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Total Earth Care has been commissioned by Turf One Pty Ltd, care of Ku-ring-gai Council, to prepare this letter Flora and Fauna Impact Assessment (FFIA) for the proposed stormwater mitigation works and synthetic football field at Norman Griffiths Oval, Pymble NSW 2073. This letter FFIA aims to address the mandatory ecological impact assessment requirements for activities subject to Division 5.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) and will supplement the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the Proposal.

1 Introduction

The Proposal involves the development of a synthetic playing field and stormwater mitigation works at Norman Griffiths Oval, Pymble NSW 2073 (Lot 6/-/DP 564939). This will involve the following key components:

- Removal and replacement of one tree
- Minor demolition and earthworks
- Construction of a stormwater mitigation system including:
 - Continuous Deflective Separation Unit
 - Stormtech Trench and Chamber System for below ground on-site detention at 2.4 mega litre capacity
 - Bioretention basin
- Construction of new synthetic playing field
- Closure of one sewer pit
- Ancillary landscaping, lighting and fencing.

The Subject Site consists of the area directly impacted by the Proposal, while the Survey Area comprises the Subject Site in addition to the surrounding land which may be potentially indirectly impacted by the Proposal (Figure 1).



Figure 1. Subject Site and Survey Area.

2 Methodology

2.1 Desktop Research

A preliminary desktop study was conducted to assess the likelihood of the Subject Site to support threatened species, populations or Threatened Ecological Communities (TECs), or their habitats. All records of threatened species and populations within 5km of the Subject Site (10 km locality search) were obtained from the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Bionet Atlas Database (DPE, 2022a), and the Federal Protected Matters Search Tool (DCCEEW, 2022a).

Other sources of data were reviewed including:

- Historical vegetation mapping (DPE, 2022h) used to determine the likelihood of any nearby areas of endangered ecological communities
- Soil type mapping (DPE, 2022g)
- Biodiversity Offset Scheme Entry Threshold Map (DPE, 2022b)
- National Flying-fox monitoring viewer (DCCEEW, 2022b).

2.2 Ecological Site Assessment

A diurnal ecological site assessment was conducted over one day on Tuesday the 20th of December 2022. This involved ground-truthing of vegetation communities and targeted surveys for threatened flora, fauna and their habitats.

2.3 Limitations

As the surveys were undertaken at a discrete time of the year and during the day, it is possible that some species that may utilise the Subject Site were not recorded (i.e. migratory species, species present in soil bank, nocturnal species).

As stated by the DEC (2004) 'The absence of a species from survey data does not necessarily mean it does not inhabit the survey area. It may simply mean that the species was not detected at that time with the survey method adopted and the prevailing seasonal or climatic conditions.' Therefore, the relative brevity of the survey and its timing mean that the full spectrum of fauna species and ecological processes likely to occur on the Subject Site cannot be fully quantified or described in this report.

These limitations have been partly addressed by identifying potential habitats for fauna species and assessing the potential for these species to occur on the site based on previous records, the type and condition of habitats present, the land use throughout the Subject Site, Survey Area and the landscape context.

All spatial data collected used a hand-held GPS which is accurate to 5m.

3 Existing Environment

3.1 Vegetation Communities

3.1.1 Historically Mapped Vegetation Communities

The Survey Area contains one historically mapped Plant Community Type (PCT) as per the NSW State Vegetation Type Map (DPE, 2022d) - PCT 3262: Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest (Figure 4).

3.1.2 Ground-truthed Vegetation Communities

The ecological site assessment confirmed that the Survey Area contained remnant PCT 3262, along with exotic dominant lawn within and surrounding the oval (Figure 5). Plant Community Type 3262 occurred in varying condition, with good-condition vegetation occurring in the northern extent of the Survey Area, with a remnant canopy, shrub and groundcover layer and minor exotic species. Lower condition PCT 3262 occurred to the east, west and south which contained a disturbed shrub and groundcover layer with a moderate abundance of exotic species.

3.1.2.1 Plant Community Type 3262

Plant Community Type 3262 comprised a remnant canopy dominated by *Syncarpia glomulifera* (Turpentine), *Angophora costata* (Sydney Red Gum), *Eucalyptus pilularis* (Blackbutt) and *E. paniculata* (Grey Ironbark). The commonly cultivated *Melia azedarach* (White Cedar) was present within the eastern extent, bordering Loftberg Road. The shrub layer was dominated by *Acacia parramattensis* (Parramatta Wattle), *Allocasuarina littoralis* (Black She-oak), *Pittosporum undulatum* (Sweet Pittosporum) and *Breynia oblongifolia* (Coffee Bush). The groundlayer was relatively sparse, dominated by *Lomandra longifolia* (Spiny-headed Mat-rush), *Microlaena stipoides* (Weeping Grass) and *Entolasia stricta* (Wiry Panic). A representative photo of PCT 3262 identified within the Survey Area is provided in Figure 2.

Minor occurrences of weeds were present within the northern extent, increasing in abundance within the eastern, western and southern patches of PCT 3262. This included common environmental weeds such as *Plantago lanceolata* (Plantain), *Ehrharta erecta* (Panic Veldtgrass), *Paspalum dilatatum* (Paspalum), *Bidens pilosa* (Cobbler's Pegs) and *Sida rhombifolia* (Paddy's Lucerne).

Small areas of the Subject Site intersect with the mapped PCT 3262 (Figure 5), however only one native species is rooted in this area: the historically cultivated *Melia azedarach* (White Cedar).



Figure 2. PCT 3262 identified within the Survey Area.

3.1.2.2 Exotic Dominant Lawn

The majority of the Survey Area comprised an exotic dominant lawn typical of an urban oval environment. This included the exotic lawn species *Cenchrus clandestinus* (Kikuyu), *Stenotaphrum secundatum* (Buffalo Grass) and the common native lawn grass, *Cynodon dactylon* (Couch). Other exotic species identified in less abundance include *Plantago lanceolata* (Plantain), *Trifolium repens* (White Clover) and *Modiola caroliniana* (Red-flowered Mallow). No native species representative of the locally occurring PCT 3262 were identified, therefore this vegetation has been classified as exotic dominant lawn (Figure 5). A representative photo of the exotic dominant lawn identified within the Survey Area is provided in Figure 3.



Figure 3. Exotic dominant lawn identified within the Survey Area.

3.1.3 Threatened Ecological Communities

Plant Community Type 3262 is associated with the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act) listed Critically Endangered Ecological Community (CEEC), Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion (STIF). The vegetation identified as PCT 3262 within the Survey Area was found to conform to the BC Act listing of STIF as it comprised numerous representative species, as well as occurring on the appropriate geology and landscape position as listed in the final determination (NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2019).

This PCT is also associated with the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) listed Critically Endangered, Turpentine-Ironbark Forest of the Sydney Basin Bioregion. The vegetation identified as PCT 3262 within the Survey Area was found to conform to this EPBC Act listing as it occurs in the Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area, and fits the following condition classes as outlined in the Listing Advice (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2005):

- The vegetation contains some characteristic components from all structural layers (tree canopy, small tree/shrub midstorey, and understorey).
- Tree canopy cover is greater than 10% and remnant size is greater than one hectare. These areas have the greatest conservation value and their high quality and size makes them most resilient to disturbance.
- However, remnants with tree canopy cover less than 10% are also included in the ecological community, if the fragments are greater than one hectare in size and occur in areas of native vegetation in excess of 5 hectares in area. These areas enhance the potential for connectivity and viability of the ecological community. They support native flora and fauna species by facilitating gene flow among remnants and buffering against disturbance.

Plant Community Type 3262 within the Survey Area contained characteristic components from all strata layers, has a canopy cover greater than 10%, and connects with a remnant patch greater than 1ha in size.



Figure 4. Historically Mapped Vegetation Communities.



Figure 5. Ground-truthed Vegetation Communities.

3.2 Flora

A total of 70 flora species were recorded within the Survey Area during the ecological site assessment, 51 of which are native and 19 exotic. All recorded flora species are listed in Appendix B.

3.2.1 Threatened Flora

The BioNet Atlas (DPE, 2022a) identified 29 threatened flora species historically recorded within 5km of the Subject Site. The EPBC Protected Matters Search Tool Report (DCCEEW, 2022a) identified an additional 15 threatened flora species previously recorded within a 5km radius of the Subject Site or which may have habitat nearby (Table 1).

No threatened flora were identified within the Survey Area. One threatened flora species may potentially occur within the Survey Area, *Thelymitra atronitida* (Black-hooded Sun Orchid) which is listed as Critically Endangered under the BC Act. The previously recorded location of this species is displayed in Figure 7. Although targeted surveys were undertaken within the Survey Area in the DPE approved survey period for this species (November-December), the site assessment was conducted relatively late in this period and could have missed the critical flowering period for this threatened orchid. As such, this species could not be excluded from the Survey Area.

Scientific Name	Common Name	BC Act Status	EPBC Act Status	Source	No. of records
Acacia bynoeana	Bynoe's Wattle	E1	V	BioNet & PMST	2
Acacia clunies-rossiae	Kanangra Wattle	V		BioNet	1
Acacia pubescens	Downy Wattle	V	V	BioNet & PMST	2
Acacia terminalis subsp. Eastern Sydney	Sunshine wattle	E1	E	BioNet & PMST	1
Allocasuarina glareicola			Е	PMST	0
Asterolasia elegans			E	PMST	0
Caladenia tessellata	Thick-lipped Spider- orchid, Daddy Long- legs		V	PMST	0
Callistemon linearifolius	Netted Bottle Brush	V,3		BioNet	14
Cryptostylis hunteriana	Leafless Tongue- orchid		V	PMST	0
Cynanchum elegans	White-flowered Wax Plant		Е	PMST	0
Darwinia biflora		V	V	BioNet & PMST	419
Darwinia peduncularis		V		BioNet	1
Deyeuxia appressa		E1	E	BioNet & PMST	3
Epacris purpurascens var. purpurascens		V		BioNet	36
Epacris sparsa			E	PMST	0
Eucalyptus camfieldii	Camfield's Stringybark	V	V	BioNet & PMST	8
Eucalyptus nicholii	Narrow-leaved Black Peppermint	V	V	BioNet	3
Genoplesium baueri	Bauer's Midge Orchid	E1,P,2	Е	BioNet & PMST	7
Grammitis stenophylla	Narrow-leaf Finger Fern	E1,3		BioNet	5
Grevillea juniperina subsp. juniperina	Juniper-leaved Grevillea	V		BioNet	1
Haloragodendron lucasii		E1	E	BioNet & PMST	18
Hibbertia spanantha	Julian's Hibbertia	E4A,2	CE	BioNet & PMST	6

Table 1. Threatened flora species previously recorded or with potential habitat within 5km of the Subject Site

Scientific Name	Common Name	BC Act Status	EPBC Act Status	Source	No. of records
Lasiopetalum joyceae		V	V	BioNet & PMST	1
Leptospermum deanei		V	V	BioNet & PMST	13
Macadamia integrifolia	Macadamia Nut		V	BioNet	14
Macadamia tetraphylla	Rough-shelled Bush Nut	V	V	BioNet	1
Melaleuca biconvexa	Biconvex Paperbark		V	PMST	0
Melaleuca deanei	Deane's Paperbark	V	V	BioNet & PMST	32
Persicaria elatior	Knotweed, Tall Knotweed		V	PMST	0
Persoonia hirsuta	Hairy Geebung	E1,P,3	E	BioNet & PMST	2
Persoonia mollis subsp. maxima			E	PMST	0
Pimelea curviflora var. curviflora		V	V	BioNet & PMST	11
Pimelea spicata	Spiked Rice-flower		E	PMST	0
Pomaderris brunnea	Rufous Pomaderris, Brown Pomaderris		V	PMST	0
Prostanthera densa	Villous Mintbush		V	PMST	0
Prostanthera junonis	Somersby Mintbush		E	PMST	0
Prostanthera marifolia	Seaforth Mintbush	E4A,3	CE	BioNet & PMST	2
Rhizanthella slateri	Eastern Australian Underground Orchid	V,P,2	E	BioNet & PMST	1
Rhodamnia rubescens	Scrub Turpentine	E4A	CE	BioNet & PMST	7
Rhodomyrtus psidioides	Native Guava		CE	PMST	0
Syzygium paniculatum	Magenta Lilly Pilly	E1	V	BioNet & PMST	34
Tetratheca glandulosa		V		BioNet	42
Thelymitra atronitida	Black-hooded Sun Orchid	E4A,P,2		BioNet	1
Thesium australe	Austral Toadflax, Toadflax		V	PMST	0

BC Act Status: V – Vulnerable, E1 - Endangered, E4A - Critically Endangered, P – Protected, 2 – Category 2 sensitive species, 3 - Category 3 sensitive species

EPBC Act Status: CE - Critically Endangered, E – Endangered, V – Vulnerable.

3.2.2 Threatened Flora Habitat

Potential habitat for the Black-hooded Sun Orchid occurs within the good-condition PCT 3262 vegetation occurring north of the Subject Site (Figure 7). Given the dominance of exotic lawn within the Subject Site and its frequent human-use, the potential for threatened flora species within the Subject Site is considered extremely low.

3.2.3 Weeds

Two exotic species identified within the Survey Area are listed as Weeds of National Environmental Significance (WoNS) and/or Priority Weeds for the Greater Sydney Region:

- Asparagus aethiopicus (Ground Asparagus) WoNS and Priority Weed
- Olea europeae subsp. cuspidata (African Olive) Priority Weed.

These weed species require management under the Biosecurity Act 2015.

3.3 Fauna

Eight fauna species were recorded during the ecological site assessment, including seven native species and one introduced Rabbit. All recorded fauna species are listed in Appendix C.

3.3.1 Threatened Fauna

The BioNet Atlas (DPE, 2022a) identified 40 threatened fauna species historically recorded within 5km of the Subject Site. The EPBC Protected Matters Search Tool Report (DCCEEW, 2022a) identified an additional eight threatened fauna species previously recorded within a 5km radius of the Subject Site or which may have habitat nearby (Table 2).

No threatened fauna species were identified during the ecological site assessment, however three historical records of the BC Act listed Vulnerable, Large Bent-winged Bat (*Miniopterus orianae oceanensis*) occur within the Survey Area (Figure 7).

Table 2.	Threatened fauna species pr	eviously recorded o	or with potential ha	abitat within 5km o	of the Subject
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Scientific Name	Common Name	BC Act Status	EPBC Act Status	Source	No. of records
Anthochaera phrygia	Regent Honeyeater	E4A,P	CE	BioNet & PMST	6
Artamus cyanopterus cyanopterus	Dusky Woodswallow	V,P		BioNet	11
Callocephalon fimbriatum	Gang-gang Cockatoo	V,P,3	E	BioNet & PMST	95
Calyptorhynchus lathami	Glossy Black- Cockatoo	V,P,2	V	BioNet & PMST	6
Cercartetus nanus	Eastern Pygmy- possum	V,P		BioNet	25
Chalinolobus dwyeri	Large-eared Pied Bat	V,P	V	BioNet & PMST	4
Cuculus optatus	Oriental Cuckoo	Р	C,J,K	BioNet	4
Daphoenositta chrysoptera	Varied Sittella	V,P		BioNet	2
Dasyornis brachypterus	Eastern Bristlebird		E	PMST	0
Dasyurus maculatus	Spotted-tailed Quoll	V,P	E	BioNet & PMST	2
Falco hypoleucos	Grey Falcon		V	PMST	0
Falsistrellus tasmaniensis	Eastern False Pipistrelle	V,P		BioNet	10
Glossopsitta pusilla	Little Lorikeet	V,P		BioNet	12
Grantiella picta	Painted Honeyeater		V	PMST	0
Haliaeetus leucogaster	White-bellied Sea- Eagle	V,P		BioNet	15
Heleioporus australiacus	Giant Burrowing Frog	V,P	V	BioNet & PMST	2
Hieraaetus morphnoides	Little Eagle	V,P		BioNet	6
Hirundapus caudacutus	White-throated Needletail	Р	V,C,J,K	BioNet & PMST	36
Hoplocephalus bungaroides	Broad-headed Snake		V	PMST	0
lsoodon obesulus obesulus	Southern Brown Bandicoot (eastern)		E	PMST	0
Ixobrychus flavicollis	Black Bittern	V,P		BioNet	7
Lathamus discolor	Swift Parrot	E1,P	CE	BioNet & PMST	18
Litoria aurea	Green and Golden Bell Frog	E1,P	V	BioNet & PMST	6
Lophoictinia isura	Square-tailed Kite	V,P,3		BioNet	10
Micronomus norfolkensis	Eastern Coastal Free-tailed Bat	V,P		BioNet	21
Miniopterus australis	Little Bent-winged Bat	V,P		BioNet	67

Scientific Name	Common Name	BC Act Status	EPBC Act Status	Source	No. of records
Miniopterus orianae oceanensis	Large Bent-winged Bat	V,P		BioNet	199
Mixophyes balbus	Stuttering Frog, Southern Barred Frog (in Victoria)		V	PMST	0
Myotis macropus	Southern Myotis	V,P		BioNet	19
Neophema pulchella	Turquoise Parrot	V,P,3		BioNet	1
Ninox connivens	Barking Owl	V,P,3		BioNet	7
Ninox strenua	Powerful Owl	V,P,3		BioNet	900
Notamacropus parma	Parma Wallaby		V	PMST	0
Pandion cristatus	Eastern Osprey	V,P,3		BioNet	8
Petauroides volans	Greater Glider	E1,P	E	BioNet & PMST	2
Petaurus australis	Yellow-bellied Glider	V,P	V	BioNet & PMST	1
Petrogale penicillata	Brush-tailed Rock- wallaby		V	PMST	0
Petroica boodang	Scarlet Robin	V,P		BioNet	3
Phascolarctos cinereus	Koala	E1,P	E	BioNet & PMST	3
Polytelis swainsonii	Superb Parrot	V,P,3	V	BioNet	1
Pommerhelix duralensis	Dural Land Snail	E1	E	BioNet & PMST	3
Pseudomys novaehollandiae	New Holland Mouse, Pookila		V	PMST	0
Pseudophryne australis	Red-crowned Toadlet	V,P		BioNet	68
Pteropus poliocephalus	Grey-headed Flying- fox	V,P	V	BioNet & PMST	1,342
Ptilinopus superbus	Superb Fruit-Dove	V,P		BioNet	6
Saccolaimus flaviventris	Yellow-bellied Sheathtail-bat	V,P		BioNet	14
Scoteanax rueppellii	Greater Broad-nosed Bat	V,P		BioNet	15
Tyto novaehollandiae	Masked Owl	V,P,3		BioNet	2
Varanus rosenbergi	Rosenberg's Goanna	V,P		BioNet	4

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EPBC Act Status - CE - Critically Endangered, E - Endangered, V - Vulnerable, C - Camba, J - Jamba, K - Rokamba

3.3.2 Threatened Fauna Habitat

The remnant vegetation within the greater Survey Area comprises mature canopy species which may provide foraging habitat for local fauna, as well as shelter and breeding habitat within small hollows and decorticating bark.

The box culvert in the eastern extent of the Subject Site (Figure 6 and Figure 7), may provide potential roosting habitat for the following locally occurring Microbats:

- Eastern Coastal Free-tailed Bat (*Micronomus norfolkensis*) Vulnerable under the BC Act
- Little Bent-winged Bat (Miniopterus australis) Vulnerable under the BC Act
- Large Bent-winged Bat (Miniopterus orianae oceanensis) Vulnerable under the BC Act
- Southern Myotis (*Myotis macropus*) Vulnerable under the BC Act.

The Box Culvert is not suitable breeding habitat for microbat species due to its size and shape.

Given the dominance of exotic lawn within the Subject Site, it is largely void of potential fauna foraging or breeding habitat such as aquatic habitats, nectar/pollen/fruit-bearing trees and shrubs and habitat trees. Only one (1) tree occurs within the Subject Site, the historically cultivated *Melia azedarach* (White Cedar), however this tree is unlikely to provide more than sporadic potential foraging habitat.



Figure 6. Box culvert identified within the eastern extent of the Subject Site which may provide potential roosting habitat for Microbats.



Figure 7. Threatened species records and potential habitat.

4 Impact Assessment

4.1 Direct Impacts

4.1.1 Native Vegetation and Flora

The Proposal will involve extensive earthworks to facilitate the synthetic oval and stormwater mitigation works, with maximum excavation cut depths of approximately 1.7m (Turf One, 2022). This will involve the complete clearing of approximately 1.05ha of exotic dominant lawn vegetation, with the common Couch as the only native groundcover species expected to be directly impacted. The Proposal will also involve the removal of one historically cultivated *Melia azedarach* (White Cedar; Tree Survey, 2022), however this tree is not representative of the locally occurring STIF.

The BC Act listed Critically Endangered, Black-hooded Sun Orchid, which may occur within the greater Survey Area will not be directly impacted by the Proposal, nor its potential habitat, which will be protected throughout the Proposal with the implementation of mitigation measures outlined in Section 5. An Assessment of Significance (5-part Test) under the BC Act has concluded that the Proposal will not have a significant impact on this species (Appendix D).

Additional direct impacts as a result of the Proposal include the potential importation of invasive species and disease, and incidental trampling by personnel and machinery. These impacts are particularly pertinent to the CEEC occurring directly adjacent to the Subject Site, however can be successfully avoided with the implementation of mitigation measures outlined in Section 5. An Assessment of Significance (5-part Test) under the BC Act (Appendix D) and Assessment of Significant Impact Criteria under the EPBC Act (Appendix E) have concluded that the Proposal will not have a significant impact on this CEEC.

4.1.2 Fauna

The Proposal will involve the direct removal of one historically cultivated *Melia azedarach* (White Cedar). This tree may provide potential sporadic foraging habitat for locally occurring fauna. However, local fauna are likely more dependent on the surrounding habitat including the mature trees bordering the Subject Site. Moreover, large areas of intact bushland to the north of the Subject Site provide foraging, roosting, and breeding resources and habitat for locally dependent fauna.

Additional direct impacts may occur as a result of the proposed stormwater works, particularly the partial demolition of the box culvert in the eastern extent of the Subject Site. As previously discussed, this box culvert may provide potential roosting habitat for the following threatened Microbat species:

- Eastern Coastal Free-tailed Bat (Micronomus norfolkensis) Vulnerable under the BC Act
- Little Bent-winged Bat (Miniopterus australis) Vulnerable under the BC Act
- Large Bent-winged Bat (Miniopterus orianae oceanensis) Vulnerable under the BC Act
- Southern Myotis (*Myotis macropus*) Vulnerable under the BC Act.

The Proposal will result in a low and short-term impact to these species with the implementation of mitigation measures outlined in Section 5. An Assessment of Significance (5-part Test) under the BC Act has concluded that the Proposal will not have a significant impact on these threatened Microbats (Appendix D).

4.2 Indirect Impacts

4.2.1 Introduction of Invasive Species and Pathogens

Increased disturbance during construction has the potential to increase the occurrence and prevalence of non-native and invasive species within the CEEC surrounding the Subject Site. However, if appropriate biosecurity measures and hygiene protocols (i.e., wash down vehicles in situ) are maintained, this risk could be reduced and is highly manageable.

The Proposal would require the importation and exportation of materials and equipment in and out of the Subject site. There is the potential that disease including pathogens that may affect native species could be brought into the Subject Site, however, this may be reduced with the implementation of best practice hygiene methods. *Phytophthora* hygiene protocols should be implemented during construction to reduce the risk of phytophthora entering the site (Appendix F).

4.2.2 Erosion

Increases in erosive action as a result of the Proposal have the potential to alter sediment loads across the Subject Site and within the Survey Area. This can result in indirect impacts to flora species either through the loss of soil or increased sediment loads to individuals and their surrounding soil profile affecting their lifecycle. This is particularly pertinent for the CEEC surrounding the Subject Site, however an Assessment of Significance (5-part Test) under the BC Act (Appendix D), and Assessment of Significant Impact Criteria under the EPBC Act (Appendix E) concluded that this potential indirect impact will not significantly impact the CEEC.

4.2.3 Hydrology

The Proposal will have a low impact on the surface hydrology across the Subject Site due to the removal of lawn vegetation, reducing root extraction of water through the soil profile. However, given that the Subject Site occurs at a lower elevation than the surrounding CEEC, and with the construction of the stormwater mitigation system as part of the Proposal, this will likely result in a minor impact to the surrounding CEEC. An Assessment of Significance (5-part Test) under the BC Act (Appendix D), and Assessment of Significant Impact Criteria under the EPBC Act (Appendix E) concluded that this potential indirect impact will not significantly impact the CEEC.

The synthetic turf field may increase pollutants such as microplastics and chemicals entering the stormwater system and impacting connecting waterways. However, stormwater design strategies have been adopted to minimise this risk (Willowtree Planning, 2022).

4.2.4 Light, Noise and Vibration

An influx of light, noise and vibration is expected during construction works. Changes to the light and noise environment are also expected during operation of the proposed artificial oval. Fauna are affected by alterations to levels of light and noise within their environment. During operation, the oval would increase light and noise pollution within the Survey Area. However, existing sources of noise and light pollution are present surrounding the Survey Area and locality including the surrounding roads, fitness and aquatic centre, scout hall and bowling club. Fauna that inhabit the area would be accustomed to the current light and noise environment with small adjustments in noise and light levels likely inconsequential for local fauna. Impacts as a result of vibration will be short-term and minor.

4.2.5 Heat Island Effect

Natural turf mitigates the urban heat island effect and provides a relatively cool surface, particularly in summer. Alternatively, synthetic turf absorbs rather than reflects sunlight, causing the emission of heat (Ethos Urban Pty Ltd, 2021). The proposed synthetic turf field will likely have a minor and localised increase in the heat island effect given the small area of synthetic turf proposed in comparison to the surrounding bushland. Furthermore, the strategic selection of granulated cork infill used for the Proposal has been measured to be approximately 20° cooler on particularly hot days in comparison to standard synthetic fields infilled with rubber (Willowtree Planning, 2022).

An increase in temperature on the synthetic surface is likely to have a minor impact on resident fauna as they are highly mobile and would favour the more-suitable surrounding habitat situated away from the urban field. The potential impacts to native flora are highly unlikely given the prevalence of exotic species directly adjacent the proposed synthetic turf field.

5 Mitigation Measures

The following mitigation measures are to be implemented prior to and during the construction process. Taking into consideration the results from the desktop research and ecological site assessment, site-specific mitigation measures are made in order to either reduce the impacts of the Proposal on the Subject Site's biodiversity values, or to ensure potential impacts to the retained vegetation and biodiversity on and surrounding the Subject Site is minimised. The mitigation measures are provided in Table 3 below.

Table 3.	Mitigation	measures	to be im	plemented	prior to	and during	construction
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Safeguards	Responsibility	Timing
During clearing works or construction works, if any threatened flora or fauna are identified, works will stop immediately and a qualified Ecologist will be contacted.	All personnel on site	Pre-construction and construction
All vegetation to be retained will be appropriately protected during the entire extent of the works, e.g. temporary fencing, flagging and tree protection. This includes fencing around the No-Go Zones identified in Figure 8, excluding all existing footpaths and roads. If clearing is to occur outside the assessed area within this report, this document will be amended by a suitably qualified Ecologist to include all new scope, prior to works commencing.	Construction contractor/Project Manager	Construction
All personnel on site will be made aware of areas of high ecological value, including the presence of the CEEC and potential threatened species habitat, before entering the work site.	All personnel on site	Pre-construction
No machinery, plant, vehicles, stockpiles, rubbish, or any other material associated with the Proposal will be placed within areas of high ecological value. The areas of high ecological value are shown as No-Go Zones in Figure 8, excluding all existing footpaths and roads.	All personnel on site	Pre-construction, Construction
A pre-clearing inspection must be completed by a suitably qualified Ecologist, targeting the box culvert within the Subject Site for inhabiting Microbats. If Microbats are identified, a Microbat Translocation Plan will be prepared and any residing individuals will be safely relocated (nocturnally) prior to the commencement of works.	Construction contractor/Project Manager and Ecologist	Pre-construction
Vegetation will be inspected for potential fauna prior to clearing or trimming. A two staged approach will be used for removing non-habitat vegetation to enable fauna to move away. An Ecologist will be engaged if clearing vegetation with potential fauna habitat or assistance is required to move fauna.	Construction contractor/Project Manager	Pre-construction and construction
If any fauna are identified during works and require rescue, a qualified Ecologist, or fauna rescue volunteer, will be notified. Works will not continue until the animal has been rescued. Call either Sydney Metro Wildlife on 9413 4300 or WIRES on 1300 094 737.	All personnel on site	Pre-construction and construction
Erosion and sediment control will be detailed in a Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), including types of control, method of installation, locations, maintenance regime, responsibilities, and stockpile storage. All sedimentation and erosion control measures will be designed, installed, and maintained using procedures outlined in <i>Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction 2004 4th</i> <i>edition</i> (Landcom, 2004). Controls are to maintained daily and installed prior to any construction activity.	Construction contractor	Pre-construction

Safeguards	Responsibility	Timing
Strict <i>Phytophthora</i> hygiene protocols will be followed (Appendix F), including the wash down of mud on machinery, vehicles and footwear and the use of 3:1 methylated spirits and water spray.	All personnel on site	Pre-construction and construction
 Manage biosecurity in accordance with: <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> (see NSW Weedwise) Best practise bush regeneration techniques, including disposal of sealed bagged weeds to a licenced waste disposal facility. 	All personnel on site	Pre-construction and construction
Best practice hygiene will be implemented to prevent the spread of invasive weeds. Vehicles and plants will be inspected for mud and soils before entering and leaving site. Stockpiles of materials containing invasive weed plant matter will be covered and bunded to prevent spread.	All personnel on site	Pre-construction and construction
Stockpiling or refuelling will be undertaken in allocated areas such as existing asphalt and/or hard standing or cleared lawn areas. Stockpiles and refuelling areas will be clearly marked and have appropriate bunding and erosion and sediment controls in place.	Construction contractor/Project Manager	Pre-construction and construction
Heavy machinery, plant or equipment are to be stored in allocated areas. These will be on existing hardstand areas or previously cleared areas, such as the exotic lawn oval or neighbouring parking lot.	Construction contractor/Project Manager	Pre-construction and construction
Waste and excess spoil will be managed in accordance with the <i>NSW EPA Waste Classification Guidelines</i> (EPA, 2014). Waste (including weed materials) will be disposed of at an appropriately licenced facility.	Construction contractor/Project Manager	Pre-construction and construction
All waste will be stored in ancillary areas and removed from site to a suitably licenced waste facility.	Construction contractor/Project Manager	Pre-construction and construction



Figure 8. No-Go Zone.

6 Conclusion

The Proposal will involve minor direct impacts to vegetation and potential fauna habitat, however with the implementation of the mitigation measures outlined in this report, impacts will be minor and short-term. Although the Survey Area may be used by locally dependent fauna, the Subject Site contains little existing biodiversity value. Moreover, areas of ecological value within the Survey Area will not be directly impacted by the Proposal, particularly the potential Black-hooded Sun Orchid habitat and Critically Endangered Ecological Community.

In summary:

- No threatened species were identified within the Survey Area, however potential habitat exists for the BC Act listed Critically Endangered, *Thelymitra atronitida* (Black-hooded Sun Orchid), and culvert-dwelling Microbats:
 - Eastern Coastal Free-tailed Bat (*Micronomus norfolkensis*) Vulnerable under the BC Act
 - Little Bent-winged Bat (*Miniopterus australis*) Vulnerable under the BC Act
 - Large Bent-winged Bat (*Miniopterus orianae oceanensis*) Vulnerable under the BC Act
 - Southern Myotis (*Myotis macropus*) Vulnerable under the BC Act.
- One PCT (3262) is present within the Survey Area which conforms to the BC listed CEEC Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion and the EPBC listed CEEC Turpentine-Ironbark Forest of the Sydney Basin Bioregion, however no direct impacts are proposed.
- One (1) historically cultivated *Melia azedarach* (White Cedar) will be removed as part of the Proposal, along with approximately 1.05ha of exotic dominant lawn vegetation.
- The partial demolition of the box culvert in the eastern extent of the Subject Site may impact potential roosting habitat for the above-listed Microbats, however with the implementation of mitigation measures, impacts will likely be low and short-term.
- Indirect impacts include increased vulnerability to invasive species and pathogens, alterations to hydrology and sedimentary processes, and a minor increase in the heat island effect.

This report has fully addressed the mandatory environmental impact assessment requirements for activities subject to Division 5.1 of the EP&A Act. In conclusion, the Proposal does not pose a significant impact on threatened ecological communities, species or their habitats, therefore a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report or Species Impact Statement is not required.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Kind Regards,

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Appendix A. EPBC Protected Matters Search Results



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

Summary

Matters of National Environment Significance

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

World Heritage Properties:	None
National Heritage Places:	None
Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar	None
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	None
Commonwealth Marine Area:	None
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:	12
Listed Threatened Species:	91
Listed Migratory Species:	45

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

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

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

A <u>permit</u> may be required for activities in or on a Commonwealth area that may affect a member of a listed threatened species or ecological community, a member of a listed migratory species, whales and other cetaceans, or a member of a listed marine species.

Commonwealth Lands:	96
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Listed Marine Species:	50
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	None
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:	None
Australian Marine Parks:	None
Habitat Critical to the Survival of Marine Turtles:	None

Extra Information

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

State and Territory Reserves:	5
Regional Forest Agreements:	None
Nationally Important Wetlands:	None
EPBC Act Referrals:	27
Key Ecological Features (Marine):	None
Biologically Important Areas:	None
Bioregional Assessments:	1
Geological and Bioregional Assessments:	None

Details

Matters of National Environmental Significance

Listed Threatened Ecological Communities

[Resource Information]

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are derived from recovery plans, State vegetation maps, remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

Status of Vulnerable, Disallowed and Ineligible are not MNES under the EPBC Act.

Community Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Blue Gum High Forest of the Sydney Basin Bioregion	Critically Endangered	Community likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Castlereagh Scribbly Gum and Agnes Banks Woodlands of the Sydney Basin Bioregion	Endangered	Community may occu within area	rIn buffer area only
Coastal Swamp Oak (Casuarina glauca) Forest of New South Wales and South East Queensland ecological community	Endangered	Community likely to occur within area	In feature area
Coastal Swamp Sclerophyll Forest of New South Wales and South East Queensland	Endangered	Community may occu within area	rIn feature area
Coastal Upland Swamps in the Sydney Basin Bioregion	Endangered	Community likely to occur within area	In feature area
Cooks River/Castlereagh Ironbark Forest of the Sydney Basin Bioregion	Critically Endangered	Community may occu within area	rIn buffer area only
Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub of the Sydney Region	Critically Endangered	Community may occu within area	rIn buffer area only
River-flat eucalypt forest on coastal floodplains of southern New South Wales and eastern Victoria	Critically Endangered	Community likely to occur within area	In feature area
Shale Sandstone Transition Forest of the Sydney Basin Bioregion	Critically Endangered	Community may occu within area	rIn feature area
Subtropical and Temperate Coastal	Vulnerable	Community likely to	In buffer area only

<u>Saltmarsh</u>

occur within area

Turpentine-Ironbark Forest of the Sydney Basin Bioregion

Critically Endangered Community likely to In feature area occur within area

Western Sydney Dry Rainforest and Moist Woodland on Shale

Critically Endangered Community likely to In feature area occur within area

Listed Threatened Species		[Res	source Information
Status of Conservation Dependent and Ex Number is the current name ID.	xtinct are not MNES unde	r the EPBC Act.	
Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
BIRD			
Anthochaera phrygia Regent Honeyeater [82338]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Botaurus poiciloptilus			
Australasian Bittern [1001]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Calidris canutus			
Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Calidris ferruginea			
Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Collegenhalon fimbriatum			
Gang-gang Cockatoo [768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Calvotorhynchus lathami lathami			
South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo [67036]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Charadrius leschenaultii			
Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Dasvornis brachvoterus			
Eastern Bristlebird [533]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area

Diomedea antipodensis

Antipodean Albatross [64458]

Vulnerable

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

Diomedea antipodensis gibsoni Gibson's Albatross [82270]

Vulnerable

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

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Diomedea epomophora			
Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea exulans			
Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea sanfordi			
Northern Royal Albatross [64456]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Erythrotriorchis radiatus			
Red Goshawk [942]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Falco hypoleucos			
Grey Falcon [929]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Grantiella nicta			
Painted Honeyeater [470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Hirundapus caudacutus			
White-throated Needletail [682]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Lathamus discolor			
Swift Parrot [744]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Limosa lapponica baueri			
Nunivak Bar-tailed Godwit, Western Alaskan Bar-tailed Godwit [86380]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only

Macronectes giganteus

Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Endangered Petrel [1060]

Macronectes halli

Northern Giant Petrel [1061]

Vulnerable

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

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

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Numenius madagascariensis			
Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Pachyptila turtur subantarctica			
Fairy Prion (southern) [64445]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Pychontilus floccosus			
Pilotbird [525]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Rostratula australis			
Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Sternula nereis nereis			
Australian Fairy Tern [82950]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalaccarcho hullori			
Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [64460]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche bulleri platei			
Northern Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [82273]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche eremita			
Chatham Albatross [64457]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche impavida			
Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black- browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Thalassarche melanophris			
Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche salvini			
Salvin's Albatross [64463]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Thalassarche steadi			
White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
FISH			
Epinephelus daemelii			
Black Rockcod, Black Cod, Saddled Rockcod [68449]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Macquaria australasica			
Macquarie Perch [66632]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Prototroctes maraena			
Australian Grayling [26179]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thunnus maccovii			
Southern Bluefin Tuna [69402]	Conservation Dependent	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
FROG			
Heleioporus australiacus			
Giant Burrowing Frog [1973]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Litoria aurea			
Green and Golden Bell Frog [1870]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Mixophyes halbus			
Stuttering Frog, Southern Barred Frog (in Victoria) [1942]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
MAMMAL			
Chalinolobus dwyeri			
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[183]

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habitat known to occur within area

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Dasyurus maculatus maculatus (SE mainland population)

Spot-tailed Quoll, Spotted-tail Quoll, Tiger Quoll (southeastern mainland population) [75184]

Isoodon obesulus obesulus

Southern Brown Bandicoot (eastern), Southern Brown Bandicoot (southeastern) [68050] Endangered

Endangered

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

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

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Notamacropus parma Parma Wallaby [80280]	Vulnorabla	Spacios ar spacios	la fastura area
Faima Wallaby [09209]	vullelable	habitat may occur within area	in lealure area
Petauroides volans			
Greater Glider (southern and central) [254]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Petaurus australis australis			
Yellow-bellied Glider (south-eastern) [87600]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Petrogale penicillata			
Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby [225]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Phascolarctos cinereus (combined popula	ations of Qld. NSW and the	e ACT)	
Koala (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory) [85104]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Regudamya navashallandiga			
New Holland Mouse, Pookila [96]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Pteropus poliocephalus			
Grey-headed Flying-fox [186]	Vulnerable	Roosting known to occur within area	In feature area
PLANT			
Acacia bynoeana	N/ I II	• • •	
Bynoe's Wattle, Tiny Wattle [8575]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Acacia pubescens			
Downy Wattle, Hairy Stemmed Wattle [18800]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to	In feature area

Acacia terminalis subsp. terminalis MS

Sunshine Wattle (Sydney region) [88882]

Endangered

Species or species In feature area habitat may occur within area

<u>Allocasuarina glareicola</u> [21932]

Endangered

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

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Asterolasia elegans	Frederared		la factura area
[56780]	Endangered	habitat may occur within area	in leature area
Caladenia tessellata			
Thick-lipped Spider-orchid, Daddy Long- legs [2119]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Cryptostylis hunteriana			
Leafless Tongue-orchid [19533]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Cynanchum elegans			
White-flowered Wax Plant [12533]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Darwinia biflora			
[14619]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Deveuxia appressa			
[7438]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Epacris sparsa			
[16450]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Eucalyptus camfieldii			
Camfield's Stringybark [15460]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Genoplesium baueri			
Yellow Gnat-orchid, Bauer's Midge Orchid, Brittle Midge Orchid [7528]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area

Haloragodendron lucasii Hal [6480]

Endangered

Species or species In fea habitat known to occur within area

In feature area

<u>Hibbertia spanantha</u> Julian's Hibbertia [88475]

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

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Lasiopetalum joyceae			
[20311]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Leptospermum deanei			
Deane's Tea-tree [21777]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Melaleuca biconvexa			
Biconvex Paperbark [5583]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Melaleuca deanei			
Deane's Melaleuca [5818]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Persicaria elatior			
Knotweed, Tall Knotweed [5831]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Persoonia hirsuta			
Hairy Geebung, Hairy Persoonia [19006]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Persoonia mollis subsp. maxima			
[56075]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Pimelea curviflora var. curviflora			
[4182]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Pimelea spicata			
Spiked Rice-flower [20834]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Pomaderris brunnea

Rufous Pomaderris, Brown Pomaderris Vulnerable [16845]

Prostanthera densa

Villous Mintbush [12233]

Vulnerable

Species or species In b habitat may occur within area

In buffer area only

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

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Prostanthera junonis			
Somersby Mintbush [64960]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Prostanthera marifolia			
Seaforth Mintbush [7555]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Rhizanthella slateri			
Eastern Underground Orchid [11768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Rhodamnia rubescens			
Scrub Turpentine, Brown Malletwood [15763]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Rhodomyrtus psidioides			
Native Guava [19162]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Svzvojum paniculatum			
Magenta Lilly Pilly, Magenta Cherry, Daguba, Scrub Cherry, Creek Lilly Pilly, Brush Cherry [20307]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Thesium australe			
Austral Toadflax, Toadflax [15202]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
REPTILE			
Caretta caretta			
Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Chelonia mydas</u>			
Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to	In buffer area only

Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth Endangered [1768]

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

Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]

Vulnerable

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

Scientific Name Hoplocephalus bungaroides	I hreatened Category	Presence Lext	Buffer Status
Broad-headed Snake [1182]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
SHARK			
<u>Sphyrna lewini</u> Scalloped Hammerhead [85267]	Conservation Dependent	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
SNAIL			
Pommerhelix duralensis Dural Land Snail [85268]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Listed Migratory Species		[Res	source Information]
Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Migratory Marine Birds			
Anous stolidus Common Noddy [825]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Anous stolidus Common Noddy [825] Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only In feature area
Anous stolidus Common Noddy [825] Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678] Ardenna grisea Sooty Shearwater [82651]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area Species or species habitat likely to occur within area Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only In feature area In buffer area only

occur within area

Diomedea antipodensis Antipodean Albatross [64458]

Vulnerable

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

Diomedea epomophora Southern Royal Albatross [89221]

Vulnerable

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

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Diomedea exulans			
Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea sanfordi			
Northern Royal Albatross [64456]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Fregata ariel			
Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Fregata minor			
Great Frigatebird, Greater Frigatebird [1013]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Macronectes diganteus			
Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Macronectes halli			
Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Phaethon lenturus			
White-tailed Tropicbird [1014]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche hulleri			
Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [64460]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche eremita			
Chatham Albatross [64457]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Thalassarche impavida

Campbell Albatross, Campbell Blackbrowed Albatross [64459] Vulnerable

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

Thalassarche melanophris

Black-browed Albatross [66472]

Vulnerable

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

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Thalassarche salvini			
Salvin's Albatross [64463]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche steadi			
White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Migratory Marine Species			
Caretta caretta			
Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Chelonia mydas			
Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Dermochelys coriacea			
Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Eretmochelve imbricata			
Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Porbeagle, Mackerel Shark [83288]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Mobula alfradi as Manta alfradi			
Reef Manta Ray, Coastal Manta Ray [90033]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Mobula biroctric oc Monto biroctric			
Giant Manta Ray [90034]		Species or species habitat may occur	In buffer area only

within area

Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]

Vulnerable

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

Migratory Terrestrial Species

Cuculus optatus

Oriental Cuckoo, Horsfield's Cuckoo [86651]

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

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Hirundapus caudacutus			
White-throated Needletail [682]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Monarcha melanopsis			
Black-faced Monarch [609]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Motacilla flava			
Yellow Wagtail [644]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Myiagra cyanoleuca			
Satin Flycatcher [612]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Rhipidura rufifrons			
Rufous Fantail [592]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Symposiachrus trivirgatus as Monarcha	a trivirgatus		
Spectacled Monarch [83946]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Migratory Wetlands Species			
Actitis hypoleucos			
Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Calidris acuminata			
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Calidris canutus			
Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to	In feature area

occur within area

Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]

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

Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]

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

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

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Commonwealth Lands	[Resource Information]
The Commonwealth area listed below may indicate the prese the unreliability of the data source, all proposals should be cl Commonwealth area, before making a definitive decision. Co department for further information.	ence of Commonwealth land in this vicinity. Due to necked as to whether it impacts on a ontact the State or Territory government land

Commonwealth Land Name	State	Buffer Status
Commonwealth Bank of Australia		
Commonwealth Land - Commonwealth Bank of Australia [13909]	NSW	In buffer area only

Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia Commonwealth Land - Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia [13043] In buffer area only NSW

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts - Australian Postal Corporation			
Commonwealth Land - Australian Postal Commission [13099]	NSW	In buffer area only	
Commonwealth Land - Australian Postal Commission [13047]	NSW	In buffer area only	
Commonwealth Land - Australian Postal Commission [13924]	NSW	In buffer area only	
Commonwealth Land - Australian Postal Commission [13925]	NSW	In buffer area only	

Commonwealth Land Name	State	Buffer Status
Commonwealth Land - Australian Postal Commission [139	23] NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Australian Postal Commission [130	955] NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Australian Postal Commission [139	10] NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Australian Postal Corporation [161	64] NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Australian Postal Corporation [161	74] NSW	In buffer area only
Communications Information Technology and the Arts - Te	elstra Corporation Limited	
Commonwealth Land - Australian Telecommunications Co	mmission [13057]NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Australian Telecommunications Co	mmission [13926]NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Telstra Corporation Limited [13033] NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Telstra Corporation Limited [13100] NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Telstra Corporation Limited [13911] NSW	In buffer area only
Defence		
Commonwealth Land - Defence Service Homes Corporation	on [13042] NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Service Homes Corporation	on [13068] NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Service Homes Corporation	on [13041] NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Service Homes Corporation	on [13066] NSW	In feature area
Commonwealth Land - Defence Service Homes Corporation	on [13065] NSW	In feature area
Commonwealth Land - Defence Service Homes Corporation	on [13067] NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Service Homes Corporation	on [13064] NSW	In buffer area only
Defence - PYMBLE MULTI-USER DEPOT [11123]	NSW	In buffer area only
Defence - Defence Housing Authority		
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [13035]	NSW	In buffer area only

Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [13036]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [13037]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [15975]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [15964]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [15977]	NSW	In buffer area only

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Commonwealth Land Name	State	Buffer Status
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [15974]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [13046]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [13045]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [13038]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [15683]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [13044]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [13927]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [13049]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [15743]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [15895]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [15896]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [13052]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [13051]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [13050]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [16163]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [15417]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [13089]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [16061]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [15671]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [15672]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [13084]	NSW	In buffer area only

Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [13918]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [15972]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [15892]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [15893]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [15973]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Defence Housing Authority [15976]	NSW	In buffer area only

Commonwealth Land Name	State	Buffer Status
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13062]	NSW	In feature area
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13063]	NSW	In feature area
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13061]	NSW	In feature area
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13060]	NSW	In feature area
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13048]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13056]	NSW	In feature area
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13059]	NSW	In feature area
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13058]	NSW	In feature area
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13075]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13074]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13077]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13079]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13076]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13073]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13072]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13082]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13083]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13080]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13081]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13071]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13087]	NSW	In buffer area only

Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13088]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13086]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Director of War Service Homes [13085]	NSW	In buffer area only
Education, Science and Training - CSIRO		
Commonwealth Land - Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation [16156]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation [16154]	NSW	In buffer area only

Commonwealth Land Name Commonwealth Land - Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation [16155]	State NSW	Buffer Status In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation [13069]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation [16152]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation [16153]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation [15954]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation [16536]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation [16535]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation [13070]	NSW	In buffer area only
Unknown		
Commonwealth Land - [13034]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - [15674]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - [13078]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - [15673]	NSW	In buffer area only
Commonwealth Land - [13101]	NSW	In buffer area only

Listed Marine Species		[<u>R</u>	esource Information]
Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Bird			
Actitis hypoleucos			
Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area

Anous stolidus

Common Noddy [825]

Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678] Species or species In buffer area only habitat likely to occur within area

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

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Ardenna grisea as Puffinus griseus			
Sooty Shearwater [82651]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Bubulcus ibis as Ardea ibis			
Cattle Egret [66521]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Calidris acuminata			
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Calidris canutus			
Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Calidris ferruginea			
Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Calidris melanotos			
Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Calonectris leucomelas			
Streaked Shearwater [1077]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Charadrius leschenaultii			
Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area

Diomedea antipodensis

Vulnerable

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

Diomedea antipodensis gibsoni as Diomedea gibsoni Gibson's Albatross [82270] Vulnerable

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

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Diomedea epomophora		.	
Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea exulans			
Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Diomedea sanfordi			
Northern Royal Albatross [64456]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Fregata ariel			
Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Fregata minor			
Great Frigatebird, Greater Frigatebird [1013]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Gallinado hardwickii			
Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Haliaeetus leucogaster			
White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Hirundapus caudacutus			
White-throated Needletail [682]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Lathamus discolor			
Swift Parrot [744]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to	In feature area

occur within area overfly marine area

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

Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant

Petrel [1060]

Limosa lapponica

Bar-tailed Godwit [844]

Endangered

Species or species habitat may occur within area

In buffer area only

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Macronectes halli			
Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Merops ornatus			
Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Monarcha melanopsis			
Black-faced Monarch [609]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Motacilla flava			
Yellow Wagtail [644]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Myjagra cyanoleuca			
Satin Flycatcher [612]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Neophema chrysostoma			
Blue-winged Parrot [726]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Pachyptila turtur			
Fairy Prion [1066]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

Pandion haliaetus

Osprey [952]

Phaethon lepturus

White-tailed Tropicbird [1014]

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

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

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Rhipidura rufifrons			
Rufous Fantail [592]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Rostratula australis as Rostratula bengha	<u>lensis (sensu lato)</u>		
Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Symposiachrus trivirgatus as Monarcha tr	ivirgatus		
Spectacled Monarch [83946]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Thalassarche bulleri			
Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [64460]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche bulleri platei as Thalassarch	ne sp. nov.		
Northern Buller's Albatross, Pacific Albatross [82273]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche eremita			
Chatham Albatross [64457]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche impavida			
Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black- browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Thalassarche melanophris			
Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

Thalassarche salvini

Salvin's Albatross [64463]

Vulnerable

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

Thalassarche steadi

White-capped Albatross [64462]

Vulnerable

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

Scientific Name Tringa nebularia	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Reptile			
Caretta caretta			
Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Chelonia mydas			
Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Dermochelvs coriacea			
Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Eretmochelys imbricata			
Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Natator depressus			
Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only

Extra Information

State and Territory Reserves			[Resource Information]
Protected Area Name	Reserve Type	State	Buffer Status
102 Rosedale Road	NRS Addition - Gazettal in Progress	NSW	In buffer area only
Dalrymple-Hay	Nature Reserve	NSW	In buffer area only
Garigal	National Park	NSW	In buffer area only

Lane Cove	National P	ark	NSW	In feature area
Wallumatta	Nature Re	serve	NSW	In buffer area only
EPBC Act Referrals			[Res	ource Information
Title of referral	Reference	Referral Outco	ome Assessment Stat	tus Buffer Status
Controlled action				
Concept Plan Proposal for residential and commercial	2008/4083	Controlled Act	ion Post-Approval	In buffer area only

Title of referral	Reference	Referral Outcome	Assessment Status	Buffer Status
Controlled action				
development of UTS Kuring-				
North West Rail Link	2012/6360	Controlled Action	Post-Approval	In buffer area only
Proposed Residential Development and Demolition of Existing Dwelling	2008/4155	Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only
Redevelopment, Upgrade and Expansion of Wahroonga Estate	2008/4460	Controlled Action	Post-Approval	In buffer area only
Relocation of Grey-Headed Flying- Fox Colony	2008/4646	Controlled Action	Post-Approval	In buffer area only
Residential development of Lot 12, DP 17431	2007/3455	Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only
Not controlled action				
Change of use of existing room in research laboratory	2002/665	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only
Construction and Operation of the Parramatta Rail Link - between Parramatta and	2002/673	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only
construction of four dwellings and associated facilities	2005/2396	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In feature area
Fuel Reduction Proposal Redfield Road, East Killara	2003/1238	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In feature area
Improving rabbit biocontrol: releasing another strain of RHDV, sthrn two thirds of Australia	2015/7522	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In feature area
INDIGO Central Submarine Telecommunications Cable	2017/8127	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only
Ivanhoe Estate Redevelopment, Macquarie Park, NSW	2019/8455	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only
M2 Motorway Upgrade	2010/5329	Not Controlled	Completed	In buffer area

Proposed third rail track and associated infrastructure	2013/6760	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only
Pymble Ladies College Proposed Senior's Learning Centre and Carparking Area	2009/5168	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only
Redevelopment of Lot 1 DP 375262 and Lot 1 DP 726091 (formerly John Williams Res	2006/3161	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only

Title of referral	Reference	Referral Outcome	Assessment Status	Buffer Status
Not controlled action				
Remediation of contaminated aesbestos site	2002/608	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only
Removal of up to 7 trees at 17 Kissing Point Road, Turramurra, NSW	2014/7369	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only
Residential subdivision, cnr Doris Hirst Place and Highs Road	2005/2392	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only
Residential subdivision and stormwater management facilities	2003/1141	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In feature area
Residential subdivision works, Spurway St, Ermington	2003/1130	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only
subdivision and development on the Rhodes Peninsula for residential and commerci	2003/1249	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In feature area
Subdivision and sale of Commonwealth land in Pymble to Ku- ring-gai City Council	2004/1368	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In feature area
Sub-division of 44 Blytheswood Avenue	2002/566	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only
Referral decision				
Ivanhoe Estate Redevelopment, Macquarie Park, NSW	2018/8184	Referral Decision	Completed	In buffer area only
Relocation of Grey-Headed Flying- Fox Colony	2008/4568	Referral Decision	Completed	In buffer area only

Bioregional Assessments			
SubRegion	BioRegion	Website	Buffer Status
Sydney	Sydney Basin	BA website	In feature area

Caveat

1 PURPOSE

This report is designed to assist in identifying the location of matters of national environmental significance (MNES) and other matters protected by the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) which may be relevant in determining obligations and requirements under the EPBC Act.

The report contains the mapped locations of:

- World and National Heritage properties;
- Wetlands of International and National Importance;
- Commonwealth and State/Territory reserves;
- distribution of listed threatened, migratory and marine species;
- listed threatened ecological communities; and
- other information that may be useful as an indicator of potential habitat value.

2 DISCLAIMER

This report is not intended to be exhaustive and should only be relied upon as a general guide as mapped data is not available for all species or ecological communities listed under the EPBC Act (see below). Persons seeking to use the information contained in this report to inform the referral of a proposed action under the EPBC Act should consider the limitations noted below and whether additional information is required to determine the existence and location of MNES and other protected matters.

Where data are available to inform the mapping of protected species, the presence type (e.g. known, likely or may occur) that can be determined from the data is indicated in general terms. It is the responsibility of any person using or relying on the information in this report to ensure that it is suitable for the circumstances of any proposed use. The Commonwealth cannot accept responsibility for the consequences of any use of the report or any part thereof. To the maximum extent allowed under governing law, the Commonwealth will not be liable for any loss or damage that may be occasioned directly or indirectly through the use of, or reliance

3 DATA SOURCES

Threatened ecological communities

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are generated based on information contained in recovery plans, State vegetation maps and remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

Threatened, migratory and marine species

Threatened, migratory and marine species distributions have been discerned through a variety of methods. Where distributions are well known and if time permits, distributions are inferred from either thematic spatial data (i.e. vegetation, soils, geology, elevation, aspect, terrain, etc.) together with point locations and described habitat; or modelled (MAXENT or BIOCLIM habitat modelling) using

Where little information is available for a species or large number of maps are required in a short time-frame, maps are derived either from 0.04 or 0.02 decimal degree cells; by an automated process using polygon capture techniques (static two kilometre grid cells, alpha-hull and convex hull); or captured manually or by using topographic features (national park boundaries, islands, etc.).

In the early stages of the distribution mapping process (1999-early 2000s) distributions were defined by degree blocks, 100K or 250K map sheets to rapidly create distribution maps. More detailed distribution mapping methods are used to update these distributions

4 LIMITATIONS

The following species and ecological communities have not been mapped and do not appear in this report:

- threatened species listed as extinct or considered vagrants;
- some recently listed species and ecological communities;
- some listed migratory and listed marine species, which are not listed as threatened species; and
- migratory species that are very widespread, vagrant, or only occur in Australia in small numbers.

The following groups have been mapped, but may not cover the complete distribution of the species:

listed migratory and/or listed marine seabirds, which are not listed as threatened, have only been mapped for recorded
seals which have only been mapped for breeding sites near the Australian continent

The breeding sites may be important for the protection of the Commonwealth Marine environment.

Refer to the metadata for the feature group (using the Resource Information link) for the currency of the information.

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-Australian Institute of Marine Science

-Reef Life Survey Australia

-American Museum of Natural History

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-Other groups and individuals

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Family	Exotic	Scientific Name	Common Name	BC Status	EPBC Status
Apiaceae		Centella asiatica	Indian Pennywort		
Araliaceae		Polyscias sambucifolia	Elderberry Panax		
Asteraceae	*	Bidens pilosa	Cobbler's Pegs		
Asteraceae	*	Gamochaeta coarctata			
Asteraceae	*	Sonchus oleraceus	Common Sowthistle		
Asteraceae	*	Taraxacum officinale	Dandelion		
Bignoniaceae		Pandorea pandorana	Wonga Wonga Vine		
Campanulaceae		Lobelia purpurascens	Whiteroot		
Casuarinaceae		Allocasuarina littoralis	Black She-Oak		
Convolvulaceae		Dichondra repens	Kidney Weed		
Cyperaceae	*	Cyperus eragrostis	Umbrella Sedge		
Cyperaceae		Lepidosperma laterale	Variable Sword-sedge		
Dennstaedtiaceae		Pteridium esculentum	Bracken		
Ericaceae		Leucopogon juniperinus	Prickly Beard-heath		
Fabaceae (Faboideae)		Glycine clandestina	Twining glycine		
Fabaceae (Faboideae)	*	Trifolium repens	White Clover		
Fabaceae (Mimosoideae)		Acacia linifolia	White Wattle		
Fabaceae (Mimosoideae)		Acacia parramattensis	Parramatta Wattle		
Haloragaceae		Gonocarpus tetragynus	Poverty Raspwort		
Lomandraceae		Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush		
Luzuriagaceae		Eustrephus latifolius	Wombat Berry		
Malvaceae	*	Modiola caroliniana	Red-flowered Mallow		
Malvaceae	*	Sida rhombifolia	Paddy's Lucerne		
Meliaceae		Melia azedarach	White Cedar		
Myrtaceae		Acmena smithii	Lilly Pilly		
Myrtaceae		Angophora costata	Sydney Red Gum		
Myrtaceae		Angophora floribunda	Rough-barked Apple		
Myrtaceae		Eucalyptus paniculata	Grey Ironbark		
Myrtaceae		Eucalyptus pilularis	Blackbutt		
Myrtaceae		Kunzea ambigua	Tick Bush	Р	
Myrtaceae		Lophostemon confertus	Brush Box		
Myrtaceae		Syncarpia glomulifera	Turpentine		
Oleaceae		Notelaea longifolia	Large Mock-olive		
Oleaceae	*	Olea europaea	Common Olive		
Orchidaceae		Cryptostylis erecta	Tartan Tongue Orchid	Р	
Oxalidaceae		Oxalis perennans			
Phormiaceae		Dianella caerulea	Blue Flax-lily		
Phormiaceae		Stypandra glauca	Nodding Blue Lily		
Phyllanthaceae		Breynia oblongifolia	Coffee Bush		
Phyllanthaceae		Poranthera microphylla	Small Poranthera		
Pittosporaceae		Billardiera scandens	Hairy Apple Berry		
Pittosporaceae		Bursaria spinosa	Native Blackthorn		
Pittosporaceae		Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum		

Appendix B. Flora species identified within the Survey Area

Family	Exotic	Scientific Name	Common Name	BC Status	EPBC Status
Plantaginaceae	*	Plantago lanceolata	Lamb's Tongues		
Plantaginaceae		Veronica plebeia	Trailing Speedwell		
Poaceae		Austrostipa rudis			
Poaceae	*	Briza maxima	Quaking Grass		
Poaceae	*	Bromus catharticus	Praire Grass		
Poaceae	*	Cenchrus clandestinus	Kikuyu Grass		
Poaceae		Cynodon dactylon	Common Couch		
Poaceae	*	Digitaria sanguinalis	Crab Grass		
Poaceae		Echinopogon caespitosus	Bushy Hedgehog-grass		
Poaceae	*	Ehrharta erecta	Panic Veldtgrass		
Poaceae		Entolasia marginata	Bordered Panic		
Poaceae		Entolasia stricta	Wiry Panic		
Poaceae		Imperata cylindrica	Blady Grass		
Poaceae		Microlaena stipoides	Weeping Grass		
Poaceae		Oplismenus imbecillis			
Poaceae	*	Paspalum dilatatum	Paspalum		
Poaceae		Poa affinis			
Poaceae	*	Stenotaphrum secundatum	Buffalo Grass		
Poaceae		Themeda triandra			
Polygonaceae	*	Rumex crispus	Curled Dock		
Primulaceae	*	Lysimachia arvensis	Scarlet Pimpernel		
Proteaceae		Grevillea linearifolia	Linear-leaf Grevillea		
Proteaceae		Hakea sericea	Needlebush		
Proteaceae		Lomatia silaifolia	Crinkle Bush	Р	
Rubiaceae		Pomax umbellata	Pomax		
Sapindaceae		Dodonaea triquetra	Large-leaf Hop-bush		
Solanaceae		Solanum aviculare	Kangaroo Apple		

BC Act Status: P - Protected

Family	Exotic	Scientific Name Common Name		BC Status	EPBC Status	Obs Type
Alcedinidae		Dacelo novaeguineae	Laughing Kookaburra	Р		OW
Artamidae		Gymnorhina tibicen	Australian Magpie	Р		W
Corvidae		Corvus coronoides	Australian Raven	Р		W
Hirundinidae		Hirundo neoxena	Welcome Swallow	Р		OW
Leporidae	*	Oryctolagus cuniculus	Rabbit			0
Meliphagidae		Manorina melanocephala	Noisy Miner	Р		OW
Monarchidae		Grallina cyanoleuca	Magpie-lark	Р		OW
Psittacidae		Trichoglossus haematodus	Rainbow Lorikeet	Р		OW

Appendix C. Fauna species identified within the Survey Area

BC Act Status: P – Protected Obs Type: O – Observed, W – Heard

Appendix D. Assessments of Significance (5-part Tests) under the BC Act for Threatened Species and Ecological Communities

Under Part 7, Division 1 of the BC Act, the test of significance is to be taken into account for the purposes of determining whether a proposed activity or activity is likely to significantly affect threatened species, populations or communities, or their habitats. This test should be applied to species, populations and communities listed under the BC Act that have a high likelihood or known occurrence on site and where potential or known habitat has not been avoided and/ or indirect impacts are likely regardless of the minimisation or mitigation measures proposed. The Tests of Significance have been completed as according to the *Threatened Species Test of Significance Guidelines* (OEH, 2018).

One BC Act listed CEEC was identified within the Survey Area, Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion. Although no direct impacts are proposed as a result of the Proposal, there is potential for incidental trampling and indirect impacts such as changes to hydrology. An Assessment of Significance (5-part Test) for this CEEC is provided below.

One threatened flora species may have been historically identified within the Survey Area, *Thelymitra atronitida* (Black-hooded Sun Orchid), and contains potential habitat within the Survey Area. Although no direct impacts to these areas are proposed, there is potential for similar indirect impacts.

The following culver-dwelling Vulnerable Microbats may be impacted by the proposed partial demolition of a box culvert. These species have been grouped together due to their shared potential roosting habitat:

- Eastern Coastal Free-tailed Bat (*Micronomus norfolkensis*)
- Little Bent-winged Bat (Miniopterus australis)
- Large Bent-winged Bat (*Miniopterus orianae oceanensis*)
- Southern Myotis (*Myotis macropus*).

Assessments of Significance (5-part Tests) for these species are provided below.

Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion

Name of threatened species or ecological community Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion

Plant Community Type 3262 identified within the Survey Area conforms to the BC Act listed CEEC, Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion (STIF). This community may experience indirect impacts as a result of the Proposal. As a result, a (5-Part) Test under Section 7.3 of the BC Act is required for STIF. The following is to be taken into account for the purposes of determining whether a proposed development or activity is likely to significantly affect STIF.

Ecology

Occurs in Sydney and is heavily fragmented, with only 0.5 percent its original extent remaining intact. Remnants mostly occur in the Baulkham Hills, Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, Parramatta, Ryde, Sutherland and Hurstville local government areas. Good examples can be seen in small reserves such as Wallumatta Nature Reserve and Newington Nature Reserve.

Open forest, with dominant canopy trees including Turpentine Syncarpia glomulifera, Grey Gum *Eucalyptus punctata*, Grey Ironbark *E. paniculate* and Thin-leaved Stringybark *E. eugenoides*. In areas of high rainfall (over 1050 mm per annum) Sydney Blue Gum *E. saligna* is more dominant. The shrub stratum is usually sparse and may contain mesic species such as Sweet Pittosporum *Pittosporum undulatum* and Elderberry Panax *Polyscias sambucifolia*.

Occurs close to the shale/sandstone boundary on the more fertile shale influenced soils, in higher rainfall areas on the higher altitude margins of the Cumberland Plain, and on the shale ridge caps of sandstone plateaus (NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2019).

(a) in the case of a threatened species, whether the proposed development or activity is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction

N/A

Name of threatened species or ecological community Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion

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

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

The Proposal does not involve the direct removal or clearing of STIF. During construction, sediment, erosion, and the potential importation of weeds and pathogens may have minor indirect impacts on this community, however these impacts are considered low and short-term. Following construction, the artificial turf oval may lead to changes in hydrology with the reduction in groundcover absorption. However, given the STIF's relatively raised location in comparison to the oval, hydrological changes are expected to be minor and mitigated with the proposed stormwater mitigation works. As such, the Proposal will not have an adverse effect on the extent of STIF such that its local occurrence is likely to be places at risk of extinction.

(ii) is likely to substantially and adversely modify the composition of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction

No native vegetation representative of STIF is proposed for removal. The potential indirect impacts of the Proposal on this CEEC will be controlled with the mitigation measures outlined in this report, resulting in minor and short-term impacts. As such, the Proposal will not substantially and adversely modify the composition of STIF such that its local occurrence is likely to be places at a risk of extinction.

(c) in relation to the habitat of a threatened species or ecological community

(i) the extent to which habitat is likely to be removed or modified as a result of the proposed development or activity

The Proposal will not remove any habitat for STIF as it's limited to the removal of exotic dominant lawn vegetation. Although there is the potential for hydrological changes modifying the STIF habitat surrounding the Subject Site, the likelihood of impact is very low given its elevation above the oval to be impacted and the stormwater mitigation works proposed.

(ii) whether an area of habitat is likely to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat as a result of the proposed development or activity

The Proposal will not result in the fragmentation or isolation of STIF from other habitats as no direct impacts are proposed. The Proposal is limited to the clearing of exotic dominant lawn.

(iii) the importance of the habitat to be removed, modified, fragmented or isolated to the long-term survival of the species or ecological community in the locality

The Proposal may result in incidental trampling of STIF, and indirect impacts including changes in sedimentation and hydrology. However, these impacts are not expected to significantly impact the neighbouring STIF, and would only have minor impacts. Therefore, the Proposal will not remove, modify, fragment or isolate STIF or its habitat and will not impact the long-term survival of this CEEC in the locality.

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

The Survey Area is not located in any declared area of outstanding biodiversity value.

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

The BC Act defines a 'key threatening process' (KTP) as a process that 'adversely affects threatened species or ecological communities' or 'could cause species or ecological communities that are not threatened to become threatened' (s 4.32). Schedule 4 of the BC Act provides a list of KTPs. Of those listed, the following KTP relevant to STIF will occur as part of the Proposal:

- Clearing of native vegetation
- Infection of native plants by Phytophthora cinnamomi

Name of threatened species or ecological	Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest in the
community	Sydney Basin Bioregion

• Invasion and establishment of exotic vines and scramblers.

The Proposal will involve the clearing of one (1) historically cultivated native tree which does not conform to STIF, therefore the Proposal is unlikely to contribute significantly to this KTP. Following the implementation of the mitigation measures outlined in this report, *Phytophthora* and weed infestations will be controlled.

Conclusion

The Proposal is not likely to have a "significant effect" on Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion. The Proposal:

- Will not remove, modify, or further fragment or isolate a significant area of habitat for the community.
- Does not contribute significantly to any KTP.

Consequently, a Species Impact Statement (SIS) or a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) is not required.

Thelymitra atronitida (Black-hooded Sun Orchid)

Name of threatened species or ecological	Thelymitra	atronitida	(Black-hooded	Sun
community	Orchid)			

Thelymitra atronitida (Black-hooded Sun Orchid) is listed as Critically Endangered under the BC Act. Although targeted surveys did not identify this species within the Survey Area, a potential historical record exists, and potential habitat was identified within the Survey Area. This species may experience indirect impacts as a result of the Proposal. As a result, a (5-Part) Test under Section 7.3 of the BC Act is required for the Black-hooded Sun Orchid. The following is to be taken into account for the purposes of determining whether a proposed development or activity is likely to significantly affect the Black-hooded Sun Orchid.

Ecology

In New South Wales, The Black-hooded Sun Orchid is known from two localities, Cape Solander in Botany Bay National Park in southern Sydney, and Bago State Forest south of Tumut. The known occurrences in this state fall in parts of the Sutherland and either or both of the Tumut and Tumbarumba Local Government Areas. The species also occurs in eastern Victoria.

At Cape Solander this species is recorded from shallow black peaty soil in coastal heath on sandstone. It is possible that the two coastal populations of Cape Solander and north-eastern Victoria may be distinct from the ecologically different Bago population. In the Bago area it is recorded as occurring in open forest with a heathy understorey on well-drained sand or clay-loam soils (DPE, 2022d).

(a) in the case of a threatened species, whether the proposed development or activity is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction

Although no individuals were identified within the Survey Area, this species may be present in the soil seedbank within the STIF vegetation adjacent to the Subject Site. No direct impacts are proposed to this potential habitat. During construction, sediment, erosion, and the potential importation of weeds and pathogens may have minor indirect impacts on this potential habitat, however these impacts are considered low and short-term. Following construction, the artificial turf oval may lead to changes in hydrology with the reduction in groundcover absorption. However, given the habitat's relatively raised location in comparison to the oval, hydrological changes are expected to be minor and mitigated with the proposed stormwater mitigation works. Therefore, the Proposal is unlikely to adversely affect the life cycle of the species such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

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

Name of threatened species or ecological *Thelymitra atronitida* (Black-hooded Sun Orchid)

(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

N/A

(ii) is likely to substantially and adversely modify the composition of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction

(c) in relation to the habitat of a threatened species or ecological community

(i) the extent to which habitat is likely to be removed or modified as a result of the proposed development or activity

No direct clearing of potential Black-hooded Sun Orchid habitat will occur as a result of the Proposal as it's limited to the clearing of exotic dominant lawn. Indirect impacts including sedimentation, erosion, importation of weeds and pathogens, and changes in hydrology may have minor impacts to this potential habitat, but with the implementation of the mitigation measures outlined within this report, this habitat is not anticipated to be modified as a result of the Proposal.

(ii) whether an area of habitat is likely to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat as a result of the proposed development or activity

The Proposal will not result in the fragmentation or isolation of potential habitat for this species from other habitats as no direct impacts are proposed. The Proposal is limited to the clearing of exotic dominant lawn.

(iii) the importance of the habitat to be removed, modified, fragmented or isolated to the long-term survival of the species or ecological community in the locality

The Proposal will not involve the removal, fragmentation or isolation of potential habitat for this species. Potential impacts are limited to incidental trampling, sedimentation, erosion, importation of weeds and pathogens, and changes in hydrology, all of which can be appropriately controlled for ensuring no modification of potential habitat for this species.

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

The Survey Area is not located in any declared area of outstanding biodiversity value.

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

The BC Act defines a 'key threatening process' (KTP) as a process that 'adversely affects threatened species or ecological communities' or 'could cause species or ecological communities that are not threatened to become threatened' (s 4.32). Schedule 4 of the BC Act provides a list of KTPs. Of those listed, the following KTP relevant to the Black-hooded Sun Orchid will occur as part of the Proposal:

- Clearing of native vegetation
- Infection of native plants by Phytophthora cinnamomi
- Invasion and establishment of exotic vines and scramblers.

The Proposal will involve the clearing of only one (1) historically cultivated native tree which does not conform to the locally occurring native ecological community, therefore the Proposal is unlikely to contribute significantly to this KTP. Following the implementation of the mitigation measures outlined in this report, *Phytophthora* and weed infestations will be controlled.

Conclusion

The Proposal is not likely to have a "significant effect" on *Thelymitra atronitida* (Black-hooded Sun Orchid). The Proposal:

- Will not remove, modify, or further fragment or isolate a significant area of habitat for the community.
- Does not contribute significantly to any KTP.

Name of threatened	species	or	ecological	Thelymitra	atronitida	(Black-hooded	Sun
community				Orchid)			

Consequently, a Species Impact Statement (SIS) or a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) is not required.

Microchiroptera (Microbats)

	Eastern Coastal Free-tailed Bat (<i>Micronomus norfolkensis</i>)
Name of threatened species or ecological	Little Bent-winged Bat (Miniopterus australis)
community	Large Bent-winged Bat (<i>Miniopterus orianae</i> oceanensis)
	Southern Myotis (Myotis macropus).

The Eastern Coastal Free-tailed Bat, Little Bent-winged Bat, Large Bent-winged Bat and Southern Myotis are all listed as Vulnerable under the BC Act. These species were not surveyed for during the ecological site assessments in December 2022, however these species were considered highly likely to occur as associated habitat was identified and numerous recent historical records exist within a 5km radius of the Subject Site. The Large Bent-winged Bat also has numerous historical records within the Survey Area. As a result, a (5-Part) Test under Section 7.3 of the BC Act is required for these species. The following is to be taken into account for the purposes of determining whether a proposed development or activity is likely to significantly affect these Microbats.

Ecology

Eastern Coastal Free-tailed Bat

The Eastern Freetail-bat is found along the east coast from south Queensland to southern NSW. They occur in dry sclerophyll forest, woodland, swamp forests and mangrove forests east of the Great Dividing Range. Roost mainly in tree hollows but will also roost under bark or in man-made structures. Usually solitary but also recorded roosting communally, probably insectivorous (DPE, 2022e).

Little Bent-winged Bat

Little Bent-winged Bats occur in moist eucalypt forest, rainforest, vine thicket, wet and dry sclerophyll forest, Melaleuca swamps, dense coastal forests and banksia scrub. They are generally found in well-timbered areas. Little Bent-winged 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 Bent-winged Bat and, in winter, the two species may form mixed clusters. In NSW the largest maternity colony is in close association with a large maternity colony of Eastern Ben-winged Bats (*Miniopterus schreibersii*) and appears to depend on the large colony to provide the high temperatures needed to rear its young. Maternity colonies form in spring and birthing occurs in early summer. Males and juveniles disperse in summer. Only five nursery sites /maternity colonies are known in Australia (DPIE, 2020a).

Large Bent-winged Bat

Caves are the primary roosting habitat for Large Bent-winged Bats, but the species can also use derelict mines, storm-water tunnels, buildings and other man-made structures. The species 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.

At other times of the year, populations disperse within about 300 km range of maternity caves. Cold caves are used for hibernation in southern Australia. Breeding or roosting colonies can number from 100 to 150,000 individuals. Large Bent-winged Bats hunt in forested areas, catching moths and other flying insects above the treetops (DPIE, 2019).

Southern Myotis

The Southern Myotis is found in the coastal band from the north-west of Australia, across the topend and south to western Victoria. It is rarely found more than 100 km inland, except along major rivers. 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

	Eastern Coastal Free-tailed Bat (<i>Micronomus norfolkensis</i>)
Name of threatened species or ecological	Little Bent-winged Bat (<i>Miniopterus australis</i>)
community	Large Bent-winged Bat (<i>Miniopterus orianae</i> oceanensis)
	Southern Myotis (Myotis macropus).

catching insects and small fish by raking their feet across the water surface. In NSW, females have one young each year usually in November or December (DPIE, 2020b).

(a) in the case of a threatened species, whether the proposed development or activity is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction

The Proposal will involve the partial demolition of a box culvert which may provide potential roosting habitat for these species, but is unlikely to provide suitable breeding habitat. The box culvert will remain post-construction and will only be temporarily impacted during construction works. No potential foraging habitat will be impacted by the Proposal. Given the high mobility of these species and the temporary nature of the impacts, the Proposal is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of these species such that a viable local population will be placed at risk of extinction.

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

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

N/A

(ii) is likely to substantially and adversely modify the composition of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction

N/A

(c) in relation to the habitat of a threatened species or ecological community

(i) the extent to which habitat is likely to be removed or modified as a result of the proposed development or activity

The Proposal will involve the partial demolition of a box culvert which may provide potential roosting habitat for these species, however will remain following construction works.

(ii) whether an area of habitat is likely to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat as a result of the proposed development or activity

The Proposal will not result in the fragmentation or isolation of potential habitat for this species from other habitats as the box culvert will only be temporarily impacted during construction.

(iii) the importance of the habitat to be removed, modified, fragmented or isolated to the long-term survival of the species or ecological community in the locality

The proposed impact to the box culvert which may provide potential roosting habitat for these species is not considered important to their long-term survival given their mobility and temporary nature of impacts. No potential breeding or foraging habitat will be impacted.

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

The Survey Area is not located in any declared area of outstanding biodiversity value.

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

The BC Act defines a 'key threatening process' (KTP) as a process that 'adversely affects threatened species or ecological communities' or 'could cause species or ecological communities that are not threatened to become threatened' (s 4.32). Schedule 4 of the BC Act provides a list of KTPs. Of those listed, the following KTP relevant to the Microbats will occur as part of the Proposal:

	Eastern Coastal Free-tailed Bat (<i>Micronomus norfolkensis</i>)
Name of threatened species or ecological	Little Bent-winged Bat (Miniopterus australis)
community	Large Bent-winged Bat (<i>Miniopterus orianae</i> oceanensis)
	Southern Myotis (Myotis macropus).

Clearing of native vegetation

The Proposal will involve the clearing of only one (1) historically cultivated native tree, therefore the Proposal is unlikely to contribute significantly to this KTP.

Conclusion

The Proposal is not likely to have a "significant effect" on these Microbats. The Proposal:

- Will not remove, modify, or further fragment or isolate a significant area of habitat for the community.
- Does not contribute significantly to any KTP.

Consequently, a Species Impact Statement (SIS) or a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) is not required.

Appendix E. EPBC Act Significant Impact Criteria for Threatened Ecological Communities

Under Part 3 of the EPBC Act, assessment is required for actions that may impact on Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) or for actions proposed to be carried out on Commonwealth land. This self-assessment is applied to MNES listed under the EPBC Act that have a high likelihood or known occurrence on site.

This self-assessment has been completed in accordance with the *Matters of National Environmental Significance Significant Impact Guidelines 1.1* (Department of the Environment, 2013).

One EPBC Act listed CEEC was identified within the Survey Area, Turpentine-Ironbark Forest of the Sydney Basin Bioregion. Although no direct impacts are proposed as a result of the Proposal, there is potential for incidental trampling and indirect impacts such as changes to hydrology. An Assessment of Significant Impact Criteria is provided below.

Turpentine-Ironbark Forest of the Sydney Basin Bioregion

Critically Endangered Ecological Community	Turpentine-Ironbark Forest of the	Sydney
	Basin Bioregion	

An action is likely to have a significant impact on a critically endangered or endangered ecological community if there is a real chance or possibility that it will:

Reduce the extent of an ecological community

The Proposal does not involve the direct removal or clearing of STIF. Potential indirect impacts including sedimentation, erosion, potential importation of weeds and pathogens, and changes to hydrology are expected to be minor and short-term and will not result in the reduction of the extent of the STIF. As such, the Proposal will not reduce the extent of an ecological community

Fragment or increase fragmentation of an ecological community, for example by clearing vegetation for roads or transmission lines

The Proposal will not result in the fragmentation of STIF as no direct impacts are proposed. The Proposal is limited to the clearing of exotic dominant lawn.

Adversely affect habitat critical to the survival of an ecological community

During construction, sediment, erosion, and the potential importation of weeds and pathogens may have minor indirect impacts on this community, however these impacts are considered low and short-term. Following construction, the artificial turf oval may lead to changes in hydrology with the reduction in groundcover absorption. However, given the STIF's relatively raised location in comparison to the oval, hydrological changes are expected to be minor and mitigated with the proposed stormwater mitigation works. As such, the Proposal will not adversely affect habitat critical to the survival of this community.

Modify or destroy abiotic (non-living) factors (such as water, nutrients, or soil) necessary for an ecological community's survival, including reduction of groundwater levels, or substantial alteration of surface water drainage patterns

Following construction, the artificial turf oval may lead to changes in hydrology with the reduction in groundcover absorption. However, given the STIF's relatively raised location in comparison to the oval, hydrological changes are expected to be minor and mitigated with the proposed stormwater mitigation works. Therefore, any potential modification to hydrology as a result of the Proposal will not adversely affect the survival of this community.

Cause a substantial change in the species composition of an occurrence of an ecological community, including causing a decline or loss of functionally important species, for example through regular burning or flora or fauna harvesting

No native vegetation representative of STIF will be directly cleared as a result of the Proposal. The Proposal may result in incidental trampling of STIF, and indirect impacts including changes in sedimentation and hydrology. However, these impacts are not expected to cause a substantial change in the species composition of STIF, and would only have minor impacts.

Critically Endangered Ecological Community

Turpentine-Ironbark Forest of the Sydney Basin Bioregion

Cause a substantial reduction in the quality or integrity of an occurrence of an ecological community, including, but not limited to:

Assisting invasive species, that are harmful to the listed ecological community, to become established

The Proposal has the potential to increase the presence of invasive species within the Survey Area given the importation of materials, personnel and machinery. However, this will be limited to the Subject Site and access roads where this community does not occur. With appropriate hygiene protocols as outlined within this report, the Proposal will not assist invasive species to become established.

Causing regular mobilisation of fertilisers, herbicides or other chemicals or pollutants into the ecological community which kill or inhibit the growth of species in the ecological community

The Proposal will not involve the mobilisation of fertilisers, herbicides or other chemicals or pollutants into the STIF which has been designated as a No-Go Zone.

Interfere with the recovery of an ecological community

There is currently no recovery plan for this community. The Proposal is consistent with the conservation advice for STIF (Department of the Environment, 2014), as no direct clearing will occur. Furthermore, increased nutrient loading and sedimentation from urban runoff and stormwater discharge, a listed major threat for this community, will be improved in the long-term with the proposed stormwater mitigation works. As such, the Proposal will not interfere with the recovery of this community.

Conclusion

Under the EPBC Act, an action requires approval from the Australian Government Minister for Environment (the Minister) if the action has, would have, or is likely to have, a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance such as the Critically Endangered, Turpentine-Ironbark Forest of the Sydney Basin Bioregion. The assessment above concludes that the Proposal will not have a significant impact on this community. As such, the Proposal does not require referral to the Minister for further assessment and approval under the EPBC Act.

Appendix F. Phytophora Hygiene Protocols

Task	Action
Timing	When possible/practical, the development should be completed in dry soil conditions and postponed following significant rainfall. Working in dry soil conditions will reduce the need for cleaning vehicles and equipment. If it is necessary to work in wet or damp areas then greater attention will need to be spent on vehicle and equipment cleaning.
Staff	Contractors and staff involved in the development are to be made aware that fungus has / has not been recorded on site, and provided with information regarding management protocols and its threat to native vegetation.
Drainage and Water	Alterations to drainage that may result in the spread of <i>Phytophthora</i> into new areas are to be avoided as highest priority. Water used during construction should be minimised. When water is necessary, it should be from a reticulated mains system, bore supply or sterilised source. Surface water collected from infected areas should not be used. Water draining from the site should not to enter bushland areas. The use of water for dust suppression should be kept to a minimum.
Landscaping and Bush Regeneration	 Plants used in landscaping should be purchased from a nursery with accreditation from the Nursery Industry Association, or from a nursery with excellent hygiene conditions. Species selected for landscaping should preferably be resistant to <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i>. Any gravel/sand/topsoil to be bought onto site should be purchased from a Nursery Industry Association accredited supplier, or should be certified (through testing) to be free of <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i>. Any infected soil/sand/gravel/vegetation moved on the site, or removed from the site should be stored at in area that is also infected with <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i>, or a site where the pathogen will not have any impact. Storage of gravel/sand/topsoil on site should preferably be on a dry well drained surface. Construction materials such as pipes, rocks, timber, bricks etc, should be free of mud and soil when arriving at the site. Staff should not enter infected areas unless necessary, movement within these areas should be kept to a minimum.
Vehicles and Machinery	All machinery, vehicles and equipment should arrive at the site free of uncontained mud and soil, particularly on tyres, mudflaps and the underbody. Vehicles and machinery exiting the site to be free of all uncontained mud and soil, particularly on the tyres, mudflaps and the underbody. Minimise the amount of water used. Try to remove soil and mud when it is dry (a stiff brush or stick maybe useful). Cleaning will be easier and more effective if it is completed at a depot or a permanent/designated cleaning area (it is acceptable for vehicles and machinery to be taken to a cleaning facility on sealed roads). If cleaning is to occur in the field select a site with a hard, well-drained surface (eg. a road) that is well away from remnant vegetation. If possible, wash down in an area that is close to the area you have been operating in. Wash down on ramps if possible. Do not allow mud and wash-down effluent to drain into bushland. Do not drive through wash-down effluent.
Footwear and Tools	Try to remove as much mud and soil as possible when it is dry with a stiff brush or stick. Minimise the amount of water used to initially clean footwear and tools. Footwear and tools should be scrubbed with a sterile solution (see below). All mud and soil should be collected (including in liquid) and removed in a bag or bucket. This material is to be disposed of at a site that is already infected with Cinnamon Fungus, or a site that contains no bushland.
Sterilising	Equipment can be sterilised by soaking in a disinfectant such as bleach (containing sodium hypochlorite). The bleach should be diluted (1 part bleach to 10 parts water), soak the tools for a few minutes, and then rinse. Alternatively methylated spirits can also be used for sterilising small hand tools and footwear in the field. A spray bottle containing methylated spirits can be used to cover all surfaces, allowing time for it to soak into all soil material (a couple of minutes is sufficient). A sterile water solution suitable for spraying down vehicles and machinery can be made by mixing 6mL of sodium hypochlorite (eg. pool chlorine or bleach) to every 10L of water.