is determined that a development or activity will have a significant effect, a BDAR will be required if the proponent so elects, or if not, a Species Impact Statement must be prepared.

The Test of Significance has been prepared in consideration of the Threatened Species Test of Significance Guidelines (OEH 2018).

6.1.4 Entities to be Assessed

The Glossy Black Cockatoo was recorded on site and automatically requires assessment. The potential occurrence assessments have determined that the following species are likely to occur in the study area and are subject to the Test of Significance:

- Glossy Black Cockatoo;
- Little Lorikeet;
- Masked Owl;
- Powerful Owl;
- Grey-headed Flying Fox;
- Koala;

6.1.5 Responses

- Yellow-bellied Sheathtail-Bat;
- Large Bentwing Bat;
- Eastern Coastal Free-tailed Bat; and
- Little Bentwing Bat.
- a) In the case of a threatened species, whether the proposed development or activity is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,

The proposal is for the subdivision of a rural property into two lots and the establishment of a building envelope, APZ and new driveway access on each lot. Areas of native and exotic grassland will require removal as well as regrowth trees for driveway access. One KFT (White Stringybark) occurs in proximity to the northern building envelope and is likely to require removal. No hollow-bearing trees or other habitat features require removal. Connectivity across the site will not be reduced. There is some potential for minor indirect impacts such as noise, edge effects and further weed invasion. Cats and dogs may also be kept on the new property, however this is not a new threat. Predation of wildlife could be increased if pets are not restrained to yards.

Given that no Koalas have been recorded on site, only one KFT will require removal and habitat will be retained on site to allow the persistence of Koala, the development is unlikely to have any significant adverse impacts on the local population.

A few regrowth *Allocasuarina littoralis* may require removal for the driveway access and will therefore be impacted by the proposal. No hollow bearing trees are to be removed and the majority of existing habitat for Glossy Black Cockatoo is to be retained and set aside under a protective covenant.

All other species are highly mobile and the majority of habitat on site will be retained to allow for continued use of the site.

As such, removal of this habitat would be highly unlikely to place a viable population of the subject species at risk of extinction.

b) In the case of an endangered ecological community or critically endangered ecological community, whether the proposed development or activity:



- (i) Is likely to have an adverse effect on the 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 community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,

No EECs are present on the subject site.

- c) In relation to the habitat of a threatened species or ecological community:
 - (i) The extent to which habitat is likely to be removed or modified as a result of the proposed development or activity, and
 - (ii) Whether an area of habitat is likely to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat as a result of the proposed development or activity, and
 - (iii) The importance of the habitat to be removed, modified, fragmented or isolated to the long-term survival of the species or ecological community in the locality.

Habitat to be removed comprises approximately 0.2ha of native and exotic grassland, a patch of regrowth trees and one White Stringybark which is of limited importance to threatened species.

The site offers potential habitat for some threatened fauna species however given the extent of modification and limitations of the site habitats, these species would be reliant on adjacent and nearby habitats to fulfil their lifecycle requirements and the site would not be of any key importance.

d) Whether the proposed development or activity is likely to have an adverse effect on any declared area of outstanding biodiversity value (either directly or indirectly),

The proposed development will not directly or indirectly affect an area of outstanding biodiversity value.

e) Whether the proposed development or activity is or is part of a key threatening process or is likely to increase the impact of a key threatening process.

A Key Threatening Process (KTP) is defined as a process that threatens, or may have the capability to threaten, the survival or evolutionary development of species, populations or ecological communities.

The following table lists the relevant KTP's listed under the BC Act and whether the proposed activity is recognised a threatening process.

КТР	Extent/manner which proposal affects KTP	Mitigable?
Clearing of native vegetation	Loss of exotic and native grassland, regrowth trees and one White Stringybark tree.	No.

Table 7: Key Threatening processes

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КТР	Extent/manner which proposal affects KTP	Mitigable?
Human induced climate change	Use of fossil fuels during civil and construction works.	No options available.
Invasion of native plant communities by exotic perennial grasses	Exotic grasses currently present.	N/A

6.1.6 Conclusion

The Test of Significance has determined that the proposed development would not result in a significant impact on threatened species or ecological communities. A BDAR or Species Impact Statement is not required for the development proposal.

6.2 EPBC Act MNES Assessment

6.2.1 Assessment Summary

The provisions of the EPBC Act require determination of whether the proposal has, will or is likely to have a significant impact on a MNES. These matters are listed and addressed in summary as follows:

Category	Relevance	Significant Impact Likely?
World Heritage Properties	The site is not listed as a World Heritage area	N/A
National Heritage Places	The site is not listed as a National Heritage Place	N/A
Wetlands of International Importance	The site does not contain important wetlands	N/A
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park	The proposal does not affect the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.	N/A
Commonwealth Marine Environment (CME)	The site is not within the CME.	N/A
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities	No TEC's occur on the site.	No TEC is likely to be significantly affected by the proposal.

Table 8: MNES Assessment Summary

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Category	Relevance	Significant Impact Likely?
Listed Threatened Species	The Koala and Grey-headed Flying Fox are considered potential occurrences in the study area.	No threatened species is likely to be significantly affected by the proposal given that only one tree is required to be removed and potential indirect threats would be minor.
Listed Migratory Species	Several migratory birds are considered potential occurrences in the study area.	No Migratory species is likely to be significantly affected by the proposal.
Nuclear Actions	The proposal is not a nuclear action	N/A
A water resource, in relation to coal seam gas development and large coal mining development	The proposal is not a mining development.	N/A
World Heritage Properties	The site is not listed as a World Heritage area	N/A
National Heritage Places	The site is not listed as a National Heritage Place	N/A
Wetlands of International Importance	The site does not contain important wetlands	N/A

7. CONCLUSION

This report has assessed the impact of the proposed subdivision and establishment of two development envelopes at Lot 1 DP842144, Beranghi Road. The proposed building footprints have been previously cleared and is vegetated with mixed native and exotic grassland, though one White Stringybark will be impacted. A patch of Scribbly Gum - Needlebark Stringybark heathy open forest occurs along the western edge, with the patch in the south west of the site to be set aside under a protective covenant to fulfill the requirements of Kempsey CKPOM. No hollow-bearing trees require removal.

No threatened flora species were detected in the study area, and none are considered potential occurrences. The site vegetation does not qualify as an EEC.

The Glossy Black Cockatoo was detected in the south west of the site via chewed *Allocasuarina littoralis* cones. No other threatened fauna species were detected on the site, though 10 threatened fauna species were considered to have potential to use the site as a small part of a larger range. Assessment of these species concluded they were unlikely to be significantly impacted by the proposal due to their ecology, the historical disturbance of the site and the mitigation measures proposed. Hence neither a referral to the DEECCW or a BDAR is required.



A number of mitigation measures have been developed to reduce the impacts of the proposal on flora, fauna and ecological communities. These include vegetation and habitat avoidance, domestic pet restrictions, weed control and a protective covenant over the remnant patch of Scribbly Gum - Needlebark Stringybark heathy open forest in the south west of the site.

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APPENDIX A – SITE VEGETATION LIST

Table 9: Vegetation list

Family	Scientific Name	Common Name
Acanthaceae	Pseuderanthemum variabile	Pastel Flower
Anthericaceae	Thysanotus juncifolius	
Apiaceae	Centella asiatica	Indian Pennywort
Apiaceae	Hydrocotyle spp.	
Apocynaceae	Parsonsia straminea	Common Silkpod
Araliaceae	Polyscias sambucifolia	Elderberry Panax
Asteraceae	Hypochaeris radicata	Catsear
Asteraceae	Ozothamnus diosmifolius	White Dogwood
Campanulaceae	Lobelia purpurascens	whiteroot
Casuarinaceae	Allocasuarina littoralis	Black She-Oak
Cyperaceae	Fimbristylis dichotoma	Common Fringe-sedge
Cyperaceae	Gahnia clarkei	Tall Saw-sedge
Cyperaceae	Gahnia spp.	
Cyperaceae	Lepidosperma laterale	Variable Sword-sedge
Cyperaceae	Schoenus apogon	Fluke Bogrush
Dennstaedtiaceae	Pteridium esculentum	Bracken
Droseraceae	Drosera spp.	
Ericaceae	Epacris pulchella	Wallum Heath
Fabaceae (Faboideae)	Dillwynia retorta	
Fabaceae (Faboideae)	Glycine clandestina	Twining glycine
Fabaceae (Faboideae)	Mirbelia speciosa	
Fabaceae (Faboideae)	Pultenaea myrtoides	
Fabaceae (Faboideae)	Pultenaea retusa	
Fabaceae (Mimosoideae)	Acacia linifolia	White Wattle
Fabaceae (Mimosoideae)	Acacia terminalis	Sunshine Wattle
Fabaceae (Mimosoideae)	Acacia floribunda	White Sally Wattle
Goodeniaceae	Goodenia hederacea	Forest Goodenia
Haloragaceae	Gonocarpus micranthus	
Haloragaceae	Gonocarpus teucrioides	Germander Raspwort
Iridaceae	Patersonia sericea	Silky Purple-Flag
Lauraceae	Cassytha pubescens	Downy Dodder-laurel
Lomandraceae	Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
Luzuriagaceae	Eustrephus latifolius	Wombat Berry
Myrtaceae	Callistemon salignus	Willow Bottlebrush

Myrtaceae	Corymbia gummifera	Red Bloodwood
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus globoidea	White Stringybark
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus microcorys	Tallowwood
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus pilularis	Blackbutt
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus planchoniana	Bastard Tallowwood
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus seeana	Narrow-leaved Red Gum
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus signata	Scribbly Gum
Myrtaceae	Leptospermum polygalifolium	Tantoon
Myrtaceae	Leptospermum trinervium	Slender Tea-tree
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca nodosa	
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca quinquenervia	Broad-leaved Paperbark
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca sieberi	
Myrtaceae	Sannantha angusta	
Oleaceae	Notelaea longifolia	Large Mock-olive
Phormiaceae	Dianella caerulea	Blue Flax-lily
Phyllanthaceae	Glochidion ferdinandi	Cheese Tree
Phyllanthaceae	Phyllanthus hirtellus	Thyme Spurge
Pittosporaceae	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum
Poacea	Rytidosperma pallidum	Silvertop Wallaby Grass
Poaceae	Andropogon virginicus	Whisky Grass
Poaceae	Aristida vagans	Threeawn Speargrass
Poaceae	Entolasia marginata	Bordered Panic
Poaceae	Entolasia stricta	Wiry Panic
Poaceae	Eragrostis brownii	Brown's Lovegrass
Poaceae	Imperata cylindrica	Blady Grass
Poaceae	Setaria pumila	Pale Pigeon Grass
Poaceae	Themeda triandra	
Proteaceae	Persoonia lanceolata	Lance Leaf Geebung
Proteaceae	Persoonia levis	Broad-leaved Geebung
Rubiaceae	Opercularia diphylla	Stinkweed
Rutaceae	Boronia polygalifolia	Dwarf Boronia
Santalaceae	Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
Solanaceae	Solanum mauritianum	Wild Tobacco Bush
Stylidiaceae	Stylidium graminifolium	Grass Triggerplant
Thymelaeaceae	Pimelea linifolia	Slender Rice Flower
Verbenaceae	Lantana camara	Lantana
Vitaceae	Cissus hypoglauca	Giant Water Vine
Xanthorrhoeaceae	Xanthorrhoea spp.	



APPENDIX B – POTENTIAL OCCURRENCE ASSESSMENT

FLORA SPECIES

Species	BC Act	EPBC Act	No. of Records	Link to Profile	Likelihood of Occurrence	Significance Assessment Required?
Maundia triglochinoides	v	-	1	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=105 11	Occurs in freshwater wetland. No suitable habitat on site. No.	No
Magenta Lilly Pilly Syzygium paniculatum	E	V	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=107 94	Occurs along the coastal strip. No suitable habitat on site. Unlikely.	No
Scented Acronychia Acronychia littoralis	E	E		https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thre atenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=10030	Occurs in littoral rainforest and margins. No suitable habitat on site. Unlikely.	No
Euphrasia arguta	CE	CE	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=201 65	No local records and the site does not provide suitable habitat. Unlikely.	No
Biconvex Paperbark Melaleuca biconvexa	v	V	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=105 14	Species occurs in creek lines and low-lying areas on alluvial soils. No suitable habitat on site. Unlikely.	No
Milky Silkpod Parsonsia dorrigoensis	v	V	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=105 87	Found in subtropical and warm-temperate rainforest and margins. The site does not contain suitable habitat for the species.	No
Austral Toadflax Thesium australe	v	V	0	https://www.environment.gov.au/cgi- bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon id=15202	Occurs in grassland on coastal headlands or grassland and grassy woodland away from the coast. Often found in association with Kangaroo Grass (<i>Themeda</i> <i>australis</i>). Habitats of this type do not occur within the subject site. Not recorded during site survey and no local records. Unlikely to occur.	No
Cryptic Forest Twiner Tylophora woollsii	E	E	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=108 16	This species grows in moist eucalypt forest, moist sites in dry eucalypt forest and rainforest margins. No suitable habitat on site. Unlikely.	No

Species	BC Act	EPBC Act	No. of Records	Link to Profile	Likelihood of Occurrence	Significance Assessment Required?
Slender Marsdenia Marsdenia longiloba	E	v	0	https://www.environment.gov.au/cgi- bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon id=2794	Subtropical and warm temperate rainforest, lowland moist or open eucalypt forest adjoining rainforest. Associated species include <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> , <i>E.</i> <i>microcorys</i> , <i>E. acmenoides</i> , <i>E. saligna</i> , <i>E. propinqua</i> , <i>Corymbia intermedia</i> and <i>Lophostemon confertus</i> . Not recorded within the subject site and no suitable habitat present. Unlikely.	No
Hairy-joint Grass Arthraxon hispidus	V	V	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=100 66	This species prefers moist rainforest edges and wet Eucalypt forest near swamps or creeks. Habitats of this type does not occur within the subject site. Species not recorded during site surveys and no local records. Unlikely to occur.	No
Leafless Tongue-orchid Cryptostylis hunteriana		V	0	https://www.environment.gov.au/cgi- bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon id=19533	This species is often found in association with the Large Tongue Orchid (<i>C. subulata</i>) and the Tartan Tongue Orchid (<i>C. erecta</i>). These species were not detected during surveys. No suitable habitat within the site. Unlikely to occur.	No
Lesser Swamp-orchid Phaius australis		E	0	https://www.environment.gov.au/cgi- bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon id=5872	This species is limited to areas of swampy grassland and swampy forest. No suitable habitat occurs on the subject site. Not recorded during site surveys and no local records. Unlikely to occur.	No
Macadamia Nut Macadamia integrifolia	-	V	0	http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi- bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon id=7326	This species is generally found in Queensland with the subject site occurring In the southern extent of this species' known distribution. Not recorded during surveys and no local records of this species. Unlikely to occur within site.	No
Scrub Turpentine Rhodamnia rubescens	CE	CE	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=203 41	Found in littoral, warm temperate and subtropical rainforest and wet sclerophyll forest. No suitable habitat on site. Unlikely.	No
Native Guava Rhodomyrtus psidioides	CE	CE	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=203 42	This pioneer species occurs in littoral, warm temperate and subtropical rainforest and wet sclerophyll forest often near creeks. Habitats within the subject site are not suitable for this species. Not found during survey. Unlikely.	No

Species	BC Act	EPBC Act	No. of Records	Link to Profile	Likelihood of Occurrence	Significance Assessment Required?	
Tall Knotweed Persicaria elatior	-	V	0	https://www.environment.gov.au/cgi- bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon id=5831	This species occurs in coastal swampy areas, along watercourses and disturbed areas. Marginal areas of suitable habitat occur within the subject site in proximity to the dam and creek. Species not detected during site survey and no local records occur. Unlikely to occur	No	
Trailing Woodruff Asperula asthenes	v	V	0	http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thre atenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=1031 6	This species is found in damp sites, often along freshwater streams and drainages. No suitable habitat occurs on site, this species was not detected during surveys. Unlikely to occur.	No	
White-flowered Wax Plant Cynanchum elegans	E	E	0	http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thre atenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=1019 6	This species predominately occurs in dry rainforest and littoral rainforest communities. Habitats of this type do not occur within the subject site and no local records occur. Unlikely to occur.	No	
Key: Critically Endangered (CE),	Key: Critically Endangered (CE), Endangered E, Vulnerable (V).						

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Species	BC Act	EPBC Act	No. of Records	Link to Profile	Likelihood of Occurrence	Significance Assessment Required?
				Amphibia		
Green-thighed Frog Litoria brevipalmata	V	-	5	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=104 85	Green-thighed Frogs occur in a range of habitats from rainforest and moist eucalypt forest to dry eucalypt forest and heath, typically in areas where surface water gathers after rain. It prefers wetter forests in the south of its range, but extends into drier forests in northern NSW and southern Queensland. No suitable habitat on the site. Unlikely.	No
Green & Golden Bell Frog Litoria aurea	E	V	0	http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thre atenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=1048 3	This species inhabits permanent waterbodies with a preference for those which are still. The dam may provide marginal suitable quality habitat for this species within the subject site, however no local	No

Species	BC Act	EPBC Act	No. of Records	Link to Profile	Likelihood of Occurrence	Significance Assessment Required?
					records occur and the species is highly unlikely to occur.	
Stuttering Frog Mixophyes balbus	E	V	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=105 36	Found in rainforest and wet, tall open forest. Outside the breeding season adults prefer deep leaf litter and thick understorey forest floor vegetation. Habitats of this type do not occur within the subject site. No local records. Unlikely to occur.	No
Giant Barred Frog Mixophyes iteratus	E	v	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=105 38	Giant Barred Frogs are found along freshwater streams with permanent or semi-permanent water and favours riparian habitats with deep leaf litter. Habitats of this type do not occur within the subject site. One local records. Unlikely to occur.	No
				Aves		
Freckled Duck Stictonetta naevosa	V	-	1	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=107 71	Prefer permanent freshwater swamps and creeks with heavy growth of Cumbungi, Lignum or Tea-tree. During drier times they move from ephemeral breeding swamps to more permanent waters such as lakes, reservoirs, farm dams and sewage ponds. No suitable habitat on site. Unlikely.	No
Comb-crested Jacana Irediparra gallinacea	V	-	5	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=104 35	Inhabit permanent freshwater wetlands, either still or slow-flowing, with a good surface cover of floating vegetation, especially water-lilies, or fringing and aquatic vegetation. No suitable habitat on site. Unlikely.	No
Brolga Grus rubicunda	V	-	1	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=103 82	Often feed in dry grassland or ploughed paddocks or even desert claypans, they are dependent on wetlands too, especially shallow swamps, where they will forage with their head entirely submerged. No suitable habitat on site. Unlikely.	No
Australasian Bittern Botaurus poiciloptilus	E	E	0	http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thre atenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=1010 5	An estuarine or freshwater species found in areas of dense sedges, reeds and rushes. Suitable habitat for this species is not present on site. Unlikely to occur.	No

Species	BC Act	EPBC Act	No. of Records	Link to Profile	Likelihood of Occurrence	Significance Assessment Required?
Red Knot Calidris canutus	E	-	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=203 10	Mainly occurs in small numbers on intertidal mudflats, estuaries, bays, inlets, lagoons, harbours and sandflats and sandy beaches of sheltered coasts. No suitable habitat on site. Unlikely.	No
Black-necked Stork Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus	E	-	28	http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thre atenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=2011 1	This species is found in close proximity to a water source. Generally inhabiting lakes, swamps, mudflats and mangroves. No suitable habitat within the site – unlikely.	No
Eastern Osprey Pandion cristatus	V	-	1	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=105 85	This species is found in habitats with large, open bodies of water, including large rivers, oceans, and lakes. Breeding habitat for this species typically involves nests in large emergent eucalypts and are always in close proximity to foraging habitat. Waterbodies within the subject site are unlikely to provide suitable foraging habitat and therefore nesting habitat for this species. Unlikely to occur.	No
Glossy Black Cockatoo Calyptorhynchus lathami	v	-	8	http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thre atenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=1014 0	This species occurs in woodlands and dry sclerophyll forest. <i>Allocasuarinas</i> are required as a food resource. <i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i> occurs in relatively high densities along the western edge of the site and the species was recorded through detection of chewed cones. Unlikely.	Yes
Square-tailed Kite Lophoictinia isura	V	-	2	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=104 95	Found in a variety of timbered habitats including dry woodlands and open forests. Shows a particular preference for timbered watercourses. Site is disturbed, with no suitable nesting habitat and marginal forage habitat. Unlikely.	No
Little Eagle Hieraaetus morphnoides	V	-	3	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=201 31	Occupies open eucalypt forest, woodland or open woodland. Sheoak or Acacia woodlands and riparian woodlands of interior NSW are also used. No suitable nesting habitat on site and very marginal forage habitat. Unlikely.	No
Grey Falcon Falco hypoleucos	E	V	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=103 30	An inland species that is restricted to semi-arid regions and not known to occur as far east as the subject site. No local records. Unlikely to occur.	No

Species	BC Act	EPBC Act	No. of Records	Link to Profile	Likelihood of Occurrence	Significance Assessment Required?
Little Lorikeet Glossopsitta pusilla	v	-	3	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=201 11	This species forages primarily in the canopy of open <i>Eucalyptus</i> forest and woodland. Small extent of suitable foraging habitats on site. Low chance of occurrence.	Yes
Masked Owl Tyto novaehollandiae	v	-	4	http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thre atenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=1082 0	This species occurs in forests and woodlands with a sparse understory. It requires tree hollows for nesting and an abundance and diversity of prey species. Prey species are likely scarce across the study area, however there is some potential to forage over the site as part of a larger range. Low chance of occurrence.	Yes
Painted Honeyeater Grantiella picta	v	V	0	http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi- bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon id=470	This species inhabits mistletoe-infested forest and woodland communities. This habitat is rare within the subject site and this species has no local records. Unlikely to occur.	No
Powerful Owl Ninox strenua	v	-	4	http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thre atenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=1056 2	This species occurs in sclerophyll forests and requires an abundance and diversity of prey species. Powerful Owls utilise very large hollows for nesting. Prey species are likely scarce across the study area, though the species may use the site as part of a larger foraging home range. Hollows within the site are not suitable for this species. Possible.	Yes
Red Goshawk Erythrotriorchis radiatus	CE	V	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=102 79	This species is not known or predicted to occur as far south as Port Macquarie. In NSW, they are recorded in riparian habitats and are known to prefer mixed subtropical rainforest, riparian Eucalyptus forests of coastal rivers and Melaleuca swamp forests. Marginal habitats of this type occur within the subject site as disturbed, riparian eucalypt habitat. No local records. Unlikely to occur.	No
Regent Honeyeater Anthochaera phrygia	CE	CE	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=108 41	The species inhabits dry open forest and woodland, particularly Box-Ironbark woodland, and riparian forests of River Oak. Foraging habitats on the site is unlikely to attract this species. No local records. Unlikely to occur.	No

Species	BC Act	EPBC Act	No. of Records	Link to Profile	Likelihood of Occurrence	Significance Assessment Required?
Coxens Fig Parrot Cyclopsitta diophthalma coxeni	CE	E	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=101 95	Usually recorded from drier rainforests and adjacent wetter eucalypt forest but rarely seen due to its small size and cryptic habits. Also found in the wetter lowland rainforests that are now largely cleared in NSW. No suitable habitat on site. Unlikely.	No
Swift Parrot Lathamus discolor	E	CE	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=104 55	On the mainland they occur in areas where eucalypts are flowering profusely or where there are abundant lerp (from sap-sucking bugs) infestations. The minor extent of potential foraging resources on the site is unlikely to attract the species. No local records. Unlikely to occur.	No
Varied Sittella Daphoenositta chrysoptera	V	-	2	http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thre atenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=2013 5	This species forages in trees with rough bark or on dead trees. It is known to occur in a range of vegetation types excluding deserts and grassland. Habitat within the subject site is likely to be too exposed and fragmented. Unlikely to occur.	No
White-bellied Sea Eagle Haliaeetus leucogaster	V	М	8	http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thre atenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=2032 2	This species is found in habitats with large, open bodies of water, including large rivers, oceans, and lakes. Breeding habitat for this species typically involves nests in large emergent eucalypts and are always in close proximity to foraging habitat. Suitable foraging habitats and therefore nesting habitats do not occur within the subject site. Unlikely to occur in the site.	No
Dusky Woodswallow Atamus cyanopterus cyanopterus	V	-	4	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=203 03	Primarily inhabit dry, open eucalypt forests and woodlands, including mallee associations, with an open or sparse understorey of eucalypt saplings, acacias and other shrubs, and ground-cover of grasses or sedges and fallen woody debris. It has also been recorded in shrublands, heathlands and very occasionally in moist forest or rainforest. Also found in farmland, usually at the edges of forest or woodland. Few records of the species. Unlikely to occur.	No

Species	BC Act	EPBC Act	No. of Records	Link to Profile	Likelihood of Occurrence	Significance Assessment Required?
White-throated Needletail Hirundapus caudacutus	-	V, M	25	https://www.environment.gov.au/cgi- bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon id=682	This species is almost exclusively aerial, it is migratory and does not breed in Australia. While the subject site may contain a small area of suitable foraging habitat for this species, it is only likely to fly over the site rather than utilise the site for foraging or resting. Low chance of occurrence.	No
			1	Mammalia		
Brush-tailed Phascogale Phascogale tapoatafa	V	-	1	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=106 13	Generally found in areas of dry sclerophyll open forest containing sparse groundcover. These habitats do not occur within the subject site. The site is considered too disturbed for this species.	No
Greater Glider Petauroides volans	-	V	0	http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi- bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon id=254	The Greater Glider is largely restricted to eucalypt forests and woodlands, favouring forests with a diversity of eucalypt species, due to seasonal variation in its preferred tree species. This species requires hollow-bearing trees for denning and breeding. Site habitat is too disturbed and vegetation too sparse for this species. Unlikely to occur.	No
Grey-headed Flying Fox <i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i>	V	V	18	http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thre atenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=1069 7	A nomadic species which is dependent on winter flowering eucalypts. Potential foraging resources for this species occur within the subject site however no breeding or roosting camps for this species were located within the subject site. Moderate to high potential to occur foraging as part of larger home range.	Yes
Koala Phascolarctos cinereus	E	E	92	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=106 16	The Koala was detected via scats and a recent records of Koala occurs at a similar location within the conservation lot. Several local records for the Koala occur and there is potential habitat for the species on the subject site. Fair potential to occur.	Yes
Yellow-bellied Sheathtail-Bat Saccolaimus flaviventris	V	-	4	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=107 41	Roosts singly or in groups of up to six, in tree hollows and buildings; in treeless areas they are known to utilise mammal burrows. Forages in most habitats across its very wide range, with and without trees;	Yes

Species	BC Act	EPBC Act	No. of Records	Link to Profile	Likelihood of Occurrence	Significance Assessment Required?
					appears to defend an aerial territory. The site offers some marginally suitable habitat. Possible.	
Large Bentwing Bat Miniopterus schreibersii oceanensis	v	-	5	http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thre atenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=1053 4	The primary roosting habitat for this species are caves and subsequently other man-made structures. They forage in well forested areas. Site likely to offer a small area of suitable foraging habitat. Low chance of occurrence.	Yes
Eastern False Pipistrelle Falsistrellus tasmaniensis	v	-	2	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=103 31	Prefers moist habitats, with trees taller than 20m. Generally roosts in eucalypt hollows, but has also been found under loose bark on trees or in buildings. No suitable habitat. Unlikely.	No
Eastern Coastal Free-tailed Bat Micronomus norfolkensis	V	-	3	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=105 44	Occur in dry sclerophyll forest, woodland, swamp forests and mangrove forests east of the Great Dividing Range. Roost mainly in tree hollows but will also roost under bark or in man-made structures. Site likely to offer a small area of suitable foraging habitat. Low chance of occurrence.	Yes
Large-eared Pied Bat Chalinolobus dwyeri	-	V	0	https://www.environment.gov.au/cgi- bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon id=183	This species roosts in sandstone cliffs and woodland valley habitat and prefers box gum, river and rainforest habitats for foraging. Habitats of this type do not occur within the subject site. No local records. Unlikely to occur.	No
Little Bentwing Bat Miniopterus australis	v	-	6	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=105 33	This species inhabits a range of community types however is most common in well-forested areas, often found roosting in caves, old mines and old buildings. Site likely to offer a small area of suitable foraging habitat. Low chance of occurrence.	Yes
Greater Broad-nosed Bat Scoteanax rueppellii	v	-	4	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=107 48	Utilises a variety of habitats from woodland through to moist and dry eucalypt forest and rainforest, though it is most commonly found in tall wet forest. Although this species usually roosts in tree hollows, it has also been found in buildings. No suitable habitat. Unlikely.	No

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Eastern Cave Bat Vespadelus troughtoni	V	-	1	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=108 29	A cave-roosting species that is usually found in dry open forest and woodland, near cliffs or rocky overhangs; has been recorded roosting in disused mine workings, occasionally in colonies of up to 500 individuals. No suitable roosting, few records and marginal forage habitat. Unlikely.	No
Long-nosed Potoroo Potorous tridactylus tridactylus	V	V	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=106 62	This species Inhabits coastal heaths and dry and wet sclerophyll forests. Dense understorey with occasional open areas is an essential part of habitat. Habitats of this type do not occur within the subject site. No local records. Unlikely to occur.	No
New Holland Mouse Pseudomys novaehollandiae	-	V	0	https://www.environment.gov.au/cgi- bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon id=96	This species requires heathlands with a dense understory. Suitable habitat for this species does not occur within the subject site. No local records. Unlikely to occur.	No
Southern Myotis Myotis macropus	V	-	2	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=105 49	This species requires tree hollows, caves, tunnels or dense foliage for roosting. Forages along creek lines and other water bodies and has a preference for riparian habitat. No suitable habitat on the site. Unlikely.	No
Spotted-Tailed Quoll Dasyurus maculatus	V	E	4	http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thre atenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=1020 7	This species prefers forest habitats with dense vegetation. They require forest with suitable den sites such as rock crevices, caves, hollow logs, burrows and tree hollows. Suitable habitat for this species does not occur on site. Unlikely to occur.	No
Squirrel Glider Petaurus norfolcensis	V	-	1	http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thre atenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=1060 4	The Squirrel Glider has a preference for wet and dry sclerophyll forests and woodlands. This species requires abundant tree hollows for refuge and nest sites. Site habitat is unsuitable and likely too disturbed. Unlikely to occur.	No
Yellow-bellied Glider Petaurus australis	V	-	5	http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thre atenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=1060 1	Occurs in tall mature eucalypt forest generally in areas with high rainfall and nutrient rich soil. Feeds primarily on plant and insect exudates (nectar, sap, honeydew, manna) with pollen and insects providing protein. Den, often in family groups, in hollows of large trees.	No

Species	BC Act	EPBC Act	No. of Records	Link to Profile	Likelihood of Occurrence	Significance Assessment Required?
					Unlikely to occur within site due to lack of suitable vegetation and denning hollows.	
				Reptiles		
Three-toed Snake-tooth Skink Coeranoscincus reticulatus	V	V	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=101 72	Rainforest and occasionally moist eucalypt forest, on loamy or sandy soils. The Three-toed Snake-tooth Skink lives in loose soil, leaf litter and rotting logs, and feeds on earthworms and beetle grubs. No suitable habitat on site. Unlikely.	No
				Insects		
Australian Fritillary	E	CE	0	https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/thr	The Australian Fritillary is found in open swampy coastal habitat.	No
Argynnis hyperbius inconstans	E	CE	0	eatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=100 64	Eggs are laid singly on a leaf of the caterpillar's food plant, the Arrowhead Violet (Viola betonicifolia).	INU
					No suitable habitat. Unlikely.	
				Listed Migratory Terrestrial Specie	95	
		1				
Oriental Cuckoo Cuculus optatus	-	М	0	http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi- bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon id=86651	Species forages solitarily in upper and middle levels of boreal forest and mixed woodlands. No suitable habitat occurs on the subject site. No local records. Unlikely to occur.	No
Black-faced Monarch Monarcha melanopsis	-	М	0	http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi- bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon id=609	The Black-faced Monarch mainly occurs in rainforest ecosystems. The subject site contains marginal habitats suitable for this species. Habitats are more likely to be utilised on a transient basis. Low likelihood of occurrence.	No
Spectacled Monarch Monarcha trivirgatus	-	М	0	http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi- bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon id=83946	Usually occurs in dense rainforests and moist eucalypt forests of eastern and north-eastern Australia, the Spectacled Monarch sometimes also inhabits mangroves and other densely vegetated habitats. The site contains minimal potential habitats for this species and there are no local records. Unlikely to occur.	No

Species	BC Act	EPBC Act	No. of Records	Link to Profile	Likelihood of Occurrence	Significance Assessment Required?
Satin Flycatcher Myiagra cyanoleuca	-	М	0	http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi- bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon id=612	Satin Flycatchers inhabit heavily vegetated gullies in eucalypt-dominated forests and taller woodlands, and on migration, occur in coastal forests, woodlands, mangroves and drier woodlands and open forests. The site contains marginal potential habitat for this species however there are no local records. Low likelihood of occurrence.	No
Rufous Fantail Rhipidura rufifrons	-	М	0	http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi- bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon id=612	In east and south-east Australia, the Rufous Fantail mainly inhabits wet sclerophyll forests, often in gullies dominated by eucalypts usually with a dense shrubby understorey often including ferns. The site contains potential habitat for this species however understory is likely too sparse. No local records. Low likelihood of occurrence for this species to utilise habitats on a transient basis.	No
Fork-tailed Swift Apus pacificus	-	М	2	https://www.environment.gov.au/cgi- bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon id=678	The Fork-tailed Swift is almost exclusively aerial they mostly occur over inland plains but sometimes above foothills or in coastal areas. This species does not breed in Australia. The subject site provides an insignificant area of potential foraging habitat for this species. Only two local records. Unlikely to occur.	No



APPENDIX C - BOSET REPORT





APPENDIX D – EPBC ACT MNES SEARCH RESULTS



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 Details Matters of NES Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act Extra Information Caveat Acknowledgements

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:	None
Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar	None
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	None
Commonwealth Marine Area:	None
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:	5
Listed Threatened Species:	82
Listed Migratory Species:	57

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

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 http://www.environment.gov.au/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:	6
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	1
Listed Marine Species:	77
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	12
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:	None
Australian Marine Parks:	None

This part of the report provides information that may also be relevant to the area you have

State and Territory Reserves:	5
Regional Forest Agreements:	1
Nationally Important Wetlands:	2
EPBC Act Referrals:	5
Key Ecological Features (Marine):	None
Biologically Important Areas:	3
Bioregional Assessments:	None
Geological and Bioregional Assessments:	None

Details

Matters of National Environmental Significance

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 Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Coastal Swamp Oak (Casuarina glauca) Forest of New South Wales and South East Queensland ecological community	Endangered	Community likely to occur within area	In feature area
Coastal Swamp Sclerophyll Forest of New South Wales and South East Queensland	Endangered	Community likely to occur within area	In feature area
Littoral Rainforest and Coastal Vine Thickets of Eastern Australia	Critically Endangered	Community likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Lowland Rainforest of Subtropical Australia	Critically Endangered	Community likely to occur within area	In feature area
Subtropical and Temperate Coastal Saltmarsh	Vulnerable	Community likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

Listed Threatened Species		[<u>R</u> e	esource Information]
Status of Conservation Dependent and Number is the current name ID.	d Extinct are not MNES und	er the EPBC Act.	
Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
BIRD			
Anthochaera phrygia			
Regent Honeyeater [82338]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Botaurus poiciloptilus			
Australasian Bittern [1001]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to	In feature area

occur within area

Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]

Endangered

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

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
<u>Calidris ferruginea</u> Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Calyptorhynchus lathami lathami South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo [67036]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Cyclopsitta diophthalma coxeni Coxen's Fig-Parrot [59714]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Diomedea antipodensis Antipodean Albatross [64458]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea antipodensis gibsoni Gibson's Albatross [82270]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea epomophora Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea exulans Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

Erythrotriorchis radiatus



Vulnerable

Species or species In feature area habitat may occur within area

Falco hypoleucos Grey Falcon [929]

Vulnerable

Species or species In feature area habitat may occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Fregetta grallaria grallaria White-bellied Storm-Petrel (Tasman Sea), White-bellied Storm-Petrel (Australasian) [64438]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Grantiella picta Painted Honeyeater [470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail [682]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Lathamus discolor Swift Parrot [744]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Limosa lapponica baueri Nunivak Bar-tailed Godwit, Western Alaskan Bar-tailed Godwit [86380]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Macronectes halli Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Pachyptila turtur subantarctica Fairy Prion (southern) [64445]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

Phoebetria fusca			
Sooty Albatross [1075]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Pterodroma leucoptera leucoptera			
Gould's Petrel, Australian Gould's Petrel [26033]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Pterodroma neglecta neglecta Kermadec Petrel (western) [64450]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area	In buffer area only y
Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
<u>Sternula nereis nereis</u> Australian Fairy Tern [82950]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
<u>Thalassarche bulleri</u> Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [64460]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Thalassarche bulleri platei</u> Northern Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [82273]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Thalassarche carteri</u> Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Thalassarche cauta</u> Shy Albatross [89224]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche eremita Chatham Albatross [64457]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche impavida Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black- browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Thalassarche melanophris

Black-browed Albatross [66472]

Vulnerable

Foraging, feeding or In buffer area only related behaviour likely to occur within area

<u>Thalassarche salvini</u> Salvin's Albatross [64463]

Vulnerable

Foraging, feeding or In buffer area only related behaviour likely to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Thalassarche steadi			
White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
FISH			
Epinephelus daemelii Black Rockcod, Black Cod, Saddled Rockcod [68449]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Hippocampus whitei White's Seahorse, Crowned Seahorse, Sydney Seahorse [66240]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Seriolella brama			
Blue Warehou [69374]	Conservation Dependent	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Thunnus maccoyii			
Southern Bluefin Tuna [69402]	Conservation Dependent	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
FROG			
Litoria aurea			
Green and Golden Bell Frog [1870]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Mixophyes balbus			
Stuttering Frog, Southern Barred Frog (in Victoria) [1942]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Mixophyes iteratus			
Giant Barred Frog, Southern Barred Frog [1944]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
INSECT			
Argynnis hyperbius inconstans			
Australian Fritillary [88056]	Critically Endangered	Spacios or spacios	In facture area

Australian Fritillary [88056]

Critically Endangered

Species or species In habitat may occur within area

In feature area

MAMMAL

Balaenoptera musculus

Blue Whale [36]

Endangered

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Chalinolobus dwyeri Large-eared Pied Bat, Large Pied Bat [183]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Dasyurus maculatus maculatus (SE main Spot-tailed Quoll, Spotted-tail Quoll, Tiger Quoll (southeastern mainland population) [75184]	nland population) Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Eubalaena australis Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Petauroides volans Greater Glider (southern and central) [254]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Petaurus australis australis Yellow-bellied Glider (south-eastern) [87600]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Phascolarctos cinereus (combined popul	lations 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 known to occur within area	In feature area
Potorous tridactylus tridactylus Long-nosed Potoroo (northern) [66645]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
<u>Pseudomys novaehollandiae</u> New Holland Mouse, Pookila [96]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Pteropus poliocephalus Grey-headed Flying-fox [186]	Vulnerable	Roosting known to occur within area	In feature area



Acronychia littoralis

Scented Acronychia [8582]

Endangered

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

<u>Arthraxon hispidus</u> Hairy-joint Grass [9338]

Vulnerable

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

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
<u>Asperula asthenes</u> Trailing Woodruff [14004]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Cryptostylis hunteriana Leafless Tongue-orchid [19533]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Cynanchum elegans White-flowered Wax Plant [12533]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Euphrasia arguta [4325]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Leichhardtia longiloba listed as Marsdeni Clear Milkvine [91911]	•	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	
Macadamia integrifolia Macadamia Nut, Queensland Nut Tree, Smooth-shelled Macadamia, Bush Nut, Nut Oak [7326]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
<u>Melaleuca biconvexa</u> Biconvex Paperbark [5583]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Parsonsia dorrigoensis Milky Silkpod [64684]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Persicaria elatior Knotweed, Tall Knotweed [5831]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area

Phaius australis

Lesser Swamp-orchid [5872]

Endangered

Species or species In feat habitat known to occur within area

In feature area

Rhodamnia rubescens

Scrub Turpentine, Brown Malletwood [15763]

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

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
<u>Rhodomyrtus psidioides</u> Native Guava [19162]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Syzygium paniculatum Magenta Lilly Pilly, Magenta Cherry, Daguba, Scrub Cherry, Creek Lilly Pilly, Brush Cherry [20307]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Thesium australe</u> Austral Toadflax, Toadflax [15202]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Vincetoxicum woollsii listed as Tylophora [40080]	woollsii Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
REPTILE			
<u>Caretta caretta</u> Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Chelonia mydas</u> Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Coeranoscincus reticulatus Three-toed Snake-tooth Skink [59628]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only

Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]

Vulnerable

Breeding likely to occur within area

In buffer area only

SHARK

Carcharias taurus (east coast population)

Grey Nurse Shark (east coast population) [68751]

Critically Endangered Species or species In buffer area only habitat likely to occur within area

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Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
<u>Carcharodon carcharias</u>			
White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Galeorhinus galeus			
School Shark, Eastern School Shark, Snapper Shark, Tope, Soupfin Shark [68453]	Conservation Dependent	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Rhincodon typus			
Whale Shark [66680]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Sphyrna lewini</u>			
Scalloped Hammerhead [85267]	Conservation Dependent	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Listed Migratory Species		[Res	source Information]
Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Migratory Marine Birds			
Anous stolidus			
Common Noddy [825]		Species or species habitat likely to occur	In buffer area only

Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]

Ardenna carneipesFlesh-footed Shearwater, Fleshy-footedShearwater [82404]Ardenna griseaSooty Shearwater [82651]Species or speciesIn buffer area only
habitat likely to occurIn buffer area only
habitat likely to occur

within area

within area

Species or species

Calonectris leucomelas

Streaked Shearwater [1077]

Species or species In buffer area only habitat may occur within area

In feature area

Diomedea antipodensis

Antipodean Albatross [64458]

Vulnerable

Foraging, feeding or In buffer area only related behaviour likely to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Diomedea epomophora Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea exulans Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Fregata ariel Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Fregata minor Great Frigatebird, Greater Frigatebird [1013]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Macronectes halli Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Phaethon lepturus White-tailed Tropicbird [1014]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Phoebetria fusca Sooty Albatross [1075]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Sternula albifrons</u> Little Tern [82849]		Species or species	In buffer area only

habitat may occur within area

Thalassarche bulleri

Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [64460] Vulnerable

Species or species In buffer area only habitat may occur within area

Thalassarche carteri

Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464] Vulnerable

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Thalassarche cauta Shy Albatross [89224]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Thalassarche eremita</u> Chatham Albatross [64457]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche impavida Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black- browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche melanophris Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Thalassarche salvini</u> Salvin's Albatross [64463]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Thalassarche steadi</u> White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Migratory Marine Species			
Balaenoptera edeni Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Carcharhinus longimanus</u> Oceanic Whitetip Shark [84108]		Species or species	In buffer area only

habitat may occur within area

Carcharodon carcharias

White Shark, Great White Shark [64470] Vulnerable

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

Caretta caretta

Loggerhead Turtle [1763]

Endangered

Species or species habitat known to occur within area

In buffer area only

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
<u>Chelonia mydas</u> Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Eubalaena australis as Balaena glacialis	australis		
Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Lamna nasus</u> Porbeagle, Mackerel Shark [83288]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Mobula alfredi as Manta alfredi Reef Manta Ray, Coastal Manta Ray [90033]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Mobula birostris as Manta birostris Giant Manta Ray [90034]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Natator depressus</u> Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Breeding likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

Orcinus orca

Killer Whale, Orca [46]

Species or species In buffer area only habitat may occur within area

Rhincodon typus Whale Shark [66680]

Vulnerable

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Sousa sahulensis as Sousa chinensis			
Australian Humpback Dolphin [87942]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Migratory Terrestrial Species			
<u>Cuculus optatus</u> Oriental Cuckoo, Horsfield's Cuckoo [86651]		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	In feature area
Monarcha melanopsis			
Black-faced Monarch [609]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Myiagra cyanoleuca			
Satin Flycatcher [612]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Rhipidura rufifrons			
Rufous Fantail [592]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Symposiachrus trivirgatus as Monarcha	triviraatus		
Spectacled Monarch [83946]	<u>Invirgatus</u>	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Migratory Wetlands Species			
Actitis hypoleucos			
Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Calidris acuminata			
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species	In feature area

habitat known to occur within area

Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]

Endangered

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

Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]

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

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
<u>Calidris melanotos</u> Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Limosa lapponica Bar-tailed Godwit [844]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Breeding known to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Tringa nebularia</u> Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Commonwealth Lands

The Commonwealth area listed below may indicate the presence of Commonwealth land in this vicinity. Due to the unreliability of the data source, all proposals should be checked as to whether it impacts on a Commonwealth area, before making a definitive decision. Contact the State or Territory government land department for further information.

[Resource Information]

Buffer Status State Communications, Information Technology and the Arts - Australian Broadcasting Corporation Commonwealth Land - Australian Broadcasting Commission [15018] In buffer area only NSW Communications, Information Technology and the Arts - Australian Postal Corporation In buffer area only Commonwealth Land - Australian Postal Commission [11782] NSW Commonwealth Land - Australian Postal Commission [11781] NSW In buffer area only Communications, Information Technology and the Arts - Telstra Corporation Limited In buffer area only Commonwealth Land - Australian Telecommunications Commission [11780] NSW

Commonwealth Land Name		State	Buffer Status
Commonwealth Land - Australian Telecor	nmunications Commissio	n [15970]NSW	In buffer area only
Defence			In huffer area only
Defence - 41 RNSWR KEMPSEY ; KEMP		066] NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Haritage Places		[Poo	source Information 1
Commonwealth Heritage Places	Stata		Source Information]
Name Historic	State	Status	Buffer Status
Kempsey Post Office	NSW	Listed place	In buffer area only
			in baller area only
Listed Marine Species		[Poo	source Information]
	Threatened Category		
Scientific Name Bird	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Actitis hypoleucos			
Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species	In feature area
		habitat likely to occur	
		within area	
Anous stolidus			
Common Noddy [825]		Species or species	In buffer area only
		habitat likely to occur	,
		within area	
Apus pacificus			
Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species	In feature area
		habitat likely to occur	
		within area overfly	
		marine area	
Ardenna carneipes as Puffinus carneipes			
Flesh-footed Shearwater, Fleshy-footed		Foraging, feeding or	In buffer area only
Shearwater [82404]		related behaviour	
		likely to occur within	
		area	
Ardenna grisea as Puffinus griseus			
Sooty Shearwater [82651]		Species or species	In buffer area only
		habitat likely to occur	
		within area	

Bubulcus ibis as Ardea ibis

Cattle Egret [66521]

Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874] Species or species In feature area habitat may occur within area overfly marine area

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

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Calidris canutus			
Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Calidris ferruginea			
Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Calidris melanotos			
Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Calonectris leucomelas			
Streaked Shearwater [1077]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Charadrius leschenaultii			
Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Diomedea antipodensis			
Antipodean Albatross [64458]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea antipodensis gibsoni as Diome	edea gibsoni		
Gibson's Albatross [82270]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea epomophora			
Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

Diomedea exulans

Wandering Albatross [89223]

Vulnerable

Foraging, feeding or In buffer area only related behaviour likely to occur within area

Species or species In habitat known to occur within area

In buffer area only

Fregata ariel

Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
<u>Fregata minor</u> Great Frigatebird, Greater Frigatebird [1013]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Gallinago hardwickii</u> Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]		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 known to 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
Lathamus discolor Swift Parrot [744]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Limosa Iapponica Bar-tailed Godwit [844]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Macronectes halli Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

Merops ornatus

Rainbow Bee-eater [670]

Monarcha melanopsis Black-faced Monarch [609] Species or species In feature area habitat may occur within area overfly marine area

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

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
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]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Pachyptila turtur Fairy Prion [1066]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Breeding known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Phaethon lepturus White-tailed Tropicbird [1014]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Phoebetria fusca Sooty Albatross [1075]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Rhipidura rufifrons Rufous Fantail [592]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Rostratula australis as Rostratula bengh	<u>alensis (sensu lato)</u>		
Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur	In feature area

habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area

Species or species In buffer area only habitat may occur within area

Species or species habitat may occur within area In buffer area only

Stercorarius skua as Catharacta skua

Great Skua [823]

<u>Sternula albifrons as Sterna albifrons</u> Little Tern [82849]

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Symposiachrus trivirgatus as Monarcha Spectacled Monarch [83946]	<u>trivirgatus</u>	Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Thalassarche bulleri			
Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [64460]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche bulleri platei as Thalassarc	<u>che sp. nov.</u>		
Northern Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [82273]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche carteri			
Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche cauta			
Shy Albatross [89224]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche eremita			
Chatham Albatross [64457]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche impavida			
Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black- browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche melanophris			
Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche salvini			
Salvin's Albatross [64463]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour	In buffer area only

likely to occur within area

<u>Thalassarche steadi</u> White-capped Albatross [64462]

Vulnerable

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Tringa nebularia			
Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Fish			
Acentronura tentaculata			
Shortpouch Pygmy Pipehorse [66187]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Festucalex cinctus			
Girdled Pipefish [66214]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Filicampus tigris			
Tiger Pipefish [66217]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Heraldia nocturna			
Upside-down Pipefish, Eastern Upside- down Pipefish, Eastern Upside-down Pipefish [66227]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Hippichthys heptagonus			
Madura Pipefish, Reticulated Freshwater Pipefish [66229]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Hippichthys penicillus			
Beady Pipefish, Steep-nosed Pipefish [66231]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Hippocampus whitei			
White's Seahorse, Crowned Seahorse, Sydney Seahorse [66240]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Histiogamphelus briggsii			
Crested Pipefish, Briggs' Crested Pipefish, Briggs' Pipefish [66242]		Species or species habitat may occur	In buffer area only

Pipefish, Briggs' Pipefish [66242]

habitat may occur within area

Lissocampus runa Javelin Pipefish [66251]

Maroubra perserrata Sawtooth Pipefish [66252] Species or species In buffer area only habitat may occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Solegnathus dunckeri Duncker's Pipehorse [66271]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Solegnathus spinosissimus Spiny Pipehorse, Australian Spiny Pipehorse [66275]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Solenostomus cyanopterus</u> Robust Ghostpipefish, Blue-finned Ghos Pipefish, [66183]	t	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Solenostomus paradoxus Ornate Ghostpipefish, Harlequin Ghost Pipefish, Ornate Ghost Pipefish [66184]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Stigmatopora nigra Widebody Pipefish, Wide-bodied Pipefish, Black Pipefish [66277]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Syngnathoides biaculeatus Double-end Pipehorse, Double-ended Pipehorse, Alligator Pipefish [66279]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Trachyrhamphus bicoarctatus Bentstick Pipefish, Bend Stick Pipefish, Short-tailed Pipefish [66280]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Urocampus carinirostris</u> Hairy Pipefish [66282]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Vanacampus margaritifer Mother-of-pearl Pipefish [66283]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Mammal

Arctocephalus forsteri

Long-nosed Fur-seal, New Zealand Furseal [20]

Arctocephalus pusillus

Australian Fur-seal, Australo-African Fur-seal [21] Species or species In buffer area only habitat may occur within area



Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
<u>Caretta caretta</u> Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Chelonia mydas</u> Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Hydrophis elegans</u> Elegant Seasnake [1104]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Breeding likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Pelamis platurus Yellow-bellied Seasnake [1091]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Whales and Other Cetaceans		[<u>Re</u>	source Information]
Current Scientific Name Mammal	Status	Type of Presence	Buffer Status
Balaenoptera acutorostrata Minke Whale [33]		Species or species	In buffer area only

Balaenoptera edeni

Species or species In buffer area only habitat may occur within area

Bryde's Whale [35]

Balaenoptera musculus

Endangered

Species or species In buffer area only habitat may occur within area

Species or species habitat may occur within area

habitat may occur

within area

In buffer area only

Delphinus delphis

Blue Whale [36]

Common Dolphin, Short-beaked Common Dolphin [60]

Current Scientific Name	Status	Type of Presence	Buffer Status
Eubalaena australis			
Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Grampus griseus</u>			
Risso's Dolphin, Grampus [64]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Megaptera novaeangliae			
Humpback Whale [38]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Orcinus orca			
Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Sousa sahulensis as Sousa chinensis			
Australian Humpback Dolphin [87942]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Stenella attenuata			
Spotted Dolphin, Pantropical Spotted Dolphin [51]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Tursiops aduncus			
Indian Ocean Bottlenose Dolphin, Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin [68418]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Tursiops truncatus s. str.			
Bottlenose Dolphin [68417]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Extra Information

State and Territory Reserves

Protected Area Name	Reserve Type	State	Buffer Status
Goolawah	National Park	NSW	In buffer area only
Hat Head	National Park	NSW	In buffer area only
Kumbatine	National Park	NSW	In buffer area only
Limeburners Creek	National Park	NSW	In buffer area only
Maria	National Park	NSW	In feature area

Regional Forest Agreements	[<u>R</u>	esource Information]
Note that all areas with completed RFAs have been included.		
RFA Name	State	Buffer Status
North East NSW RFA	New South Wales	In feature area

Nationally Important Wetlands		[Resource Information]
Wetland Name	State	Buffer Status
Clybucca Creek Estuary	NSW	In buffer area only
Limeburners Creek Nature Reserve	NSW	In buffer area only

EPBC Act Referrals			[Reso	urce Information
Title of referral	Reference	Referral Outcome	Assessment Statu	s Buffer Status
Controlled action				
Mineral sand mining	2003/931	Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only
Oxley Highway to Kempsey Pacific Highway Upgrade, NSW	2012/6518	Controlled Action	Post-Approval	In buffer area only
Not controlled action				
Church Hill Quarry Proposed Expansion, South Kempsey, NSW	2014/7214	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only
Improving rabbit biocontrol: releasing another strain of RHDV, sthrn two thirds of Australia	2015/7522	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In feature area
Referral decision				
<u>Breeding program for Grey Nurse</u> <u>Sharks</u>	2007/3245	Referral Decision	Completed	In buffer area only
Biologically Important Areas				
Scientific Name		Behaviour	Presence E	Suffer Status
Dolphins				

 Tursiops aduncus

 Indo-Pacific/Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin [68418]
 Breeding
 Likely to occur
 In buffer area only

Sharks

Carcharias taurus

Grey Nurse Shark [64469]

Foraging Known to occur In buffer area only



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.

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