

Our Ref: 5075
Date: 20 May 2025
To: Wanda Beach Estate Pty Ltd
c/-: EJE Architecture
Via Email: GCollins@eje.com.au

Dear Georgie,

**Re: Ecological Impacts Letter for Proposed Upgrading of Fire Trails and Paths
Lot 2 DP 791551, 8 Fleet Street, Salamander Bay, NSW.**

Introduction

EJE Architecture, on behalf of Wanda Beach Estate Pty Ltd (the Client) have requested this Ecological Impacts Letter (EIL) to support a proposal to upgrade of fire trails and tracks for bushfire protection in Lot 2 DP 791551, known as 8 Fleet Street, Salamander Bay, NSW (the Site). The Site location is shown in **Attachment A: Figure 1**.

At the request of the Client, Anderson Environment & Planning (AEP) has undertaken necessary investigations to assess impacts upon biodiversity associated with the Proposal. The Proposal would require the removal of approx. 0.033ha of vegetation, including nine (9) native canopy trees adjoining existing tracks and fire trails.

For the purposes of referencing, this document should be cited as Anderson Environment & Planning (2025). *Ecological Impacts Letter Proposed Upgrading of Fire Trails and Paths, Lot 2 DP 791551, 8 Fleet Street, Salamander Bay, NSW*. Unpublished report for Wanda Beach Estate Pty Ltd, May 2025.

The Proposal

Proposed works to comply with RFS *Planning for Bushfire Protection, 2021*, include: upgrading the Fire Trail to Cat 1, constructing emergency access to the Site using the Section 138-approved area for additional access for construction traffic, and upgrading parts of the fire trail for access.

The Works would be constructed in accordance with relevant New South Wales bushfire specifications and guidelines. The preliminary development plan is shown in **Attachment A: Figure 2**.

The Site

Site details are shown in **Table 1**.

Table 1 – Site Particulars

Detail	Comments
Title	Lot 2 DP 791551.
Site	The Site encompasses remnant bushland with fire trails and walking tracks.
LGA	Port Stephens.

Detail	Comments
Zoning	The Site is zoned C2 - Environmental Conservation and R2 - Low Density Residential.
Current Land Use	The Site is located in Salamander Bay and it is an existing bushland with fire trails and paths on land known as Lot 2 DP79155. The eastern part of the Site is managed as Bushfire APZ. The dominant canopy species includes <i>Eucalyptus resinifera</i> , <i>Eucalyptus piperita</i> , <i>Corymbia gummifera</i> and <i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i> .
Surrounding Land Use	The Site is bordered by low-density residential zoned land to the north and east, remnant bushland to the west, and a holiday caravan park to the south.

Information Sources and Database Searches

Information and spatial data provided within this EA has been compiled from various sources including:

- NearMap and aerial photograph interpretation (API) of the site and surrounding locality;
- NSW Biodiversity Values Map (accessed March 2025);
- NSW Government Survey Guidelines (DEC 2004; DECC 2009; OEH 2018; DPIE 2020a; DPIE 2020b; DPE 2022a);
- DPE Threatened Species, Populations and Ecological Communities website (https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/AtlasApp/UI_Modules/TSM_/Default.aspx?a=1) (accessed August 2024);
- NSW Rural Fire Service (2019). *Planning for Bushfire Protection*, NSW RFS, November 2019;
- Port Stephens Council (2002). *Port Stephens Council Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management (CKPoM) – June 2002*. Prepared by Port Stephens Council with the Australian Koala Foundation; and
- Collective knowledge gained from previous ecological survey and assessment in the Port Stephens LGA over the past 25 years.

Additionally, database searches were carried out, namely:

- Review of flora and fauna records held by the BioNet Atlas of NSW Wildlife within a 10km radius of the Site (March 2025) and;
- Review of flora and fauna records held by the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) Protected Matters Search within a 10km radius of the Site (March 2025).

Previous Assessments

The Site has been subject to various assessments since 2021. Previous assessments and reports by AEP referenced in the EIL include:

AEP (September 2021), *Ecological Assessment Report for Proposed Subdivision, Lots 1 to 20 and Lots 25-50 DP 285191, Fleet Street, Salamander Bay, NSW* (the EAR);

AEP (September 2024). *Bushfire Threat Assessment for Proposed Residential Infill Development at 4 Fleet Street, Salamander Bay, NSW* (the BTA); and

AEP (May, 2025) *Preliminary Arborist Assessment to assist the client in identifying the important trees to retain in the proposed Update of Fire Trail and Paths on land Lot 2 DP 791551 at 8 Fleet Street, Salamander Bay, NSW* (the AIA).

Considerations of Biodiversity Offsets Scheme

There are three criteria that require assessment under the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (BOS) to determine whether or not entry into the BOS is required. The three criteria are::

1. Whether or not the site contains Biodiversity Values Mapped land;
2. Whether or not it exceeds the Area Clearing Threshold applicable to the minimum lot size; and/or
3. Whether or not a 5-part Test of Significance determines that a significant impact on threatened biodiversity is likely to occur.

Biodiversity Values Map

The Biodiversity Values Map (BV Map) identifies land with high biodiversity value, as defined by the *Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017*. The BOS applies to all local developments, major projects or the clearing of native vegetation where the SEPP (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017 applies. Any of these will require entry into the BOS if they occur on land mapped on the BV Map. Exempt and complying development or private native forestry are not subject to the BOS.

BV mapped land occurs within the Study Area. However, as the proposed development does occur on BV Mapped Land, the Proposal does not trigger the BOS under this criterion.

Area Clearing Threshold

The Area Clearing threshold trigger is as follows: *“The area threshold varies depending on the minimum lot size (shown in the Lot Size Maps made under the relevant Local Environmental Plan (LEP)), or actual lot size (where there is no minimum lot size provided for the relevant land under the LEP). The area threshold applies to all proposed native vegetation clearing associated with a development proposal”.*

The minimum lot sizes for the Site are:

- C2 Land – 40ha; and
- R2 zoned land – 0.25ha.

Therefore, the smallest is used for the assessment.

Table 2 – Area Clearing Thresholds

Minimum lot size	Threshold for clearing, above which the BOS applies
<1ha	>0.25ha
1ha to <40ha	>0.5ha
40ha to <1000ha	>1.0ha
>1000ha	>2ha

Considering **Table 2**, the proposed removal of approx. 450m² or 0.045 ha of native vegetation is under the 0.25ha clearing threshold. As such, the BOS is not triggered based on the clearing threshold, and the preparation of a BDAR is not required.

Test of Significance

Following the above assessments, it is a requirement to determine whether or not the development is likely to significantly affect threatened species, ecological communities or their habitats using a Test of Significance. The Test of Significance is used to undertake qualitative analysis of the likely impacts and

determine whether further assessment is required in association with the development. As part of this Ecological Assessment Report, a Five-part Test of Significance has been undertaken.

Desktop Assessment of Impacts on Biodiversity

Part 5, Section 5.5 of the EP&A Act requires that assessment of the proposed works considers environmental impacts. A search and review of threatened species' records in the DPE BioNet Atlas within 100km² of the Site (www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/biodiversity/nsw-bionet) was undertaken on 31 March, 2025.

Given the level of assessment of the Site in previous assessment, the 5-part test was applied to the following species previously recorded in the Site:

- *Ninox strenua* (Powerful Owl);
- *Haliaeetus leucogaster* (White-bellied Sea-Eagle);
- *Pandion cristatus* (Eastern Osprey);
- *Phascolarctos cinereus* (Koala);
- *Callistemon linearifolius* (Netted Bottle Brush);
- *Asperula asthenes* (Trailing Woodruff); and
- *Corybas dowlingii* (Red Helmet Orchid).

Following the Precautionary Principle and to ensure best practice, the desktop results were assessed under BC Act Section 7.3 (5-part test of significance). The 5-part test follows in **Table 3** and the Threatened Species Search Table is provided as **Attachment C**.

Threatened Species Search and Assessment

Section 7.3 of the BC Act lists five factors that must be taken into account in determining the significance of potential impacts of proposed activities on threatened species, populations, ecological communities and/or their habitats as listed within the BC Act.

The 5-part test was used to determine whether there is likely to be a significant impact, and thus whether the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (BOS) is triggered, is provided below in **Table 3**.

Table 3 – Subject Species identified within the Site or locality since January 2005

Clause	Assessment Required	Assessment
7(1)(a)	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Bionet records for the species identified within the Site or adjoining Stoney Ridge Reserve (SRR) (see Figure 3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ninox strenua</i>; • <i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>; • <i>Pandion cristatus</i>; • <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>; • <i>Callistemon linearifolius</i>; • <i>Asperula asthenes</i>; and • <i>Corybas dowlingii</i>. <p>7 (1) (a) Conclusion</p>	<p><i>Ninox strenua</i></p> <p>With no nesting hollows the Site would offer marginal foraging habitat at best, hence no significant impact to the species.</p> <p><i>Pandion cristatus</i></p> <p>No nesting habitat impacted, hence no significant impact to the species.</p> <p><i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i></p> <p>No nesting habitat impacted, hence no significant impact to the species.</p> <p><i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i></p> <p>Five (5) small (<0.4m DBH) removed, hence no significant impact to the species. Assessment against the CKPoM is provided in Table 4 herein.</p> <p><i>Callistemon linearifolius</i></p> <p>Approx. 0.033ha of habitat removed, considering the intact habitat in the locality, no significant impact to the species.</p> <p><i>Corybas dowlingii</i></p> <p>Approx. 0.033ha of habitat removed, considering the intact habitat in the locality, no significant impact to the species.</p> <p>With over 50ha of retained habitat in Stoney Ridge Reserve and surrounds, AEP considers the Proposal would not have an adverse effect on the life cycle of any species such that a local population would be placed at risk of extinction.</p>
7(1)(b)	<p><i>In the case of an endangered ecological community or critically endangered ecological community, whether the proposed development or activity:</i></p> <p>i. <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</i></p> <p>ii. <i>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.</i></p> <p>7 (1) (b) Conclusion</p>	<p>Ground truthing in the EAR revealed that 0.1ha of PCT 1626 - Smooth-barked Apple - Broad-leaved Mahogany - Red Bloodwood heathy low open forest on hills at Nelson Bay, this PCT is not associated with a Threatened Endangered Community (TEC).</p> <p>No EEC vegetation would be impacted by the Works.</p>
7(1)(c)	<p>i. <i>In relation to the habitat of a threatened species or ecological community:</i></p> <p>ii. <i>the extent to which habitat is likely to be removed or modified as a result of the proposed development or activity, and</i></p> <p>iii. <i>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</i></p> <p>iv. <i>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.</i></p> <p>7 (1) (c) Conclusion</p>	<p>As approx. 0.033ha of disturbed remnant vegetation would be removed, Proposal would have minimal to no impact on habitat.</p> <p>No habitat vegetation would be impacted by the Works</p>

Clause	Assessment Required	Assessment
7(1)(d)	<i>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).</i> 7 (1) (d) Conclusion	No declared Areas of Outstanding Biodiversity Value occur within or near the Site. No Impact on any Outstanding Biodiversity Value Area
7(1)(e)	<i>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.</i> 7 (1) (e) Conclusion	With ~ 0.033ha of disturbed remnant vegetation impacted, it is not anticipated that development as proposed is part of or is likely to contribute to any key threatening processes. The development has potential to contribute to the following key threatening process (KTP): No serious impacts on any KTPs

Summary: AEP considers that the Works would have no serious impacts on any entity under Part 5, Section 5.5 of the EP&A Act.

EPBC Act Assessment

A search was conducted in March 2025 for Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) as relevant to the EPBC Act. The following MNES are considered in this assessment.

World Heritage Properties:

The site is not a World Heritage area and is not in close proximity to any such area.

National Heritage Places:

The site is not a National Heritage Place and does not contain any matters of national heritage.

Wetlands of International Significance (declared Ramsar wetlands):

The Subject Site is not located within wetlands of International Significance. No impacts on the hydrology and ecology of the wetlands are expected as a result of the proposed development.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:

The site is not part of or within close proximity to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

Commonwealth Marine Areas:

The site is not part of or within close proximity to any Commonwealth Marine Area.

Threatened Ecological Communities (TECs):

Table 4 is showing the assessment to potential TECs onsite.

Table 4 – Threatened Ecological Communities (TECs)

TEC	Threatened Category	Potential for Occurrence	Comment
Coastal Swamp Oak (<i>Casuarina glauca</i>) Forest of New South Wales and South East Queensland ecological community	Endangered	Possible	Not present
Coastal Swamp Sclerophyll Forest of New South Wales and South East Queensland	Endangered	Likely	Not present
Subtropical eucalypt floodplain forest and woodland of the New South Wales North Coast and South East Queensland bioregions	Endangered	Likely	Not present

EPBC Act Assessment Conclusion:

Consideration of the EPBC Act revealed that it is unlikely that significant impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance will occur as a result of the proposal. As such, a referral is not considered likely to be necessary.

Port Stephens Council Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management

Under State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021; Chapter 4 Koala Habitat Protection 2021, assessment under the *Port Stephens Council Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management* (2002) (the CKPoM) is required.

CKPoM Performance Criteria for Development Applications

The CKPoM contains performance criteria to assess development applications, an important means by which koala habitat can be protected and effectively managed. All development applications in the Port Stephens LGA will be required to comply with the provisions of the CKPoM to comply with State Environmental Planning Policy No. 44 – Koala Habitat Protection.

Examination of the Koala Habitat Planning Map (Port Stephens Council 2007) shows that part of the Site is mapped as Supplementary Koala Habitat (shown in **Figure 5**). Five Koala feed trees (**Appendix 8** of the CKPoM) would be impacted by the Proposal. As the largest of these trees is 0.4m DBH, and given the large amount of retained habitat to the west, it is not considered that the Proposal would pose serious impacts upon Koala or Koala habitat in the locality.

Table 5 addresses the Koala criteria for Development Applications, containing the information required to accompany development applications on sites that contain Supplementary Koala Habitat.

Table 5 – Performance Criteria for Development Applications (Appendix 4 CKPoM)

Clause	Requirement	Assessment
1	<i>An assessment of koala habitat, by a suitably qualified person, in accordance with the attached Guidelines for Koala Habitat Assessment, which appear in Appendix 6.</i>	Many BioNet records in the last 20 year. AEP also confirmed scats from Koala within the Site in August 2021. Given the lack of preferred tree species but the presence of Important tree species within the Site along with sign of Koala usage it is considered that the Site is correctly mapped as supplementary habitat. Vegetation mapping within the site identified the Plant Community Type (PCT) present on the western boundary of the site as PCT 1626 - Smooth-barked Apple - Broad-leaved Mahogany - Red Bloodwood heathy low open forest on hills at Nelson Bay. Given that the proposed development would impact only five (5) Koala feed trees it is considered that the proposal would not lead to significant impacts on Koala.
2	<i>Clear details concerning which vegetation is to be cleared or disturbed and that which is to be retained.</i>	<0.033ha of native vegetation would be cleared, see Plate 1 . Given that the proposed development would impact <0.033ha of vegetation, it is considered that the proposal would not lead to significant impacts on Koala.
3	<i>Details of any proposed building envelopes and fire fuel reduction zones and the means by which they are to be enforced.</i>	The Proposal was developed to satisfy bushfire management actions scheduled in the BTA.
4	<i>Proposed measures to restore or rehabilitate koala habitat, including measures</i>	With the small amount of habitat removed, no measures are considered necessary.

Clause	Requirement	Assessment
	<i>which will result in the net gain of koala habitat.</i>	
5	<i>Proposed measures to allow the safe movement of Koalas across the site including road designs and speed mediation measures, fence construction details where fencing is proposed, and swimming pool specifications.</i>	The Proposal is for small amounts of clearing on the edges of existing fire trails and tracks No changes in risk to koalas to what is currently present.
6	<i>Proposed measures to mitigate the impacts on koalas by dogs.</i>	The Proposal does not create any impacts on Koalas by dogs. As such no change in dog presence will occur as a result of this proposal.

Habitat for Native Flora and Fauna

The areas impacted consist of edges of existing fire trails and APZ areas, hence minimal native fauna or habitat of value to native flora and fauna would be impacted. With approx. 0.033ha of disturbed remnant edge vegetation to be removed, it is considered unlikely any threatened species would be impacted by the Works. Tree 112, identified in the AIA, would provide potential habitat for arboreal fauna and should be retained and protected, as scheduled in the AIA and recommendations herein. The track has been designed to utilise existing tracks to limit impact on fauna habitat as much as possible. In addition, the Powerful Owl Tree is currently located adjacent to Fleet Street (**Figure 5**). Therefore, the potential increase in disturbance from the proposed track should be minimal.

AEP's opinion is that, given the implementation of the recommendations herein, impacts to biodiversity would be negligible as a result of the Proposal.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021

Investigations in accordance with the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021* (R&H SEPP) found that the Site is not identified as Coastal wetlands, Coastal Environmental Area or Coastal Use Area and / or Coastal Vulnerability Areas. The Site, however, is mapped as Littoral Rainforest Proximity Area (see **Plate 1**).



Plate 1 – Littoral rainforest mapping (April 2025)

Assessment of the small amount of clearing (0.033ha) required, it is not considered the Proposal would impact any Littoral rainforest

Recommendations

While impacts to biodiversity are expected to be negligible from the Works, AEP recommends the following measures be implemented to mitigate general ecological impacts from the Works:

- A Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) to be developed to mitigate any impacts to adjacent downslope receptors and native biota. The CEMP should be informed by best-practice measures sourced from the “Blue Book” (Landcom, 2004);
- It is recommended the proposed swale is replaced with coir logs for erosion control to minimise impact to native vegetation;
- Tree Protection measures scheduled in the AIA should be installed, and inspected and approved by an AQF5 Arborist prior to construction. This includes Tree 112 which provides potential habitat for arboreal fauna and should be retained and protected as scheduled (see **Plate 2**);
- Any tree maintenance and pruning works should be carried out by a qualified arborist in accordance with AS4373 – 2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees and the Code of Practice Amenity Tree Industry (August 2007);
- Equipment should be cleaned thoroughly and disinfected before entering and exiting site to prevent weed and disease introduction such as *Phytophthora cinnamomi* (Root-rot fungus), *Puccinia psidii* (Myrtle Rust); and
- Retained trees schedule and retained trees requiring tree protection measures are shown in **Plate 2** below.

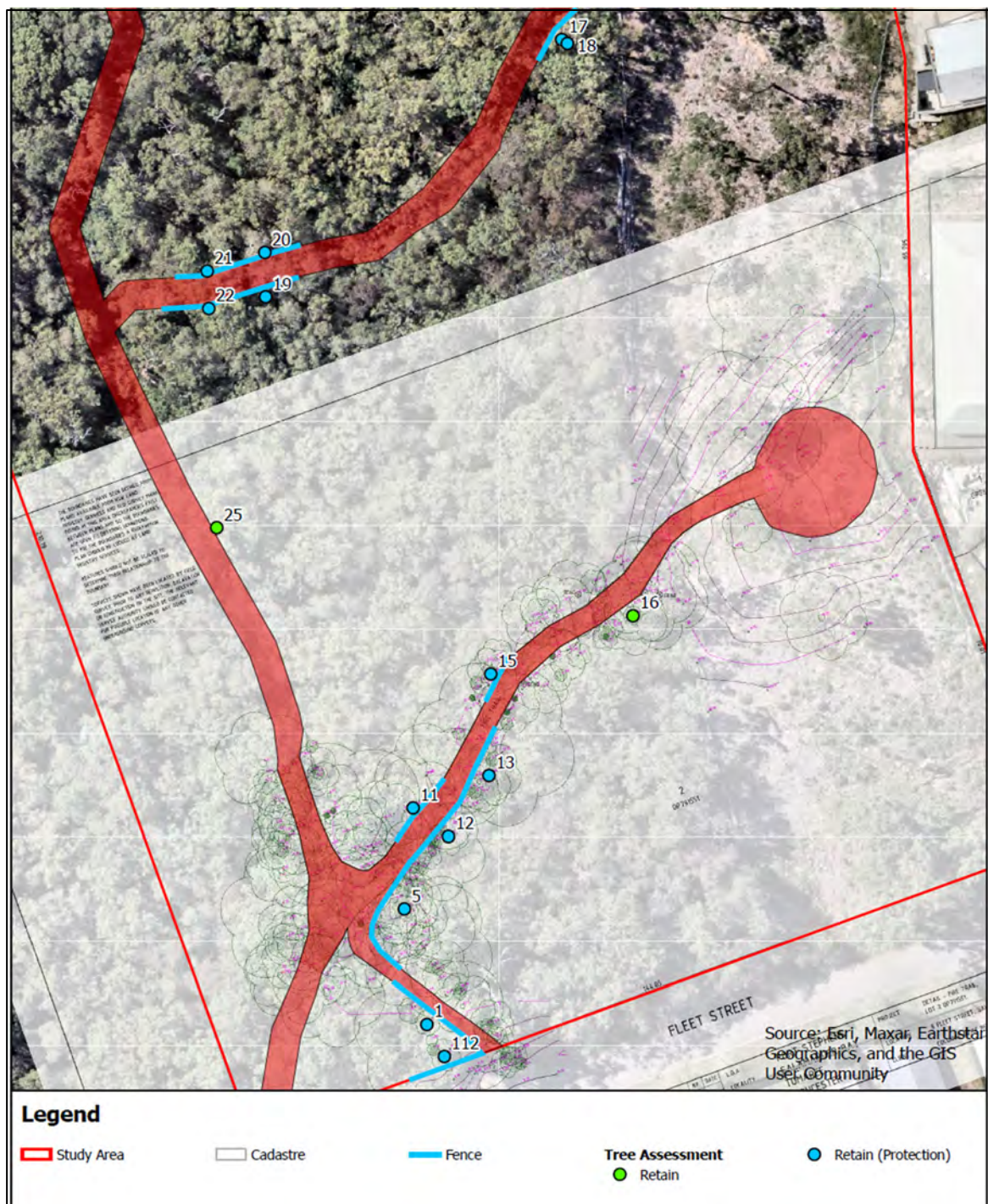


Plate 2 – Tree protection measures scheduled in AIA

Certification & Licencing:

Report writer Dennis Neader, mapping by Joe Young and reviewed and certified by Natalie Black of Anderson Environment & Planning.

Research was conducted under the following licences:

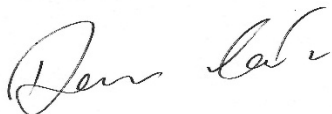
- NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Scientific Investigation Licence SL101313;
- Animal Research Authority (Trim File No: 14/600(2)) issued by NSW Agriculture; and
- Animal Care and Ethics Committee Certificate of Approval (Trim File No: 14/600(2)) issued by NSW Agriculture.

Certification:

As the principal author, I, Dennis Neader, make the following declaration:

- The results presented in the report are, in the opinion of the principal author and certifier, a true and accurate account of the species recorded, or considered likely to occur within the Survey Area;
- Commonwealth, State and Local Government policies and guidelines formed the basis of project surveying methodology, unless specified departures from industry standard guidelines are justified for scientific and/or animal ethics reasons; and
- All research workers have complied with relevant laws and codes relating to the conduct of flora and fauna research, including the Animal Research Act 1995, National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 and the Australian Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes.

Principal Certifier:



Dennis Neader

Senior Ecologist

Anderson Environment & Planning

20 May 2025

Attachment A: Figures

Attachment B: Bionet Threatened Species Search Table

Attachment C: MNES Search

Attachment A: Figures



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PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT SITE

FLEET STREET

NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

REVISION	DESCRIPTION	ISSUED	VER'D	APP'D	DATE
1	ISSUED FOR CLIENT REVIEW	JK		KS	22.04.25
2	ISSUED FOR CLIENT REVIEW	JR		TVK	13.05.25

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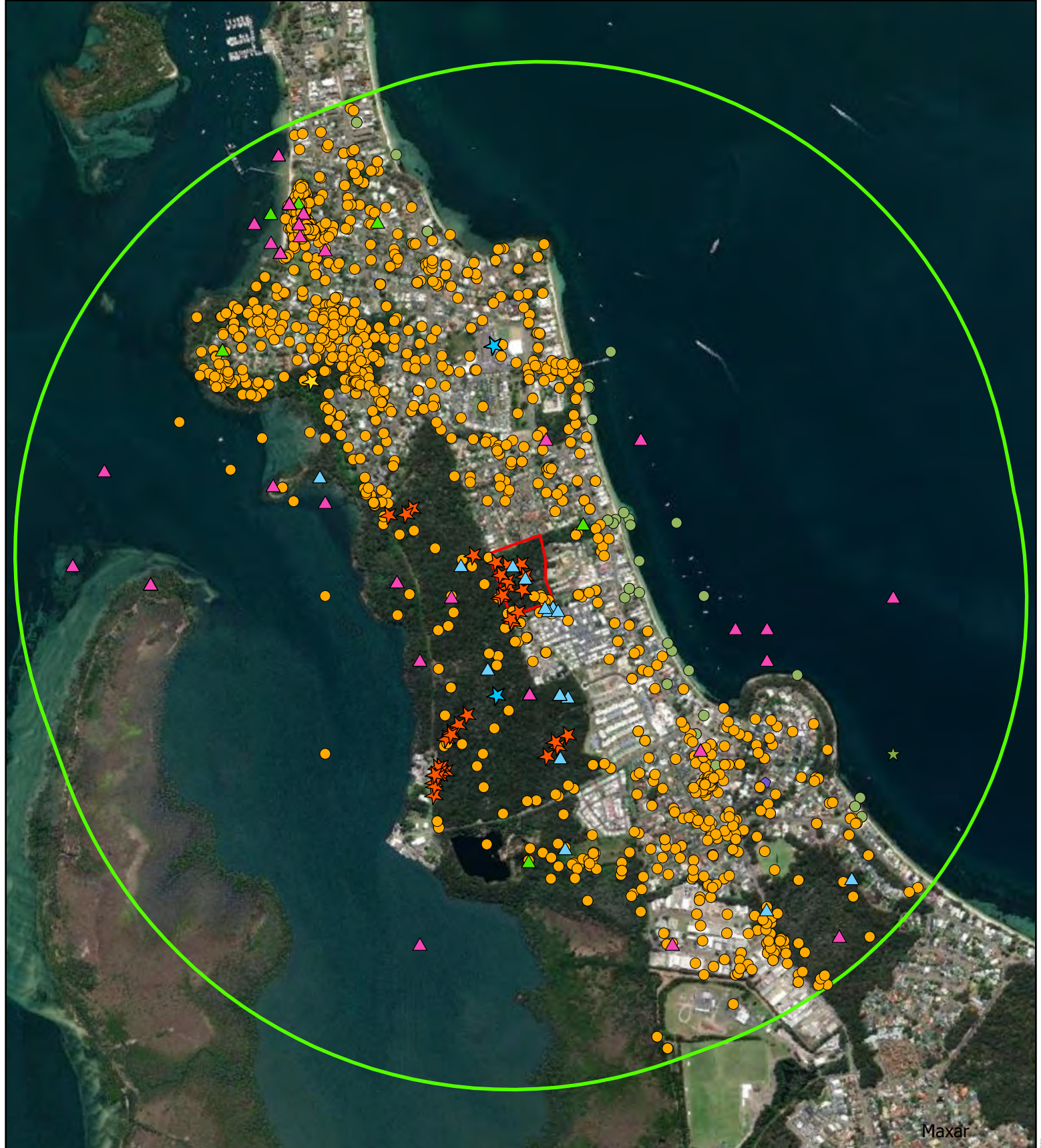
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Legend

Study Area

1500m Assessment Buffer

Aves

▲ Eastern Osprey

▲ Powerful Owl

▲ White-bellied Sea-Eagle

Flora

★ Asperula asthenes

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★ Corybas dowlingii

Mammalia

● Koala

Figure 3 - BioNet Atlas Records

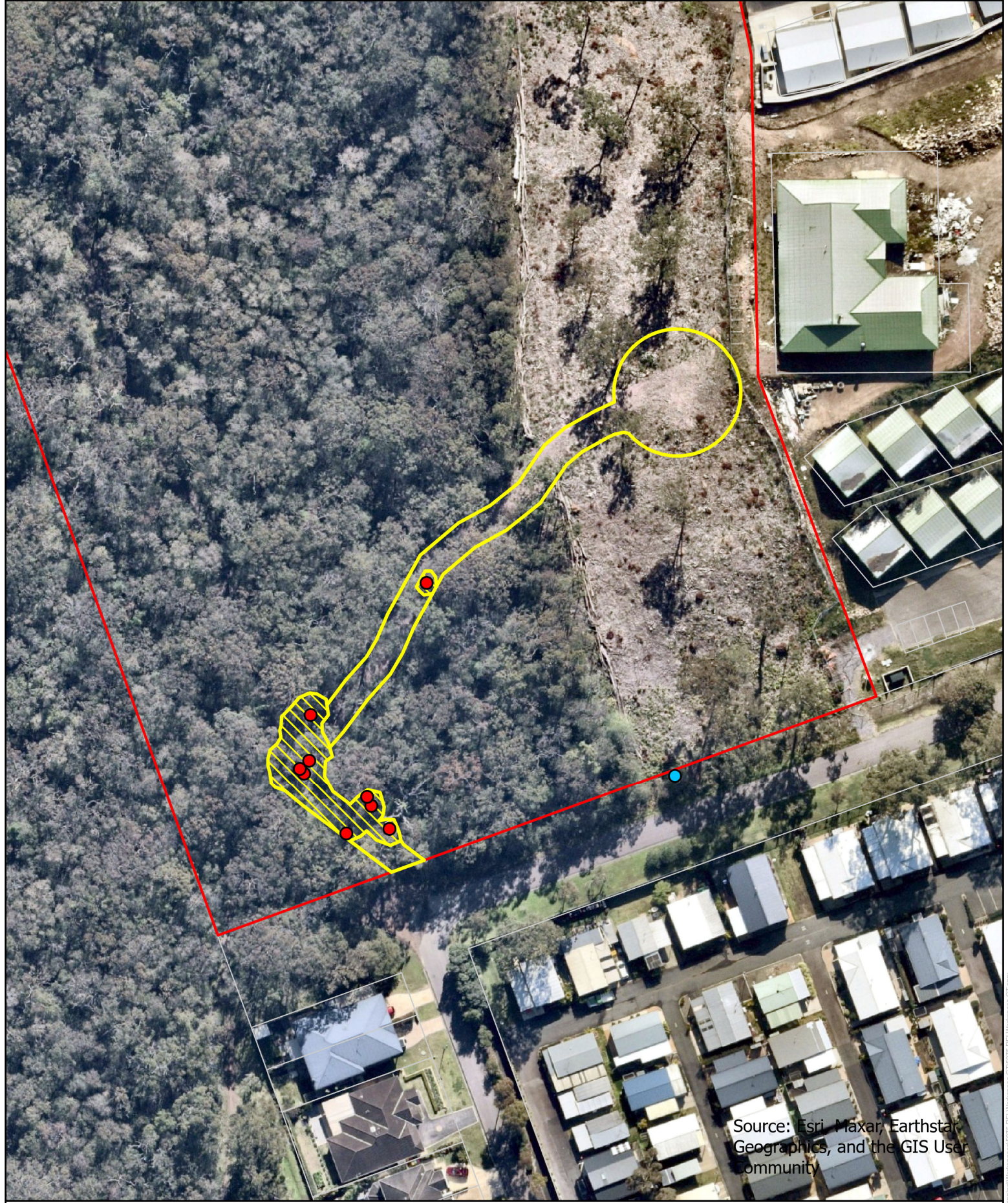
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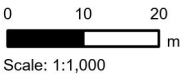


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- Legend**
 Study Area
 Subject Site (0.15ha)
 Impacted Vegetation (0.033ha)
 ● Tree Remove
 ● Powerful Owl Tree (Retain)

Figure 5 - Impacts



Attachment B – Threatened Species Search Bionet Atlas 31 March 2025

Highlight blue = Subject Species				
Scientific Name	Common Name	NSW status	Comm. status	Records
<i>Crinia tinnula</i>	Wallum Froglet	V		141
<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	V		32
<i>Lophoictinia isura</i>	Square-tailed Kite	V		1
<i>Pandion cristatus</i>	Eastern Osprey	V		11
<i>Calyptorhynchus lathami lathami</i>	South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo	V	V	13
<i>Parvipsitta pusilla</i>	Little Lorikeet	V		20
<i>Ninox connivens</i>	Barking Owl	V		1
<i>Ninox strenua</i>	Powerful Owl	V		20
<i>Tyto novaehollandiae</i>	Masked Owl	V		8
<i>Daphoenositta chrysoptera</i>	Varied Sittella	V		1
<i>Dasyurus maculatus</i>	Spotted-tailed Quoll	V	E	2
<i>Phascogale tapoatafa</i>	Brush-tailed Phascogale	V		2
<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	Koala	E	E	4428
<i>Petaurus norfolcensis</i>	Squirrel Glider	V		23
<i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i>	Grey-headed Flying-fox	V	V	48
<i>Saccolaimus flaviventris</i>	Yellow-bellied Sheath-tail-bat	V		3
<i>Micronomus norfolkensis</i>	Eastern Coastal Free-tailed Bat	V		24
<i>Falsistrellus tasmaniensis</i>	Eastern False Pipistrelle	V		13
<i>Myotis macropus</i>	Southern Myotis	V		13
<i>Scoteanax rueppellii</i>	Greater Broad-nosed Bat	V		14
<i>Vespadelus troughtoni</i>	Eastern Cave Bat	V		25
<i>Miniopterus australis</i>	Little Bent-winged Bat	V		39
<i>Miniopterus orianae oceanensis</i>	Large Bent-winged Bat	V		20
<i>Tetratheca juncea</i>	Black-eyed Susan	V	V	2742
<i>Angophora inopina</i>	Charmhaven Apple	V	V	741
<i>Callistemon linearifolius</i>	Netted Bottlebrush	V		33
<i>Eucalyptus parramattensis</i> subsp. <i>decadens</i>		V	V	2
<i>Melaleuca groveana</i>	Grove's Paperbark	V		171
<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i>	Magenta Lilly Pilly	V	V	11
<i>Corybas dowlingii</i>	Red Helmet Orchid	E		112
<i>Cryptostylis hunteriana</i>	Leafless Tongue Orchid	V	V	255
<i>Diuris arenaria</i>	Sand Doubletail	E		260
<i>Diuris praecox</i>	Rough Doubletail	V	V	6
<i>Persicaria elatior</i>	Tall Knotweed	V	V	61
<i>Grevillea parviflora</i> subsp. <i>parviflora</i>	Small-flower Grevillea	V	V	332
<i>Asperula asthenes</i>	Trailing Woodruff	V	V	1



Attachment C: MNES Search 31 March 2025



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water

EPBC Act Protected Matters Report

This report provides general guidance on matters of national environmental significance and other matters protected by the EPBC Act in the area you have selected. Please see the caveat for interpretation of information provided here.

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Summary

Matters of National Environment Significance

This part of the report summarises the matters of national environmental significance that may occur in, or may relate to, the area you nominated. Further information is available in the detail part of the report, which can be accessed by scrolling or following the links below. If you are proposing to undertake an activity that may have a significant impact on one or more matters of national environmental significance then you should consider the [Administrative Guidelines on Significance](#).

World Heritage Properties:	None
National Heritage Places:	None
Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar	1
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	None
Commonwealth Marine Area:	None
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:	4
Listed Threatened Species:	91
Listed Migratory Species:	67

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

This part of the report summarises other matters protected under the Act that may relate to the area you nominated. Approval may be required for a proposed activity that significantly affects the environment on Commonwealth land, when the action is outside the Commonwealth land, or the environment anywhere when the action is taken on Commonwealth land. Approval may also be required for the Commonwealth or Commonwealth agencies proposing to take an action that is likely to have a significant impact on the environment anywhere.

The EPBC Act protects the environment on Commonwealth land, the environment from the actions taken on Commonwealth land, and the environment from actions taken by Commonwealth agencies. As heritage values of a place are part of the 'environment', these aspects of the EPBC Act protect the Commonwealth Heritage values of a Commonwealth Heritage place. Information on the new heritage laws can be found at <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage>

A [permit](#) may be required for activities in or on a Commonwealth area that may affect a member of a listed threatened species or ecological community, a member of a listed migratory species, whales and other cetaceans, or a member of a listed marine species.

Commonwealth Lands:	None
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Listed Marine Species:	95
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	12
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:	None
Australian Marine Parks:	None
Habitat Critical to the Survival of Marine Turtles:	None

Extra Information

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

State and Territory Reserves:	1
Regional Forest Agreements:	1
Nationally Important Wetlands:	1
EPBC Act Referrals:	4
Key Ecological Features (Marine):	None
Biologically Important Areas:	5
Bioregional Assessments:	None
Geological and Bioregional Assessments:	None

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Matters of National Environmental Significance

Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Wetlands)		[Resource Information]
Ramsar Site Name	Proximity	
Myall lakes	Within 10km of Ramsar site	

Listed Threatened Ecological Communities	[Resource Information]
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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
Coastal Swamp Oak (Casuarina glauca) Forest of New South Wales and South East Queensland ecological community	Endangered	Community may occur within area
Coastal Swamp Sclerophyll Forest of New South Wales and South East Queensland	Endangered	Community likely to occur within area
Posidonia australis seagrass meadows of the Manning-Hawkesbury ecoregion	Endangered	Community likely to occur within area
Subtropical eucalypt floodplain forest and woodland of the New South Wales North Coast and South East Queensland bioregions	Endangered	Community likely to occur within area

Listed Threatened Species	[Resource Information]
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Status of Conservation Dependent and Extinct are not MNES under the EPBC Act.

Number is the current name ID.

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
BIRD		
Anthochaera phrygia Regent Honeyeater [82338]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Ardenna grisea Sooty Shearwater [82651]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Arenaria interpres Ruddy Turnstone [872]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Botaurus poiciloptilus Australasian Bittern [1001]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris tenuirostris Great Knot [862]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Callocephalon fimbriatum Gang-gang Cockatoo [768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Calyptorhynchus lathami lathami South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo [67036]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Charadrius mongolus Lesser Sand Plover, Mongolian Plover [879]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Climacteris picumnus victoriae Brown Treecreeper (south-eastern) [67062]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Diomedea antipodensis Antipodean Albatross [64458]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Diomedea antipodensis gibsoni Gibson's Albatross [82270]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Diomedea epomophora Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Diomedea exulans Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Diomedea sanfordi Northern Royal Albatross [64456]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Erythrotriorchis radiatus Red Goshawk [942]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Falco hypoleucos Grey Falcon [929]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
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
Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Grantiella picta Painted Honeyeater [470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail [682]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Lathamus discolor Swift Parrot [744]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Limosa lapponica baueri Nunivak Bar-tailed Godwit, Western Alaskan Bar-tailed Godwit [86380]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Limosa limosa Black-tailed Godwit [845]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Macronectes halli Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Melanodryas cucullata cucullata South-eastern Hooded Robin, Hooded Robin (south-eastern) [67093]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Neophema chrysostoma Blue-winged Parrot [726]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pachyptila turtur subantarctica Fairy Prion (southern) [64445]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Pluvialis squatarola Grey Plover [865]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Pterodroma leucoptera leucoptera Gould's Petrel, Australian Gould's Petrel [26033]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pterodroma neglecta neglecta Kermadec Petrel (western) [64450]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
Pycnoptilus floccosus Pilotbird [525]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Stagonopleura guttata Diamond Firetail [59398]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Sternula albifrons Little Tern [82849]	Vulnerable	Breeding likely to occur within area
Sternula nereis nereis Australian Fairy Tern [82950]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche bulleri Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [64460]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche bulleri platei Northern Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [82273]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche carteri Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Thalassarche cauta Shy Albatross [89224]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Thalassarche eremita Chatham Albatross [64457]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
Thalassarche impavida Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche melanophris Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Thalassarche salvini Salvin's Albatross [64463]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Thalassarche steadi White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Tringa nebularia Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Xenus cinereus Terek Sandpiper [59300]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
FISH		
Epinephelus daemeli Black Rockcod, Black Cod, Saddled Rockcod [68449]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Hippocampus whitei White's Seahorse, Crowned Seahorse, Sydney Seahorse [66240]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Serirolella brama Blue Warehou [69374]	Conservation Dependent	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
FROG		

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Litoria aurea Green and Golden Bell Frog [1870]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Uperoleia mahonyi Mahony's Toadlet [89189]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
MAMMAL		
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Chalinolobus dwyeri Large-eared Pied Bat, Large Pied Bat [183]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Dasyurus maculatus maculatus (SE mainland population) Spot-tailed Quoll, Spotted-tail Quoll, Tiger Quoll (southeastern mainland population) [75184]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Eubalaena australis Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Notamacropus parma Parma Wallaby [89289]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Petauroides volans Greater Glider (southern and central) [254]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Petaurus australis australis Yellow-bellied Glider (south-eastern) [87600]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Phascolarctos cinereus (combined populations of Qld, NSW and the 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
Potorous tridactylus tridactylus Long-nosed Potoroo (northern) [66645]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Pseudomys novaehollandiae New Holland Mouse, Pookila [96]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Pteropus poliocephalus Grey-headed Flying-fox [186]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
PLANT		
Angophora inopina Charmhaven Apple [64832]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Asperula asthenes Trailing Woodruff [14004]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Cryptostylis hunteriana Leafless Tongue-orchid [19533]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diuris praecox Newcastle Doubletail [55086]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Eucalyptus parramattensis subsp. decadens Earp's Gum, Earp's Dirty Gum [56148]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Euphrasia arguta [4325]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Persicaria elatior Knotweed, Tall Knotweed [5831]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Prostanthera densa Villous Mintbush [12233]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Rhizanthella slateri Eastern Underground Orchid [11768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Rhodamnia rubescens Scrub Turpentine, Brown Malletwood [15763]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Rhodomyrtus psidioides Native Guava [19162]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Syzygium paniculatum Magenta Lilly Pilly, Magenta Cherry, Daguba, Scrub Cherry, Creek Lilly Pilly, Brush Cherry [20307]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Tetratheca juncea Black-eyed Susan [21407]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Thesium australe Austral Toadflax, Toadflax [15202]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
REPTILE		
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
SHARK		

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Carcharias taurus (east coast population) Grey Nurse Shark (east coast population) [68751]	Critically Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Carcharodon carcharias White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Rhincodon typus Whale Shark [66680]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Sphyrna lewini Scalloped Hammerhead [85267]	Conservation Dependent	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Listed Migratory Species	[Resource Information]	
Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Migratory Marine Birds		
Anous stolidus Common Noddy [825]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Ardenna carneipes Flesh-footed Shearwater, Fleshy-footed Shearwater [82404]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Ardenna grisea Sooty Shearwater [82651]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Calonectris leucomelas Streaked Shearwater [1077]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Diomedea antipodensis Antipodean Albatross [64458]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Diomedea epomophora Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Diomedea exulans Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Diomedea sanfordi Northern Royal Albatross [64456]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Fregata ariel Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Fregata minor Great Frigatebird, Greater Frigatebird [1013]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Macronectes halli Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Phaethon lepturus White-tailed Tropicbird [1014]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Sternula albifrons Little Tern [82849]	Vulnerable	Breeding likely to occur within area
Thalassarche bulleri Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [64460]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche carteri Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

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Thalassarche cauta Shy Albatross [89224]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
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Thalassarche salvini Salvin's Albatross [64463]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Thalassarche steadi White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Migratory Marine Species		
Balaenoptera edeni Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Caperea marginata Pygmy Right Whale [39]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
Carcharhinus longimanus Oceanic Whitetip Shark [84108]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Carcharias taurus Grey Nurse Shark [64469]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Carcharodon carcharias White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Dugong dugon Dugong [28]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Eubalaena australis as Balaena glacialis australis Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Lamna nasus Porbeagle, Mackerel Shark [83288]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Mobula alfredi as Manta alfredi Reef Manta Ray, Coastal Manta Ray [90033]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Mobula birostris as Manta birostris Giant Manta Ray [90034]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Orcinus orca Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Rhincodon typus Whale Shark [66680]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Migratory Terrestrial Species		
Cuculus optatus Oriental Cuckoo, Horsfield's Cuckoo [86651]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail [682]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Migratory Wetlands Species		
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Arenaria interpres Ruddy Turnstone [872]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area

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Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris ruficollis Red-necked Stint [860]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris tenuirostris Great Knot [862]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius bicinctus Double-banded Plover [895]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Charadrius mongolus Lesser Sand Plover, Mongolian Plover [879]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Limosa lapponica Bar-tailed Godwit [844]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Limosa limosa Black-tailed Godwit [845]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Numenius phaeopus Whimbrel [849]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pluvialis fulva Pacific Golden Plover [25545]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pluvialis squatarola Grey Plover [865]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Tringa brevipes Grey-tailed Tattler [851]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Tringa nebularia Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Tringa stagnatilis Marsh Sandpiper, Little Greenshank [833]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Xenus cinereus Terek Sandpiper [59300]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Listed Marine Species	[Resource Information]	
Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Bird		
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Anous stolidus Common Noddy [825]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area
Ardenna carneipes as Puffinus carneipes Flesh-footed Shearwater, Fleshy-footed Shearwater [82404]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Ardenna grisea as Puffinus griseus Sooty Shearwater [82651]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Arenaria interpres Ruddy Turnstone [872]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Bubulcus ibis as Ardea ibis Cattle Egret [66521]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area
Calidris ruficollis Red-necked Stint [860]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Calidris tenuirostris Great Knot [862]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area
Calonectris leucomelas Streaked Shearwater [1077]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius bicinctus Double-banded Plover [895]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area
Haliaeetus leucogaster White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Himantopus himantopus Pied Stilt, Black-winged Stilt [870]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area
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Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Macronectes halli Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area
Monarcha melanopsis Black-faced Monarch [609]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area
Myiagra cyanoleuca Satin Flycatcher [612]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area
Neophema chrysostoma Blue-winged Parrot [726]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Numenius phaeopus Whimbrel [849]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pachyptila turtur Fairy Prion [1066]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Phaethon lepturus White-tailed Tropicbird [1014]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pluvialis fulva Pacific Golden Plover [25545]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pluvialis squatarola Grey Plover [865]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area
Pterodroma cervicalis White-necked Petrel [59642]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Recurvirostra novaehollandiae Red-necked Avocet [871]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area
Rhipidura rufifrons Rufous Fantail [592]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area
Rostratula australis as Rostratula benghalensis (sensu lato) Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area
Sterna striata White-fronted Tern [799]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Sternula albifrons as Sterna albifrons Little Tern [82849]	Vulnerable	Breeding likely to occur within area
Symposiachrus trivirgatus as Monarcha trivirgatus Spectacled Monarch [83946]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Thalassarche bulleri Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [64460]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche bulleri platei as Thalassarche sp. nov. Northern Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [82273]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche carteri Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Thalassarche cauta Shy Albatross [89224]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Thalassarche eremita Chatham Albatross [64457]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
Thalassarche impavida Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche melanophris Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Thalassarche salvini Salvin's Albatross [64463]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Thalassarche steadi White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Tringa brevipes as Heteroscelus brevipes Grey-tailed Tattler [851]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Tringa nebularia Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area
Tringa stagnatilis Marsh Sandpiper, Little Greenshank [833]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area
Xenus cinereus Terek Sandpiper [59300]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area
Fish		
Acentronura tentaculata Shortpouch Pygmy Pipehorse [66187]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Festucalex cinctus Girdled Pipefish [66214]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Filicampus tigris Tiger Pipefish [66217]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Heraldia nocturna Upside-down Pipefish, Eastern Upside-down Pipefish, Eastern Upside-down Pipefish [66227]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippichthys penicillus Beady Pipefish, Steep-nosed Pipefish [66231]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus abdominalis Big-belly Seahorse, Eastern Potbelly Seahorse, New Zealand Potbelly Seahorse [66233]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus whitei White's Seahorse, Crowned Seahorse, Sydney Seahorse [66240]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Histiogamphelus briggsii Crested Pipefish, Briggs' Crested Pipefish, Briggs' Pipefish [66242]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lissocampus runa Javelin Pipefish [66251]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Maroubra perserrata Sawtooth Pipefish [66252]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Notiocampus ruber Red Pipefish [66265]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Phyllopteryx taeniolatus Common Seadragon, Weedy Seadragon [66268]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Solegnathus spinosissimus Spiny Pipehorse, Australian Spiny Pipehorse [66275]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Solenostomus cyanopterus Robust Ghostpipefish, Blue-finned Ghost Pipefish, [66183]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Solenostomus paradoxus Ornate Ghostpipefish, Harlequin Ghost Pipefish, Ornate Ghost Pipefish [66184]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stigmatopora argus Spotted Pipefish, Gulf Pipefish, Peacock Pipefish [66276]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stigmatopora nigra Widebody Pipefish, Wide-bodied Pipefish, Black Pipefish [66277]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Syngnathoides biaculeatus Double-end Pipehorse, Double-ended Pipehorse, Alligator Pipefish [66279]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Trachyrhamphus bicoarctatus Bentstick Pipefish, Bend Stick Pipefish, Short-tailed Pipefish [66280]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Urocampus carinirostris Hairy Pipefish [66282]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Vanacampus margaritifer Mother-of-pearl Pipefish [66283]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Mammal		
Arctocephalus forsteri Long-nosed Fur-seal, New Zealand Fur-seal [20]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Arctocephalus pusillus Australian Fur-seal, Australo-African Fur-seal [21]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Dugong dugon Dugong [28]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Reptile		
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Hydrophis platura as Pelamis platurus Yellow-bellied Sea Snake [93746]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Whales and Other Cetaceans [Resource Information]		
Current Scientific Name	Status	Type of Presence
Mammal		
Balaenoptera acutorostrata Minke Whale [33]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Balaenoptera edeni Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Caperea marginata Pygmy Right Whale [39]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
Delphinus delphis Common Dolphin, Short-beaked Common Dolphin [60]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eubalaena australis Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Grampus griseus Risso's Dolphin, Grampus [64]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Current Scientific Name	Status	Type of Presence
Orcinus orca Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stenella attenuata Spotted Dolphin, Pantropical Spotted Dolphin [51]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Tursiops aduncus Indian Ocean Bottlenose Dolphin, Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin [68418]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Tursiops truncatus s. str. Bottlenose Dolphin [68417]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Extra Information

State and Territory Reserves			[Resource Information]
Protected Area Name	Reserve Type	State	
Port Stephens - Great Lakes	Marine Park	NSW	

Regional Forest Agreements	[Resource Information]
Note that all areas with completed RFAs have been included. Please see the associated resource information for specific caveats and use limitations associated with RFA boundary information.	

RFA Name	State
North East NSW RFA	New South Wales

Nationally Important Wetlands	[Resource Information]
Wetland Name	State
Port Stephens Estuary	NSW

EPBC Act Referrals				[Resource Information]
Title of referral	Reference	Referral Outcome	Assessment Status	
Not controlled action				
Growing of Pearl Oysters at Wanda Head, Mambo Creek and Pindimar Leases.	2003/1157	Not Controlled Action	Completed	
Improving rabbit biocontrol: releasing another strain of RHDV, sthrn two thirds of Australia	2015/7522	Not Controlled Action	Completed	
Tomago to Tomaree Electricity Supply Upgrade	2003/1023	Not Controlled Action	Completed	

Title of referral	Reference	Referral Outcome	Assessment Status
Referral decision			
Breeding program for Grey Nurse Sharks	2007/3245	Referral Decision	Completed

Biologically Important Areas	[Resource Information]
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Scientific Name	Behaviour	Presence
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Dolphins

Tursiops aduncus		
Indo-Pacific/Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin [68418]	Breeding	Known to occur

Seabirds

Ardenna grisea		
Sooty Shearwater [82651]	Foraging	Likely to occur

Ardenna pacifica		
Wedge-tailed Shearwater [84292]	Foraging	Likely to occur

Ardenna tenuirostris		
Short-tailed Shearwater [82652]	Foraging	Likely to occur

Sharks

Carcharias taurus		
Grey Nurse Shark [64469]	Foraging	Known to occur

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 is 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 on the contents of this report.

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 point locations and environmental data layers.

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 when time permits.

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 breeding sites; and
- 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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