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BIODIVERSITY ASSESSMENT

Planning Proposal
Minimum lot size reduction
Lot 4 DP 1198749
18 Boureong Drive, Gunning, NSW.

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1. Introduction

1.1. Background

This report has been prepared by Macrozamia Environmental to support a Planning Proposal to Upper Lachlan Shire Council for a reduction in the minimum lot size for Lot 4 DP 1198749, Gunning NSW from 10ha to 1000m^2. The parcel of land lies on the north side of the Village of Gunning in the Southern Tablelands of NSW between Yass and Goulburn. The land is currently zoned RU4 Primary Production Small Lots and adjoins to the south, land zoned RU5 Village. The land supports a rural residential dwelling and has a long history of agricultural grazing.

This Biodiversity Assessment considers the potential impacts of the proposal on biodiversity matters. While the proposal is an administrative one, it would open the opportunity for the land to be subdivided for residential uses. In such a scenario a new Biodiversity Assessment would be required that considers the specific impacts of a proposed subdivision design, as such this Biodiversity Assessment takes a strategic perspective of biodiversity impact of the proposal in this landscape.

The project site is located in a rural district and is characterised by grazing land to the west, north and east and residential village to the south.

1.2. Site Description

The 13ha subject site, Lot 4 DP 1198749, 18 Boureong Drive, Gunning, NSW, occurs in a rural/ village landscape to the north of Gunning Village in the south of the Upper Lachlan Local Government Area. The site is 39km to the east of Yass and 49km to the west of Goulburn in the Southern Tablelands.

Vegetation has been heavily modified in this landscape since European settlement. The landscape, including the subject site, have been used for agriculture predominantly grazing for most of the past 200 years. The subject site can be described as an agricultural pasture it supports very little native vegetation and is dominated by exotic grasses. Few trees or shrubs occur on the site, a first order drainageline traverses the southern end of the site from northeast to south along which a greater diversity of flora occurs including some native trees.

Consistent with the Office of Environment and Heritage *Threatened Species Test of Significance Guidelines* (2018), in this report;

> ***Subject Site*** *means the area directly affected by the proposal. The subject site includes the footprint of the development and any ancillary works, facilities, accesses or hazard reduction zones that support the construction or operation of the development or activity.*

And

> ***Study Area*** *means the subject site and any additional areas which are likely to be affected by the proposal, either directly or indirectly. The study area should extend as far as is necessary to take all potential impacts into account.*

The *Subject Site* includes the whole of Lot 4 DP 1198749 as the proposal applies to this parcel explicitly. Future development of the lands will entail specific areas directly impacted by those proposals and will entail different Subject Sites.

The *Study Area* for this assessment includes the whole of 4 DP 1198749 and adjoining lands to the extent that they may be impacted by the proposal, this includes a buffer area of 1km however efforts are focused on biodiversity linkages that could impacted by the proposal. As this Biodiversity Assessment considers a strategic perspective on biodiversity impacts, it is important to consider the site within the biological landscape.

The proposal location and study area are identified on Map 1-1 of this report and specific site activities detailed in the concept plans at Appendix 2 of this report.

1.3. Aims of this Report

The purpose of this report is to identify and assess the terrestrial biodiversity, including flora, fauna and communities occurring in the study area and the likely impacts of the proposed development on these matters, with consideration of the site's landscape context. This report addresses the legislative framework below;

i. The Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act)

   a. Biodiversity Matters of National Environmental Significance

      Identification of protected matters at risk of impact and assessment of significance of any impact

ii. NSW *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act)

   a. Part 4, Divisions 2 and 5

      Consideration of listed species, ecological communities and key threatening processes to be considered under s7.3

   b. Section 7.3

      Test of Significance, for determining whether proposed development or activity is likely to significantly affect threatened species or ecological communities, or their habitats

iii. NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act)

   a. Part 5, Infrastructure and environmental impact assessment

iv. NSW *State Environmental Planning Policy (Koala Habitat Protection) 2019* (Koala SEPP)

   a. Part 2, Section 9 - Development assessment process—no approved koala plan of management for land

v. *Upper Lachlan Local Environmental Plan 2010* (LEP)

   a. Clause 6.2 – Biodiversity

(1) The objective of this clause is to maintain terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity including—

(a) protecting native fauna and flora, and
(b) protecting the ecological processes necessary for their continued existence &
(c) encouraging the recovery of native fauna and flora, and their habitats.

(2) This clause applies to land identified as "sensitive land" on the Natural Resources Sensitivity—Biodiversity Map.

This Biodiversity Assessment aims to

- Provide a description of the subject site and study area
- Describe the methods used to assess biodiversity
- Identify the key flora and fauna species & vegetation communities present in the study area, including an assessment of potential habitat values of the site and their interaction with habitats outside the study area
- Identifies the listed threatened species, populations migratory species & ecological communities with potential to occur in the study area
- Define the potential impacts of the proposal on biodiversity and assess the significance of potential impacts on threatened species, populations and ecological communities and migratory species.

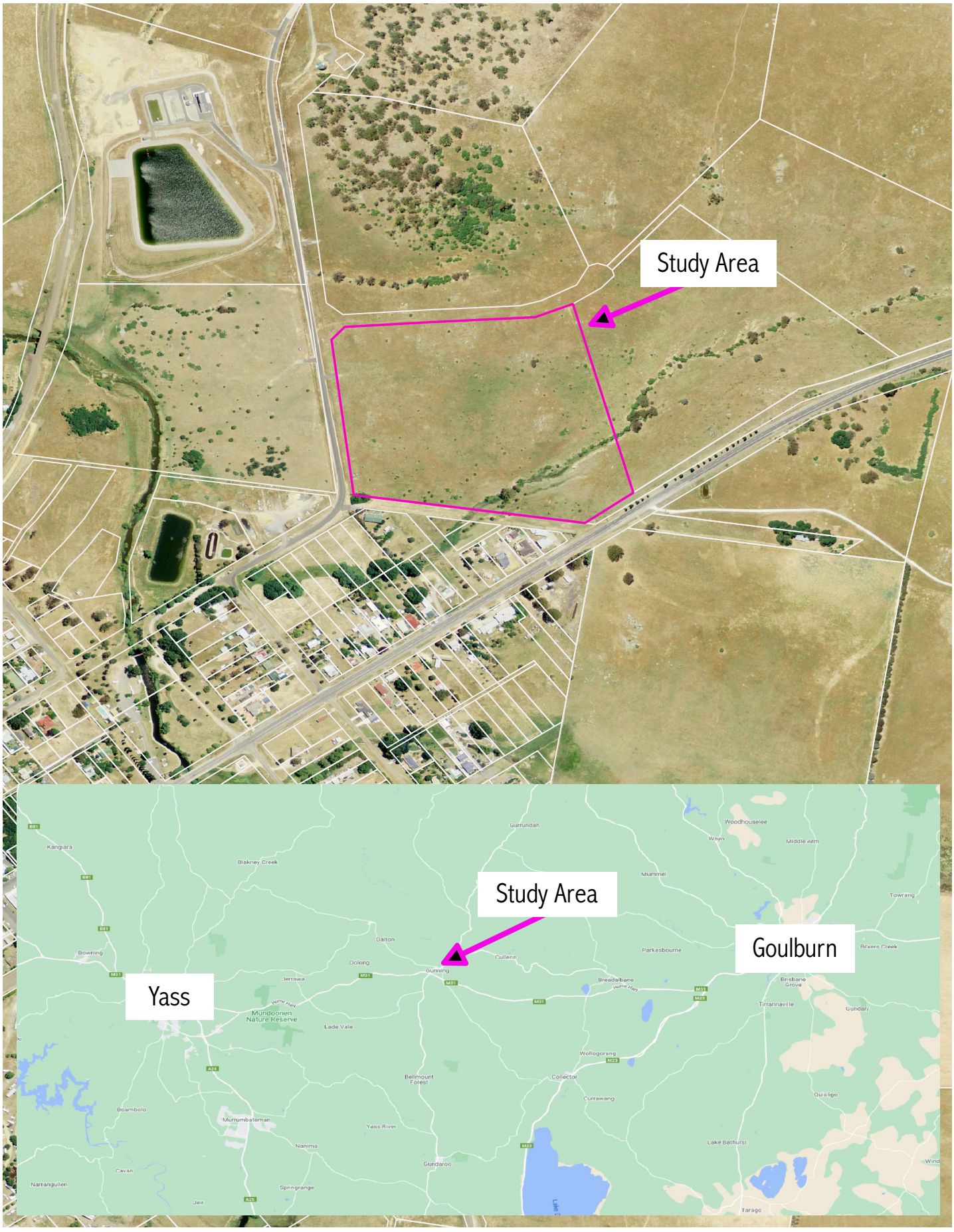
It is important to note that not all species that occur on or use this site could be identified without an extended survey period of several seasons and over numerous site visits. A survey of this extent is beyond the scope of this assessment more accurate field survey will be undertaken for any future development as required. To compensate for this, habitats have been assessed with consideration of potentially occurring species applying the principle, particularly in relation to listed matters.

1.4. Description of Proposal

The proposal is to reduce the minimum lot size of Lot 4 DP 1198749 from 10ha to 1000m^2.

This will allow subsequent subdivision of the land, subject to site constraints, into lot sizes of at least 1000m^2.

This Biodiversity Assessment considers the potential impact on flora and fauna of the proposal including matters protected under legislation. The impact assessment is based on the capacity of the landscape to support lot sizes of 1000m^2 on this site. However, it does not consider a specific subdivision design. Any future development application for subdivision must be accompanied by a specific biodiversity assessment for that application.



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Map 1-1
Study Area and Locality

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2. Methods

2.1. Literature and Database Review

The study area and its landscape context were considered through a literature and database review in preparation for field survey and to inform survey aims and threatened biodiversity assessments. Aerial photography, NSW Government GIS data and NSW & Commonwealth databases as well as Macrozamia Environmental's records from previous surveys all informed this review, the following sources being key to this assessment;

- Current versions of legislation referred to in section 1.3 of this Biodiversity Assessment, *NSW Legislation website*
- NSW ePlanning Spatial Viewer, *NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment*
- BioNet Atlas of NSW Wildlife, *NSW Office of Environment and Heritage*
- Threatened Biodiversity Profiles, *NSW Office of Environment and Heritage*
- NSW Vegetation Information System, *NSW Office of Environment and Heritage*
- *Land and Property Information* SIX Map Topographic and Cadastral Data for this Local Government Area, periodically updated on our GIS
- EPBC Protected Matters Search Tool, *Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment*.

Wherever applicable, NSW and Commonwealth policies and guidelines have been adopted in the undertaking of this assessment, the following have been key to preparation of this report;

- Threatened Species Test of Significance Guidelines *NSW Office of Environment and Heritage 2018*
- The EPBC Act Matters of National Environmental Significance: Significant Impact Guidelines, *Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts 2013*.

Threatened species, populations and migratory species that were recorded within 10km of the study area in the BioNet Atlas of NSW Wildlife and listed in the EPBC Protected Matters Search Tool were considered for their likelihood of occurrence in the study area the following factors informed this assessment;

- The location and date of records
- Habitat within the study area and habitats in the landscape including the continuity of suitable habitats for the matter under consideration
- Scientific literature pertaining to each matter and applying ecological knowledge to the assessment.

The potential for each threatened matter or migratory species to occur was then considered and the necessity for targeted field surveys was determined. Following field surveys and review of habitat occurring in the study area, the potential for species, communities or populations to use the study area or to be impacted directly or indirectly by the proposal was assessed, this assessment is summarised in the table at Appendix 1 of this report.

2.2. Field Survey

The study area has been considered for its terrain and landscape features, vegetation communities in the study area were defined and mapped and consideration made how they link to habitats of the surrounding landscape.

2.3. Flora and Vegetation Communities

All flora and fauna species identified were recorded along with ecological communities and habitat components occurring on the site.

Key flora species were recorded and vegetation communities mapped and defined then compared with OEH defined Plant Community Types and checked against described listed vegetation communities.

Targeted surveys were undertaken for threatened species of plants that were considered to have potential to occur on the site based on desktop research or where habitats on site were found to be suitable.

Floral nomenclature is consistent with *The Plant Information Network System of The Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust* PlantNET online resource.

2.4. Fauna and Fauna Habitats

Given the lack of habitat available on the site or nearby, no structured fauna surveys were undertaken.

Habitat components that may be used for foraging, roosting, breeding or nesting by any potentially occurring fauna were considered, along with the continuity of habitat present within the study area as well as stepping stone or corridor habitat that may connect the study area to other parts of the landscape, particularly to areas of quality habitat or conservation areas.

Habitat surveys targeted tree hollows, stags, bird nests, possum dreys, decorticating bark, rock shelters, rock outcrops / crevices, mature / old growth trees, food species particularly nectar producing and palatable species such as mistletoes and proteaceae species.

Artificial structures such as bridges/ culverts, dams, service pits and other structures were also considered for their habitat value.

Faunal nomenclature is consistent with;

- Cogger, H. (1992). Reptiles and Amphibians of Australia, Revised Edition. Reed, Sydney.
- Morcombe, M. (2000). Field Guide to Australian Birds. Steve Parish Publishing Pty Ltd, Queensland.
- Strahan, R. (1995). The Mammals of Australia. Australian Museum/Reed Books, Sydney.

2.5. Survey Limitations

The flora survey aimed to record all the key and most frequent species occurring on the study area in order to accurately describe vegetation characteristics and classify plant community types present as well as all important weed species. A definitive list of the flora occurring in the study area cannot be derived without structured surveys over several seasons. Such survey effort is beyond the scope of this assessment given past land uses on the site, its degraded nature and the nature of the proposal's impacts.

Despite these limitations the biodiversity assessment undertaken for flora, vegetation communities and fauna is adequate to undertake appropriate biodiversity impact assessment.

Biodiversity survey following OEH's published threatened species survey and assessment guidelines was not undertaken as sufficient detail to determine the likelihood of occurrence of threatened species and communities as well as potentially occurring migratory species for the purposes of this assessment has been achieved through flora and habitat assessment during the field survey.

3. Results

3.1. Literature and Database Review

Desktop assessment has identified the following characteristics of the site;

Landform and drainage

The study area occurs at an elevation of 650 to 690m asl, it is for the most part sloping to the north and drained by ephemeral watercourses towards Jerrara Creek and which flows to the east to the Shoalhaven River.

Soils and geology

The majority of the study area is mapped as the "Garland Soil Landscape" *NSW Soil Landscapes 1:150000 mapping* and a small area in the northeast corner is mapped as the "Wyangala Soil Landscape".

The Garland Soil Landscape is described as occurring in undulating rises and valleys formed from granitic parent material. Extensive areas occur in two north- south trending bands between Gunning and Hovells Creek and between Tarago Lagoon and the Isabella River. Commonly light red sandy duplex soils on upper slopes and mottled yellow duplex soils with sandy textured topsoils and bleached A2 horizons on mid and lower slopes. Sandy Red and Yellow Earths also found on sideslopes. Deep Siliceous Sands are found in some drainage lines. Granitic tors and pavements occasionally present. In some areas Red Podzolic Soils may be dominant.

Gullying of drainage lines is the most frequent form of soil erosion. Where gullies are allowed to progress unchecked, they can often reach depths of >3 m. Sheet erosion occurs only in very dry years or following bushfires, because the predominantly slightly sandy textured soils respond quickly to even relatively light falls of rain. Occasional salting in low-lying areas, particularly where Ordovician metasediments occur upslope.

In terms of native vegetation only scattered trees remain. Likely vegetation community is a Savannah woodland of yellow box and Blakelys red gum. A well-developed herbaceous layer, composed of spear grasses, kangaroo grass, and Poa species, occurred naturally beneath the open tree canopy. However, because of heavy grazing or fires, these grasses have been wholly or partly replaced with wallaby grasses, wire grass and often shrubs.

The Wyangala Soil Landscape is described as occurring on the Wyangala granite in north-south trending bands between gunning and Hovels creek. Siliceous Sands, Red Earths and red duplex soils occur on sideslopes with Yellow Podzolic Soils on footslopes and in some drainage lines. Large granitic boulders are a feature.

Some gully erosion is found within the drainage lines. Sheet erosion occurs following drought or bushfires. Occasional salting of low-lying areas. Most of the area has been substantially cleared. The most likely original vegetation community was a Savannah woodland of yellow box and Blakelys red gum. In western areas cypress pine (*Callitris spp*.) sometimes occur on the crests of hills.

Environmental planning

Upper Lachlan Local Environmental Plan 2010 (LEP)

Parts of the Study Area are mapped as "sensitive land" on the Natural Resources Sensitivity—Biodiversity Map. As such the following clauses apply;

> (3) Before determining a development application for land to which this clause applies, the consent authority must consider any adverse impact from the proposed development on—

(a) a native ecological community, and

(b) the habitat of any threatened species, populations or ecological community, and

(c) a regionally significant species of fauna and flora or habitat, and

(d) a habitat element providing connectivity.

(4) Development consent must not be granted to development on land to which this clause applies unless the consent authority is satisfied that—

(a) the development is designed, sited and will be managed to avoid any adverse environmental impact, or

(b) if that impact cannot be avoided—the development is designed, sited and will be managed to minimise that impact, or

(c) if that impact cannot be minimised—the development will be managed to mitigate that impact.

This report cannot assess these matters in terms of possible future developments, it will be necessary for any future development applications to meet the requirements of sub-clauses (3) and (4). This report does consider the feasibility of Clause 6.2 – Biodiversity applying to future development of the site.

SEPP (Koala Habitat Protection) 2019

The Koala SEPP applies to this Local Government Area and there is no *approved koala plan of management* applying to the land. Consequently, before a Council may grant consent to a development application for consent to carry out development on the land, the Council must assess, in accordance with *the Guideline*, whether the development is likely to have any impact on koalas or koala habitat. This report addresses the Koala SEPP in Section 6.

Threatened Biodiversity

Section 4, *Threatened Species Populations & Ecological Communities*, of this report addresses findings of desktop review of threatened biodiversity.

Appendix 1 of this report presents these protected matters that have been considered in this assessment.

3.2. Vegetation communities and flora species

The study area occurs in an environment that has supported eucalypt dominated woodland and forest for many years prior to European settlement. These ecosystems have been progressively modified over the past 200 years, intersected by road and utility corridors and cleared for agriculture, typically grazing enterprises, in the lower flatter parts of the landscape while hill tops and ridges have typically been cleared for timber and often allowed to regenerate due to poorer soils and unsuitability for agriculture. In some parts of the landscape native vegetation communities are relatively intact, particularly on upper slopes and ridges, however they cannot be considered 'old growth' having suffered disturbance and clearing periodically in the past.

These areas of native vegetation still occurring in this landscape are typically Box-gum Woodland (*PCT 1330 Yellow Box - Blakely's Red Gum grassy woodland on the tablelands, South Eastern Highlands Bioregion*). Elements of this community persist in a fragmented pattern however they are not intact examples of this community, often only canopy species remain and understories are grazed by domestic stock. In the immediate landscape, this community is represented by the canopy species Yellow-box (*Eucalyptus melliodora*), Apple-box (*E. bridgesiana*) and Blakelies Red-gum (*E. blakelyi*).

This community is listed as a Critically Endangered Ecological Community under the NSW BC Act listed as "*White Box - Yellow Box - Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived*

Native Grassland in the NSW North Coast, New England Tableland, Nandewar, Brigalow Belt South, Sydney Basin, South Eastern Highlands, NSW South Western Slopes, South East Corner and Riverina Bioregions".

There are no examples of this community on the subject site and no examples of this community in the landscape are at risk of impact by the proposal.

Understory species are sparse and generally represented by exotic species including Hawthorn (*Crataegus laevigata*) and Sweet Briar (*Rosa rubiginosa*), these also occur on the subject site.

The vegetation of the study area is dominated by exotic pasture species, the following species were observed;

Clover (*Trifolium spp*.)

Dock (*Rumex spp*.)

Common centaury (*Centaurium erythraea*)

Hairy Panic (*Panicum effusum*)

Phalaris (*Phalaris aquatica*)

Serrated Tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*)

Chilean Needlegrass (*Nassella neesiana*)

Cocksfoot (*Dactylis glomerata*)

Fescue (*Vulpia spp*.)

Brome (*Bromus spp.*)

Rough Dog's Tail (*Cynosurus echinatus*)

Hair Grass (*Aira spp*.)

Wallaby Grass (*Rytidosperma spp*.)

Speargrasses (*Austrostipa spp.*)

Purple Wiregrass (*Aristida ramosa*)

Weeping Grass (*Microlaena stipoides*)

Star Cudweed (*Euchiton sphaericus*)

Serrated Tussock & Chilean Needlegrass are listed as weeds of national significance under schedules of the NSW *Biosecurity Act 2015* and *Local Land Services* (2017) future use of the site should manage these species, a weed management plan should be prepared and implemented with consideration of future land uses.

No flora species or communities were recorded or considered likely to occur that are listed matters under the BC Act or the EPBC Act.

3.3. Fauna and Fauna Habitat

Due to the limited survey period and lack of habitat diversity, few fauna were found using the site, however, the potential for fauna to use the site, particularly threatened species has been considered based on the habitats present.

The majority of the site offers little to no habitat of value to native fauna. The drainage line traversing the site offers some value in terms of minor vegetative structure, intermittent surface water and continuity across the landscape.

Important habitat components for fauna including vegetative structure, arboreal habitat,

seasonally flowering/ fruiting grasses and forbs, dead standing and fallen timber, rocky areas and termite mounds.

Habitat continuity across the subject site is generally poor along with continuity with other habitats in the landscape. In addition to a lack of wildlife corridors and steppingstone habitat, movement of fauna is hindered by tracks, roads, cleared corridors for electrical transmission infrastructure and rural fences.

No fauna species or fauna habitats were recorded or considered likely to occur that are listed matters under the BC Act or the EPBC Act.

3.4. Impacts

The proposal is an administrative one and will allow the subject site to change land use from agriculture to residential. The subject site has been managed for agriculture for many years and is typical of most of the land in the district, it is dominated by exotic pasture, devoid of native vegetation and offers very little biodiversity value. A change to residential use would increase the resources available to manage weeds and result in landscaping that improves biodiversity.

Specific impacts of a future subdivision of the subject site would need to be considered in the context of the subdivision design and the planning environment at the time a proposal is lodged. Section 9, *Impact Mitigation Measures*, of this report provide measures that will offset and manage potential impacts.

4. Threatened Species, Populations and Ecological Communities

The BC Act provides a series of native vegetation clearing thresholds and a Biodiversity Values Map (BVM) to determine the necessity for the impacts on biodiversity of a development to be assessed using the BC Act's Biodiversity Assessment Method. Due to the small size of this proposal it does not meet these thresholds and is not mapped on the BVM. Despite this, where there is potential for listed matters (species, populations or ecological communities) to be impacted by a proposal a Test of Significance must be undertaken to determine the significance of any impact.

The potential for protected matters occurring in the area to be impacted has been assessed in the threatened matter evaluations table at Appendix 1 of this report.

The findings of this assessment are as follows;

4.1. Threatened species

Appendix 1 addressed several listed species that have been recorded within 10km of the study area in the past or considered to have some potential to occur on the site based on habitats in the landscape.

Following this assessment, no Threatened Species listed under the BC Act were considered likely to occur on the site or be impacted by the proposal.

4.1. Endangered Populations

No Endangered Populations listed under the BC Act have been considered likely to be at risk of impact by the proposal.

4.2. Endangered Ecological Communities

Appendix 1 addressed 2 listed communities. Neither of these were found likely to be at risk of impact by the proposal, elements of Boxgum Woodland occur in the landscape however none persist on the subject area forming this community.

5. Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

The *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) specifies that approval is required from the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment for actions that have, will have or are likely to have a significant impact on a matter of "national environmental significance".

The Act identifies nine matters of national environmental significance being:

1) World Heritage properties
2) National heritage places
3) Wetlands of international importance (Ramsar wetlands)
4) Threatened species and ecological communities
5) Migratory species
6) Commonwealth marine areas
7) Nuclear actions (including uranium mining)
8) Great Barrier Reef Marine Park
9) Water impacts from coal seam gas and large coal mining actions

Matters number 4 (Threatened species, ecological communities) and 5 (Migratory species) are relevant to this proposal.

5.1. Threatened Species & Ecological Communities:

Threatened species listed under this act have been considered in the Appendix 2 assessment along with NSW BC Act listed species.

The Commonwealth Environment Department protected matters search tool was used to highlight any maters of national environmental significance that could be of concern. No matters were considered likely to be impacted by the proposal.

5.2. Migratory Species:

In addition to threatened species and ecological communities, the EPBC Act allows for the listing of internationally protected migratory species, i.e. species listed under the Japan-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement (JAMBA), the China - Australia Migratory Bird Agreement (CAMBA) and the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention).

No protected migratory species were observed on site at the time of this assessment or considered likely to occur on the site or rely on resources provided by its habitats.

6. State Environmental Planning Policy (Koala Habitat Protection) 2019

State Environmental Planning Policy (Koala Habitat Protection) 2019 (KHP SEPP) aims to encourage the conservation and management of areas of natural vegetation that provide habitat for koalas to support a permanent free-living population over their present range and reverse the current trend of koala population decline. This SEPP lists Local Government Areas (LGA) to which the SEPP applies, Koala use tree species for each koala management area and a mechanisms for the preparation and approval for koala plans of management.

The KHP SEPP applies in this LGA and no approved koala plan of management has been prepared for the land, as such the following applies.

> *9 Development assessment process—no approved koala plan of management for land*
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> *(1) This clause applies to land to which this Policy applies if the land—*
>
> *(a (Repealed)*
>
> *(b) has an area of at least 1 hectare (including adjoining land within the same ownership), and*
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> *(c) does not have an approved koala plan of management applying to the land.*
>
> *(2) Before a council may grant consent to a development application for consent to carry out development on the land, the council must assess, in accordance with the Guideline, whether the development is likely to have any impact on koalas or koala habitat.*
>
> *(3) If the council is satisfied that the development is likely to have low or no impact on koalas or koala habitat, the council may grant consent to the development application.*
>
> *(4) If the council is satisfied that the development is likely to have a higher level of impact on koalas or koala habitat, the council must, in deciding whether to grant consent to the development application, take into account a koala assessment report for the development.*
>
> *(5) However, despite subclauses (3) and (4), the council may grant development consent if the applicant provides to the council—*
>
> *(a) information, prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced person in accordance with the Guideline, the council is satisfied demonstrates that the land subject of the development application—*
>
> *(i) does not include any trees belonging to the koala use tree species listed in Schedule 2 for the relevant koala management area, or*
>
> *(ii) is not core koala habitat, or*
>
> *(b) information, prepared in accordance with the Guideline, the council is satisfied demonstrates that the land subject of the development application—*
>
> *(i) does not include any trees with a diameter at breast height over bark of more than 10 centimetres, or*
>
> *(ii) includes only horticultural or agricultural plantations.* The vegetation occurring on the site has been considered by a suitably qualified ecologist, trees do occur in the area that are listed as koala habitat trees by the KHP SEPP however the habitat is unlikely to support koalas due to its small area and remoteness from core koala habitat.

Core Koala Habitat is defined by KHP SEPP as follows;

> *(a) an area of land which has been assessed by a suitably qualified and experienced person in accordance with the Guideline as being highly suitable koala habitat and where koalas are recorded as being present at the time of assessment of the land as highly suitable koala habitat, or*
>
> *(b) an area of land which has been assessed by a suitably qualified and experienced person in accordance with the Guideline as being highly suitable koala habitat and where koalas have been recorded as being present in the previous 18 years.*

At this stage this SEPP will not apply as a Development Application has not been lodged, however, a subsequent application for subdivision will trigger clause 9 (3), as; *development is likely to have low or no impact on koalas or koala habitat.* In this case, Council must be satisfied that the development is likely to have low or no impact on koalas or koala habitat before the Council may grant consent to the development application

Habitat on the site is unlikely to support koalas, koala habitat is not present on or near the subject site and a subdivision would not have any impact on koalas or koala habitat. Therefore it is unlikely that the Koala SEPP would preclude a future subdivision development on this site.

7. NSW Fisheries Management Act 1994

The Fisheries Management Act 1994 provides for the protection of fish and marine vegetation, endangered populations and ecological communities by a listing process. No species, populations or communities listed under this act were recorded on site at the time of this assessment or are considered likely to occur on this site. No Tests of Significance have been prepared for species protected by this act in relation to the proposed development.

8. Assessment of the Biodiversity Impact

Considering the information detailed above that has been summarised from information collected during field and desktop investigations and assessments of significance for threatened species and communities the following final assessments are made.

8.1. Direct Impacts

The proposal will result in the 13ha subject site being available to transition from agricultural to residential.

8.2. Indirect Impacts

Operation of the subject site for residential use will increase traffic on Boureong Drive that may have minor impacts on road strike mortality of fauna. This impact is considered very minor given the low abundance and quality of habitat in the area.

As the site transitions to residential landscaping of residential dwellings will increase vegetation diversity. This will result in more animals, particularly birds using the site and be a positive impact on biodiversity.

8.3. Potential Impacts on Flora

Vegetation impacts will not significantly impact any threatened flora or endangered ecological communities.

The proposal will not involve the removal of any significant vegetation, plant habitats or significantly degrade the ecological value of the study area.

8.4. Potential Impacts on Fauna and Habitat

No areas of important habitat or unique habitat components will be removed as part of this proposal.

The impact of the proposal on fauna populations and their habitats is considered likely to be insignificant.

No listed threatened fauna or their habitats are considered at risk of impact by this proposal.

9. Impact Mitigation Measures

The following impact mitigation measures are recommended for adoption to reduce the likelihood of any negative impacts on flora and fauna associated with this proposal both in the short and long term.

9.1 Any future Development Application to subdivide Lot 4 DP 1198749 must be accompanied by a Biodiversity Assessment that;

a) Considers the specific design of the proposal &

b) Meets planning requirements for biodiversity current at the time of application

10. Conclusion

This report has assessed the flora and fauna associated with this site and the extent and nature of impacts on biodiversity of the planning proposal.

It is essential that this report's impact mitigation measures be implemented in order to manage potential weed issues on the site and ensure that adjoining areas of high biodiversity value lands are not impacted.

There are no other biodiversity issues associated with this proposal and if the impact mitigation measures recommended by this report are implemented the overall impact of this proposal on flora and fauna will be negligible.

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Appendix 1 – Threatened Matter Evaluations

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Threatened Species Evaluations

The following table present the evaluations for threatened species, endangered ecological communities and endangered populations found either

1. Within a 10km buffer of the study site in the Atlas of NSW Wildlife (Bionet).
2. Identified as potentially occurring in the area by the Commonwealth EPBC Protected Matters Search Tool.
3. Considered to have potential to occur in the landscape given habitats available

The assessment of potential for impact to the species or ecological community is based on the nature of the proposal, it's direct and indirect impacts and the ecology of the species. Where a potential impact to a threatened species, ecological community or endangered populations has been identified a *Test of Significance* for determining whether proposed development or activity is likely to significantly affect threatened species or ecological communities, or their habitats has been undertaken in line with Section 7.3 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

Abbreviations

Matter status under each act, *NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act) or the *Commonwealth Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) (depending on the table column the abbreviation is placed in) are abbreviated as follows;

- E: listed as endangered
- V: listed as vulnerable
- CE: listed as Critically Endangered
- EEC: listed as an Endangered Ecological Community
- CEEC: listed as a Critically Endangered Ecological Community
- M: Migratory Species under the EPBC Act.

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Species name	Habitat requirements	TSC Act	EPBC Act	Presence of habitat	Likelihood of occurrence	Potential impact
Fauna						
Birds						
Anthochaera Phrygia Regent Honeyeater	The regent honeyeater inhabits dry open forest and woodland, particularly Box-Ironbark woodland, and riparian forests of River Sheoak. These woodlands have significantly large numbers of mature trees, high canopy cover and abundance of mistletoes. The Regent Honeyeater is a generalist forager, although it feeds mainly on the nectar from a relatively small number of eucalypts that produce high volumes of nectar. Key eucalypt species include Mugga Ironbark, Yellow Box, White Box and Swamp Mahogany. Also utilises *E. microcarpa, E. punctata, E. polyanthemos, E. moluccana, Corymbia robusta, E. crebra, E. caleyi, Corymbia maculata, E. mckieana, E. macrorhyncha, E. laevopinea*, and *Angophora floribunda*. Nectar and fruit from the mistletoes *Amyema miquelii, A. pendula and A. cambagei* are also utilised. When nectar is scarce lerp and honeydew can comprise a large proportion of the diet.	CE	CE	Present, feed trees and mistletoe present landscape, not on subject site	Possible rare visitor to site	No unlikely to be impacted Proposal will not impact potential habitat
Grantiella picta Painted Honeyeater	Inhabits Boree/ Weeping Myall (*Acacia pendula*), Brigalow (*A. harpophylla*) and Box-Gum Woodlands and Box-Ironbark Forests. A specialist feeder on the fruits of mistletoes growing on woodland eucalypts and acacias. Prefers mistletoes of the genus *Amyema*. Insects and nectar from mistletoe or eucalypts are occasionally eaten. Nest from spring to autumn in a small, delicate nest hanging within the outer canopy of drooping eucalypts, she-oak, paperbark or mistletoe branches.	V	V	Present, woodland habitat and mistletoe present in landscape	Possible occasional visitor	No unlikely to be impacted Proposal will not significantly impact potential habitat
Melithreptus gularis gularis Black-chinned Honeyeater	Occupies mostly upper levels of drier open forests or woodlands dominated by box and ironbark eucalypts, especially Mugga Ironbark (*Eucalyptus sideroxylon*), White Box (*E. albens*), Inland Grey Box (*E. microcarpa*), Yellow Box (*E. melliodora*), Blakely's Red Gum (*E. blakelyi*) and Forest Red Gum (*E. tereticornis*). Also inhabits open forests of	V		Absent	Unlikely	No

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(eastern subspecies)	smooth-barked gums, stringybarks, ironbarks, river sheoaks (nesting habitat) and tea-trees. Feeding territories are large making the species locally nomadic. The Black-chinned Honeyeater tends to occur in the largest woodland patches in the landscape as birds forage over large home ranges of at least 5 hectares.					
Botaurus poiciloptilus Australasian Bittern	Favours permanent freshwater wetlands with tall, dense vegetation, particularly bullrushes (*Typha* spp.) and spikerushes (*Eleocharis* spp.). Hides during the day amongst dense reeds or rushes and feed mainly at night on frogs, fish, yabbies, spiders, insects and snails.		E	Absent	Unlikely	No
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper	The curlew sandpiper generally occupies littoral and estuarine habitats, and in New South Wales is mainly found in intertidal mudflats of sheltered coasts. It also occurs in non-tidal swamps, lakes and lagoons on the coast and sometimes inland. It forages in or at the edge of shallow water, occasionally on exposed algal mats or waterweed, or on banks of beach-cast seagrass or seaweed.		CE,M	Absent	Unlikely	No
Callocephalon fimbriatum Gang-gang Cockatoo	In spring and summer, the species is generally found in tall mountain forests and woodlands, particularly in heavily timbered and mature wet sclerophyll forests. In autumn and winter, the species often moves to lower altitudes in drier more open eucalypt forests and woodlands, particularly box-gum and box-ironbark assemblages, or in dry forest in coastal areas and often found in urban areas. May also occur in sub-alpine Snow Gum (*Eucalyptus pauciflora*) woodland and occasionally in temperate rainforests. Favours old growth forest and woodland attributes for nesting and roosting. Feed mainly on seeds of native and introduced trees and shrubs, with a preference for eucalypts, wattles and introduced hawthorns. They will also eat berries, fruits, nuts and insects and their larvae. Nests are located in hollows that are 10 cm in diameter or larger and at least 9 m above the ground in eucalypts.	V		Absent	Unlikely	No
Calyptorhynchus lathami Glossy Black-Cockatoo	Inhabits open forest and woodlands of the coast and the Great Dividing Range where stands of sheoak occur. Black Sheoak (*Allocasuarina littoralis*) and Forest Sheoak (*A. torulosa*) are important foods. Inland populations feed on a wide range of sheoaks, including Drooping	V		Absent	Unlikely	No

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	Sheoak, *Allocasuaraina diminuta*, and *A. gymnathera*. Belah (*Casuarina cristata*) is also utilised and may be a critical food source for some populations. Feeds almost exclusively on the seeds of several species of she-oak (*Casuarina* and *Allocasuarina* species), shredding the cones with the massive bill. Dependent on large hollow-bearing eucalypts for nest sites.					
Glossopsitta pusilla Little Lorikeet	Forages primarily in the canopy of open *Eucalyptus* forest and woodland, yet also finds food in *Angophora, Melaleuca* and other tree species. Riparian habitats are particularly used, due to higher soil fertility and hence greater productivity. Isolated flowering trees in open country, e.g. paddocks, roadside remnants and urban trees also help sustain viable populations of the species. Feeds mostly on nectar and pollen, occasionally on native fruits such as mistletoe, and only rarely in orchards. Roosts in treetops, often distant from feeding areas. Nests in proximity to feeding areas if possible, most typically selecting hollows in the limb or trunk of smooth-barked Eucalypts. Entrance is small (3 cm) and usually high above the ground (2–15 m). Riparian trees often chosen, including species like *Allocasuarina*.	V		Present in landscape	Unlikely but may pass through site	No unlikely to be impacted Proposal will not significantly impact potential habitat
Lathamus discolour Swift Parrot	On the Australian mainland they occur in areas where eucalypts are flowering profusely or where there are abundant lerp (from sap-sucking bugs) infestations. Favoured feed trees include winter flowering species such as Swamp Mahogany *Eucalyptus robusta*, Spotted Gum *Corymbia maculata*, Red Bloodwood *C. gummifera*, Mugga Ironbark *E. sideroxylon*, and White Box *E. albens*. Commonly used lerp infested trees include Inland Grey Box *E. microcarpa*, Grey Box *E. moluccana* and Blackbutt *E. pilularis*. Return to some foraging sites on a cyclic basis depending on food availability.	E	CE	Absent	Unlikely	No
Polytelis swainsonii Superb Parrot	Inhabit Box-Gum, Box-Cypress-pine and Boree Woodlands and River Red Gum Forest. In the Riverina the birds nest in the hollows of large trees (dead or alive) mainly in tall riparian River Red Gum Forest or Woodland. On the South West Slopes nest trees can be in open Box-Gum Woodland or isolated paddock trees. Species known to be used		V	Food source present in landscape	Unlikely but may pass through site	No - Potential impacts will not be to

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	are Blakely's Red Gum, Yellow Box, Apple Box and Red Box. May forage up to 10 km from nesting sites, primarily in grassy box woodland. Feed in trees and understorey shrubs and on the ground and their diet consists mainly of grass seeds and herbaceous plants. Also eaten are fruits, berries, nectar, buds, flowers, insects and grain.					habitat present.
Chthonicola sagittata Speckled Warbler	The Speckled Warbler lives in a wide range of *Eucalyptus* dominated communities that have a grassy understorey, often on rocky ridges or in gullies. Typical habitat would include scattered native tussock grasses, a sparse shrub layer, some eucalypt regrowth and an open canopy. Large, relatively undisturbed remnants are required for the species to persist in an area. The diet consists of seeds and insects, with most foraging taking place on the ground around tussocks and under bushes and trees. Pairs are sedentary and occupy a breeding territory of about ten hectares, with a slightly larger home-range when not breeding.	V		Present in landscape	Unlikely, quantity of habitat is insignificant	No unlikely to be impacted Proposal will not significantly impact potential habitat
Climacteris picumnus victoriae Brown Treecreeper (eastern subspecies)	Found in eucalypt woodlands (including Box-Gum Woodland) and dry open forest of the inland slopes and plains inland of the Great Dividing Range; mainly inhabits woodlands dominated by stringybarks or other rough-barked eucalypts, usually with an open grassy understorey, sometimes with one or more shrub species; also found in mallee and River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) Forest bordering wetlands with an open understorey of acacias, saltbush, lignum, cumbungi and grasses; usually not found in woodlands with a dense shrub layer; fallen timber is an important habitat component for foraging; also recorded, though less commonly, in similar woodland habitats on the coastal ranges and plains.	V		Present in landscape	Unlikely, quantity of habitat is insignificant	No unlikely to be impacted Proposal will not significantly impact potential habitat.
Daphoenositta chrysoptera Varied Sittella	The varied sitella inhabits eucalypt forests and woodlands, especially those containing rough-barked species and mature smooth-barked gums with dead branches, mallee and *Acacia* woodland. Feeds on arthropods gleaned from crevices in rough or decorticating bark, dead branches, standing dead trees and small branches and twigs in the tree canopy.	V		Present in landscape	Possible, small quantity of habitat present	No unlikely to be impacted Proposal will not

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Artamus cyanopterus cyanopterus Dusky Woodswallow	Dusky woodswallows are widespread in eastern, southern and south western Australia. The species occurs throughout most of New South Wales, but is sparsely scattered in, or largely absent from, much of the upper western region. Most breeding activity occurs on the western slopes of the Great Dividing Range. They 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. Dusky woodswallows eat invertebrates, mainly insects, which are captured whilst hovering or sallying above the canopy or over water. Also frequently hovers, sallies and pounces under the canopy, primarily over leaf litter and dead timber. Also occasionally take nectar, fruit and seed. Can be resident year round or migratory, depending on climatic conditions. In NSW, after breeding, birds migrate to the north of the state and to southeastern Queensland.	V		Absent	Unlikely	No
Melanodryas cucullata cucullata Hooded Robin (south-eastern form)	Prefers lightly wooded country, usually open eucalypt woodland, acacia scrub and mallee, often in or near clearings or open areas. Requires structurally diverse habitats featuring mature eucalypts, saplings, some small shrubs and a ground layer of moderately tall native grasses. Often perches on low dead stumps and fallen timber or on low-hanging branches. Territories range from around 10 ha during the breeding season, to 30 ha in the non-breeding season.	V		Absent	Unlikely	No
Hieraaetus morphnoides Little Eagle	Occupies open eucalypt forest, woodland or open woodland. Sheoak or *Acacia* woodlands and riparian woodlands of interior NSW are also used. Nests in tall living trees within a remnant patch, where pairs	V		Present in landscape	Possible, habitat present –	No unlikely to be impacted

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	build a large stick nest in winter. Lays two or three eggs during spring, and young fledge in early summer. Preys on birds, reptiles and mammals, occasionally adding large insects and carrion.				nearby Bionet records	Proposal will not significantly impact potential habitat
Haliaeetus leucogaster White Bellied Sea Eagle	The White-bellied Sea-Eagle is a large eagle that has long broad wings and a short, wedge-shaped tail, it is distributed around the Australian coastline, including Tasmania, and well inland along rivers and wetlands of the Murray Darling Basin. It is widespread along the east coast, and along all major inland rivers and waterways. Habitats require the presence of large areas of open water including larger rivers, swamps, lakes, and the sea. Occurs at sites near the sea such as around bays and inlets, beaches, reefs, lagoons, estuaries and mangroves; and at, or in the vicinity of freshwater swamps, lakes, reservoirs, billabongs and saltmarsh. Terrestrial habitats include coastal dunes, tidal flats, grassland, heathland, woodland, and forest (including rainforest). Breeding habitat consists of mature tall open forest, open forest, tall woodland, and swamp sclerophyll forest close to foraging habitat. Nest trees are typically large emergent eucalypts and often have emergent dead branches or large dead trees nearby which are used as 'guard roosts'. Nests are large structures built from sticks and lined with leaves or grass.	V		No specific habitat component for this species occur	Incidental occurrence is possible	No.
Falco hypoleucos Grey Falcon	This falcon is sparsely distributed in NSW, chiefly throughout the Murray-Darling Basin, with the occasional vagrant east of the Great Dividing Range. The breeding range has contracted since the 1950s with most breeding now confined to arid parts of the range. Usually restricted to shrubland, grassland and wooded watercourses of arid and semi-arid regions, although it is occasionally found in open woodlands near the coast. Also occurs near wetlands where surface	E		No specific habitat component for this species occur	Incidental occurrence is possible	No.

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	water attracts prey. Preys primarily on birds, especially parrots and pigeons, using high-speed chases and stoops; reptiles and mammals are also taken. Like other falcons it utilises old nests of other birds of prey and ravens, usually high in a living eucalypt near water or a watercourse; peak laying season is in late winter and early spring; two or three eggs are laid.					
Falco subniger Black Falcon	Widely but sparsely distributed in New South Wales, mostly occurring in inland regions. Some reports of 'Black Falcons' on the tablelands and coast of New South Wales are likely to be referable to the Brown Falcon. In New South Wales there is assumed to be a single population that is continuous with a broader continental population, given that falcons are highly mobile, commonly travelling hundreds of kilometres. The Black Falcon occurs as solitary individuals, in pairs, or in family groups of parents and offspring.	V		No specific habitat component for this species occur	Incidental occurrence is possible	No.
Circus assimilis Spotted Harrier	Occurs throughout the Australian mainland, except in densely forested or wooded habitats of the coast, escarpment and ranges, and rarely in Tasmania. Individuals disperse widely in NSW and comprise a single population. Occurs in grassy open woodland including Acacia and mallee remnants, inland riparian woodland, grassland and shrub steppe. It is found most commonly in native grassland, but also occurs in agricultural land, foraging over open habitats including edges of inland wetlands. Builds a stick nest in a tree and lays eggs in spring (or sometimes autumn), with young remaining in the nest for several months. Preys on terrestrial mammals (eg bandicoots, bettongs, and rodents), birds and reptile, occasionally insects and rarely carrion.	V		No specific habitat component for this species occur	Incidental occurrence is possible	No.
Ninox connivens Barking Owl	Inhabits woodland and open forest, including fragmented remnants and partly cleared farmland. It is flexible in its habitat use, and hunting can extend in to closed forest and more open areas. Sometimes able to successfully breed along timbered watercourses in heavily cleared habitats (e.g. western NSW) due to the higher density of prey on these fertile soils. Roost in shaded portions of tree canopies, including tall	V		Absent	Unlikely	No

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	midstorey trees with dense foliage such as *Acacia* and *Casuarina* species. Preferentially hunts small arboreal mammals such as Squirrel Gliders and Ringtail Possums, but when loss of tree hollows decreases these prey populations the owl becomes more reliant on birds, invertebrates and terrestrial mammals such as rodents and rabbits. Requires very large permanent territories in most habitats due to sparse prey densities. Monogamous pairs hunt over as much as 6000 hectares, with 2000 hectares being more typical in NSW habitats.					
Ninox strenua Powerful Owl	The Powerful Owl inhabits a range of vegetation types, from woodland and open sclerophyll forest to tall open wet forest and rainforest. It requires large tracts of forest or woodland habitat but can occur in fragmented landscapes as well. It roosts by day in dense vegetation comprising species such as Turpentine *Syncarpia glomulifera*, Black She-oak *Allocasuarina littoralis*, Blackwood *Acacia melanoxylon*, Rough-barked Apple *Angophora floribunda*, Cherry Ballart *Exocarpus cupressiformis* and a number of eucalypt species. The main prey items are medium-sized arboreal marsupials, particularly the Greater Glider, Common Ringtail Possum and Sugar Glider. As most prey species require hollows and a shrub layer, these are important habitat components for the owl. In good habitats 400 ha can support a pair of Powerful Owls; where hollow trees and prey have been depleted the owls need up to 4000 ha. Powerful Owls nest in large tree hollows (at least 0.5 m deep), in large eucalypts (diameter at breast height of 80-240 cm) that are at least 150 years old.	V		Absent	Unlikely	No
Tyto novaehollandiae Masked Owl	Lives in dry eucalypt forests and woodlands from sea level to 1100 m. A forest owl, but often hunts along the edges of forests, including roadsides. The typical diet consists of tree-dwelling and ground mammals, especially rats. Pairs have a large home-range of 500 to 1000 hectares. Roosts and breeds in moist eucalypt forested gullies, using large tree hollows or sometimes caves for nesting.	V		Absent	Unlikely	No

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Petroica phoenicea Flame Robin	Breeds in upland tall moist eucalypt forests and woodlands, often on ridges and slopes. Prefers clearings or areas with open understoreys. The groundlayer of the breeding habitat is dominated by native grasses and the shrub layer may be either sparse or dense. Occasionally occurs in temperate rainforest, and also in herbfields, heathlands, shrublands and sedgelands at high altitudes. In winter lives in dry forests, open woodlands and in pastures and native grasslands, with or without scattered trees.	V		Present in landscape	Unlikely	No
Petroica boodang Scarlet Robin	Found from south east Queensland to south east South Australia and in Tasmania and south west Western Australia. In NSW, it occurs from the coast to the inland slopes. After breeding, some Scarlet Robins disperse to the lower valleys and plains of the tablelands and slopes. Some birds may appear as far west as the eastern edges of the inland plains in autumn and winter. This robin lives in dry eucalypt forests and woodlands. The understorey is usually open and grassy with few scattered shrubs. This species lives in both mature and regrowth vegetation. It occasionally occurs in mallee or wet forest communities, or in wetlands and tea-tree swamps. Scarlet Robin habitat usually contains abundant logs and fallen timber: these are important components of its habitat. The Scarlet Robin breeds on ridges, hills and foothills of the western slopes, the Great Dividing Range and eastern coastal regions; this species is occasionally found up to 1000 metres in altitude. The Scarlet Robin is primarily a resident in forests and woodlands, but some adults and young birds disperse to more open habitats after breeding. In autumn and winter many Scarlet Robins live in open grassy woodlands, and grasslands or grazed paddocks with scattered trees. The Scarlet Robin is a quiet and unobtrusive species which is often quite tame and easily approached. Birds forage from low perche s, fence-posts or on the ground, from where they pounce on small insects and other invertebrates which are taken from the ground, or off tree trunks and logs; they sometimes forage in the shrub or canopy layer. Scarlet Robin	V		Present in landscape	Unlikely	No

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	pairs defend a breeding territory and mainly breed between the months of July and January; they may raise two or three broods in each season. This species' nest is an open cup made of plant fibres and cobwebs and is built in the fork of tree usually more than 2 metres above the ground; nests are often found in a dead branch in a live tree, or in a dead tree or shrub. Eggs are pale greenish-, bluish- or brownish-white, spotted with brown; clutch size ranges from one to four. Birds usually occur singly or in pairs, occasionally in small family parties; pairs stay together year-round. In autumn and winter, the Scarlet Robin joins mixed flocks of other small insectivorous birds which forage through dry forests and woodlands.					
Stagonopleura guttata Diamond Firetail	Found in grassy eucalypt woodlands, including Box-Gum Woodlands and Snow Gum *Eucalyptus pauciflora* Woodlands. Also occurs in open forest, mallee, Natural Temperate Grassland, and in secondary grassland derived from other communities. Often found in riparian areas (rivers and creeks), and sometimes in lightly wooded farmland. Feeds exclusively on the ground, on ripe and partly-ripe grass and herb seeds and green leaves, and on insects (especially in the breeding season).	V		Present in landscape	Unlikely	No
Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe	Prefers fringes of swamps, dams and nearby marshy areas where there is a cover of grasses, lignum, low scrub or open timber. Nests on the ground amongst tall vegetation, such as grasses, tussocks or reeds.	E	E	Absent	Unlikely	No
Mammals						
Pteropus poliocephalus Grey-headed Flying-fox	Occur in subtropical and temperate rainforests, tall sclerophyll forests and woodlands, heaths and swamps as well as urban gardens and cultivated fruit crops. Roosting camps are generally located within 20 km of a regular food source and are commonly found in gullies, close to water, in vegetation with a dense canopy. Can travel up to 50 km from the camp to forage; commuting distances are more often <20 km.	V	V	Absent, suitable habitat absent.	Unlikely, may fly over site.	No

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	Feed on the nectar and pollen of native trees, in particular *Eucalyptus, Melaleuca* and *Banksia*, and fruits of rainforest trees and vines.					
Myotis macropus Southern Myotis	Generally roost in groups of 10 - 15 close to water in caves, mine shafts, hollow-bearing trees, storm water channels, buildings, under bridges and in dense foliage. Forage over streams and pools catching insects and small fish by raking their feet across the water surface.	V		Present in landscape	Unlikely	No
Chalinolobus dwyeri Large-eared Pied Bat	It is generally rare with a very patchy distribution in NSW. Roosts in caves (near their entrances), crevices in cliffs, old mine workings and in the disused, bottle-shaped mud nests of the Fairy Martin, frequenting low to mid-elevation dry open forest and woodland close to these features. Found in well-timbered areas containing gullies. This species probably forages for small, flying insects below the forest canopy.	V	V	Present in landscape	Unlikely	No
Micronomus norfolkensis Eastern Coastal Free-tailed Bat	Found along the east coast of Australia from south Queensland to southern NSW. Occurs in dry sclerophyll forest, woodland, swamp forests and mangrove forests east of the Great Dividing Range. It roosts mainly in tree hollows but will also roost under bark or in man-made structures. Usually solitary but also recorded roosting communally, probably insectivorous.	V		Present in landscape	Unlikely	No
Falsistrellus tasmaniensis Eastern False Pipistrelle	Prefers moist habitats, with trees taller than 20 m. Generally roosts in eucalypt hollows, but has also been found under loose bark on trees or in buildings. Hunts beetles, moths, weevils and other flying insects above or just below the tree canopy.	V		Present in landscape	Unlikely	No
Miniopterus schreibersii oceanensis Large Bentwing-bat	Caves are the primary roosting habitat, but also use derelict mines, storm-water tunnels, buildings and other man-made structures. Form discrete populations centred on a maternity cave that is used annually in spring and summer for the birth and rearing of young. Maternity caves have very specific temperature and humidity regimes. Hunt in forested areas, catching moths and other flying insects above the tree top.	V		Present in landscape	Unlikely	No
Miniopterus australis	Occurs along east coast and ranges of Australia from Cape York in Queensland to Wollongong in NSW. Prefers Moist eucalypt forest, rainforest, vine thicket, wet and dry sclerophyll forest, Melaleuca	V		Present in landscape	Unlikely	No

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Little Bentwing-bat	swamps, dense coastal forests and banksia scrub. Generally found in well-timbered areas. Little Bentwing-bats roost in caves, tunnels, tree hollows, abandoned mines, stormwater drains, culverts, bridges and sometimes buildings during the day, and at night forage for small insects beneath the canopy of densely vegetated habitats. They often share roosting sites with the Common Bentwing-bat and, in winter, the two species may form mixed clusters. Only five nursery sites /maternity colonies are known in Australia.					
Scoteanax rueppellii Greater Broad-nosed Bat	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. Open woodland habitat and dry open forest suits the direct flight of this species as it searches for beetles and other large, slow-flying insects; this species has been known to eat other bat species.	V		Present in landscape	Unlikely	No
Saccolaimus flaviventris Yellow-bellied Sheathtail Bat	Occurs across northern and eastern Australia it is a rare visitor in late summer and autumn in the most southerly parts of its range, being most of Victoria, south-western NSW and adjacent South Australia. There are scattered records of this species across the New England Tablelands and North West Slopes. Forages in most habitats across its very wide range, with and without trees appears to defend an aerial territory. Seasonal movements are unknown; there is speculation about a migration to southern Australia in late summer and autumn.	V		Present in landscape	Unlikely	No
Dasyurus maculatus Spotted-tailed Quoll	Recorded across a range of habitat types, including rainforest, open forest, woodland, coastal heath and inland riparian forest, from the sub-alpine zone to the coastline. Individual animals use hollow-bearing trees, fallen logs, small caves, rock outcrops and rocky-cliff faces as den sites. A generalist predator with a preference for medium-sized (500g-5kg) mammals. Consumes a variety of prey, including gliders, possums, small wallabies, rats, birds, bandicoots, rabbits, reptiles and insects. Females occupy home ranges up to about 750 hectares and males up	V	E	Possible in landscape	Unlikely, this species requires a very large home range and while it may occur on the site from time to time this	No, no habitat affected.

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	to 3500 hectares. Are known to traverse their home ranges along densely vegetated creeklines.				would be very rare.	
Phascolarctos cinereus Koala	Inhabits a range of eucalypt forest and woodland communities, including coastal forests, the woodlands of the tablelands and western slopes, and the riparian communities of the western plains. Feed on the foliage of more than 70 eucalypt species and 30 non-eucalypt species, but in any one area will select preferred browse species. Inactive for most of the day, feeding and moving mostly at night. Spend most of their time in trees, but will descend and traverse open ground to move between trees. Home range size varies with quality of habitat, ranging from less than two ha to several hundred hectares in size.	V	V	Present in landscape	Unlikely	No
Amphibians						
Litoria aurea Green and Golden Bell Frog	There is only one known population on the NSW Southern Tablelands. Inhabits marshes, dams and stream-sides, particularly those containing bullrushes (*Typha* spp.) or spikerushes (*Eleocharis* spp.). Optimum habitat includes water-bodies that are unshaded, free of predatory fish such as Plague Minnow (*Gambusia holbrooki*), have a grassy area nearby and diurnal sheltering sites available. Some sites, particularly in the Greater Sydney region occur in highly disturbed areas.		V	Present, dams containing rushes present.	Possible	No - Potential impacts will not be to habitat present.
Litoria booroolongensis Booroolong Frog	Live along permanent streams with some fringing vegetation cover such as ferns, sedges or grasses. Adults occur on or near cobble banks and other rock structures within stream margins. Shelter under rocks or amongst vegetation near the ground on the stream edge.	E	E	Absent, no permanent streams.	Unlikely	No
Litoria littlejohni Littlejohn's Tree Frog, Health Frog	The majority of records are from within the Sydney Basin Bioregion with only scattered records south to the Victorian border and this species has not been recorded in southern NSW within the last decade. Records are isolated and tend to be at high altitude. This species breeds in the upper reaches of permanent streams and in perched swamps. Non-breeding habitat is heath based forests and woodlands where it shelters under leaf litter and low vegetation, and hunts for invertebrate prey either in shrubs or on the ground.		V	Absent, no breeding habitat (permanent streams).	Unlikely	No

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Reptiles						
Suta flagellum Little Whip Snake	The Little Whip Snake is found within an area bounded by Crookwell in the north, Bombala in the south, Tumbarumba to the west and Braidwood to the east. Occurs in Natural Temperate Grasslands and grassy woodlands as well as in secondary grasslands derived from clearing of woodlands. Found on well drained hillsides, mostly associated with scattered loose rocks.	V		No suitable habitat in study area	Unlikely	No
Aprasia parapulchella Pink-tailed Legless Lizard	Inhabits sloping, open woodland areas with predominantly native grassy groundlayers, particularly those dominated by Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda australis*). Sites are typically well-drained, with rocky outcrops or scattered, partially-buried rocks. Commonly found beneath small, partially-embedded rocks and appear to spend considerable time in burrows below these rocks.	V	V	Absent.	Unlikely	No
Delma impar Striped Legless Lizard	Found mainly in Natural Temperate Grassland but has also been captured in grasslands that have a high exotic component. Also found in secondary grassland near Natural Temperate Grassland and occasionally in open Box-Gum Woodland. Habitat is where grassland is dominated by perennial, tussock-forming grasses such as Kangaroo Grass *Themeda australis*, spear-grasses *Austrostipa* spp. and poa tussocks *Poa* spp., and occasionally wallaby grasses *Austrodanthonia*spp. Sometimes found in grasslands with significant amounts of surface rocks, which are used for shelter.		V	Absent, dense tussock forming grasses absent.	Unlikely	No
Varanus rosenbergi Rosenberg's Goanna	Found in heath, open forest and woodland. Associated with termites, the mounds of which this species nests in; termite mounds are a critical habitat component. Individuals require large areas of habitat. Feeds on carrion, birds, eggs, reptiles and small mammals. Shelters in hollow logs, rock crevices and in burrows, which they may dig for themselves, or they may use other species' burrows, such as rabbit warrens. Generally slow moving; on the tablelands likely only to be seen on the hottest days.	V		Absent.	Unlikely	No

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Fish						
Macquaria australasica Macquarie Perch	While extant populations are still found across the Murray-Darling Basin and in an east coast catchment, populations are often small and geographically separated. In New South Wales, extant populations are known to occur in the upper reaches of the Lachlan, Murrumbidgee and Murray catchments in the Murray-Darling Basin, and in the Hawkesbury/Nepean catchment on the east coast. Macquarie perch spawn at sites located at the downstream end of pools, with eggs then drifting downstream to lodge amongst gravel in riffles.	E	E	Absent, no permanent waterways in study area.	No	No
Insects						
Synemon plana Golden Sun Moth	found in the area between Queanbeyan, Gunning, Young and Tumut. Occurs in Natural Temperate Grasslands and grassy Box-Gum Woodlands in which groundlayer is dominated by wallaby grasses *Austrodanthonia spp*. the bare ground between the tussocks is thought to be an important microhabitat feature for the Golden Sun Moth, as it is typically these areas on which the females are observed displaying to attract males. Adults are short-lived (one to four days) and do not feed - having no functional mouthparts; the larvae are thought to feed exclusively on the roots of wallaby grasses.	E	CE	Requires very specific habitat criteria, not present	No	No
Flora						
Diuris aequalis Buttercup Doubletail	The Buttercup Doubletail has been recorded in Kanangra-Boyd National Park, Gurnang State Forest, towards Wombeyan Caves, the Taralga - Goulburn area, and the ranges between Braidwood, Tarago and Bungendore. Recorded in forest, low open woodland with grassy understorey and secondary grassland on the higher parts of the Southern and Central Tablelands (especially on the Great Dividing Range). Leaves die back each year and resprout just before flowering. Populations tend to contain few, scattered individuals; despite extensive surveys, only about 200 plants in total, from 20 populations are known.	E	V	Absent	Unlikely	No - Potential impacts will not be to habitat present.

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Eucalyptus aggregata Black Gum	Black Gum is found in the NSW Central and Southern Tablelands, with small isolated populations in Victoria and the ACT. Black Gum has a moderately narrow distribution, occurring mainly in the wetter, cooler and higher parts of the tablelands, for example in the Blayney, Crookwell, Goulburn, Braidwood and Bungendore districts. Grows in the lowest parts of the landscape. Grows on alluvial soils, on cold, poorly-drained flats and hollows adjacent to creeks and small rivers. Often grows with other cold-adapted eucalypts, such as Snow Gum (*Eucalyptus pauciflora*), Ribbon Gum (*E. viminalis*), Candlebark (*E. rubida*), Black Sallee (*E. stellulata*) and Swamp Gum (*E. ovata*). Black Gum usually occurs in an open woodland formation with a grassy groundlayer dominated either by River Tussock (*Poa labillardierei*) or Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda australis*), but with few shrubs.		V	Absent	Not detected during field surveys – unlikely to occur	No
Lepidium hyssopifolium Basalt Pepper-cress	In NSW, there is a small population near Bathurst, one populations at Bungendore, and one near Crookwell. In NSW the species was known to have occurred in both woodland with a grassy understorey and in grassland. The species may be a disturbance opportunist. The cryptic and non-descript nature (appearing like several weed species) of the species makes it hard to detect.		E	Absent	Not detected during field surveys – unlikely to occur	No
Leucochrysum albicans var. tricolor Hoary Sunray	In NSW and ACT, Hoary Sunray occurs in grasslands, grassy areas in woodlands and dry open forests, and modified habitats, on a variety of soil types including clays, clay loams, stony and gravely soil. Plants can be found in natural or semi-natural vegetation and grazed or ungrazed habitat. The Hoary Sunray is a low tufted to mounding perennial straw daisy. It grows to 15 cm tall and flowers in spring and summer. After flowering it dries out to rootstock.		E	Not present in the study area	Unlikely	No, potential habitat will not be impacted.
Rutidosis leptorrhynchoides Button Wrinklewort	Local populations at Goulburn, the Canberra - Queanbeyan area and at Michelago. Other populations occur in Victoria. Occurs in Box-Gum Woodland, secondary grassland derived from Box-Gum Woodland or in Natural Temperate Grassland; and often in the ecotone between the two communities.	E	E	Not present in the study area	Unlikely	No, potential habitat will not be impacted.

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Ammobium craspedioides Yass Daisy	Found from near Crookwell on the Southern Tablelands to near Wagga Wagga on the South Western Slopes. Most populations are in the Yass region. Found in moist or dry forest communities, Box-Gum Woodland and secondary grassland derived from clearing of these communities. Grows in association with a large range of eucalypts (*Eucalyptus blakelyi, E. bridgesiana, E. dives, E. goniocalyx, E. macrorhyncha, E. mannifera, E. melliodora, E. polyanthemos, E. rubida*).	V	V	Not present in the study area	Unlikely	No, potential habitat will not be impacted.
Dodonaea procumbens Trailing Hop-bush	Creeping Hop-bush is found in the dry areas of the Monaro, between Michelago and Dalgety. Here it occurs mostly in Natural Temperate Grassland or Snow Gum Eucalyptus pauciflora Woodland. There is one population at Lake Bathurst (the northern-most occurrence of the species). Grows in Natural Temperate Grassland or fringing eucalypt woodland of Snow Gum (*Eucalyptus pauciflora*), in open bare patches where there is little competition from other species. It is found on sandy-clay soils, usually on or near vertically-tilted shale outcrops. Often occurs on roadside batters			Not present in the study area	Unlikely	No, potential habitat will not be impacted.
Pomaderris delicata Delicate Pomaderris	Delicate Pomaderris is known from only two sites; between Goulburn and Bungonia and south of Windellama. At both known sites the Delicate Pomaderris grows in dry open forest dominated by *Eucalyptus sieberi* with a dense she-oak understorey.	CE	CE	Not present in the study area	Unlikely	No, potential habitat will not be impacted.
Thesium austral Austral Toadflax	Austral Toad-flax is found in very small populations scattered across eastern NSW, along the coast, and from the Northern to Southern Tablelands. Occurs in grassland on coastal headlands or grassland and grassy woodland away from the coast. Often found in association with Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda australis*).		V	Not present in the study area	Unlikely	No, potential habitat will not be impacted.
Ecological Communities						
Natural Temperate Grassland of the Southern Tablelands of NSW and the	The ecological community is characterised by a dominance of native perennial tussock grasses. There is usually a second, lower stratum of shorter perennial and annual grasses and forbs growing between the taller tussocks, and there may be a third discontinuous stratum of even smaller forbs, grasses and cryptogams. Sedges and rushes may also occur, particularly in seasonally wet areas. A tree and shrub stratum		CE	Absent	No	No

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Australian Capital Territory	may be present, but with only up to 10% projective foliage cover of each being present. Variation in the composition and structure of the ecological community occurs as a result of intrinsic site factors (e.g. drainage patterns, soil characteristics) and agricultural practices applied since post-1788 settlement. The major dominant or co-dominant grass species are: *Themeda triandra* (kangaroo grass), *Poa sieberiana* (snowgrass), *Poa labillardierei* (river tussock grass), *Austrostipa bigeniculata* (kneed speargrass), *Austrostipa scabra* (slender speargrass), *Bothriochloa macra* (red grass), various *Rytidosperma* species syn. *Austrodanthonia* species (wallaby grasses), *Lachnagrostis filiformis* (blowngrass) and *Sorghum leiocladum* (wild sorghum).					
White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland (Commonwealth) White Box Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum Woodland (NSW)	Box – Gum Grassy Woodlands and Derived Grasslands are characterised by a species-rich understorey of native tussock grasses, herbs and scattered shrubs, and the dominance, or prior dominance, of White Box, Yellow Box or Blakely's Red Gum trees. The tree-cover is generally discontinuous and consists of widely-spaced trees of medium height in which the canopies are clearly separated. Associated and occasionally co-dominant trees include, but are not restricted to: Grey Box (*Eucalyptus microcarpa*), Fuzzy Box (*E. conica*), Apple Box (*E. bridgesiana*), Red Box (*E. polyanthemos*), Red Stringybark (*E. macrorhyncha*), White Cypress Pine (*Callitris glaucophylla*), Black Cypress Pine (*C. enderlicheri*), Long-leaved Box (*E. gonicalyx*), New England Stringybark (*E. calignosa*), Brittle Gum (*E. mannifera*), Candlebark (*E. rubida*), Argyle Apple (*E. cinerea*), Kurrajong (*Brachychiton populneus*) and Drooping She-oak (*Allocasuarina verticillata*). The understorey in intact sites is characterised by native grasses and a high diversity of herbs; the most commonly encountered include Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda australis*), Poa Tussock (*Poa sieberiana*), wallaby grasses (*Austrodanthonia* spp.), spear-grasses (*Austrostipa* spp.), Common Everlasting (*Chrysocephalum apiculatum*), Scrambled Eggs (*Goodenia pinnatifida*), Small St John's Wort	CEEC	CE	Modified habitat present, this community is likely to have naturally occurred on parts of the site.	Community is not present despite some species of this community occurring.	No impact.

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	(*Hypericum gramineum*), Narrow-leafed New Holland Daisy (*Vittadinia muelleri*) and blue-bells (*Wahlenbergia* spp.). This ecological community occurs in areas where rainfall is between 400 and 1200 mm per annum, on moderate to highly fertile soils where resources such as water and nutrients are abundant.					
Tablelands Snow Gum, Black Sallee, Candlebark and Ribbon Gum Grassy Woodland in the South Eastern Highlands, Sydney Basin, South East Corner and NSW South Western Slopes Bioregions	Characterised by the presence or prior occurrence of Snow Gum, Candlebark, Ribbon Gum and/or Black Sallee trees. The trees may occur as pure stands, mixtures of the four species or in mixtures with other trees, including wattles. Commonly co-occurring eucalypts include Apple Box (*Eucalyptus bridgesiana*), Swamp Gum (*E. ovata*), Black Gum (*E. aggregata*), Mountain Gum (*E. dalrympleana*), Broad-leaved Peppermint (*E. dives*) and Narrow-leaved Peppermint (*E. radiata*) and commonly occurring tree-layer or mid-layer wattles include Blackwood (*Acacia melanoxylon*) and Silver Wattle (*A. dealbata*). The understorey in intact sites is characterised by native grasses and a high diversity of herbs; commonly encountered include Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda australis*), Common Snow-grass (*Poa sieberiana*), River Tussock (*Poa labillardierei*), Short Snow-grass (*Poa meionectes*), various wallaby-grasses (*Rytidosperma* spp.), various spear-grasses (*Austrostipa* spp.), Common Everlasting (*Chrysocephalum apiculatum*), Scaly-buttons (*Leptorhynchos squamatus*), Common Woodruff (*Asperula conferta*), Wattle Mat-rush (*Lomandra filiformis*), St John's Wort (*Hypericum gramineum*), Stinking Pennywort (*Hydrocotyle laxiflora*) and Slender Tick-trefoil (*Desmodium varians*). Shrubs are generally sparse or absent, though they may be locally common. Sub-shrubs (woody species <0.5 m tall) may be common. The most common shrubs and sub-shrubs include Gruggly-bush (*Melicytus* sp. 'Snowfields'), Urn Heath (*Melichrus urceolatus*), Sweet Bursaria (*Bursaria spinosa*) and Mountain Mirbelia (*Mirbelia oxylobioides*).	EEC		Absent	No	No

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Tableland Basalt Forest in the Sydney Basin and South Eastern Highlands Bioregions	Tableland Basalt Forest is dominated by an open eucalypt canopy of variable composition. *Eucalyptus viminalis, E. radiata, E. dalrympleana* subsp. *dalrympleana* and *E. pauciflora* may occur in the community in pure stands or in varying combinations. The community typically has an open canopy of eucalypts with sparse mid-story shrubs (e.g. *Acacia melanoxylon* and *A. dealbata*) and understory shrubs (e.g. *Rubus parvifolius*) and a dense groundcover of herbs and grasses, although disturbed stands may lack either or both of the woody strata. The structure of the community varies depending on past and current disturbances, particularly fire history, clearing and grazing. Contemporary tree-dominated stands of the community are largely relics or regrowth of originally taller forests and woodlands, which are likely to have had scattered shrubs and a largely continuous grassy groundcover. At some sites, mature trees may exceed 30 m tall, although regrowth stands may be shorter than 10 m tall. Tableland Basalt Forest typically occurs on loam or clay soils associated with basalt or, less commonly, alluvium, fine-grained sedimentary rocks, granites and similar substrates that produce relatively fertile soils. Its distribution spans altitudes from approximately 600 m to 900 m above sea level, usually on undulating or hilly terrain. Mean annual rainfall varies from approximately 750 mm up to 1100 mm.	EEC		Absent	No	No
Migratory Species						
Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail	In Australia, the White-throated Needletail is almost exclusively aerial, from heights of less than 1 m up to more than 1000 m above the ground. Although they occur over most types of habitat, they are probably recorded most often above wooded areas, including open forest and rainforest, and may also fly between trees or in clearings, below the canopy, but they are less commonly recorded flying above woodland. When flying above farmland, they are more often recorded above partly cleared pasture, plantations or remnant vegetation at the edge of paddocks.		M	Absent	Unlikely, aerial species, rarely lands in Australia.	No

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Monarcha melanopsis Black-faced Monarch	In NSW and the ACT, the species occurs around the eastern slopes and tablelands of the Great Dividing Range. The Black-faced Monarch mainly occurs in rainforest ecosystems, including semi-deciduous vine-thickets, complex notophyll vine-forest, tropical (mesophyll) rainforest, subtropical (notophyll) rainforest, mesophyll (broadleaf) thicket/ shrubland, warm temperate rainforest, dry (monsoon) rainforest and (occasionally) cool temperate rainforest.		M	Absent, suitable ecosystems absent.	Unlikely	No
Motacilla flava Yellow Wagtail	This insectivorous bird inhabits open country near water, such as wet grassland. Has been recorded in short grass, bare ground, swamp margins, sewage ponds, saltmarshes, ploughed land, town lawns. It picks small invertebrates from the ground or water surface, but may also make short flights to take prey from the air or follow grazing livestock to take insects stirred up as they feed.		M	Absent, large water bodies absent.	Unlikely	No
Myiagra cyanoleuca Satin Flycatcher	Satin Flycatchers are mainly recorded in eucalypt forests, especially wet tall sclerophyll forest, often dominated by eucalypts such as Brown Barrel, *Eucalypt fastigata*, Mountain Gum, *E. dalrympleana*, Mountain Grey Gum, Narrow-leaved Peppermint, Ribbon Gum, or occasionally Mountain Ash, *E. regnans*. Such forests usually have a tall shrubby understorey of tall acacia. In higher altitude Black Sallee, *E. stellulata*, woodlands, they are often associated with tea-trees and tree-ferns. They sometimes also occur in dry sclerophyll forests and woodlands, usually dominated by eucalypts such as Blakely's Red Gum, *E. blakelyi*, Mugga Ironbark, *E. sideroxylon*, Yellow Box, White Box, *E. albens*, Manna Gum or stringybarks, including Red Stringybark, *E.macrorhyncha* and Broad-leaved Stringybark, usually with open grassy understorey		M	Present, dry sclerophyll forests and woodlands containing preferred species occur.	Possible	No - Potential impacts will not be to habitat present.
Rhipidura rufifrons Rufous Fantail	The Rufous Fantail mainly inhabits wet sclerophyll forests, often in gullies dominated by eucalypts such as Tallow-wood (*Eucalyptus microcorys*), Mountain Grey Gum (*E. cypellocarpa*), Narrow-leaved Peppermint (*E. radiata*), Mountain Ash (*E. regnans*), Alpine Ash (*E. delegatensis*), Blackbutt (*E. pilularis*) or Red Mahogany (*E. resinifera*); usually with a dense shrubby understorey often		M	Absent	Unlikely	No

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	including ferns. They also occur in subtropical and temperate rainforests; where they are recorded in temperate Lilly Pilly (*Acmena smithi*) rainforest, with Grey Myrtle (*Backhousia myrtifolia*), Sassafras (*Doryphora sassafras*) and Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum*) subdominants. They occasionally occur in secondary regrowth, following logging or disturbance in forests or rainforests. Sometimes recorded in drier sclerophyll forests and woodlands, including Spotted Gum (*Eucalyptus maculata*), Yellow Box (*E. melliodora*), ironbarks or stringybarks, often with a shrubby or heath understorey.					
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper	The species utilises a wide range of coastal wetlands and some inland wetlands, with varying levels of salinity, and is mostly found around muddy margins or rocky shores and rarely on mudflats. Generally the species forages in shallow water and on bare soft mud at the edges of wetlands; often where obstacles project from substrate, e.g. rocks or mangrove roots. Birds sometimes venture into grassy areas adjoining wetlands.		M	Absent	Unlikely	No
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	The Sharp-tailed Sandpiper prefers muddy edges of shallow fresh or brackish wetlands, with inundated or emergent sedges, grass, saltmarsh or other low vegetation. This includes lagoons, swamps, lakes and pools near the coast, and dams, waterholes, soaks, bore drains and bore swamps, saltpans and hypersaline saltlakes inland. They use flooded paddocks, sedgelands and other ephemeral wetlands, but leave when they dry.		M	Absent	Unlikely	No
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper	In Australasia, the Pectoral Sandpiper prefers shallow fresh to saline wetlands. The species is found at coastal lagoons, estuaries, bays, swamps, lakes, inundated grasslands, saltmarshes, river pools, creeks, floodplains and artificial wetlands. The species is usually found in coastal or near coastal habitat but occasionally found further inland. It prefers wetlands that have open fringing mudflats and low, emergent or fringing vegetation, such as grass or samphire.		M	Absent	Unlikely	No

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Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe	Latham's Snipe occurs in a wide variety of permanent and ephemeral wetlands. They usually occur in open, freshwater wetlands that have some form of shelter (usually low and dense vegetation) nearby. They generally occupy flooded meadows, seasonal or semi-permanent swamps, or open waters, but various other freshwater habitats can be used including bogs, waterholes, billabongs, lagoons, lakes, creek or river margins, river pools and floodplains. They may be found in a variety of vegetation types or communities including tussock grasslands with rushes, reeds and sedges, coastal and alpine heathlands, lignum or tea-tree scrub, button-grass plains, alpine herbfields and open forest.		M	Absent	Unlikely	No
Pandion haliaetus Osprey	Eastern Ospreys occur in coastal habitats and terrestrial wetlands of tropical and temperate Australia and offshore islands. They are mostly found in coastal areas but occasionally travel inland along major rivers, particularly in northern Australia. They require extensive areas of open fresh, brackish or saline water for foraging. They frequent a variety of wetland habitats. They may occur over atypical habitats such as heath, woodland or forest when travelling to and from foraging sites.		M	Absent	Unlikely	No

Appendix 2 – Concept Plans

Laterals Planning

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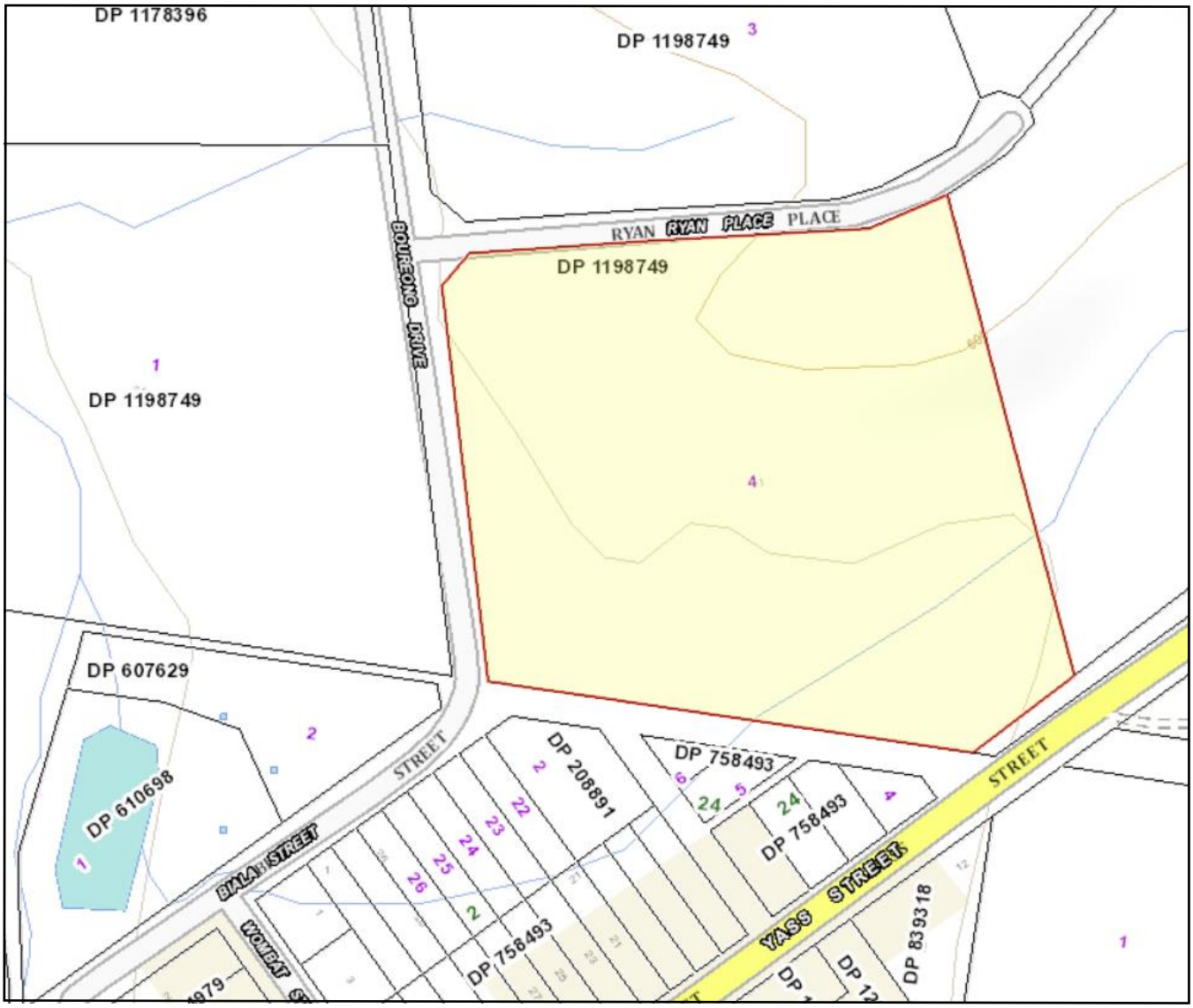

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