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## 1 Introduction & Purpose

Evolve Environmental Solutions (Evolve) was contracted by CDM Smith to assess the modified habitat quality using the Modified Habitat Quality Assessment methodology on the Lansdown Eco-industrial Precinct roadway and water supply infrastructure alignment to assess the potential species-specific impact as per the preliminary documentation determination. The ecological surveys contained within this report represent works conducted on the alignment area between 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Previous vegetation and waterway assessments of project road alignments were conducted between 28th March to 1st April and reported in Ecological Assessment Report - Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct, Woodstock issued on 29th April 2022. Previous ecological survey works for the project conducted by Evolve between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May, inclusive of waterway, vegetation and fauna surveys relevant to the road alignment area were reported in Ecological Assessment Report: Week Two -Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct, Woodstock Issued on 6th October 2022.

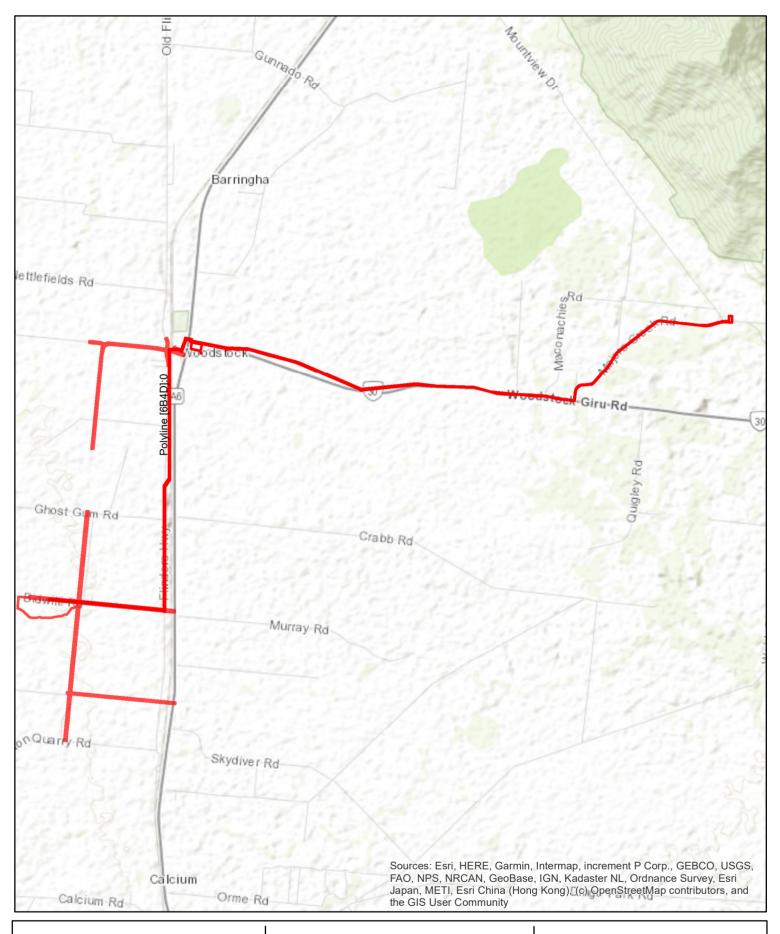
Survey works were undertaken in accordance with relevant Department of Environment and Science, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Unpublished MQHA methodologies and guidelines as outlined in **Section 3: Ecological Methodology**, with the aim to:

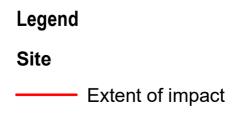
- Undertake habitat assessments,
- Survey for threatened fauna; and
- Complete waterway assessments suitable for Operational Works development approvals for waterway barrier works.

#### Site Context

The Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct Project is located approximately 38km south of Townsville along the western side of the Flinders Highway. The precinct road and water infrastructure alignments traverse Ghost Gum Road, Bidwilli Road, Manton Quarry Road and associated easements (see Figure 1)







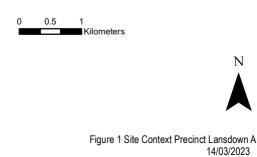


Figure 1: Site Context



Client: CDM Smith Australia Pty Ltd Address: Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct

# 3 Ecological Methodology

#### 3.1 Survey Timing

Motion sensor cameras, Audiomoth acoustic recording devices and Anabat passive bat detectors were deployed for 3-4-night periods during on-site survey works. Fauna observations, and waterway and vegetation assessments, additional to those previously conducted between the 28th March and 14th October 2022 were conducted over the entirety of the survey period 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Weather conditions for the assessment dates are provided below in Table 1.

Table 1: Weather conditions during site surveys (Source: www.bom.gov.au)

| Date       | Day       | Min Temp<br>(°C) | Max Temp (°C) | Relative<br>Humidity<br>(9am) | Wind<br>speed<br>(9am) | Rainfall<br>(mm) |
|------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 06/02/2023 | Monday    | 23.1             | 31.5          | 94%                           | 6                      | 64.2             |
| 07/02/2023 | Tuesday   | 24.5             | 33.2          | 79%                           | 4                      | 4.4              |
| 08/02/2023 | Wednesday | 25.1             | 33.1          | 74%                           | 15                     | 10.0             |
| 09/02/2023 | Thursday  | 25.2             | 33.6          | 69%                           | 7                      | 0                |
| 10/02/2023 | Friday    | 25.2             | 33.4          | 66%                           | 6                      | 0                |

Climatic records are drawn from the closest BOM station to the survey area, located in Mount Stuart (Station 032195).

#### 3.2 Survey Equipment Specifications

Survey equipment specifications are provided below in **Table 2**.

Table 2: Survey equipment specifications for the devices utilised in-field.

| Device Type | Unit Type                           | Unit Specifications  |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| GPS         | Arrow 100 Submeter GNSS<br>Receiver | <ul> <li>Multi-constellation GNSS receiver that<br/>utilises differential corrections to<br/>achieve sub meter accuracy.</li> </ul>  |
| Camera trap | Infrared Motion sensing cameras     | <ul> <li>Trigger distance up to 23m when at temperatures below 25°C, full field of view trigger distance at temperatures between 25oC and 60oC.</li> <li>70°PIR sensor detect wide and night vision up to 23m</li> <li>Trigger time in 0.3 second</li> </ul>                         |
| Audiomoth   | Audiomoth 1.2.0                     | <ul> <li>6.0 kHz minimum recording frequency</li> <li>Recording period from 1830 to 0600</li> <li>Cyclic sampling cycle of 1 minute recording per half hour.</li> <li>Using Firmware version 1.8.1</li> </ul>  |
| Anabat      | Anabat Swift Passive Detector       | <ul> <li>Full Spectrum and Zero Crossing<br/>Recording</li> <li>Built-in GPS for site location, transect<br/>mode, setting the clock, and calculating<br/>sunset and sunrise times for automatic<br/>night recording</li> <li>Records temperature and battery<br/>voltage</li> </ul> |



### Modified Habitat Quality Assessment (MHQA)

Assessment of fauna species habitat quality was carried out as per guidelines published in Chapter 2.4 of Guide to determining terrestrial habitat quality-Methods for assessing habitat quality under the Queensland Environmental Offsets Policy. Version 1.3. and BioCondition-A Condition Assessment Framework for Terrestrial Biodiversity in Queensland Assessment Manual Queensland Herbarium Version 2.2.

Habitat Quality was scored for five keystone species deemed likely to occur in the area, identified from previous surveys. These Species were the Southern Squatter Pidgeon (Geophaps scripta scripta), Black-throated Finch (Poephila cincta cincta), Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat (Saccolaimus saccolaimus nudicluniatus), Koala (Phascolarctos cinereus) and Painted Snipe (Rostratula australis). Habitat Quality was scored using a weighted table of five habitat quality criteria calculated from measured site attributes for each species as well as thirteen site refence criteria and 4 site context criteria undertaken as per the BioCondition methodology. The Habitat quality criteria assessed for each species were:

- Quality and Availability of food and foraging habitat,
- quality and availability of shelter and breeding habitat,
- role of site location to overall population in the state,
- threats to species, and
- the support for mobility of the surrounding habitat.

Habitat scoring parameters for each assessed species as defined for the purposes of the MHQA are provided in **Appendix F**.

Where previous vegetation survey data exist for the sample location, in the form of BioCondition or Secondary vegetation transects only additional data required to meet Habitat Quality Assessment Standard Guidelines was collected from the sample location.

#### 3.3.1.1 BioCondition Assessment

BioCondition Assessment was undertaken by the methodology detailed in the BioCondition Manual (Eyre, et. al., 2015) in accordance with BioCondition sampling effort recommendations published in Table 1.2 of Guide to determining terrestrial habitat quality V1.3 (Department of Environment and Science, 2020)

#### 3.3.2 Quality and Availability of Food and Foraging Habitat

#### 3.3.2.1 Southern Black Throated Finch

Site attributes indicating quality of food and foraging habitat for the Black-throated finch were averaged to produce a score for the criteria overall, these were:

- Abundance of food grass: The average coverage of preferred food grasses across 5 1x1 metre BioCondition quadrats was measured. The Southern Black Throated Finch is primarily granivorous, and grass seed availability is an indicator of foraging habitat quality. Greater than 25% cover is favorable (NRA, 2011)
- Species richness of food grasses: Number of preferred grass feed species detected within the standard BioCondition Plot is an indicator of foraging habitat quality as a higher species diversity and a mixture of annuals and perennial species allows for a broader time period which seed production occurs. Six or more species of food grasses within a plot is indicative of sufficient habitat (NRA, 2011). Favorable food grass species include U. mosambicensis, Digitaria, ciliaris (crabgrass), Melinis repens (red Natal grass) Enteropogon acicularis (curly



- windmill grass), Panicum decompositum (native millet), Panicum effusum (hairy panic), Dichanthium sericeum (bluegrass), Alloteropsis semialata (cockatoo grass), Eragrostis sororia (woodland lovegrass) and Themeda triandra (kangaroo grass) and Chloris inflata (purple-top chloris) (Mitchell, 1996; NRA, 2007).
- Mosaic of bare patches and grasses: The average coverage of bare ground across 5 1x1 metre BioCondition quadrats was measured. Southern Black Throated Finch require sufficient bare ground patches to access the seed bank. Areas with 40.59% ± 19.28% Bare ground cover with a maximum of 85% have been seen to have a positive association with the subspecies (Rechetelo, 2015).

#### 3.3.2.2 Southern Squatter Pigeon

Abundance of food grass was used as the site attribute indicating quality of food and foraging habitat for the Southern Squatter Pigeon. The average coverage of preferred food grasses was measured across 5 1x1 metre BioCondition quadrats. The species is predominately granivorous with approximately 95% of its diet composing of seeds (Crome 1976b).

#### 3.3.2.3 Koala

Site attributes indicating quality of food and foraging habitat for the Koala were averaged to produce a score for the criteria overall, these were:

- Species Richness of locally preferred food trees: Koalas have been shown to occur in higher densities ecosystems with higher food tree species richness (Munks et al. 1996).
- Abundance of locally preferred food trees: locally important food trees as specified by Youngentob et al. (2021) that met non-juvenile habitat tree status were counted within the 50 x 100m BioCondition Plot.

#### 3.3.2.4 Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat

Presence of mature remnant woodland was used as the site attribute indicating quality of food and foraging habitat for the Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat. The species is known to forage in a wide variety of habitats, occurring more commonly in near coastal eucalypt forests and woodlands (TSSC 2016).

#### 3.3.2.5 Painted Snipe

Site attributes indicating quality of food and foraging habitat for the Painted Snipe were averaged to produce a score for the criteria overall, these were:

- Abundance of food grass: The average coverage of preferred food grasses across 5 1x1 metre BioCondition quadrats.
- Coverage of seasonal wetland: Coverage of seasonal wetland for each plot was measured by intersection with the transect and was expressed as a percentage of coverage.

The painted snipe has a combined diet of grains and invertebrate which are typically foraged for in rank tussocky freshwater wetland habitats (Marchant & Higgins 1993).

#### 3.3.3 Quality and Availability of Shelter and Breeding Habitat

The quality and availability of breeding habitat for each species was scored out of 25 based on criteria determined on a species-by-species basis to indicate quality shelter and breeding habitat. These are detailed below.

#### 3.3.3.1 Southern Black Throated Finch

Site attributes indicating quality of shelter and breeding habitat for the Southern Black Throated Finch were averaged to produce a score for the criteria overall, these were:



- Abundance of preferable nesting tree species: Suitable nesting species were considered to be E. platyphylla, Melaleuca viridiflora, C. tessellaris and C. dallachiana (Rechetelo 2015). Abundance was measured by coverage of canopy intersecting with the transect.
- Distance to water: Distance to permanent water source for each habitat assessment was measured using by desktop analysis. The Southern black throated finch is an obligate drinker, requiring a constantly available water source. Nesting habitat is typically found close to permanent water sources, typically within 200m and not more than 400m. (NRA 2011).

#### 3.3.3.2 Southern Squatter Pigeon

Site attributes indicating quality of shelter and breeding habitat for the Southern Squatter Pigeon were averaged to produce a score for the criteria overall, these were:

- Mosaic of bare ground and grass cover: the Southern Squatter Pigeon nests in a scraped depression in the dirt, sheltered by organic matter (Lord 1956), vegetation cover in these areas is typically a patchy mix of perennial tussock grasses with or without low shrubs or forbs, vegetation coverage rarely exceeds 33% (Squatter Pigeon Workshop 2011).
- Distance to water- subspecies is likely to be sedentary where reliable year-round water sources are available (Squatter Pigeon Workshop 2011).

#### 3.3.3.3 Koala

Site attributes indicating quality of shelter and breeding habitat for the Koala were averaged to produce a score for the criteria overall, these were:

- Species richness of non-juvenile koala habitat trees: The species richness of non-juvenile koala habitat trees as defined by the QLD Offsets Policy was measured in each 100m by 50m BioCondition plot, species richness of habitat trees is seen as a significant indicator of shelter habitat quality (Youngentob et al. 2021).
- Abundance of non-juvenile koala habitat trees: abundance of non-juvenile koala habitat trees as defined by the QLD Offsets Policy was measured in each 100m by 50m BioCondition plot by stem count, this serves to measure the quantity of shelter resources available in the habitat (Youngentob et al. 2021).

#### 3.3.3.4 Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat

Site attributes indicating quality of shelter and breeding habitat for the Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat were averaged to produce a score for the criteria overall, these were:

- Abundance of preferred tree species: The species is likely to roost in hollows of mature Eucalyptus or Melaleuca species (Schulz and Thomson 2007), Stems of mature preferred species within an 50m by 100m Plot were counted.
- Prescence of deep hollows: potentially deep hollows were identified within the 100m by 50m BioCondition plots and counted. The Bare-rumped Sheathtail requires deep hollows to nest in (Milne et al. 2009), generally in mature Eucalyptus or Melaleuca species (Schulz and Thomson 2007).

#### 3.3.3.5 Painted Snipe

Site attributes indicating quality of shelter and breeding habitat for the Painted Snipe were averaged to produce a score for the criteria overall, these were:

Coverage of seasonal wetland: Seasonal wetland areas intersecting with the 100m transect were recorded. Wetland should be shallow with exposed mud (Rogers et al. 2005).



#### 3.3.4 Role of Site Location to Overall Population in the State

This value was obtained from the species stocking rate, adjusted to a score of 10, as detailed in Section 4.2 of the Commonwealth How to Use the Offsets Assessment Guide.

#### 3.3.5 Threats to Species

Threats to species were calculated using a threat matrix as per methodology detailed in Guide to Determining Terrestrial Habitat Quality (DES, 2020). For each species absence of threat was given a score out of 25 using the threat matrix is illustrated below in **Table 3**.

The Final score is the lowest possible score for an individual identified threat.

| Table 3; Threat assessment matrix (DES, 2020) |
|---|
|   |

| Threat Matrix |           |   | Severity  |      |        |     |          |  |
|---------------|-----------|---|-----------|------|--------|-----|----------|--|
|               |           |   | Very High | High | Medium | Low | Very Low |  |
|               |           |   | 1         | 2    | 3      | 4   | 5        |  |
|               | Very High | 1 | 1         | 2    | 3      | 4   | 5        |  |
|               | High      | 2 | 2         | 4    | 6      | 8   | 10       |  |
| a             | Medium    | 3 | 3         | 6    | 9      | 12  | 15       |  |
| Scope         | Low       | 4 | 4         | 8    | 12     | 16  | 20       |  |
| Sc            | Very Low  | 5 | 5         | 10   | 15     | 20  | 25       |  |

#### 3.3.5.1 Southern Black Throated Finch

Significant threats which were identified to the Southern Black Throated Finch were as follows:

- Reduction In water availability: Southern Black Throated Finch is an obligate drinker and reduction in water availability, by drought for example, without sustained permanent water sources would significantly impact the ability for the Southern Black Throated Finch to utilize the habitat (DEWHA, 2009).
- Intensive grazing regimes: Overgrazing to the point of food seed depletion may reduce the capacity of the habitat to produce sufficient food for the Southern Black Throated Finch (DEWHA, 2009).
- Risk of fire: Fire during breeding season can cause disturbance to nesting habitat and failure of breeding (DEWHA, 2009).
- Exotic weed dominance: Exotic weeds can reduce availability of quality habitat and food grasses to the Southern Black (DEWHA, 2009).

#### 3.3.5.2 Southern Squatter Pigeon

Significant threats which were identified to the Southern Squatter Pigeon were as follows:

- Predator attack (Dog, Cat, Fox, Snake or Predatory bird): In most cases, decline of sub populations of Southern Squatter Pigeon coincides with high fox abundance (Garnett & Crowley 2000).
- Exotic Weeds: Degradation of habitat by exotic weed introduction has been identified as a threat to the Southern Squatter Pigeon (Squatter Pigeon Workshop 2011).
- Habitat Loss and Fragmentation: Habitat loss and fragmentation by agricultural clearing has been identified as a threat to the Southern Squatter Pigeon (Squatter Pigeon Workshop 2011).
- Overgrazing: Overstocking with livestock has found to be a threat to the Southern Squatter Pigeon (Squatter Pigeon Workshop 2011).



#### 3.3.5.3 Koala

Significant threats which were identified to the Koala by Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (2022), Conservation advice for Phascolarctos cinereus were as follows:

- Dog attack: The koala is susceptible to attack from both domestic dogs, wild dogs and dingoes while traversing the landscape. Domestic dog risk is generally higher in peri urban environments, while wild dogs and dingoes are more prevalent in agricultural areas.
- Vehicle strike: The koala is susceptible to vehicle collisions while crossing busy roads, this threat is substantial in urban and peri urban areas.
- Bushfire: The koala is a slow-moving animal and is susceptible to uncontrolled bushfire, inappropriate fire regimes leading to increased fuel loads can increase this threat
- Drought: Extreme drought can reduce food and shelter availability.

#### 3.3.6 Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat

The significant threat identified by the national recovery plan for the Bare-rumped Sheathtail (Schulz and Thomson 2007), to the species is Exotic weed dominance, due to impacts on access to roosting habitat.

#### 3.3.6.1 Painted Snipe

Significant threats which were identified to the Painted Snipe were as follows:

Reduction in water quality: This can be due to increased nutrient and saline content (Rogers et al. 2005).

#### 3.3.7 Species Mobility Capacity

The species mobility capacity was scored out of 25 based on the criteria listed below.

#### 3.3.7.1 Southern Black Throated Finch

The species mobility capacity of the habitat for Southern Black Throated Finch was assessed as follows:

- Coverage of shrub species, including native and introduced species: This was measured by intersection with a 100m transect. Flocks of the subspecies are negatively associated with excessive shrub cover (Rechetelo 2015).
- Prescence of open grassy woodland vegetation structure: In each 100m by 50m BioCondition plot the vegetation was assessed for quality and connectivity of open woodland structure.

#### 3.3.7.2 Southern Squatter Pigeon

The species mobility capacity of the habitat for Southern Squatter Pigeon was assessed as follows:

Connectivity between suitable habitats: dispersal habitat can be considered any forest or woodland habitat with sufficient water available occurring between foraging or breeding habitat (Squatter Pigeon Workshop 2011).

#### 3.3.7.3 Koala

The species mobility capacity of the habitat for Koala was assessed as follows:

Connectivity between suitable habitats: Connectivity score was assigned based on the following criteria: 5 (totally isolated), 10 partially isolated, 15 (periodically isolated), 20 major connectivity, 25 (totally connected).

#### 3.3.7.4 Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat

The species mobility capacity of the habitat for Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat was assessed as follows:



Connectivity between suitable habitats: Connectivity score was assigned based on the following criteria: 5 (totally isolated), 10 partially isolated, 15 (periodically isolated), 20 major connectivity, 25 (totally connected). Availability of mature woodland in the surrounding landscape was used as an indicator of mobility (Schulz & Thomson 2007; Reardon et al. 2010; Dennis 2012).

#### 3.3.7.5 Painted Snipe

The species mobility capacity of the habitat for Painted Snipe was assessed as follows:

Connectivity between suitable habitats: the species is migratory and is therefore mobile regardless of immediate surrounding landscape, the main factor determining choice of habitat is availability of wetland area (Marchant & Higgins 1993). This criterion was scored based on the percentage land cover of suitable seasonal wetland within 1 kilometer of the Assessment location

#### 3.3.8 Species Stocking Rate

Species stocking rate was calculated for each assessment unit using the scoring system provided by the EPBC Act How to Use the Offsets Assessment Guide. Four criteria were assessed, Species presence on or adjacent to the site, Species usage of the site, approximate density per hectare and Importance of the species on the site.

#### 3.4 Habitat Mapping Methodologies

Habitat was mapped for four significant species, Southern Black-throated Finch, Southern Squatter Pigeon, Koala and Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat. Methodologies for each species are detailed below.

#### 3.4.1 Southern Black-throated Finch

The Black throated finch inhabits woodland savannahs, and areas of riverine vegetation. As a general rule areas of seeding grass within 5km of a permanent water source can be considered habitat in the species model distribution area. The second detailed survey had one positive species sighting close to Serpentine Lagoon just off Woodstock Giru Road. The alignment of the road and water pipeline crosses several drainage and creek crossings, and traverses near both natural and man-made permanent water bodies. The whole of the alignment provides either suitable foraging or breeding habitat for this species. Vegetated areas have been noted as breeding due to the species nesting requirements, whilst grassland only areas have been noted as foraging. Regularly slashed and maintained roadsides such as along Woodstock Giru Road have been excluded from foraging habitat as this species feed on the seeds of grasses and this would be largely absent from these areas.

#### 3.4.2 Southern Squatter Pigeon

The squatter pigeon (southern) inhabits grassy understories of grassy eucalypt open woodland. It is nearly always sighted near water. Species was sighted during the second targeted survey period adjacent to Majors Creek Road in open Eucalypt Woodland. This location is approximately 400m form a permanent water source and has several ephemeral or man-made water sources close by. Species was additionally sighted twice by Evolve during October surveys on lot 87 RP911426 within 200m of a permanent farm dam.

Mapping has been provided based on the following habitat requirements (according to SPRAT):

Breeding habitat: remnant/regrowth open forest to sparse open woodland within 1km of suitable permanent waterbody (Stream order 3 to 5 and perennial watercourses have been considered)



- Foraging habitat: remnant/regrowth open forest to sparse open woodland within 3km of suitable seasonal or permanent waterbody
- Dispersal habitat: any forest or woodland occurring between breeding and foraging habitat, or pasture with scattered trees <100m apart.

#### 3.4.3 Koala

The Koala is known to inhabit areas of native Australian woodland that contains a variety of Koala habitat and food trees. There has been much published about the Koala. Based on the description of habitat and know distribution of the Koala as modelled by DCCEEW. Evolve has mapped a potential 48.8ha of potential Koala Habitat. Whilst it is noted that the alignment does contain Koala habitat the likelihood of an active Koala presence on the alignment is low. There are no records of Koala being sighted in the area that are publicly available.

#### 3.4.4 Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat

Very little is known about the Bare-rumped sheathtail bat. The survey conducted in June 2022 by EMM the species was located via the use of song meters. In both the EMM and surveys conducted by Evolve no known roosts have been confirmed to date. Foraging habitat can be noted on the alignment as the species has a fast, direct flight and is likely to forage primarily for aerial insects over the woodland/forest canopy but may fly lower when foraging over open situations. All areas of the alignment provide this foraging habitat. It is highly unlikely that roost sites are to be found unless hollows are expertly assessed, as the species remains silent at roosting sites and is only audible when disturbed. Vegetation with hollows at around 200mm diameter constitute possible roosting habitat.

#### 3.5 Fauna Assessment Methodologies

Fauna assessments have been carried out as per survey guidelines published in Terrestrial Vertebrate Fauna Survey Assessment Guidelines for Queensland, Eyre et. al. (2018) and Significant impact guidelines for the endangered black-throated finch (southern) (Poephila cincta cincta) (2009). Refer Plan 2 for locations of these surveys.

#### 3.5.1 Camera Trapping

Two (2) motion sensor cameras were deployed for four (4) nights during the survey week (see Table 1 for survey timing). The following methodology was employed during the camera trapping surveys:

- Cameras were installed in key locations on site;
- Cameras securely attached 10 50 cm from the ground on a tree or post;
- Cameras were not baited; and
- Cameras were set on the burst function of 3 photos per trigger.

#### 3.5.2 Anabat passive detectors

Three (3) Anabat devices were similarly deployed over 3-4 nights in key locations where bats were previously observed or where potential roosting habitat in the form of tree hollows and shedding bark was recorded. Audio recordings were taken for the duration of each night over the time they were deployed, volume and frequency thresholds were set to reduce non-bat recording, volume was set insitu based on background noise, Frequency was set to 12000 KHz as the target species have calls above this frequency. Data was analysed by spectrograph using the Anabat Insight program and compared to calls of species which have a range coinciding with the site.



#### 3.6 Waterway Assessment

Waterways and drainage features were walked and captured by GPS. Photo points and aquatic features were noted at certain points along and near the crossing points, and additional crossing sections were noted that were not mapped as fisheries waterways but still would meet the definition of a waterway defined by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) as exhibiting at-least one of the following attributes:

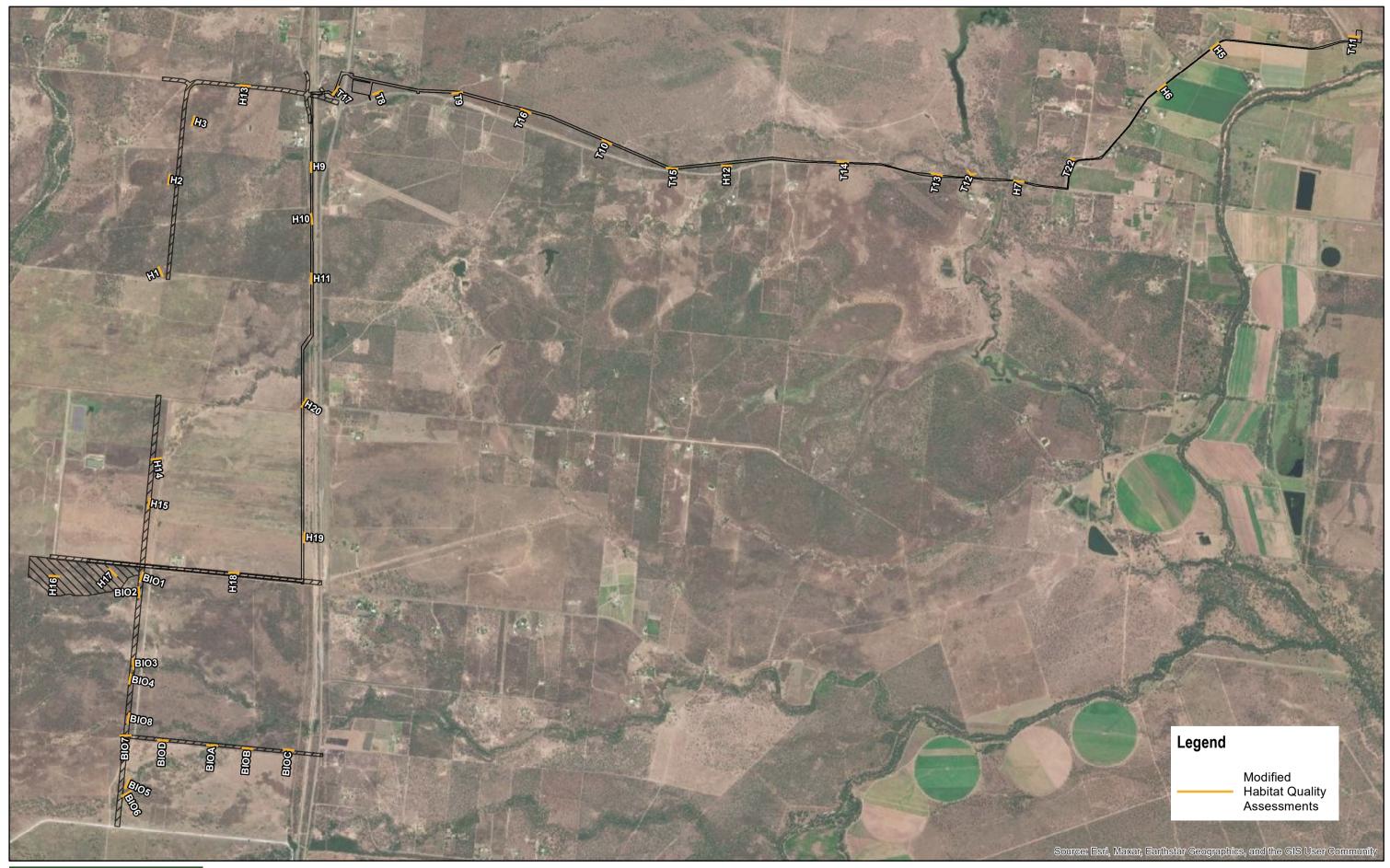
- 1. Defined bed and banks The bed and banks need to be continuous upstream and downstream of the site rather than isolated and broken sections of a depression.
- 2. extended, non-permanent, period flow An if Flow must continue beyond the duration of a rain event and have some reliability attached to rainfall. There is a need to distinguish between channels that funnel immediate localised rainfall; and waterways where flow has arisen from an upstream catchment.
- 3. Flow adequacy The flow needs to be sufficient to sustain basic ecological processes and habitats, and to maintain biodiversity within or across the feature. The adequacy of the flow depends on the ecological function of the channel e.g. waterways that connect to fish habitat like a wetland or waterhole may only need infrequent and short-duration flows to provide connectivity for fish.
- Fish habitat at, or upstream of, the site Most instream features provide habitat for fish under adequate flow conditions or, in the case of pools, during dry periods. Therefore, it is important to have some knowledge of the fish species for the site and their habitat use, particularly in headwater streams. Periodic connectivity to upstream and off stream fish habitat are also considered fish habitat.

Six (6) waterway locations were assessed within or adjoining the road and water pipeline alignment during the survey period. These were done to supplement previous waterway assessments completed for the surveys between 28th March and 14th October 2022.

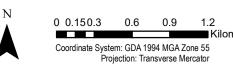
Refer to Plan 3 for locations of these assessments.



**Plan 1: Habitat Assessment Locations** 



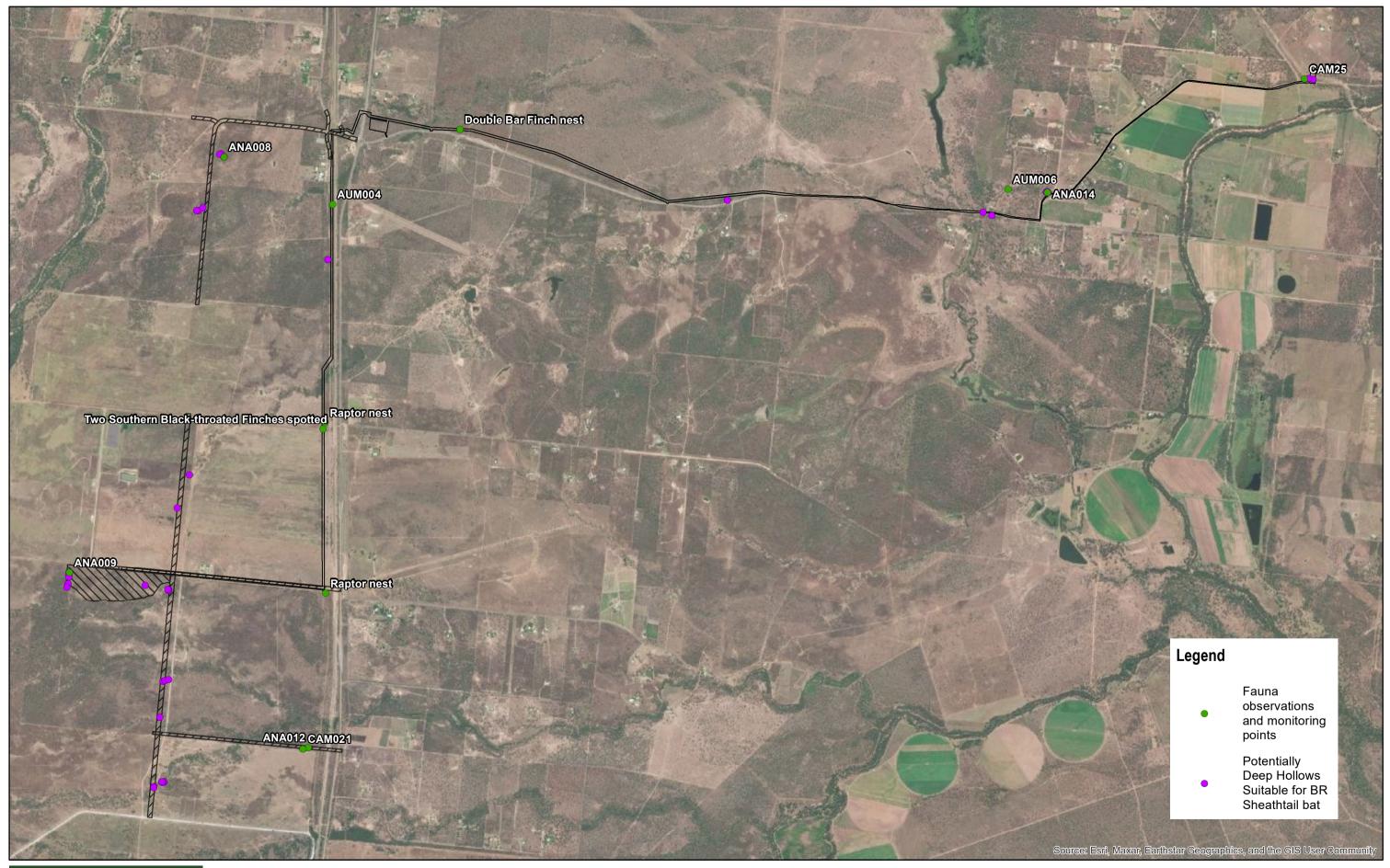




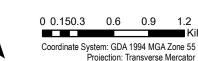
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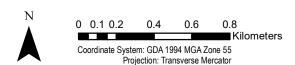


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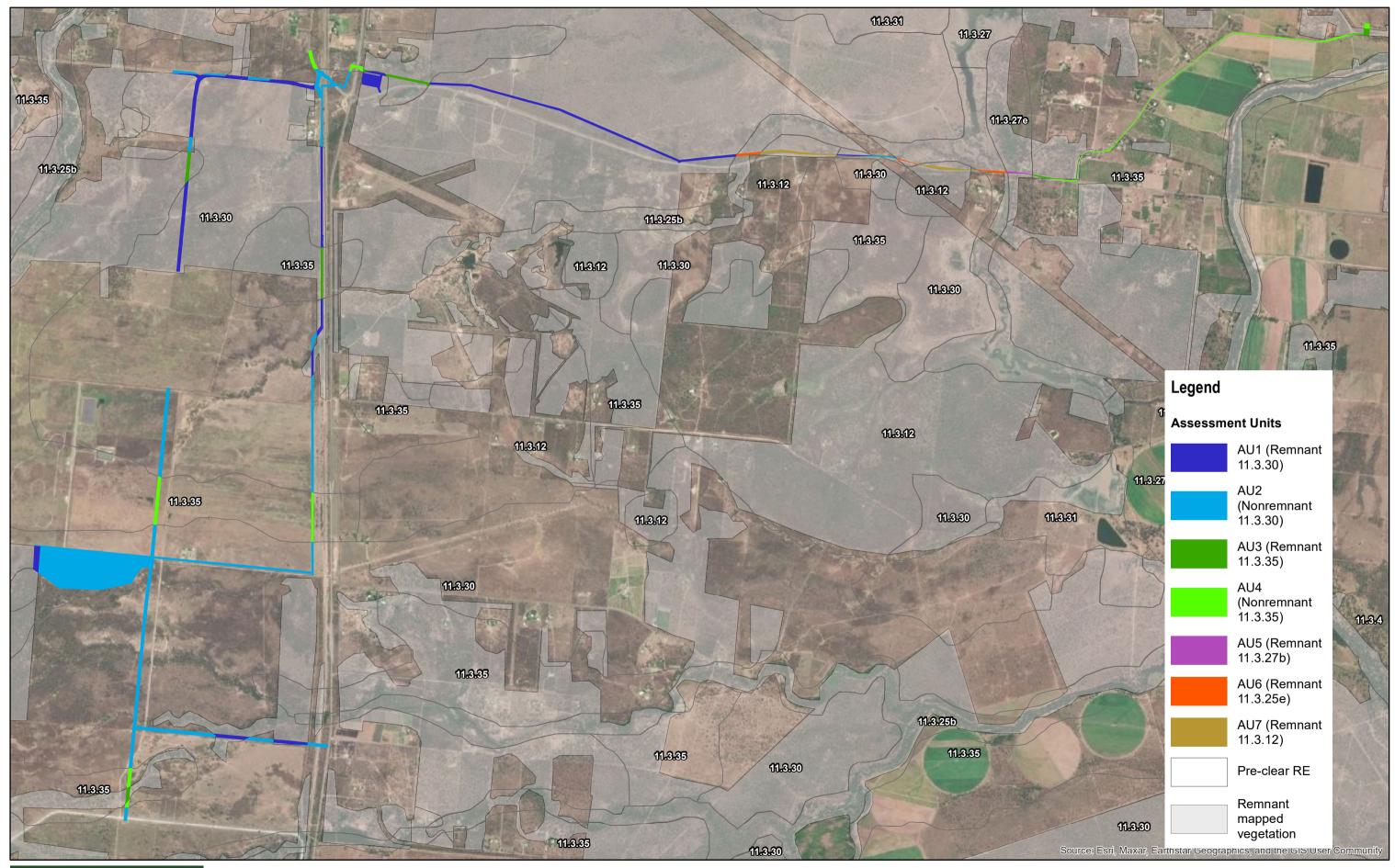


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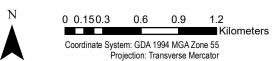
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# **Plan 4: Assessment Units**







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# 4 Ecological survey results

#### 4.1 Fauna Habitat Impact

Total area of impacted habitat for each species as mapped from ground truthing survey can be found in Table 4 below.

Table 4; Area of species habitat impacts.

| Species            | Area of Habitat (Ha) |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Southern Black     | 52.58                |
| Throated Finch     |                      |
| Southern Squatter  | 44.14                |
| Pigeon             |                      |
| Koala              | 44.43                |
|                    |                      |
| Australian Painted | 1.19                 |
| Snipe              |                      |
| Bare Rumped        | 44.43                |
| Sheathtail Bat     |                      |

#### 4.2 Modified Habitat Quality Assessments

Forty-one (41) Modified Habitat Quality Assessment transects were conducted within and adjacent to the proposed impact area between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 as shown in Plan 1, Modified Habitat Quality Assessment data from these transects is provided in **Appendix E**.

For the purposes of Habitat Quality Assessment, the following assessment units were defined based upon Regional Ecosystem and Vegetation Condition; a summary of Assessment Units can be found in Table 5.

Table 5; Assessment Units for the Modified Habitat Quality Assessment

| <b>Assessment Unit</b> | Description            | Sample Units  |
|------------------------|------------------------|---|
| AU1                    | RE 11.3.30 Remnant     | BIOA, BIOC, T8, T9, T10, T14, T15, T16, H1, H3, H10   |
| AU2                    | RE 11.3.30 Non-remnant | BIOB, BIOD, BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, BIO5<br>BIO07, BIO8, T17, H13, H14, H16, H17,<br>H18, H20 |
| AU3                    | RE 11.3.35 Remnant     | BIO6, T11, T22, H2, H9, H11   |
| AU4                    | RE 11.3.35 Non-remnant | H5, H6, H15, H19  |
| AU5                    | RE 11.3.27e Remnant    | H7  |
| AU6                    | RE 11.3.25b Remnant    | T12, H12  |
| AU7                    | RE 11.3.12 Remnant     | T13   |

#### 4.2.1 Quality of Habitats within the Impact area

Average BioCondition scores for each assessment unit were low to intermediate ranging from 5% to 65% of maximum score. BioCondition scores are shown in **Table 6**.

Two regional Ecosystems occurred on site in both remnant and non-remnant forms these were RE 11.3.30 and RE 11.3.35. Overall, the condition of both remnant and non-remnant RE 11.3.35, AU3 and AU4 respectively, were the lowest among other remnant and non-remnant vegetation groups



occurring on site. AU3 scored 28 percent of the maximum vegetation quality score and AU4 scored 5 percent of the maximum vegetation quality score.

AU5 and AU7 occurred in regional ecosystems without a benchmark and so due to the small size and degraded ecological value of these assessment units, as well as lack of availability of accessible benchmark survey sites, a rapid assessment method was used to assume a score of 70% of the maximum for attributes which could not be assessed against a benchmark as described in Guide to Determining Terrestrial Habitat Quality v1.3. Non-native cover was excluded from this as the benchmark for this attribute is always 0 and was instead calculated as per normal BioCondition methodology.



Table 6; BioCondition assessment results summarised by assessment unit

| Table 6; BioCondition ass                                       | AU1                | AU2                        | AU3                | AU4                        | AU5                 | AU6                 | AU7                |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Regional Ecosystem  | Remnant<br>11.3.30 | Non-<br>remnant<br>11.3.30 | Remnant<br>11.3.35 | Non-<br>remnant<br>11.3.35 | Remnant<br>11.3.27e | Remnant<br>11.3.25b | Remnant<br>11.3.12 |
| Recruitment   | 0.00               | 0.19                       | 0.50               | 0.00                       | 3.50                | 0.00                | 3.50               |
| Native plant species richness - trees                           | 3.41               | 3.13                       | 2.50               | 0.63                       | 3.50                | 2.50                | 3.50               |
| Native plant<br>species richness -<br>shrubs                    | 2.73               | 0.47                       | 2.08               | 0.00                       | 3.50                | 2.50                | 3.50               |
| Native plant species richness - grasses                         | 1.36               | 1.56                       | 2.08               | 0.63                       | 3.50                | 5.00                | 3.50               |
| Native plant species richness - forbs                           | 1.36               | 0.78                       | 0.42               | 0.00                       | 3.50                | 2.50                | 3.50               |
| Tree canopy height (average of emergent, canopy and sub canopy) | 4.55               | 3.69                       | 3.83               | 1.25                       | 3.50                | 5.00                | 3.50               |
| Tree canopy cover (average of emergent, canopy and sub canopy)  | 2.18               | 1.13                       | 2.17               | 0.00                       | 3.50                | 2.50                | 3.50               |
| Shrub canopy<br>cover   | 1.82               | 1.06                       | 1.67               | 0.00                       | 3.50                | 1.50                | 3.50               |
| Native perennial grass cover                                    | 1.09               | 1.38                       | 1.00               | 0.25                       | 3.50                | 1.00                | 3.50               |
| Organic litter  | 3.73               | 3.13                       | 2.67               | 1.25                       | 3.50                | 4.00                | 3.50               |
| Large trees   | 2.27               | 2.19                       | 0.83               | 0.00                       | 10.50               | 2.50                | 10.50              |
| Coarse woody debris   | 0.36               | 0.50                       | 1.33               | 0.00                       | 3.50                | 3.50                | 3.50               |
| Non-native plant cover  | 3.36               | 2.06                       | 1.50               | 0.00                       | 0.00                | 4.00                | 3.00               |
| Total (out of 80)   | 28.23              | 21.25                      | 22.58              | 4.00                       | 49.00               | 36.50               | 52.00              |
| Score out of 1  | 0.35               | 0.27                       | 0.28               | 0.05                       | 0.61                | 0.46                | 0.65               |

#### 4.2.2 Habitat Scores for the Southern Black Throated Finch

A summary of scores for each criteria of the habitat quality for Southern Black Throated Finch, including overall habitat quality are presented in Table 7. Habitat quality scores were intermediate ranging from 5.19 to 6.63.

| Table 7; Habitat quality assessments of the Southern Black Inroated Finch summarised by assessment unit |         |         |         |         |          |          |         |  |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|---------|--|
| Assessment Unit   | AU1     | AU2     | AU3     | AU4     | AU5      | AU6      | AU7     |  |
| Regional  | Remnant | Non-    | Remnant | Non-    | Remnant  | Remnant  | Remnant |  |
| Ecosystem   | 11.3.30 | remnant | 11.3.35 | remnant | 11.3.27e | 11.3.25b | 11.3.12 |  |
|   |         | 11.3.30 |         | 11.3.35 |          |          |         |  |
| Foraging Habitat  |         |         |         |         |          |          |         |  |



| Abundance of preferable grass species                              | 14.55 | 13.44 | 13.33 | 22.50 | 20.00 | 10.00 | 15.00 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Species richness of preferable food grasses                        | 16.82 | 12.19 | 12.50 | 11.25 | 15.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Mosaic of bare ground and grass cover                              | 14.55 | 15.00 | 7.50  | 5.00  | 5.00  | 7.50  | 20.00 |
| Average Score  | 15.30 | 13.54 | 11.11 | 12.92 | 13.33 | 14.17 | 20.00 |
| Shelter Habitat  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Nesting tree availability  | 13.64 | 10.74 | 14.17 | 5.00  | 15.00 | 17.50 | 20.00 |
| Distance to water  | 17.73 | 21.25 | 21.67 | 17.50 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 20.00 |
| Average Score  | 15.68 | 15.99 | 17.92 | 11.25 | 20.00 | 21.25 | 20.00 |
| Role of site to overall population                                 | 5     | 5     | 5     | 5     | 5     | 5     | 5     |
| Threats  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Reduction In water availability                                    | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Intensive grazing regimes  | 15.45 | 11.25 | 13.33 | 15.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Risk of fire   | 20.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Exotic weed dominance  | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Lowest score   | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Species Mobility   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Coverage of shrub species, including native and introduced species | 24.55 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 20.00 | 25.00 |
| Prescence of open<br>grassy woodland<br>vegetation<br>structure    | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Average Score  | 19.77 | 20.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 | 17.50 | 20.00 |
|  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |

#### *4.2.2.1 Foraging Habitat Scores*

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**Species** 

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Average foraging habitat scores for each AU were intermediate to high, ranging from 11.11 to 20 out of 25. A mosaic of bare ground and grass cover of intermediate to high quality was recorded in AU1, AU2 and AU7, ranging from scores of 14.55 to 20; however was seen to a lesser degree in AU3, AU4, AU5 and AU6 with scores ranging from 5 to 7.5. An overabundance of pasture legumes, primarily shrubby stylo, across all AUs was a large driver of reduced bare ground coverage.

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#### 4.2.2.2 Shelter Habitat Scores

Average shelter habitat scores for each AU were intermediate to high, ranging from 11.25 to 21.25. Permanent water availability was generally high due to a number of dams waterways and cattle watering points spread across the surrounding landscape; average water availability scores ranged from 17.5 to 25. Nesting Tree availability varied greatly between AUs ranging from scores of 5 to 20, and was lower in Non remnant AUs, AU2 and AU4 with scores of 10.74 and 5 respectively.



#### 4.2.2.3 Species Mobility Scores

Average species mobility scores were high ranging from 17.5 to 20. Shrub coverage scores were generally high with scores ranging from 20 to 25 out of 25, this is due to a sparse shrub layer throughout all assessment units. Vegetation structure had generally high grass species diversity, however, the ground layer coverage was generally dominated by introduced species in many cases and canopy layers were generally degraded leading each AU to have an average score for the criteria of presence of open grassy woodland vegetation structure to be 15.

#### 4.2.2.4 Species Stocking Rate

The Southern Black Throated Finch was allocated a species stocking rate of 55 out of 70 for the site. Scoring is shown in **Table 8** 

Table 8: Species stocking rate calculation for the Southern Black Throated Finch

| Species Stocking Rate (SSR)                          |       |             |                |          |               |      |  |
|--|-------|-------------|----------------|----------|---------------|------|--|
| Presence detected on or adjacent to                  | Score | 0           | 5              |          | 10            |      |  |
| site (neighbouring property with connecting habitat) |       | No          | Yes - adjacent |          | Yes - on site |      |  |
| Species usage of the site (habitat type              | Score | 0           | 5              | 10       | 15            | 15   |  |
| & evidenced usage)                                   |       | Not habitat | Dispersal      | Foraging | Breedi        | ng   |  |
| Approximate density (per ha)                         | Score | 0           | 10             | 20       | 30            |      |  |
| Role/importance of species population                | Score | 0           | 5              | 10       |               | 15   |  |
| on site*   |       | 0           | 5 - 15         | 20 - 35  |               | 40 - |  |
|  |       |             |                |          |               | 45   |  |
| Total SRR score (out of 70)                          | 55    |             |                |          |               |      |  |
| SRR Score (out of 4)                                 | 3.14  |             |                |          | ·             |      |  |

#### 4.2.3 Habitat Scores for the Southern Squatter Pigeon

A summary of scores for each criteria of the habitat quality for Southern Squatter Pigeon, including overall habitat quality are presented in Table 9. Habitat quality scores were intermediate ranging from 5.23 to 6.55.

Table 9; Habitat quality assessments of the Southern Squatter Pigeon summarised by assessment unit

| Assessment<br>Unit | AU1     | AU2     | AU3     | AU4     | AU5      | AU6      | AU7     |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|---------|
| Regional           | Remnant | Non-    | Remnant | Non-    | Remnant  | Remnant  | Remnant |
| Ecosystem          | 11.3.30 | remnant | 11.3.35 | remnant | 11.3.27e | 11.3.25b | 11.3.12 |
|                    |         | 11.3.30 |         | 11.3.35 |          |          |         |
| Foraging Habitat   |         |         |         |         |          |          |         |
| Abundance of       | 14.55   | 13.44   | 13.33   | 22.50   | 20.00    | 10.00    | 15.00   |
| preferable         |         |         |         |         |          |          |         |
| grass species      |         |         |         |         |          |          |         |
| Average Score      | 14.55   | 13.44   | 13.33   | 22.50   | 20.00    | 10.00    | 15.00   |
| Shelter Habitat    |         |         |         |         |          |          |         |
| Bare ground        | 14.55   | 15.00   | 7.50    | 5.00    | 5.00     | 7.50     | 20.00   |
| coverage           |         |         |         |         |          |          |         |
| Distance to        | 17.73   | 21.25   | 21.67   | 17.50   | 25.00    | 25.00    | 20.00   |
| water              |         |         |         |         |          |          |         |
| Average Score      | 16.14   | 18.13   | 14.58   | 11.25   | 15.00    | 16.25    | 11.25   |
| Role of site to    | 5       | 5       | 5       | 5       | 5        | 5        | 5       |
| overall            |         |         |         |         |          |          |         |
| population         |         |         |         |         |          |          |         |



| Threats                           |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Predator attack                   | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Reduction in water availability   | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Habitat loss and fragmentation    | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Overgrazing                       | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Lowest score                      | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Species Mobility                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Connectivity of suitable habitats | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Average Score                     | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Species habitat score             | 5.58  | 5.72  | 6.02  | 5.23  | 5.91  | 6.55  | 6.02  |

#### *4.2.3.1 Foraging Habitat Scores*

Foraging habitat scores for each AU were intermediate to high, ranging from 13.33 to 22.5 out of 25.

#### *4.2.3.2 Shelter Habitat Scores*

Average shelter habitat scores for each AU were intermediate to high, ranging from 11.25 to 18.13. Permanent water availability was generally high due to a number of dams waterways and cattle watering points spread across the surrounding landscape; average water availability scores ranged from 17.5 to 25. Bare ground coverage was low in AU3, AU4, AU5 and AU6 scoring between 5 and 7.5 out of 25. Bare ground coverage was intermediate to high in AU1, AU2 and AU7, scores ranged from 14.55 to 20 out of 25. An overabundance of pasture legumes, primarily shrubby stylo, across all AUs was a large driver of reduced bare ground coverage.

#### 4.2.3.3 Species Mobility Scores

Average species mobility scores were intermediate averaging 15 out of 25 in all Assessment Units.

#### 4.2.3.4 Species Stocking Rate

The Southern Squatter Pigeon was allocated a species stocking rate of 55 out of 70 for the site. Scoring is shown in **Table 10** 

Table 10; Species stocking rate calculation for the Southern Squatter Pigeon

| Species Stocking Rate (SSR)                         |       |             |                |          |               |      |
|---|-------|-------------|----------------|----------|---------------|------|
| Presence detected on or adjacent to                 | Score | 0           | 5              |          | 10            |      |
| site (neighboring property with connecting habitat) |       | No          | Yes - adjacent |          | Yes - on site |      |
| Species usage of the site (habitat type             | Score | 0           | 5              | 10       | 15            |      |
| & evidenced usage)                                  |       | Not habitat | Dispersal      | Foraging | Breedi        | ng   |
| Approximate density (per ha)                        | Score | 0           | 10             | 20       | 30            |      |
| Role/importance of species population               | Score | 0           | 5              | 10       |               | 15   |
| on site*  |       | 0           | 5 - 15         | 20 - 35  |               | 40 - |
|   |       |             |                |          |               | 45   |
| Total SRR score (out of 70)                         | 55    |             |                |          |               |      |
| SRR Score (out of 4)                                | 3.14  |             |                |          |               |      |



#### 4.2.4 Habitat Scores for the Koala

A summary of scores for each criterion of the habitat quality for Koala, including overall habitat quality are presented in Table 11. Habitat quality scores were intermediate ranging from 1.78 to 4.53.

Table 11; Habitat quality assessments of the Koala summarised by assessment unit.

| Assessment Unit                              | AU1     | AU2                | AU3     | AU4                | AU5      | AU6      | AU7     |
|--|---------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| Regional                                     | Remnant | Non-               | Remnant | Non-               | Remnant  | Remnant  | Remnant |
| Ecosystem                                    | 11.3.30 | remnant<br>11.3.30 | 11.3.35 | remnant<br>11.3.35 | 11.3.27e | 11.3.25b | 11.3.12 |
| Foraging Habitat                             |         |                    |         |                    |          |          |         |
| Species richness of food trees               | 19.55   | 16.88              | 18.33   | 10.00              | 15.00    | 22.50    | 20.00   |
| Abundance of food trees                      | 14.09   | 9.38               | 16.67   | 7.50               | 10.00    | 20.00    | 25.00   |
| Average Score                                | 16.82   | 13.13              | 17.50   | 8.75               | 12.50    | 21.25    | 22.50   |
| Shelter Habitat                              |         |                    |         |                    |          |          |         |
| Species richness of habitat trees            | 19.55   | 16.88              | 18.33   | 10.00              | 15.00    | 22.50    | 20.00   |
| Abundance of habitat trees                   | 14.09   | 9.38               | 16.67   | 7.50               | 10.00    | 20.00    | 25.00   |
| Average Score                                | 16.82   | 13.13              | 17.50   | 8.75               | 12.50    | 21.25    | 22.50   |
| Role of site to overall population           | 5       | 5                  | 5       | 5                  | 5        | 5        | 5       |
| Threats                                      |         |                    |         |                    |          |          |         |
| Dog Attack                                   | 10.00   | 10.00              | 10.00   | 10.00              | 10.00    | 10.00    | 10.00   |
| Vehicle Strike                               | 15.00   | 15.00              | 15.00   | 15.00              | 15.00    | 15.00    | 15.00   |
| Risk of uncontrolled wildfire                | 15.00   | 15.00              | 15.00   | 15.00              | 15.00    | 15.00    | 15.00   |
| Drought                                      | 15.00   | 15.00              | 15.00   | 15.00              | 15.00    | 15.00    | 15.00   |
| Lowest score                                 | 10.00   | 10.00              | 10.00   | 10.00              | 10.00    | 10.00    | 10.00   |
| Species Mobility                             |         |                    |         |                    |          |          |         |
| Connectivity<br>between suitable<br>habitats | 21.36   | 5.00               | 16.67   | 5.00               | 25.00    | 25.00    | 25.00   |
| Average Score                                | 21.36   | 5.00               | 16.67   | 5.00               | 25.00    | 25.00    | 25.00   |
| Species habitat score                        | 3.83    | 2.19               | 3.50    | 1.78               | 3.28     | 4.53     | 3.84    |

#### 4.2.4.1 Foraging Habitat Scores

Foraging habitat scores for each AU were distributed from low high, ranging from 8.75 to 22.5 out of 25. Assessment units, AU2, AU4 and AU5 had low scores of 13.13, 8.75 and 12.5 out of 25 respectively. Assessment units AU1, AU3, AU6 and AU7 were scored moderate to high ranging from 16.82 to 22.50 out of 25.

#### 4.2.4.2 Shelter Habitat Scores

Scores for shelter habitat were identical to foraging habitat score because the mature habitat trees recorded were generally also preferred food species.

#### 4.2.4.3 Species Mobility Scores

Average species mobility scores ranged from low to high with scores ranging from 5 to 25 out of 25. Assessment units AU5, AU6 and AU7 scored highest at 25 out of 25. Non remnant assessment units



AU2 and AU4 scored lowest at 5 out of 25. AU1 and AU3 scored intermediate to high with scores of 21.36 and 16.67 out of 25 respectively.

#### 4.2.4.4 Species Stocking Rate

The Koala was allocated a species stocking rate of 10 out of 70 for the site. Scoring is shown in Table **12**.

Table 12; Species stocking rate calculation for the Koala

| Species Stocking Rate (SSR)                          |       |             |               |               |        |      |
|--|-------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------|------|
| Presence detected on or adjacent to                  | Score | 0           | 5             |               | 10     |      |
| site (neighbouring property with connecting habitat) |       | No          | Yes - adjacen | Yes - on site |        |      |
| Species usage of the site (habitat type              | Score | 0           | 5             | 10            | 15     |      |
| & evidenced usage)                                   |       | Not habitat | Dispersal     | Foraging      | Breedi | ng   |
| Approximate density (per ha)                         | Score | 0           | 10            | 20            | 30     |      |
| Role/importance of species population                | Score | 0           | 5             | 10            |        | 15   |
| on site*   |       | 0           | 5 - 15        | 20 - 35       |        | 40 - |
|  |       |             |               |               |        | 45   |
| Total SRR score (out of 70)                          | 10    |             |               |               |        |      |
| SRR Score (out of 4)                                 | 0.57  |             |               |               |        |      |

#### 4.2.5 Habitat Scores for the Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat

A summary of scores for each criterion of the habitat quality for Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat, including overall habitat quality are presented in **Table 13**. Habitat quality scores were intermediate ranging from 2.52 to 5.41.

Table 13; Habitat quality assessments of the Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat summarised by assessment unit.

| Assessment Unit                    | AU1     | AU2                | AU3     | AU4                | AU5      | AU6      | AU7     |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| Regional                           | Remnant | Non-               | Remnant | Non-               | Remnant  | Remnant  | Remnant |
| Ecosystem                          | 11.3.30 | remnant<br>11.3.30 | 11.3.35 | remnant<br>11.3.35 | 11.3.27e | 11.3.25b | 11.3.12 |
| Foraging Habitat                   |         | 11.5.50            |         | 11.5.55            |          |          |         |
| Prescence of                       | 16.36   | 5.00               | 15.83   | 5.00               | 20.00    | 17.50    | 15.00   |
| mature remnant woodland            |         |                    |         |                    |          |          |         |
| Average Score                      | 16.36   | 5.00               | 15.83   | 5.00               | 20.00    | 17.50    | 15.00   |
| Shelter Habitat                    |         |                    |         |                    |          |          |         |
| Preferred tree species             | 6.82    | 5.63               | 10.83   | 5.00               | 10.00    | 17.50    | 25.00   |
| Prescence of deep hollows          | 7.73    | 9.38               | 14.17   | 6.25               | 15.00    | 10.00    | 5.00    |
| Average Score                      | 7.27    | 7.50               | 12.50   | 5.63               | 12.50    | 13.75    | 15.00   |
| Role of site to overall population | 5       | 5                  | 5       | 5                  | 5        | 5        | 5       |
| Threats                            |         |                    |         |                    |          |          |         |
| Exotic weed dominance              | 10.00   | 10.00              | 10.00   | 10.00              | 10.00    | 10.00    | 10.00   |
| Lowest score                       | 10.00   | 10.00              | 10.00   | 10.00              | 10.00    | 10.00    | 10.00   |
| Species Mobility                   |         |                    |         |                    |          |          | _       |
| Connectivity of suitable habitats  | 21.36   | 5.00               | 16.67   | 5.00               | 25.00    | 25.00    | 25.00   |



| Average S | Score   | 21.36 | 5.00 | 16.67 | 5.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 |
|-----------|---------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Species   | habitat | 4.74  | 3.22 | 4.60  | 2.52 | 4.59  | 5.41  | 3.88  |
| score     |         |       |      |       |      |       |       |       |

Foraging habitat scores for each AU ranged from 5 to 20 out of 25, with non-remnant assessment units AU2 and AU4 scoring lowest at 5 out of 25. AU1, AU3, AU6 and AU7 had intermediate foraging habitat quality with scores ranging from 15 to 17.5 out of 25. AU5 had a high foraging habitat quality score of 20 out of 25.

#### 4.2.5.2 Shelter Habitat Scores

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Average shelter habitat scores for each AU were low to intermediate, ranging from 5.63 to 15 out of 25. Shelter habitat quality was limited due to a low abundance of hollow bearing trees in the modified agricultural landscape in which the site is located.

#### 4.2.5.3 Species Mobility Scores

Average species mobility scores were low in non-remnant assessment units AU2 and AU4 with scores of 5 out of 25. Scores of AU1 and AU3 were intermediate to high with scores of 21.36 and 16.67 out of 25 respectively. AU5, AU6 and AU7 had high mobility scores of 25 out of 25.

#### 4.2.5.4 Species Stocking Rate

The Bare-rumped Sheathtail was allocated a species stocking rate of 30 out of 70 for the site. Scoring is shown in **Table 14**.

Table 14; Species stocking rate calculation for the Bare-rumped Sheathtail

| Species Stocking Rate (SSR)                          |       |             |               |               |          |      |  |
|--|-------|-------------|---------------|---------------|----------|------|--|
| Presence detected on or adjacent to                  | Score | 0           | 5             |               | 10       |      |  |
| site (neighbouring property with connecting habitat) |       | No          | Yes - adjacen | Yes - on site |          |      |  |
| Species usage of the site (habitat type              | Score | 0           | 5             | 10            | 15       |      |  |
| & evidenced usage)                                   |       | Not habitat | Dispersal     | Foraging      | Breeding |      |  |
| Approximate density (per ha)                         | Score | 0           | 10            | 20            | 30       | 30   |  |
| Role/importance of species population                | Score | 0           | 5             | 10            |          | 15   |  |
| on site*   |       | 0           | 5 - 15        | 20 - 35       |          | 40 - |  |
|  |       |             |               |               |          | 45   |  |
| Total SRR score (out of 70)                          | 30    |             |               |               |          |      |  |
| SRR Score (out of 4)                                 | 1.71  |             |               |               |          |      |  |

#### 4.2.6 Habitat Scores for the Painted Snipe

A summary of scores for each criterion of the habitat quality for Painted Snipe, including overall habitat quality are presented in Table 15. Habitat quality scores were intermediate ranging from 1.53 to 3.11.

Table 15; Habitat quality assessments of the Painted Snipe summarised by assessment unit

| Assessment Unit  | AU1     | AU2     | AU3     | AU4     | AU5      | AU6      | AU7     |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|---------|
| Regional         | Remnant | Non-    | Remnant | Non-    | Remnant  | Remnant  | Remnant |
| Ecosystem        | 11.3.30 | remnant | 11.3.35 | remnant | 11.3.27e | 11.3.25b | 11.3.12 |
|                  |         | 11.3.30 |         | 11.3.35 |          |          |         |
| Foraging Habitat |         |         |         |         |          |          |         |



| Abundance of       | 14.55 | 13.44 | 13.33 | 22.50 | 20.00 | 10.00 | 15.00 |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| preferable grass   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| species            |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Coverage of rank   | 5.00  | 5.00  | 5.00  | 5.00  | 10.00 | 7.50  | 10.00 |
| wetland            |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Average Score      | 9.77  | 9.22  | 9.17  | 13.75 | 15.00 | 8.75  | 12.50 |
| Shelter Habitat    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Coverage of rank   | 5.00  | 5.00  | 5.00  | 5.00  | 10.00 | 7.50  | 10.00 |
| wetland            |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Average Score      | 5.00  | 5.00  | 5.00  | 5.00  | 10.00 | 7.50  | 10.00 |
| Role of site to    | 5     | 5     | 5     | 5     | 5     | 5     | 5     |
| overall population |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Threats            |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Reduction In water | 10    | 10    | 10    | 10    | 10    | 10    | 10    |
| availability       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Lowest score       | 10    | 10    | 10    | 10    | 10    | 10    | 10    |
| Species Mobility   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Prescence of rank  | 21.36 | 5.00  | 16.67 | 5.00  | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| wetland            |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Average Score      | 21.36 | 5.00  | 16.67 | 5.00  | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Species habitat    | 3.11  | 1.85  | 2.74  | 1.53  | 2.22  | 2.92  | 2.26  |
| score              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |

Foraging habitat scores for each assessment unit were low to intermediate, ranging from 8.75 to 15 out of 25. Coverage of wetland which the species is heavily associated with was low on site.

#### 4.2.6.2 Shelter Habitat Scores

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Average shelter habitat scores for each AU were low, ranging from 5 to 10 out of 25. Coverage of wetland which the species is heavily associated with was low on site.

#### 4.2.6.3 Species Mobility Scores

Average Species Mobility scores ranged from 5 to 25 out of 25 in all Assessment Units.

#### 4.2.6.4 Species Stocking Rate

The Painted Snipe was allocated a species stocking rate of 5 out of 70 for the site. Scoring is shown in Table 16

Table 16; Species stocking rate calculation for the Painted Snipe

| Species Stocking Rate (SSR)                          |                           |             |                |          |               |      |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|---------------|------|
| Presence detected on or adjacent to                  | Score                     | 0           | 5              |          | 10            |      |
| site (neighbouring property with connecting habitat) |                           | No          | Yes - adjacent |          | Yes - on site |      |
| Species usage of the site (habitat type              | Score                     | 0           | 5              | 10       | 15            |      |
| & evidenced usage)                                   |                           | Not habitat | Dispersal      | Foraging | Breedi        | ng   |
| Approximate density (per ha)                         | Score                     | 0           | 10             | 20       | 30            |      |
| Role/importance of species population                | Score                     | 0           | 5              | 10       |               | 15   |
| on site*   |                           | 0           | 5 - 15         | 20 - 35  |               | 40 - |
|  |                           |             |                |          |               | 45   |
| Total SRR score (out of 70)                          | 5                         |             |                |          |               |      |
| SRR Score (out of 4)                                 | SRR Score (out of 4) 0.29 |             |                |          |               |      |



#### 4.3 Waterways

Under the Fisheries Act 1994, a waterway includes a river, creek, stream, watercourse, drainage feature or inlet of the sea. From publicly available information provided by DAF, to meet the definition of a waterway at least one of the following attributes must be met:

- 1. Defined banks bed and The bed and banks need to be continuous upstream and downstream of the site rather than isolated and broken sections of a depression.
- 2. An extended, if period flow non-permanent, of Flow must continue beyond the duration of a rain event and have some reliability attached to rainfall. There is a need to distinguish between channels that funnel immediate localised rainfall; and waterways where flow has arisen from an upstream catchment.
- 3. The flow needs to be sufficient to sustain basic ecological processes and habitats, and to maintain biodiversity within or across the feature. The adequacy of the flow depends on the ecological function of the channel e.g. waterways that connect to fish habitat like a wetland or waterhole may only need infrequent and short-duration flows to provide connectivity for
- 4. Fish habitat at, or upstream of, the site Most instream features provide habitat for fish under adequate flow conditions or, in the case of pools, during dry periods. Therefore, it is important to have some knowledge of the fish species for the site and their habitat use, particularly in headwater streams. Periodic connectivity to upstream and off stream fish habitat are also considered fish habitat.

Assessment of six (6) waterway locations within the project area were conducted using the four criteria above along with any other distinguishable features. Refer **Table 17** for waterway assessment.



Table 17; Waterways assessment

| Name                                   | Defined bed and banks  | An extended, if non-<br>permanent, period of flow   | Flow adequacy  | Fish habitat at, or upstream of, the site   | Distinguishable features  |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| WWFA  08/02/2023 146.835667 -19.598920 | Yes - defined top of bank<br>is approximately 40cm<br>high from lowest point of<br>bed and 9m wide<br>between top banks. | Yes – water to an approximate depth of 20cm during time of survey.  | Yes – strong flow observed at time of survey. A deposit of brown coloured sediment was observed. The water was turbid. There was evidence of erosion with uprooted grass.  | Yes — a significant quantity of flowing water was present at the time of observation. | Vegetation species found near<br>bed and banks included<br>Lantana camara, Ziziphus<br>mauritiana, Hyparrhenia rufa<br>& Megathyrsus maximus  |
| WWFB  08/02/2023 146.847051 -19.593886 | Yes - defined top of bank is approximately 25cm high from lowest point of bed and 3.5m wide between top banks.           | Potentially – water to an approximate depth of 20cm was present during time of survey. Waterway became indistinct and was observed as a contained pond with moderately clear water. | Potential- Flow was not evident at the time of survey low observed.  | Yes – water was<br>present and small<br>(<2.5cm) fish were<br>observed                | Vegetation species found near<br>bed and banks included<br>Marsilea mutica, Ludwigia<br>octovalvis, Cyperus spp.  |
| WWFC  08/02/2023 146.868612 -19.599558 | Yes - defined top of bank is approximately 50cm high from lowest point of bed and 3m wide between top banks.             | Yes — water was present during time of survey.  | Yes – flow was observed at time of survey. Sediment deposits varied with fine silt and clay and rocks up to 4cm diameter in areas of stronger flow. Water was slightly tannin stained/yellow coloured. Erosion was evident on the banks. | Yes – small fish were observed.   | There were wetland indicator species. Vegetation species found near bed and banks included Lantana camara, Corymbia dallachiana, Corymbia platyphylla, Eremophila mitchellii, Stylosanthes scabra & Cryptostegia grandiflora. |



| 08/02/2023<br>146.872544<br>-19.599183         | Yes - defined top of bank is approximately 40cm high from lowest point of bed and 3m wide between top banks.  | Yes – water to an approximate depth of 30cm was present during time of survey.   | Yes – slow flow was observed at time of survey. There were deposits of fine silt. Water was slightly tannin stained. | Yes – a small fish was observed  | Vegetation species found near bed and banks included Megathyrsus maximus, Cryptostegia grandiflora, Corymbia dallachiana, Corymbia platyphylla, Echinochloa sp. & Marsilea mutica |
|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| WWFE<br>07/02/2023<br>146.898486<br>-19.599165 | Yes - defined top of bank is approximately 50cm high from lowest point of bed and 15m wide between top banks. | Yes – water to an approximate depth of 20cm was present during the survey. Water was slightly tannin stained.                    | Yes — no flow was observed at time of survey but snags were observed to 40cm.  | Yes – fish were<br>observed  | Vegetation species found near bed and banks included Melaleuca sp., Cyperus sp. & Juncus sp.  |
| 08/02/2023<br>146.853653<br>-19.595488         | No – a waterway bed and bank was not clearly defined.   | Potentially – an artificial drain may contribute to water movement. Water to a depth of 2.5cm was present with a clay substrate. | Potential- flow was not evident at the time of observation.  | Yes – a small fish was observed.   | Vegetation species found near bed and banks included Cyperus sp., Ludwigia octovalvis, Marsilea mutica & Eclipta prostrata  |
| WWM1 02/03/2023 146.834649 -19.591056          | Yes- Culvert under road.<br>50cm deep from top of<br>bank to mid channel, 5m<br>wide between top banks.       | Potentially – fringing grasses were fattened in the direction of flow.   | Potential – Water pooled downstream of assessment point location, on opposite side of road.                          | Yes – small fish were observed in pooled water upstream of the assessment location, at WWM2. | Ludwigia ocovalvis, Alternanthera denticulata in channel. Echinochloa muricata and Paspalum conjugatum present along banks.   |



| WWM2<br>02/03/2023<br>146.834852<br>-19.591923 | Yes – 8m width between to banks, 1m depth from top of bank to midchannel. | Potentially – Pooled, tannin stained water to approximately 30cm in depth was present at the time of assessment.                                 | ·  | Yes – small fish were observed in pooled water at the time of assessment. An empty Bi-valve shell was observed at the assessment location. | Dominated by Ziziphus mauritiana and Cryptostegia grandiflora. Cyperus sp. and Bolboschoenus sp. were observed on waters edge.                                      |
|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| WWM3 02/03/2023 146.835029 -19.592211          | Yes – 5.5m between top banks, 80cm depth from top of bank.                | Potentially — Pooled water with algal growth to a depth of 30cm.   | Potential – sediment deposition of clay. | Yes – pooled water was observed upstream of the assessment location, at WWM4.  | Leucas lavandulifolia and<br>Ziziphus mauritiana present<br>within water channel. Channel<br>fringed by mixed grass species.  |
| WWM4<br>02/03/2023<br>146.835192<br>-19.59246  | Yes – 4.5m wide between top banks, 70cm bank height.                      | Potentially — Pooled water to 10cm depth.  | Potential – sediment deposition of clay. | Potentially - Waterway bed and banks become undefined within 5m upstream of assessment location.   | Eclipta prostrata, Ludwigia octovalvis and algal growth present in channel. Clitoria ternatea, Cryptostegia grandiflora and Heteropogon contortus fringing channel. |
| WWM5 02/03/2023 146.8354 -19.592812            | Yes – 8.5m wide between top banks, 50cm bank height.                      | Potential – No evidence of flow in the form of vegetation snags or bank erosion, defined channel persist and clay deposition present in channel. | Potential – sediment deposition of clay. | Yes – small fish were observed in pooled water upstream of the assessment location, at WWM2.   | Alternanthera denticulata growing amongst low grass cover.  |



| WWM6       | Yes – Bank height to 1.2m | Potential – Pooled water   | Potential – sediment deposition of clay. | Marsilea mutica, Alternantera  |
|------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
|            | from lowest point.        | present at time of survey. |  | denticulata, Potamogeton       |
|            |                           |                            |  | tricarinatus and Nymphoides    |
| 02/03/2023 |                           |                            |  | crenata growing in water pool. |
| 146.834762 |                           |                            |  | Ludwigia octovalvis,           |
| -19.591324 |                           |                            |  | Alternanthera denticulata,     |
| 15.551524  |                           |                            |  | Clitoria ternatea, Cyperus sp, |
|            |                           |                            |  | and Heteropogon contortus      |
|            |                           |                            |  | dominated mixed grasses        |
|            |                           |                            |  | present on banks.              |
|            |                           |                            |  |                                |



All waterway observation points in **Table 17** meet the definition of a waterway under the *Fisheries Act* 1994.

#### 4.4 Fauna survey results

Four additional fauna species not recorded by previous site surveys were observed during survey works conducted between 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023;

- Three Least Concern microbat species;
  - Chalinolobus nigrogriseus (Hoary wattled bat)
  - Miniopterus orianae oceanensis (Large bent-winged bat)
  - Vespadelus pumilus (Eastern Forest bat)
- One Least Concern reptile species;
  - Carlia pectoralis (Open-Litter Rainbow-Skink)

These species are included in an updated site fauna species list in Appendix C.

Ninety-three (93) fauna species have been recorded in total during the field survey effort within 1km of the road alignment shown in Figure 1, including domestic species. Seventy-seven (77) of the detected species were native, with the majority (70) being avian species.

A pair of Southern Black-throated finch (Poephila cincta cincta) were observed foraging adjacent to the pipeline alignment, the location of this confirmed sighting is shown on Plan 2. Southern Blackthroated finch has previously been recorded elsewhere adjacent to the alignment.



Photo Plate 1; Southern Black-throated finch observed foraging adjacent to the pipeline alignment.

#### 4.4.1 Threatened and migratory fauna species

Two (2) threatened species have been detected by on-ground survey effort, being the Southern squatter pigeon Geophaps scripta scripta, listed as vulnerable under the NCA and EPBC and the Southern black-throated finch Poephila cincta cincta, listed as endangered under the NCA and EPBC.

Two (2) species listed as migratory by the EPBC Act 1999 were recorded, being the Black-faced monarch (Monarcha melanopsis) and the Barn swallow (Hirundo rustica).



Foraging habitat for the Bare-rumped Sheathtail bat (Saccolaimus saccolaimus nudicluniatus) is present within the road alignment in the form of woodland and grassland supporting flying insect species. Greater than thirty potential microbat roosting sites in the form of hollows and exfoliating bark have been identified by Evolve within and adjacent to the alignment. Potential roosting hollows require expert assessment to confirm microbat usage due to issues of safe access and species behaviour of being silent at roosting sites.

A summary of threatened and migratory fauna species considered to have a likely or known occurrence within the precinct road alignment based on site surveys is provided in Table 18. For a full fauna species likelihood of occurrence assessment for the precinct road and water pipeline alignment, refer to **Appendix F**.

Table 18; Fauna species likelihood of occurrence summary.

| Class    | Scientific name                       | Common name                         | EPBC Act<br>Status  | Likelihood of occurrence |
|----------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Aves     | Hirundo rustica                       | Barn Swallow                        | Migratory           | Known                    |
| Aves     | Cuculus optatus                       | Oriental cuckoo                     | Migratory           | Likely                   |
| Aves     | Poephila cincta cincta                | Black throated finch (white rumped) | E                   | Known                    |
| Aves     | Geophaps scripta scripta              | Squatter pigeon (southern)          | V                   | Known                    |
| Aves     | Monarcha melanopsis                   | Black-faced monarch                 | Migratory<br>Marine | Known                    |
| Mammalia | Saccolaimus saccolaimus nudicluniatus | Bare-rumped Sheathtail bat          | V                   | Likely                   |

#### 4.4.1.1 Threatened granivorous species: Black-throated finch and Southern squatter pigeon

The Southern black-throated finch and Southern squatter pigeon are both granivorous species, dependent on seeding grasses as a primary food source.

Both northern and southern sub-species of the Black-throated Finch are considered to occur within 5km of water sources. Based upon delineation from permanent water sources visible from aerial imagery, including farm dams, all of the proposed impact area falls within 5km of a water source. It is noted that disused finch nests from unknown species were located on site during the September surveys (Refer Photo Plate 4) and two sightings of Black-throated finch have now been recorded by survey works, one of unconfirmed subspecies in May 2022 and two individuals confirmed to belong to the listed southern subspecies in February 2023, see **Photo Plate 1**.

Southern Squatter pigeon forage within 3km of suitable permanent or seasonal water bodies and breed on stony rises on sandy or gravelly soil within 1km of a suitable water source. Species breeding and foraging habitat maps are provided in Appendix H. Southern Squatter Pigeon has been recorded three times near the alignment by Evolve surveys, locations of these sightings are provided in Plan 2.

Although undergoing seasonal variation in abundance, seeding grass species, including introduced species were recorded across the alignment.







Photo Plate 4; Two of the disused finch-nests found on-site during September surveys, bottle-shaped structure typical of Blackthroated finch and other finch species known to be on-site is clearly visible in the RHS nest.

#### 5 Conclusion

Evolve Environmental Solutions were commissioned to conduct ecological survey works to support the implementation of the Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct Road Alignment Project. Site surveys have been conducted to assess the following:

- Habitat Quality Assessment;
- Waterway and wetland values; and
- Fauna species presence.

Habitat quality assessment surveys found that moderate habitat quality on site for Southern Squatter Pigeon and Southern Black-throated Finch, low to moderate habitat quality for Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat and low habitat quality for Koala and Painted Snipe.

An observation of Southern Black-throated Finch was made, adding to previous observations of Southern Black-throated Finch and Southern Squatter Pigeon.

Waterway Assessments WWFA, WWFB, WWFC, WWFD, WWFE and WWFF were found to meet the definition of a waterway and fish habitat under the Fisheries Act 1994.

No threatened flora species were located by on-site surveys. Flora likelihood of occurrence assessment concluded that threatened flora species to occur within the project area (Refer to Appendix C).



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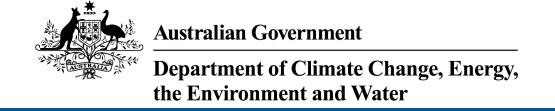
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Appendix A. Protected Matters Report





# **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.

Report created: 14-Mar-2023

**Summary** 

**Details** 

Matters of NES
Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act
Extra Information

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**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 <u>Administrative Guidelines on Significance</u>.

| World Heritage Properties:                   | None |
|--|------|
| National Heritage Places:                    | None |
| Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar | 1    |
| Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:              | None |
| Commonwealth Marine Area:                    | None |
| Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:    | None |
| Listed Threatened Species:                   | 25   |
| Listed Migratory Species:                    | 16   |

## 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 <a href="https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage">https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage</a>

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:                                 | None |
|---|------|
| Commonwealth Heritage Places:                       | None |
| Listed Marine Species:                              | 21   |
| 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:           | None |
|---|------|
| Regional Forest Agreements:             | None |
| Nationally Important Wetlands:          | None |
| EPBC Act Referrals:                     | 5    |
| Key Ecological Features (Marine):       | None |
| Biologically Important Areas:           | None |
| Bioregional Assessments:                | None |
| Geological and Bioregional Assessments: | None |

# Details

## Matters of National Environmental Significance

| Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Wetlands) | [ Resource Information ] |
|--|--------------------------|
| Ramsar Site Name                                       | Proximity                |
| Bowling green bay                                      | 20 - 30km upstream       |
|  | from Ramsar site         |

| isted Threatened Species [Resource Informati   |                          |  |
|--|--------------------------|--|
| Status of Conservation Dependent and Number is the current name ID.                    | Extinct are not MNES und | er the EPBC Act.                                       |
| Scientific Name  | Threatened Category      | Presence Text  |
| BIRD   |                          |  |
| Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]   | Critically Endangered    | Species or species habitat may occur within area       |
| Erythrotriorchis radiatus Red Goshawk [942]  | Vulnerable               | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Falco hypoleucos<br>Grey Falcon [929]  | Vulnerable               | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Geophaps scripta scripta Squatter Pigeon (southern) [64440]                            | Vulnerable               | Species or species habitat may occur within area       |
| Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail [682]                                  | Vulnerable               | Species or species habitat known to occur within area  |
| Neochmia ruficauda ruficauda<br>Star Finch (eastern), Star Finch<br>(southern) [26027] | Endangered               | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]                     | Critically Endangered    | Species or species habitat may occur within area       |

| O : ('C' N   | TI ( 10 (                | D + 1  |
|--|--------------------------|--|
| Scientific Name  | Threatened Category      | Presence Text  |
| Poephila cincta cincta Southern Black-throated Finch [64447]   | Endangered               | Species or species habitat known to occur within area        |
| Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe [77037]  | Endangered               | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area       |
| Tyto novaehollandiae kimberli Masked Owl (northern) [26048]  | Vulnerable               | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area       |
| MAMMAL   |                          |  |
| Dasyurus hallucatus Northern Quoll, Digul [Gogo-Yimidir], Wijingadda [Dambimangari], Wiminji [Martu] [331]     | Endangered               | Species or species<br>habitat likely to occur<br>within area |
| Hipposideros semoni<br>Semon's Leaf-nosed Bat, Greater Wart-<br>nosed Horseshoe-bat [180]                      | Vulnerable               | Species or species habitat may occur within area             |
| Macroderma gigas Ghost Bat [174]   | Vulnerable               | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area       |
| Petauroides minor Greater Glider (northern), Greater Glider (north-eastern Queensland) [92008]                 | Vulnerable               | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area       |
| Petauroides volans Greater Glider (southern and central) [254]   | Endangered               | Species or species habitat may occur within area             |
| Phascolarctos cinereus (combined popul   | ations of Old NSM and th | 20 ACT)  |
| Koala (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory) [85104]       | Endangered               | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area       |
| Rhinolophus robertsi Large-eared Horseshoe Bat, Greater Large-eared Horseshoe Bat [87639]                      | Vulnerable               | Species or species<br>habitat likely to occur<br>within area |
| Saccolaimus saccolaimus nudicluniatus<br>Bare-rumped Sheath-tailed Bat, Bare-<br>rumped Sheathtail Bat [66889] | Vulnerable               | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area       |

| Scientific Name  | Threatened Category | Presence Text  |
|--|---------------------|--|
| PLANT  |                     |  |
| Bulbophyllum globuliforme Miniature Moss-orchid, Hoop Pine Orchid [6649] | Vulnerable          | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area       |
| <u>Dichanthium setosum</u><br>bluegrass [14159]                          | Vulnerable          | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area       |
| Eucalyptus raveretiana Black Ironbox [16344]                             | Vulnerable          | Species or species habitat may occur within area             |
| Leichhardtia brevifolia listed as Marsder                                | nia brevifolia      |  |
| [91893]  | Vulnerable          | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area       |
| Omphalea celata<br>[64586]   | Vulnerable          | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area       |
| Tephrosia leveillei  |                     |  |
| [16946]  | Vulnerable          | Species or species habitat may occur within area             |
| REPTILE  |                     |  |
| Egernia rugosa   |                     |  |
| Yakka Skink [1420]   | Vulnerable          | Species or species habitat may occur within area             |
| Listed Migratory Species   |                     | [ Resource Information ]                                     |
| Scientific Name  | Threatened Category | Presence Text  |
| Migratory Marine Birds   | Threatened Category | I TOSUNOU TOAL   |
| Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]                                   |                     | Species or species<br>habitat likely to occur<br>within area |
| Migratory Marine Species   |                     |  |
| <u>Crocodylus porosus</u>  |                     |  |
| Salt-water Crocodile, Estuarine Crocodile [1774]                         |                     | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area       |
| Migratory Terrestrial Species  |                     |  |
| Cuculus optatus Oriental Cuckoo, Horsfield's Cuckoo [86651]              |                     | Species or species habitat may occur within area             |

| Cojentifia Nama   | Three toned Cotomonia | Dragonas Toyt  |
|---|-----------------------|--|
| Scientific Name   | Threatened Category   | Presence Text  |
| Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail [682]     | Vulnerable            | Species or species habitat known to occur within area  |
| Monarcha melanopsis Black-faced Monarch [609]             |                       | Species or species habitat may occur within area       |
| Motacilla flava<br>Yellow Wagtail [644]                   |                       | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Myiagra cyanoleuca Satin Flycatcher [612]                 |                       | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Rhipidura rufifrons Rufous Fantail [592]                  |                       | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Symposiachrus trivirgatus as Monarcha t                   | trivirgatus           |  |
| Spectacled Monarch [83946]                                |                       | Species or species habitat known to occur within area  |
| Migratory Wetlands Species                                |                       |  |
| Actitis hypoleucos  |                       |  |
| Common Sandpiper [59309]                                  |                       | Species or species habitat may occur within area       |
| Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]           |                       | Species or species habitat may occur within area       |
| Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]                | Critically Endangered | Species or species habitat may occur within area       |
| Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]               |                       | Species or species habitat may occur within area       |
| Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863] |                       | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |

| Threatened Category   | Presence Text                                    |
|-----------------------|--|
|                       |  |
| Critically Endangered | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
|                       |  |
|                       | Species or species                               |
|                       | habitat may occur<br>within area                 |
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# Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

| Listed Marine Species                            |                       | [ Resource Information ]   |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| Scientific Name                                  | Threatened Category   | Presence Text  |
| Bird   |                       |  |
| Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]      |                       | Species or species habitat may occur within area                           |
| Anseranas semipalmata<br>Magpie Goose [978]      |                       | Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area       |
| Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]           |                       | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area |
| Bubulcus ibis as Ardea ibis Cattle Egret [66521] |                       | Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area       |
| Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]  |                       | Species or species habitat may occur within area                           |
| Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]       | Critically Endangered | Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area       |

| Scientific Name  | Threatened Category   | Presence Text  |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]                          |                       | Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area       |
| Chalcites osculans as Chrysococcyx osc<br>Black-eared Cuckoo [83425] | <u>ulans</u>          | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area |
| Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]            |                       | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area |
| Haliaeetus leucogaster White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]                 |                       | Species or species habitat known to occur within area                      |
| Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail [682]                | Vulnerable            | Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area  |
| Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater [670]                               |                       | Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area       |
| Monarcha melanopsis Black-faced Monarch [609]                        |                       | Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area       |
| Motacilla flava<br>Yellow Wagtail [644]                              |                       | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area |
| Myiagra cyanoleuca Satin Flycatcher [612]                            |                       | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area |
| Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]   | Critically Endangered | Species or species habitat may occur within area                           |

| Scientific Name                           | Throatoned Cotogory  | Drocopos Toyt  |
|---|----------------------|--|
|   | Threatened Category  | Presence Text  |
| Rhipidura rufifrons Rufous Fantail [592]  |                      | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area |
| Rostratula australis as Rostratula bengha | alensis (sensu lato) |  |
| Australian Painted Snipe [77037]          | Endangered           | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area |
| Symposiachrus trivirgatus as Monarcha t   | rivirgatus           |  |
| Spectacled Monarch [83946]                |                      | Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area  |
| Tringa nebularia                          |                      |  |
| Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]       |                      | Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area       |

## Reptile

Crocodylus porosus

Salt-water Crocodile, Estuarine
Crocodile [1774]
Species or species habitat likely to occur

within area

## Extra Information

| EPBC Act Referrals   |            |                          | [ Resource Information ] |  |  |  |
|--|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| Title of referral  | Reference  | Referral Outcome         | Assessment Status        |  |  |  |
|  |            |                          |                          |  |  |  |
| <u>Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct?</u> <u>Enabling Infrastructure</u>                      | 2022/09383 |                          | Assessment               |  |  |  |
| Queensland Pacific Metals - Townsville Energy Chemicals Hub TECH Project                     | 2021/9033  |                          | Post-Approval            |  |  |  |
| Controlled action  |            |                          |                          |  |  |  |
| Gas pipeline   | 2002/728   | Controlled Action        | Post-Approval            |  |  |  |
| Not controlled action  |            |                          |                          |  |  |  |
| Improving rabbit biocontrol: releasing another strain of RHDV, sthrn two thirds of Australia | 2015/7522  | Not Controlled<br>Action | Completed                |  |  |  |
| Not controlled action (particular manner)  |            |                          |                          |  |  |  |

| Title of referral  | Reference | Referral Outcome                                | Assessment Status |
|--|-----------|---|-------------------|
| Not controlled action (particular manne  | er)       |   |                   |
| 275kV Transmission Line from Ross<br>substation to Strathmore Substation<br>(approx 180km) | 2008/4390 | Not Controlled<br>Action (Particular<br>Manner) | Post-Approval     |

### 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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- -Department of Environmental and Heritage Protection, Queensland
- -Department of Parks and Wildlife, Western Australia
- -Environment and Planning Directorate, ACT
- -Birdlife Australia
- -Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme
- -Australian National Wildlife Collection
- -Natural history museums of Australia
- -Museum Victoria
- -Australian Museum
- -South Australian Museum
- -Queensland Museum
- -Online Zoological Collections of Australian Museums
- -Queensland Herbarium
- -National Herbarium of NSW
- -Royal Botanic Gardens and National Herbarium of Victoria
- -Tasmanian Herbarium
- -State Herbarium of South Australia
- -Northern Territory Herbarium
- -Western Australian Herbarium
- -Australian National Herbarium, Canberra
- -University of New England
- -Ocean Biogeographic Information System
- -Australian Government, Department of Defence
- Forestry Corporation, NSW
- -Geoscience Australia
- -CSIRO
- -Australian Tropical Herbarium, Cairns
- -eBird Australia
- -Australian Government Australian Antarctic Data Centre
- -Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
- -Australian Government National Environmental Science Program
- -Australian Institute of Marine Science
- -Reef Life Survey Australia
- -American Museum of Natural History
- -Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Inveresk, Tasmania
- -Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart, Tasmania
- -Other groups and individuals

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Appendix B. Wildnet Species Record List





### WildNet species list

Search Criteria: Species List for a Specified Point

Species: All

Type: All

Queensland status: All

Records: All

Date: All

Latitude: -19.6464 Longitude: 146.8209

Distance: 8

Email: rhayward@evolveenvironmental.com.au Date submitted: Tuesday 14 Mar 2023 09:23:24 Date extracted: Tuesday 14 Mar 2023 09:30:08

The number of records retrieved = 324

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| Kingdom | Class      | Family          | Scientific Name             | Common Name               | ļ | Q      | Α | Records |
|---------|------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---|--------|---|---------|
| animals | amphibians | Bufonidae       | Rhinella marina             | cane toad                 | Υ |        |   | 6       |
| animals | amphibians | Hylidae         | Cyclorana alboguttata       | greenstripe frog          |   | С      |   | 1       |
| animals | amphibians | Hylidae         | Cyclorana novaehollandiae   | eastern snapping frog     |   | С      |   | 1       |
| animals | amphibians | Hylidae         | Litoria caerulea            | common green treefrog     |   |        |   | 3       |
| animals | amphibians | Hylidae         | Litoria inermis             | bumpy rocketfrog          |   | C<br>C |   | 1       |
| animals | amphibians | Hylidae         | Litoria rubella             | ruddy treefrog            |   | С      |   | 4       |
| animals | amphibians | Limnodynastidae | Limnodynastes terraereginae | scarlet sided pobblebonk  |   | C<br>C |   | 2/2     |
| animals | amphibians | Limnodynastidae | Platyplectrum ornatum       | ornate burrowing frog     |   | С      |   | 1       |
| animals | birds      | Acanthizidae    | Gerygone olivacea           | white-throated gerygone   |   | С      |   | 6       |
| animals | birds      | Acanthizidae    | Gerygone palpebrosa         | fairy gerygone            |   | C      |   | 2       |
| animals | birds      | Acanthizidae    | Smicrornis brevirostris     | weebill                   |   | С      |   | 1       |
| animals | birds      | Accipitridae    | Accipiter cirrocephalus     | collared sparrowhawk      |   | С      |   | 2       |
| animals | birds      | Accipitridae    | Accipiter fasciatus         | brown goshawk             |   | C      |   | 9       |
| animals | birds      | Accipitridae    | Accipiter novaehollandiae   | grey goshawk              |   | С      |   | 1       |
| animals | birds      | Accipitridae    | Aquila audax                | wedge-tailed eagle        |   | С      |   | 13      |
| animals | birds      | Accipitridae    | Aviceda subcristata         | Pacific baza              |   | 00000  |   | 4       |
| animals | birds      | Accipitridae    | Circus approximans          | swamp harrier             |   | С      |   | 5       |
| animals | birds      | Accipitridae    | Circus assimilis            | spotted harrier           |   | С      |   | 6       |
| animals | birds      | Accipitridae    | Elanus axillaris            | black-shouldered kite     |   | С      |   | 13      |
| animals | birds      | Accipitridae    | Haliaeetus leucogaster      | white-bellied sea-eagle   |   | С      |   | 16      |
| animals | birds      | Accipitridae    | Haliastur indus             | brahminy kite             |   | С      |   | 3       |
| animals | birds      | Accipitridae    | Haliastur sphenurus         | whistling kite            |   | C      |   | 37      |
| animals | birds      | Accipitridae    | Hieraaetus morphnoides      | little eagle              |   | С      |   | 1       |
| animals | birds      | Accipitridae    | Milvus migrans              | black kite                |   | С      |   | 48      |
| animals | birds      | Acrocephalidae  | Acrocephalus australis      | Australian reed-warbler   |   | C      |   | 1       |
| animals | birds      | Aegothelidae    | Aegotheles cristatus        | Australian owlet-nightjar |   | С      |   | 1       |
| animals | birds      | Alaudidae       | Mirafra javanica            | Horsfield's bushlark      |   | С      |   | 7       |
| animals | birds      | Alcedinidae     | Ceyx azureus                | azure kingfisher          |   | С      |   | 2       |
| animals | birds      | Alcedinidae     | Dacelo leachii              | blue-winged kookaburra    |   | C      |   | 47      |
| animals | birds      | Alcedinidae     | Dacelo novaeguineae         | laughing kookaburra       |   | C      |   | 28      |
| animals | birds      | Alcedinidae     | Todiramphus macleayii       | forest kingfisher         |   | С      |   | 42      |
| animals | birds      | Alcedinidae     | Todiramphus pyrrhopygius    | red-backed kingfisher     |   | C      |   | 7       |
| animals | birds      | Alcedinidae     | Todiramphus sanctus         | sacred kingfisher         |   | C      |   | 24      |
| animals | birds      | Anatidae        | Anas gracilis               | grey teal                 |   | C      |   | 7       |
| animals | birds      | Anatidae        | Anas superciliosa           | Pacific black duck        |   | C      |   | 32      |
| animals | birds      | Anatidae        | Aythya australis            | hardhead                  |   | C      |   | 9       |
| animals | birds      | Anatidae        | Chenonetta jubata           | Australian wood duck      |   | С      |   | 4       |
| animals | birds      | Anatidae        | Cygnus atratus              | black swan                |   | С      |   | 14      |
| animals | birds      | Anatidae        | Dendrocygna arcuata         | wandering whistling-duck  |   | C      |   | 12      |
| animals | birds      | Anatidae        | Dendrocygna eytoni          | plumed whistling-duck     |   | С      |   | 15      |
| animals | birds      | Anatidae        | Nettapus coromandelianus    | cotton pygmy-goose        |   | С      |   | 6       |
| animals | birds      | Anatidae        | Nettapus pulchellus         | green pygmy-goose         |   | С      |   | 8       |
| animals | birds      | Anhingidae      | Anhinga novaehollandiae     | Australasian darter       |   | С      |   | 30      |
| animals | birds      | Anseranatidae   | Anseranas semipalmata       | magpie goose              |   | С      |   | 29      |
| animals | birds      | Apodidae        | Aerodramus terraereginae    | Australian swiftlet       |   | С      |   | 1       |
| animals | birds      | Ardeidae        | Ardea alba modesta          | eastern great egret       |   | С      |   | 22      |

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| animals | birds | Ardeidae      | Ardea intermedia           | intermediate egret          |          | С      |   | 20      |
| animals | birds | Ardeidae      | Ardea pacifica             | white-necked heron          |          | С      |   | 15      |
| animals | birds | Ardeidae      | Bubulcus ibis              | cattle egret                |          | С      |   | 7       |
| animals | birds | Ardeidae      | Egretta garzetta           | little egret                |          | С      |   | 8       |
| animals | birds | Ardeidae      | Egretta novaehollandiae    | white-faced heron           |          | С      |   | 18      |
| animals | birds | Ardeidae      | Ixobrychus flavicollis     | black bittern               |          | С      |   | 1       |
| animals | birds | Ardeidae      | Nycticorax caledonicus     | nankeen night-heron         |          | С      |   | 4       |
| animals | birds | Artamidae     | Artamus cinereus           | black-faced woodswallow     |          | С      |   | 21      |
| animals | birds | Artamidae     | Artamus leucorynchus       | white-breasted woodswallow  |          | С      |   | 29      |
| animals | birds | Artamidae     | Artamus personatus         | masked woodswallow          |          | С      |   | 2       |
| animals | birds | Artamidae     | Artamus superciliosus      | white-browed woodswallow    |          | С      |   | 3       |
| animals | birds | Artamidae     | Cracticus nigrogularis     | pied butcherbird            |          | С      |   | 27      |
| animals | birds | Artamidae     | Cracticus torquatus        | grey butcherbird            |          | С      |   | 10      |
| animals | birds | Artamidae     | Gymnorhina tibicen         | Australian magpie           |          | С      |   | 34      |
| animals | birds | Artamidae     | Strepera graculina         | pied currawong              |          | С      |   | 14      |
| animals | birds | Burhinidae    | Burhinus grallarius        | bush stone-curlew           |          | С      |   | 3       |
| animals | birds | Cacatuidae    | Cacatua galerita           | sulphur-crested cockatoo    |          | С      |   | 29      |
| animals | birds | Cacatuidae    | Calyptorhynchus banksii    | red-tailed black-cockatoo   |          | С      |   | 33      |
| animals | birds | Cacatuidae    | Eolophus roseicapilla      | galah                       |          | С      |   | 1       |
| animals | birds | Cacatuidae    | Nymphicus hollandicus      | cockatiel                   |          | С      |   | 3       |
| animals | birds | Campephagidae | Coracina maxima            | ground cuckoo-shrike        |          | С      |   | 1       |
| animals | birds | Campephagidae | Coracina novaehollandiae   | black-faced cuckoo-shrike   |          | С      |   | 32      |
| animals | birds | Campephagidae | Coracina papuensis         | white-bellied cuckoo-shrike |          | С      |   | 44      |
| animals | birds | Campephagidae | Edolisoma tenuirostre      | common cicadabird           |          | С      |   | 2       |
| animals | birds | Campephagidae | Lalage leucomela           | varied triller              |          | С      |   | 1       |
| animals | birds | Campephagidae | Lalage tricolor            | white-winged triller        |          | С      |   | 25      |
| animals | birds | Caprimulgidae | Caprimulgus macrurus       | large-tailed nightjar       |          | С      |   | 2       |
| animals | birds | Casuariidae   | Dromaius novaehollandiae   | emu                         |          | С      |   | 1       |
| animals | birds | Charadriidae  | Elseyornis melanops        | black-fronted dotterel      |          | С      |   | 5       |
| animals | birds | Charadriidae  | Vanellus miles             | masked lapwing              |          | C<br>C |   | 25      |
| animals | birds | Charadriidae  | Vanellus tricolor          | banded lapwing              |          | С      |   | 2       |
| animals | birds | Ciconiidae    | Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus | black-necked stork          |          | С      |   | 9       |
| animals | birds | Cisticolidae  | Cisticola exilis           | golden-headed cisticola     |          | С      |   | 10      |
| animals | birds | Columbidae    | Geopelia cuneata           | diamond dove                |          | С      |   | 4       |
| animals | birds | Columbidae    | Geopelia humeralis         | bar-shouldered dove         |          | С      |   | 18      |
| animals | birds | Columbidae    | Geopelia placida           | peaceful dove               |          | С      |   | 50      |
| animals | birds | Columbidae    | Geophaps scripta           | squatter pigeon             |          | С      |   | 15      |
| animals | birds | Columbidae    | Ocyphaps lophotes          | crested pigeon              |          | С      |   | 37      |
| animals | birds | Columbidae    | Phaps chalcoptera          | common bronzewing           |          | С      |   | 2       |
| animals | birds | Coraciidae    | Eurystomus orientalis      | dollarbird                  |          | С      |   | 18      |
| animals | birds | Corcoracidae  | Corcorax melanorhamphos    | white-winged chough         |          | С      |   | 5       |
| animals | birds | Corcoracidae  | Struthidea cinerea         | apostlebird                 |          | С      |   | 18      |
| animals | birds | Corvidae      | Corvus coronoides          | Australian raven            |          | Č      |   | 25      |
| animals | birds | Corvidae      | Corvus orru                | Torresian crow              |          | C      |   | 25      |
| animals | birds | Corvidae      | Corvus sp.                 |                             |          | Č      |   | 1       |
| animals | birds | Cuculidae     | Cacomantis flabelliformis  | fan-tailed cuckoo           |          | С      |   | 6       |

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| animals | birds | Cuculidae      | Cacomantis pallidus           | pallid cuckoo                                  |   | С  |   | 11      |
| animals | birds | Cuculidae      | Cacomantis variolosus         | brush cuckoo                                   |   | С  |   | 20      |
| animals | birds | Cuculidae      | Centropus phasianinus         | pheasant coucal                                |   | С  |   | 28      |
| animals | birds | Cuculidae      | Chalcites basalis             | Horsfield's bronze-cuckoo                      |   | С  |   | 8       |
| animals | birds | Cuculidae      | Chalcites lucidus             | shining bronze-cuckoo                          |   | С  |   | 1       |
| animals | birds | Cuculidae      | Chalcites minutillus          | little bronze-cuckoo                           |   | С  |   | 7       |
| animals | birds | Cuculidae      | Chalcites minutillus russatus | Gould's bronze-cuckoo                          |   | C  |   | 4       |
| animals | birds | Cuculidae      | Eudynamys orientalis          | eastern koel                                   |   | С  |   | 7       |
| animals | birds | Cuculidae      | Scythrops novaehollandiae     | channel-billed cuckoo                          |   | С  |   | 8       |
| animals | birds | Dicaeidae      | Dicaeum hirundinaceum         | mistletoebird                                  |   | C  |   | 12      |
| animals | birds | Dicruridae     | Dicrurus bracteatus           | spangled drongo                                |   | С  |   | 37      |
| animals | birds | Estrildidae    | Heteromunia pectoralis        | pictorella mannikin                            |   | C  |   | 1       |
| animals | birds | Estrildidae    | Lonchura castaneothorax       | chestnut-breasted mannikin                     |   | Č  |   | 17      |
| animals | birds | Estrildidae    | Lonchura punctulata           | nutmeg mannikin                                | Υ | _  |   | 4       |
| animals | birds | Estrildidae    | Neochmia modesta              | plum-headed finch                              |   | С  |   | 16      |
| animals | birds | Estrildidae    | Neochmia phaeton              | crimson finch                                  |   | Č  |   | 2       |
| animals | birds | Estrildidae    | Neochmia temporalis           | red-browed finch                               |   | Č  |   | 1       |
| animals | birds | Estrildidae    | Poephila cincta cincta        | black-throated finch (white-rumped subspecies) |   | E  | Ε | 13      |
| animals | birds | Estrildidae    | Taeniopygia bichenovii        | double-barred finch                            |   | С  |   | 42      |
| animals | birds | Estrildidae    | Taeniopygia guttata           | zebra finch                                    |   | Č  |   | 14      |
| animals | birds | Eurostopodidae | Eurostopodus argus            | spotted nightjar                               |   | Č  |   | 3       |
| animals | birds | Falconidae     | Falco berigora                | brown falcon                                   |   | Č  |   | 18      |
| animals | birds | Falconidae     | Falco cenchroides             | nankeen kestrel                                |   | С  |   | 15      |
| animals | birds | Falconidae     | Falco longipennis             | Australian hobby                               |   | Č  |   | 5       |
| animals | birds | Falconidae     | Falco peregrinus macropus     | Australian peregrine falcon                    |   | Č  |   | 4       |
| animals | birds | Gruidae        | Antigone rubicunda            | brolga   |   | Č  |   | 10      |
| animals | birds | Hirundinidae   | Hirundo neoxena               | welcome swallow                                |   | Č  |   | 8       |
| animals | birds | Hirundinidae   | Petrochelidon ariel           | fairy martin                                   |   | Č  |   | 15      |
| animals | birds | Hirundinidae   | Petrochelidon nigricans       | tree martin                                    |   | Č  |   | 10      |
| animals | birds | Jacanidae      | Irediparra gallinacea         | comb-crested jacana                            |   | Č  |   | 19      |
| animals | birds | Laridae        | Gelochelidon nilotica         | gull-billed tern                               |   | SL |   | 2       |
| animals | birds | Laridae        | Hydroprogne caspia            | Caspian tern                                   |   | SL |   | 5       |
| animals | birds | Locustellidae  | Cincloramphus mathewsi        | rufous songlark                                |   | Ċ  |   | 11      |
| animals | birds | Locustellidae  | Cincloramphus timoriensis     | tawny grassbird                                |   | Č  |   | 2       |
| animals | birds | Maluridae      | Malurus melanocephalus        | red-backed fairy-wren                          |   | Č  |   | 23      |
| animals | birds | Megapodiidae   | Alectura lathami              | Australian brush-turkey                        |   | Č  |   | 2       |
| animals | birds | Meliphagidae   | Conopophila rufogularis       | rufous-throated honeyeater                     |   | C  |   | 15      |
| animals | birds | Meliphagidae   | Entomyzon cyanotis            | blue-faced honeyeater                          |   | Č  |   | 30      |
| animals | birds | Meliphagidae   | Lichmera indistincta          | brown honeyeater                               |   | C  |   | 28      |
| animals | birds | Meliphagidae   | Manorina flavigula            | yellow-throated miner                          |   | C  |   | 14      |
| animals | birds | Meliphagidae   | Manorina melanocephala        | noisy miner                                    |   | Č  |   | 1       |
| animals | birds | Meliphagidae   | Meliphaga lewinii             | Lewin's honeyeater                             |   | Č  |   | 7       |
| animals | birds | Meliphagidae   | Melithreptus albogularis      | white-throated honeyeater                      |   | Č  |   | 40      |
| animals | birds | Meliphagidae   | Melithreptus gularis          | black-chinned honeyeater                       |   | Č  |   | 7       |
| animals | birds | Meliphagidae   | Myzomela obscura              | dusky honeyeater                               |   | Ċ  |   | 1       |

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| animals | birds | Meliphagidae                           | Philemon buceroides                             | helmeted friarbird                        |   | С             |   | 6              |
| animals | birds | Meliphagidae                           | Philemon citreogularis                          | little friarbird                          |   | С             |   | 36             |
| animals | birds | Meliphagidae                           | Philemon corniculatus                           | noisy friarbird                           |   | С             |   | 15             |
| animals | birds | Meliphagidae                           | Ramsayornis fasciatus                           | bar-breasted honeyeater                   |   | C             |   | 3              |
| animals | birds | Meliphagidae                           | Ramsayornis modestus                            | brown-backed honeyeater                   |   | С             |   | 21             |
| animals | birds | Meliphagidae                           | Stomiopera flava                                | yellow honeyeater                         |   | C             |   | 47             |
| animals | birds | Meropidae                              | Merops ornatus                                  | rainbow bee-eater                         |   | Č             |   | 41             |
| animals | birds | Monarchidae                            | Grallina cyanoleuca                             | magpie-lark                               |   | Č             |   | 47             |
| animals | birds | Monarchidae                            | Monarcha melanopsis                             | black-faced monarch                       |   | ŠL            |   | 1              |
| animals | birds | Monarchidae                            | Myiagra inquieta                                | restless flycatcher                       |   | Č             |   | 9              |
| animals | birds | Monarchidae                            | Myiagra rubecula                                | leaden flycatcher                         |   | Č             |   | 30             |
| animals | birds | Monarchidae                            | Symposiachrus trivirgatus                       | spectacled monarch                        |   | ŠL            |   | 1              |
| animals | birds | Motacillidae                           | Anthus novaeseelandiae                          | Australasian pipit                        |   | C_            |   | 8              |
| animals | birds | Nectariniidae                          | Cinnyris jugularis                              | olive-backed sunbird                      |   | Č             |   | 24             |
| animals | birds | Neosittidae                            | Daphoenositta chrysoptera                       | varied sittella                           |   | Č             |   | 1              |
| animals | birds | Oriolidae                              | Oriolus sagittatus                              | olive-backed oriole                       |   | Č             |   | 1 <del>7</del> |
| animals | birds | Oriolidae                              | Sphecotheres vieilloti                          | Australasian figbird                      |   | Č             |   | 13             |
| animals | birds | Otididae                               | Ardeotis australis                              | Australian bustard                        |   | Č             |   | 16             |
| animals | birds | Pachycephalidae                        | Colluricincla megarhyncha                       | little shrike-thrush                      |   | Č             |   | 7              |
| animals | birds | Pachycephalidae                        | Pachycephala rufiventris                        | rufous whistler                           |   | Č             |   | 23             |
| animals | birds | Pardalotidae                           | Pardalotus punctatus                            | spotted pardalote                         |   | Č             |   | 1              |
| animals | birds | Pardalotidae                           | Pardalotus striatus                             | striated pardalote                        |   | Č             |   | 29             |
| animals | birds | Passeridae                             | Passer domesticus                               | house sparrow                             | Υ | C             |   | 1              |
| animals | birds | Pelecanidae                            | Pelecanus conspicillatus                        | Australian pelican                        | ' | С             |   | 12             |
| animals | birds | Petroicidae                            | Microeca fascinans                              | jacky winter                              |   | Č             |   | 9              |
| animals | birds | Petroicidae                            | Microeca flavigaster                            | lemon-bellied flycatcher                  |   | C             |   | 30             |
| animals | birds | Petroicidae                            | Petroica goodenovii                             | red-capped robin                          |   | C             |   | 30<br>1        |
| animals | birds | Petroicidae                            | Poecilodryas superciliosa                       | white-browed robin                        |   | C             |   | 1              |
|         | birds | Phalacrocoracidae                      | Microcarbo melanoleucos                         |   |   | C             |   | 23             |
| animals | birds | Phalacrocoracidae<br>Phalacrocoracidae | Phalacrocorax carbo                             | little pied cormorant                     |   | C             |   | 23<br>9        |
| animals | birds | Phalacrocoracidae                      | Phalacrocorax carbo  Phalacrocorax sulcirostris | great cormorant<br>little black cormorant |   | C             |   | 21             |
| animals | birds |  |   |   |   | C             |   | 4              |
| animals | birds | Phalacrocoracidae                      | Phalacrocorax varius                            | pied cormorant                            |   | $\mathcal{C}$ |   | l<br>E         |
| animals |       | Phasianidae                            | Synoicus ypsilophorus                           | brown quail                               |   | C<br>C        |   | ე<br>1         |
| animals | birds | Podargidae                             | Podargus strigoides                             | tawny frogmouth                           |   | $\sim$        |   | 1              |
| animals | birds | Podicipedidae                          | Podiceps cristatus                              | great crested grebe                       |   | С             |   | 4              |
| animals | birds | Podicipedidae                          | Tachybaptus novaehollandiae                     | Australasian grebe                        |   | С             |   | 7              |
| animals | birds | Pomatostomidae                         | Pomatostomus temporalis                         | grey-crowned babbler                      |   | С             |   | 1              |
| animals | birds | Psittaculidae                          | Aprosmictus erythropterus                       | red-winged parrot                         |   | C             |   | 16             |
| animals | birds | Psittaculidae                          | Melopsittacus undulatus                         | budgerigar                                |   | C             |   | 4              |
| animals | birds | Psittaculidae                          | Platycercus adscitus                            | pale-headed rosella                       |   | С             |   | 42             |
| animals | birds | Psittaculidae                          | Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus                   | scaly-breasted lorikeet                   |   | C             |   | 17             |
| animals | birds | Psittaculidae                          | Trichoglossus moluccanus                        | rainbow lorikeet                          |   | C             |   | 24             |
| animals | birds | Ptilonorhynchidae                      | Chlamydera nuchalis                             | great bowerbird                           |   | С             |   | 19             |
| animals | birds | Rallidae                               | Fulica atra                                     | Eurasian coot                             |   | С             |   | 3              |
| animals | birds | Rallidae                               | Gallinula tenebrosa                             | dusky moorhen                             |   | С             |   | 1              |
| animals | birds | Rallidae                               | Porphyrio melanotus                             | purple swamphen                           |   | С             |   | 1              |

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| animals | birds       | Recurvirostridae  | Himantopus leucocephalus                | pied stilt               |   | С           |   | 1       |
| animals | birds       | Rhipiduridae      | Rhipidura albiscapa                     | grey fantail             |   | С           |   | 32      |
| animals | birds       | Rhipiduridae      | Rhipidura leucophrys                    | willie wagtail           |   | С           |   | 36      |
| animals | birds       | Rhipiduridae      | Rhipidura rufifrons                     | rufous fantail           |   | SL          |   | 3       |
| animals | birds       | Rhipiduridae      | Rhipidura rufiventris                   | northern fantail         |   | С           |   | 1       |
| animals | birds       | Scolopacidae      | Gallinago hardwickii                    | Latham's snipe           |   | SL          |   | 1       |
| animals | birds       | Strigidae         | Ninox boobook                           | southern boobook         |   | С           |   | 4       |
| animals | birds       | Strigidae         | Ninox connivens                         | barking owl              |   | С           |   | 12      |
| animals | birds       | Threskiornithidae | Platalea flavipes                       | yellow-billed spoonbill  |   | С           |   | 13      |
| animals | birds       | Threskiornithidae | Platalea regia                          | royal spoonbill          |   | С           |   | 13      |
| animals | birds       | Threskiornithidae | Plegadis falcinellus                    | glossy ibis              |   | SL          |   | 2       |
| animals | birds       | Threskiornithidae | Threskiornis molucca                    | Australian white ibis    |   | C<br>C<br>C |   | 20      |
| animals | birds       | Threskiornithidae | Threskiornis spinicollis                | straw-necked ibis        |   | С           |   | 31      |
| animals | birds       | Turnicidae        | Turnix maculosus                        | red-backed button-quail  |   | С           |   | 3       |
| animals | birds       | Turnicidae        | Turnix pyrrhothorax                     | red-chested button-quail |   | CCCC        |   | 2       |
| animals | birds       | Turnicidae        | Turnix velox                            | little button-quail      |   | С           |   | 1       |
| animals | birds       | Tytonidae         | Tyto javanica                           | eastern barn owl         |   | С           |   | 4       |
| animals | mammals     | Macropodidae      | Lagorchestes conspicillatus             | spectacled hare-wallaby  |   | С           |   | 1       |
| animals | mammals     | Macropodidae      | Macropus giganteus                      | eastern grey kangaroo    |   | С           |   | 2       |
| animals | mammals     | Macropodidae      | Notamacropus agilis                     | agile wallaby            |   | С           |   | 1       |
| animals | mammals     | Suidae            | Sus scrofa                              | pig                      | Υ |             |   | 3       |
| animals | reptiles    | Agamidae          | Diporiphora australis                   | tommy roundhead          |   | С           |   | 1       |
| animals | reptiles    | Chelidae          | Chelodina canni                         | Cann's longneck turtle   |   | С           |   | 1       |
| animals | reptiles    | Chelidae          | Emydura macquarii krefftii              | Krefft's river turtle    |   | С           |   | 1/1     |
| animals | reptiles    | Colubridae        | Tropidonophis mairii                    | freshwater snake         |   | С           |   | 1       |
| animals | reptiles    | Diplodactylidae   | Amalosia rhombifer                      | zig-zag gecko            |   | С           |   | 1/1     |
| animals | reptiles    | Diplodactylidae   | Diplodactylus platyurus                 | eastern fat-tailed gecko |   | С           |   | 1/1     |
| animals | reptiles    | Diplodactylidae   | Oedura castelnaui                       | northern velvet gecko    |   | С           |   | 1/1     |
| animals | reptiles    | Elapidae          | Cryptophis nigrostriatus                | black-striped snake      |   | С           |   | 1/1     |
| animals | reptiles    | Elapidae          | Furina diadema                          | red-naped snake          |   | C<br>C      |   | 1/1     |
| animals | reptiles    | Elapidae          | Pseudonaja nuchalis sensu lato          | western brown snake      |   | С           |   | 1       |
| animals | reptiles    | Elapidae          | Suta suta                               | myall snake              |   | С           |   | 1/1     |
| animals | reptiles    | Gekkonidae        | Heteronotia binoei                      | Bynoe's gecko            |   | С           |   | 1       |
| animals | reptiles    | Pygopodidae       | Delma tincta                            | excitable delma          |   | С           |   | 1/1     |
| animals | reptiles    | Pygopodidae       | Lialis burtonis                         | Burton's legless lizard  |   | С           |   | 1/1     |
| animals | reptiles    | Scincidae         | Praeteropus gowi                        | speckled worm-skink      |   | С           |   | 1       |
| animals | reptiles    | Typhlopidae       | Anilios affinis                         | small-headed blind snake |   | С           |   | 4/4     |
| animals | reptiles    | Typhlopidae       | Anilios ligatus                         | robust blind snake       |   | С           |   | 1/1     |
| animals | reptiles    | Varanidae         | Varanus scalaris                        | spotted tree monitor     |   | С           |   | 1/1     |
| animals | uncertain   | Indeterminate     | Indeterminate                           | Unknown or Code Pending  |   |             |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Acanthaceae       | Graptophyllum excelsum                  | · ·                      |   | NT          |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Amaranthaceae     | Amaranthus interruptus                  |                          |   | С           |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Amaranthaceae     | Amaranthus spinosus                     | needle burr              | Υ |             |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Amaranthaceae     | Gomphrena humilis                       |                          |   | С           |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Anacardiaceae     | Euroschinus falcatus var. angustifolius |                          |   | С           |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Apocynaceae       | Cryptostegia grandiflora                | rubber vine              | Υ |             |   | 3       |

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| plants  | land plants   | Apocynaceae    | Cynanchum pedunculatum                   |                         |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Apocynaceae    | Parsonsia lenticellata                   | narrow-leaved parsonsia |   | С      |   | 3/3     |
| plants  | land plants   | Apocynaceae    | Wrightia saligna                         | ·                       |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Asteraceae     | Camptacra barbata                        |                         |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Asteraceae     | Cyanthillium cinereum                    |                         |   | C<br>C |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Asteraceae     | Ozothamnus cassinioides                  |                         |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Asteraceae     | Peripleura hispidula var. setosa         |                         |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Asteraceae     | Peripleura scabra                        |                         |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Asteraceae     | Pterocaulon ciliosum                     |                         |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Asteraceae     | Pterocaulon serrulatum var. serrulatum   |                         |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Boraginaceae   | Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum   |                         |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Campanulaceae  | Lobelia quadrangularis                   |                         |   | SL     |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Chenopodiaceae | Chenopodium murale                       | green fat-hen           | Υ |        |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Commelinaceae  | Commelina ensifolia                      | scurvy grass            |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Convolvulaceae | Ipomoea brassii                          | , , ,                   |   | C      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Convolvulaceae | lpomoea polymorpha                       |                         |   | Č      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Convolvulaceae | Polymeria marginata                      |                         |   | Č      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Convolvulaceae | Xenostegia tridentata                    |                         |   | Č      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Cornaceae      | Alangium polyosmoides subsp. tomentosum  |                         |   | C<br>C |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Cyperaceae     | Cyperus concinnus                        |                         |   | Č      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Cyperaceae     | Cyperus distans                          |                         |   | Č      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Cyperaceae     | Cyperus gracilis                         |                         |   | Č      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Cyperaceae     | Cyperus platystylis                      |                         |   | Č      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Cyperaceae     | Cyperus procerus                         |                         |   | Č      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Cyperaceae     | Eleocharis geniculata                    |                         |   | C      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Cyperaceae     | Fimbristylis littoralis                  |                         |   | Č      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Cyperaceae     | Fimbristylis sieberiana                  |                         |   | C<br>C |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Cyperaceae     | Schoenus falcatus                        |                         |   | Č      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Cyperaceae     | Scleria brownii                          |                         |   |        |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Cyperaceae     | Scleria sphacelata                       |                         |   | Č      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Ebenaceae      | Diospyros geminata                       | scaly ebony             |   | C<br>C |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Gentianaceae   | Canscora diffusa                         | 30a.y 626y              |   | Č      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Lamiaceae      | Anisomeles moschata                      |                         |   | C<br>C |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Lamiaceae      | Coleus congestus                         |                         |   | Č      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Lamiaceae      | Teucrium modestum                        |                         |   | Č      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Leguminosae    | Acacia jackesiana                        |                         |   | C<br>C |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Leguminosae    | Acacia salicina                          | doolan                  |   | Č      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Leguminosae    | Acaciella                                | docian                  |   | Ū      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Leguminosae    | Acaciella angustissima                   | white ball acacia       | Υ |        |   | 5/5     |
| plants  | land plants   | Leguminosae    | Albizia                                  | Willo ball acacia       | • |        |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Leguminosae    | Butea monosperma                         |                         | Υ |        |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Leguminosae    | Crotalaria spectabilis                   | showy rattlepod         | Ý |        |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Leguminosae    | Crotalaria verrucosa                     | silony ramopou          | • | С      |   | 2/2     |
| plants  | land plants   | Leguminosae    | Erythrina vespertilio subsp. vespertilio |                         |   | č      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants   | Leguminosae    | Falcataria toona                         |                         |   | č      |   | 2/2     |
| plants  | land plants   | Leguminosae    | Flemingia parviflora                     | flemingia               |   | č      |   | 1/1     |
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| plants  | land plants | Leguminosae      | Indigofera polygaloides                  |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Leguminosae      | Indigofera tryonii                       |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Leguminosae      | Senegalia                                |                          |   |        |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Leguminosae      | Senna occidentalis                       | coffee senna             | Υ |        |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Leguminosae      | Tephrosia astragaloides                  |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Leguminosae      | Tephrosia juncea                         |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Leguminosae      | Vachellia bidwillii                      |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Lentibulariaceae | Utricularia aurea                        | golden bladderwort       |   | SL     |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Lythraceae       | Ammannia multiflora                      | jerry-jerry              |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Lythraceae       | Lythrum paradoxum                        |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Malpighiaceae    | Stigmaphyllon australiense               |                          |   | С      |   | 2/2     |
| plants  | land plants | Malvaceae        | Abutilon micropetalum                    |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Myrtaceae        | Eucalyptus brownii                       | Reid River box           |   | C<br>C |   | 2/2     |
| plants  | land plants | Myrtaceae        | Eucalyptus persistens                    |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Myrtaceae        | Eucalyptus xanthoclada                   | yellow-branched ironbark |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Myrtaceae        | Eugenia reinwardtiana                    | beach cherry             |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Myrtaceae        | Gossia bidwillii                         | •                        |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Myrtaceae        | Lophostemon grandiflorus subsp. riparius |                          |   | С      |   | 2/2     |
| plants  | land plants | Myrtaceae        | Melaleuca bracteata                      |                          |   | C<br>C |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Phyllanthaceae   | Phyllanthus novae-hollandiae             |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Poaceae          | Arthragrostis deschampsioides            |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Poaceae          | Arundinella setosa                       |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Poaceae          | Chionachne cyathopoda                    | river grass              |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Poaceae          | Cynodon aethiopicus                      | •                        | Υ |        |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Poaceae          | Dinebra decipiens var. asthenes          |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Poaceae          | Eragrostis parviflora                    | weeping lovegrass        |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Poaceae          | Oryza                                    | , 5                      |   |        |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Poaceae          | Panicum trichoides                       |                          |   | С      |   | 2/2     |
| plants  | land plants | Polypodiaceae    | Drynaria sparsisora                      |                          |   | SL     |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Putranjivaceae   | Drypetes deplanchei                      | grey boxwood             |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Rhamnaceae       | Ventilago viminalis                      | supplejack               |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Rhamnaceae       | Ziziphus mauritiana                      | Indian jujube            | Υ |        |   | 1       |
| plants  | land plants | Rubiaceae        | Pavetta australiensis var. australiensis | ••                       |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Rubiaceae        | Psychotria fitzalanii                    |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Rubiaceae        | Scleromitrion polycladum                 |                          |   | NT     |   | 2/2     |
| plants  | land plants | Rubiaceae        | Spermacoce brachystema                   |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Rubiaceae        | Timonius timon var. timon                |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Sapindaceae      | Alectryon tomentosus                     |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Sapindaceae      | Harpullia pendula                        |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Sapotaceae       | Amorphospermum antilogum                 |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Solanaceae       | Nicotiana glauca                         | tree tobacco             | Υ |        |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Solanaceae       | Solanum čookii                           |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Sparrmanniaceae  | Grewia                                   |                          |   |        |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Sparrmanniaceae  | Grewia savannicola                       |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Thymelaeaceae    | Pimelea sericostachya                    |                          |   | C      |   | 1/1     |
| plants  | land plants | Vitaceae         | Causonis trifolia                        |                          |   | С      |   | 1/1     |

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| plants<br>plants<br>plants | land plants | Vitaceae<br>Mimosoid clade<br>Papilionoideae | Cissus oblonga<br>Leucaena leucocephala<br>Tephrosia brachyodon |             | Υ | C<br>C |   | 1/1<br>10<br>1/1 |

#### CODES

- I Y indicates that the taxon is introduced to Queensland and has naturalised.
- Q Indicates the Queensland conservation status of each taxon under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

  The codes are Extinct (EX), Extinct in the Wild (PE), Critically Endangered (CR), Endangered (E), Vulnerable (V), Near Threatened (NT), Special Least Concern (SL) and Least Concern (C).
- A Indicates the Australian conservation status of each taxon under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

  The values of EPBC are Extinct (EX), Extinct in the Wild (XW), Critically Endangered (CE), Endangered (E), Vulnerable (V) and Conservation Dependent (CD).

Records - The first number indicates the total number of records of the taxon (wildlife records and species listings for selected areas).

This number is output as 99999 if it equals or exceeds this value. A second number located after a / indicates the number of specimen records for the taxon.

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Appendix C. Site Fauna Species Record List



| Class    | Scientific name            | Common name                | Status | Source     |
|----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------|------------|
| Amphibia | Litoria rubella            | Red tree-frog              | LC     | I, S       |
| Amphibia | Rhinella marina            | Cane toad                  | 1      | A, S       |
| Aves     | Accipiter cirrocephalus    | Collared sparrowhawk       | LC     | I          |
| Aves     | Acridotheres tristis       | Indian myna                | LC     | D, I       |
| Aves     | Anas superciliosa          | Pacific black duck         | LC     | D          |
| Aves     | Aprosmictus erythropterus  | Red-winged parrot          | LC     | D          |
| Aves     | Ardeotis australis         | Australian bustard         | LC     | I          |
| Aves     | Bubulcus ibis              | Cattle egret               | LC     | D          |
| Aves     | Burhinus grallarius        | Bush Stone-curlew          | LC     | A, I       |
| Aves     | Cacatua galerita           | Sulphur-crested cockatoo   | LC     | D, N       |
| Aves     | Cacatua sanguinea          | Little corella             | LC     | D          |
| Aves     | Calyptorhynchus banksii    | Red-tailed black-cockatoo  | LC     | D          |
| Aves     | Centropus phasianinus      | Pheasant coucal            | LC     | A, D, I, N |
| Aves     | Cinnyris jugularis         | Yellow sunbird             | LC     | 1          |
| Aves     | Climacteris picumnus       | Brown treecreeper          | LC     | D          |
| Aves     | Coracina novaehollandiae   | Black-faced cuckooshrike   | LC     | D          |
| Aves     | Coracina papuensis         | White-bellied cuckooshrike | LC     | D          |
| Aves     | Corvus coronoides          | Australian raven           | LC     | A, C, D    |
| Aves     | Coturnix chinensis         | King quail                 | LC     | I          |
| Aves     | Cracticus nigrogularis     | Pied butcherbird           | LC     | D          |
| Aves     | Dacelo leachii             | Blue-winged kookaburra     | LC     | Α, Ι       |
| Aves     | Dacelo novaeguineae        | Laughing Kookaburra        | LC     | D, I       |
| Aves     | Dicrurus bracteatus        | Spangled drongo            | LC     | D          |
| Aves     | Egretta novaehollandiae    | White-faced heron          | LC     | I          |
| Aves     | Entomyzon cyanotis         | Blue-faced honeyeater      | LC     | D          |
| Aves     | Eolophus roseicapilla      | Galah                      | LC     | D          |
| Aves     | Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus | Black-necked Stork         | LC     | С          |
| Aves     | Falco longipennis          | Australian hobby           | LC     | D          |
| Aves     | Gallus gallus domesticus   | Domestic chicken           | 1      | Α          |
| Aves     | Geopelia humeralis         | Bar-shouldered dove        | LC     | D          |
| Aves     | Geopelia placida           | Peaceful dove              | LC     | ı          |
| Aves     | Geophaps scripta scripta   | Southern squatter pigeon   | V      | D          |
| Aves     | Grallina cyanoleuca        | Mudlark                    | LC     | A, C, D    |
| Aves     | Gymnorhina tibicen         | Australian magpie          | LC     | A, C, D    |
| Aves     | Haliastur sphenurus        | Whistling kite             | LC     | D, I       |
| Aves     | Hirundo rustica            | Barn Swallow               | LC, M  | D, I       |
| Aves     | Lonchura castaneothorax    | Chestnut-breasted mannikin | LC     | D          |
| Aves     | Lophoictinia isura         | Square-tailed kite         | LC     | D          |
| Aves     | Malrus melanocephalus      | Red-backed fairy-wren      | LC     | 1          |
| Aves     | Manorina melanocephala     | Noisy miner                | LC     | I          |
| Aves     | Meliphaga lewinii          | Lewin's honeyeater         | LC     | D          |
| Aves     | Melithreptus albogularis   | White-throated honeyeater  | LC     | D          |
| Aves     | Merops ornatus             | Rainbow bee-eater          | LC     | 1          |



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|----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Aves     | Microeca fascinans             | Jacky winter                  | LC     | I       |
| Aves     | Microcarbo niger               | Little cormorant              | LC     | D       |
| Aves     | Milvus migrans                 | Black kite                    | LC     | D       |
| Aves     | Monarcha melanopsis            | Black-faced monarch           | М      | I       |
| Aves     | Ninox boobook                  | Southern Boobook              | LC     | I       |
| Aves     | Ocyphaps lophotes              | Crested pigeon                | LC     | D, I    |
| Aves     | Pandion haliaetus              | Osprey                        | LC     | D       |
| Aves     | Pardalotus rubricatus          | Red-browed pardalote          | LC     | D       |
| Aves     | Peneothello pulverulenta       | Mangrove robin                | LC     | C, D    |
| Aves     | Petrochelidon ariel            | Fairy martin                  | LC     | S       |
| Aves     | Philemon buceroides            | Helmeted friarbird            | LC     | D       |
| Aves     | Philemon corniculatus          | Noisy friarbird               | LC     | A, D    |
| Aves     | Platycercus adscitus           | Pale-headed rosella           | LC     | D       |
| Aves     | Podargus strigoides            | Tawny frogmouth               | LC     | S       |
| Aves     | Poephila cincta cincta         | Southern black-throated finch | E      | I       |
| Aves     | Poodytes gramineus             | Little grassbird              | LC     | D       |
| Aves     | Ramsayornis modestus           | Brown-backed honeyeater       | LC     | D       |
| Aves     | Rhipidura albiscapa            | Grey fantail                  | LC     | D       |
| Aves     | Rhipidura leucophrys           | Willie wagtail                |        | I       |
| Aves     | Sericornis frontalis           | White-browed scrubwren        | LC     | D       |
| Aves     | Strepera graculina             | Pied currawong                | LC     | A, I    |
| Aves     | Taeniopygia bichenovii         | Double-barred finch           | LC     | D       |
| Aves     | Threskiornis molucca           | Australian white ibis         | LC     | D, I, N |
| Aves     | Threskiornis spinicollis       | Straw-necked ibis             | LC     | D, I    |
| Aves     | Todiramphus macleayii          | Forest kingfisher             | LC     | D       |
| Aves     | Todiramphus sanctus            | Sacred kingfisher             | LC     | D       |
| Aves     | Trichoglossus moluccanus       | Rainbow lorikeet              | LC     | A, D    |
| Aves     | Vanellus miles                 | Masked lapwing                | LC     | A, D, I |
| Aves     | Zosterops luteus               | Yellow white-eye              | LC     | D       |
| Mammalia | Bos taurus                     | Domestic cattle               | I      | C, I, S |
| Mammalia | Canis lupus                    | Dog                           | R      | C, S    |
| Mammalia | Capra hircus                   | Domestic goat                 | 1      | S       |
| Mammalia | Chalinolobus nigrogriseus      | Hoary wattled bat             | LC     | A, I    |
| Mammalia | Felis catus                    | Domestic cat                  | 1      | С, І    |
| Mammalia | Macropus giganteus             | Eastern grey kangaroo         | LC     | 1       |
| Mammalia | Miniopterus orianae oceanensis | Large bent-winged bat         | LC     | А       |
| Mammalia | Notamacropus agilis            | Agile wallaby                 | LC     | C, I, S |
| Mammalia | Ovis aries                     | Domestic sheep                | I      | I       |
| Mammalia | Peramelidae spp.               | Bandicoot                     | LC     | S       |
| Mammalia | Rattus sp.                     | Rat                           | I      | С       |
| Mammalia | Sus scrofa                     | Feral pig                     | ı      | С       |
| Mammalia | Vespadelus pumilus             | Eastern forest bat            | LC     | А       |
| Mammalia | Vulpes vulpes                  | Red fox                       | R      | I       |



| Class     | Scientific name          | Common name               | Status | Source |
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| Reptillia | Acanthophis praelongus   | Northern death adder      | LC     | 1      |
| Reptillia | Carlia pectoralis.       | Open-Litter Rainbow-Skink | LC     | I      |
| Reptillia | Demansia psammophis      | Yellow-faced whip snake   | LC     | 1      |
| Reptillia | Dendrelaphis punctulatus | Common green tree snake   | LC     | I      |
| Reptillia | Lampropholis delicata    | Garden skink              | LC     | 1      |
| Reptillia | Pseudonaja textilis      | Eastern brown snake       | LC     | I      |
| Reptillia | Varanus varius           | Lace monitor              | LC     | 1      |

#### Key for interpretation of fauna species observations.

| Code | Observation source       | Code | Species status                         |
|------|--------------------------|------|--|
| Α    | Audio observation        | E    | Endangered                             |
| С    | Camera trap              | I    | Introduced species                     |
| D    | Targeted diurnal surveys | LC   | Least Concern                          |
| I    | Incidental observation   | R    | Restricted matter                      |
| N    | Spotlighting works       | V    | Vulnerable                             |
| S    | Identified from traces   | М    | EPBC Act 1999 listed migratory species |



Appendix D. Flora Likelihood of Occurrence Assessment



| Family      | Scientific Name             | Common<br>Name     | EPBC<br>Act<br>Status | NC Act<br>Status | Habitat  | Likelihood of occurrence   |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Acanthaceae | Graptophyllum<br>excelsum   | Scarlet<br>Fuchsia | -                     | NT               | Graptophyllum excelsum occurs in semi-<br>evergreen vine thickets, although near Chillagoe<br>the species has also been recorded growing in<br>grassy woodland in association with Eucalyptus<br>cullenii and Corymbia erythrophloia. Other<br>associated species<br>include Macropteranthes sp., Gyrocarpus<br>americanus, Lysiphyllum hookeri, Acacia<br>fasciculifera, Brachychiton australis, Polyscias<br>elegans, Archidendropsis thozetiana, Gossia<br>bidwillii, Alstonia constricta, Alyxia<br>ruscifolia and Alchornea ilicifolia.   | Unlikely to occur. Ideal vine thicket habitat not found in impact area.  |
| Rubiaceae   | Scleromitrion<br>polycladum | -                  | -                     | NT               | Occurs in NEQ and in the northern part of CEQ. Altitudinal range from 160-300 m. Grows along drainage lines in forest and vine thicket, occasionally in woodland.  | Unlikely to occur. Ideal habitat not found in impact area, and outside altitudinal range.  |
| Poaceae     | Dichanthium<br>setosum      | Bluegrass          | V                     | -                | Dichanthium setosum is associated with heavy basaltic black soils and red-brown loams with clay subsoil. Associated species include White Box (Eucalyptus albens), Silver-leaved Ironbark (Eucalyptus melanophloia), Yellow Box (Eucalyptus melliodora), Manna Gum (Eucalyptus viminalis), Amulla (Myoporum debile), Purple Wire-grass (Aristida ramosa), Kangaroo Grass (Themeda triandra), Fine-leaved Tussock-grass (Poa sieberiana), Red-leg Grass (Bothriochloa ambigua), Pitted Blue-grass (Bothriochloa decipiens), Macrozamia stenomera, Small Woolly Burr-medic (Medicago minima), Scaly Buttons (Leptorhynchos squamatus), Lomandra aff. longifolia, Australian Bugle (Ajuga australis), Bogan-flea (Calotis hispidula) and Austrodanthonia spp., Dichopogon spp., | Unlikely to occur.  Whilst potential habitat and two associated species ( <i>Themeda triandra</i> and <i>Bothriochloa decipiens</i> ) were recorded by on-site surveys, the species has not been previously recorded within the proposed impact area or local surrounds. |



| Family        | Scientific Name           | Common<br>Name   | EPBC<br>Act<br>Status | NC Act<br>Status | Habitat   | Likelihood of occurrence  |
|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---|---|
|               |                           |                  |                       |                  | Brachyscome spp., Vittadinia spp., Wahlenbergia spp. and Psoralea spp.  Often found in moderately disturbed areas such as cleared woodland, grassy roadside remnants and highly disturbed pasture. The species may tolerate or benefit from disturbance, otherwise, disturbance is indicative of threatening processes in its habitat,  |   |
| Myrtaceae     | Eucalyptus<br>raveretiana | Black<br>Ironbox | V                     | -                | Eucalyptus raveretiana grows along watercourses and occasionally on river flats. It occurs in open forest or woodland communities. The species prefers sites with moderately fertile soil and adequate sub-soil moisture. The alluvial soils in which it grows are sands, loams, light clays or cracking clays.   | Unlikely to occur.  Not previously recorded within the impact area and local surrounds. Potential habitat occurs within the proposed impact area.                   |
| Apocynaceae   | Marsdenia<br>brevifolia   | -                | V                     | V                | North of Rockhampton, M. brevifolia grows on serpentine rock outcrops or crumbly black soils derived from serpentine in eucalypt woodland, often with Broad-leaved Ironbark ( <i>Eucalyptus fibrosa</i> ) and <i>Corymbia xanthope</i> . At Hidden Valley near Paluma, plants grow in woodland on granite soils dominated by Granite Ironbark ( <i>E. granitica</i> ), Rustyjacket ( <i>C. leichhardtii</i> ) and White Mahogany ( <i>E. acmenoides</i> ). On Magnetic Island the species occurs in open forest on dark acid agglomerate soils dominated by Narrow-leafed Ironbark ( <i>E. drepanophylla</i> ). | Unlikely to occur.  Not previously recorded within the impact area and local surrounds. No potential habitat observed within the impact area and surrounds.         |
| Euphorbiaceae | Omphalea celata           | -                | V                     | V                | Occurs in fragmented semi evergreen vine thicket or araucarian microphyll vine forest. Recorded along watercourses in steep sided gorges and gullies on weathered metamorphic or granitic soils. Associated species include   | Unlikely to occur.  Not previously recorded within the impact area and local surrounds. Limited very marginal habitat present within the impact area and surrounds. |



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|          |  |                |                       |                  | Eucalyptus raveretiana, E. tereticornis,<br>Lysiphyllum hookeri and Ficus opposita.   |   |
| Fabaceae | Tephrosia leveillei<br>Syn. Tephrosia<br>flagellaris | -              | V                     | -                | <ul> <li>Tephrosia leveillei has been recorded include occurring within the following habitat;</li> <li>Cullen's Ironbark (Eucalyptus cullenii) woodland on alluvial plains</li> <li>Gum-topped Bloodwood (Corymbia erythrophloia) and Cooktown Ironwood (Erythrophleum chlorostachys) woodland with Bushman's Clothes-peg (Grevillea glauca)</li> <li>Eucalyptus spp. and Corymbia spp. tall open forest over dense Bunch Speargrass (Heteropogon contortus) on red sand.</li> </ul> | Unlikely to occur.  Not previously recorded within the impact area and local surrounds. Limited very marginal habitat present within the impact area and surrounds. |



### Appendix E. Fauna Likelihood of Occurrence Assessment



| Class    | Family       | Scientific Name              | Common<br>Name                | EPBC Act<br>Status | NC Act<br>Status | Habitat   | Likelihood of occurrence  |
|----------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---|---|
| Amphibia | Microhylidae | Cophixalus<br>mcdonaldi      | Mt Elliot<br>Nursery-<br>frog | CE                 | CE               | Resides in subtropical or tropical moist lowland forests. Eggs laid in a small cluster under leaf litter and logs and guarded by the male. Tadpoles do not swim in water, rather they hatch from the egg as small frogs.  Found in a small area called Bowling Green Bay National Park on Mt Elliott, south-east of Townsville in northern Queensland.  | Unlikely to occur.  No previous records within the locality. Species habitat (subtropical or tropical moist lowland forests) does not occur within the impact area. |
| Aves     | Accipitridae | Erythrotriorchis<br>radiatus | Red<br>Goshawk                | V                  | E                | A wide ranging and highly mobile species generally observed over eucalypt habitats. This species prefers forest and woodland with a mosaic of vegetation types, large prey populations (birds) and permanent water. The vegetation types include eucalypt woodland, open forest, tall open forest, gallery rainforest, swamp sclerophyll forest and rainforest  | Unlikely to occur.  No previous records within the locality. Species habitat occurs within the impact area.   |
| Aves     | Apodidae     | Apus pacificus               | Fork-tailed<br>swift          | -                  | SL               | The Fork-tailed Swift is almost exclusively aerial, flying from 1 m to at least 300 m above ground.  In Australia, they mostly occur over inland plains but sometimes above foothills or in coastal areas. Often occur over cliffs and beaches and also over islands and sometimes well out to sea. They mostly occur over dry or open habitats, including riparian woodland and tea-tree swamps, low scrub, heathland or saltmarsh. They are also found at treeless grassland and sandplains covered with spinifex, open farmland and inland and coastal sand- | Unlikely to occur.  No previous records within the locality. Species habitat occurs within the impact area.   |



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|       |              |                             |                                  |                    |                  | dunes. The sometimes occur above rainforests, wet sclerophyll forest or open forest or plantations of pines They often occur in areas of updraughts, especially around cliffs. They probably roost aerially, but are occasionally observed to land and have been recorded roosting in trees, using a bare exposed branch emergent above the foliage.  |   |
| Aves  | Columbidae   | Geophaps<br>scripta scripta | Squatter<br>Pigeon<br>(southern) | V                  | V                | This species inhabits open grasslands and woodlands typically with a native understorey although may occur in artificial pasture.   | Known. Three birds were incidentally recorded during the survey period. Previously recorded within the locality and habitat values occur within the proposed impact area. |
| Aves  | Charadriidae | Charadrius<br>leschenaultii | Greater<br>Sand<br>Plover        | V                  | V                | In the non-breeding grounds in Australasia, the species is almost entirely coastal, inhabiting littoral and estuarine habitats. They mainly occur on sheltered sandy, shelly or muddy beaches with large intertidal mudflats or sandbanks, as well as sandy estuarine lagoons, and inshore reefs, rock platforms, small rocky islands or sand cays on coral reefs. Occasionally recorded on near-coastal saltworks and saltlakes, including marginal saltmarsh, and on brackish swamps. They seldom occur at shallow freshwater wetlands. | Unlikely to occur.  No previous records within the locality. Limited marginal habitat (freshwater wetland) occurs adjacent to the proposed impact area.                   |
| Aves  | Charadriidae | Pluvialis fulva             | Pacific<br>golden<br>plover      | -                  | SL               | In non-breeding grounds in Australia this species usually inhabits coastal habitats, though it occasionally occurs around   | Unlikely to occur.  Not previously recorded within the locality and   |



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|       |              |                 |                    |                    | Status           | inland wetlands. Pacific Golden Plovers usually occur on beaches, mudflats and sandflats in sheltered areas including harbours, estuaries and lagoons, and also in evaporation ponds in saltworks.  Sometimes recorded on islands, sand and coral cays and exposed reefs and rocks. They are less often recorded in terrestrial habitats, usually wetlands such as fresh, brackish or saline lakes, billabongs, pools, swamps and wet claypans, especially those with muddy margins and often with submerged vegetation or short emergent grass. Other terrestrial habitats inhabited include short (or, occasionally, long) grass in paddocks, crops or airstrips, or ploughed or recently burnt areas, and they are very occasionally recorded well away from water | marginal habitat occurs within the proposed impact area.   |
| Aves  | Hirundinidae | Hirundo rustica | Barn<br>Swallow    | Migratory          | SL               | This species seek out open habitats of all types, including agricultural areas, and are commonly found in barns or other outbuildings. They will also build nests under bridges, the eaves of old houses, and boat docks, as well as in rock caves and even on slow-moving trains.  While migrating, they tend to fly over open areas, often near water or along mountain ridges.   | Known. This species was observed on site during field assessment.                                    |
| Aves  | Cuculidae    | Cuculus optatus | Oriental<br>cuckoo | Migratory          | SL               | Oriental Cuckoos are found in more humid habitats in wet eucalypt forests, river margins and near to mangroves.   | Likely to occur. This species was observed within riparian vegetation in the locality in March 2021. |



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|       |             |                           |   |                    |                  | This species visits Australia, particularly northern Australia in the winter and breeds exclusively overseas.   | Limited riparian vegetation is available within the road alignment.  |
| Aves  | Estrildidae | Poephila cincta<br>cincta | Black-<br>throated<br>finch<br>(white-<br>rumped<br>subspecies<br>) | E                  | E                | The Black-throated Finch (southern) occurs mainly in grassy, open woodlands and forests, typically dominated by Eucalyptus, Corymbia and Melaleuca, and occasionally in tussock grasslands or other habitats (for example freshwater wetlands), often along or near watercourses, or in the vicinity of water. It occurs at two general locations: in the Townsville region, where it is considered to be locally common at a few sites around Townsville and Charters Towers; and at scattered sites in central-eastern Queensland (between Aramac and Great Basalt Wall National Park). It has been absent from Brisbane and its surrounds since the 1930s. | Known to occur.  Species recorded adjacent to the alignment (2 individuals). Multiple species records within the locality.  Species habitat values including essential habitat values occur within the proposed impact area. |
| Aves  | Falconidae  | Falco<br>hypoleucos       | Grey<br>falcon  | V                  | V                | Usually restricted to shrubland, grassland and wooded watercourses of arid and semi-arid regions, although it is occasionally found in open woodlands near the coast. Also occurs near wetlands where surface water attracts prey. Preys primarily on birds, especially parrots and pigeons, using high-speed chases and stoops; reptiles and mammals are also taken. Like other falcons it utilises old nests of other birds of prey and ravens, usually high in a living eucalypt near water or a watercourse; peak laying season is in late winter and early spring; two or three  | Unlikely to occur.  No species records within the locality. Potential habitat is present within the proposed impact area and surrounds.  |



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|       |             |                          |                            |                     |                  | eggs are laid. The nests chosen are usually in the tallest trees along watercourses, particularly River Red Gum (Eucalyptus camaldulensis) and Coolibah (E. coolabah).   |  |
| Aves  | Laridae     | Gelochelidon<br>nilotica | Gull-billed<br>tern        | -                   | SL               | Inhabits shallow wetlands, including coastal or inland lakes, swamps and lagoons, as well as sheltered bays and estuaries, where it forages for insects and small fish.  | Unlikely to occur. Species previously recorded within the locality however ideal habitat is not present within the subject area and surrounds.   |
| Aves  | Laridae     | Hydroprogne<br>caspia    | Caspian<br>tern            | -                   | SL               | Found mostly in sheltered coastal embayments (harbours, lagoons, inlets, bays, estuaries and river deltas) and those with sandy or muddy margins are preferred. Also occur on near-coastal or inland terrestrial wetlands that are either fresh or saline, especially lakes (including ephemeral lakes), waterholes, reservoirs, rivers and creeks. They also use artificial wetlands, including reservoirs, sewage ponds and saltworks. In offshore areas the species prefers sheltered situations, particularly near islands, and is rarely seen beyond reefs  Large numbers may shelter along the coast, behind coastal sand-dunes or coastal lakes during rough weather, and have been recorded inland after storms. | Unlikely to occur. Species previously recorded within the locality. Potential habitat is present within the locality but not the road alignment. |
| Aves  | Monarchidae | Monarcha<br>melanopsis   | Black-<br>faced<br>monarch | Marine<br>Migratory | SL               | The Black-faced Monarch mainly occurs in rainforest ecosystems, including semi-deciduous vine-thickets, complex notophyll vine-forest, tropical (mesophyll)  | Known. Species recorded from incidental sightings.   |



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|       |             |                                    |                         |                    |                  | rainforest, subtropical (notophyll) rainforest, mesophyll (broadleaf) thicket/shrubland, warm temperate rainforest, dry (monsoon) rainforest and (occasionally) cool temperate rainforest.  The species also occurs in selectively logged and 20—30 years old regrowth rainforest, nearby open eucalypt forests, especially in gullies with a dense, shrubby understorey as well as in dry sclerophyll forests and woodlands, often with a patchy understorey. The species especially occurs in 'marginal' habitats during winter or during passage (migration)  Other areas in which the Black-faced Monarch may be found include: gullies in mountain areas or coastal foothills softwood scrub dominated by Brigalow, coastal scrub dominated by Coast Banksia (Banksia integrifolia) and Southern Mahogany (Eucalyptus botryiodes), occasionally among mangroves and sometimes in suburban parks and gardens. | Species previously recorded within the locality and marginal potential habitat is present within the subject area.            |
| Aves  | Monarchidae | Symposiachrus<br>trivirgatus       | Spectacled<br>monarch   | -                  | SL               | Prefers thick understorey in rainforests, wet gullies and waterside vegetation, as well as mangroves and other densely vegetated areas.   | Unlikely to occur. Species previously recorded within the locality, however ideal habitat is limited within the project area. |
| Aves  | Ploceidae   | Neochmia<br>ruficauda<br>ruficauda | Star Finch<br>(eastern) | E                  | E                | The Star Finch (eastern) occurs mainly in grasslands and grassy woodlands that are located close to bodies of fresh water,  | Unlikely to occur. Suitable grassland habitat is present within the project   |



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|       |               |                         |                                |                    |                  | including areas dominated by grasses where the native vegetation has been partially cleared. The species also occurs in cleared or suburban areas such as along roadsides and in towns  | area, however no previous species records within the locality.   |
| Aves  | Rhipiduridae  | Rhipidura<br>rufifrons  | Rufous<br>fantail              | -                  | SL               | In east and south-east Australia, the Rufous Fantail mainly inhabits wet sclerophyll forests, often in gullies dominated by eucalypts, usually with a dense shrubby understorey often including ferns. They also occur in subtropical and temperate rainforests. They occasionally occur in secondary regrowth, following logging or disturbance in forests or rainforests. When on passage, they are sometimes recorded in drier sclerophyll forests and woodlands, often with a shrubby or heath understorey. They are also recorded from parks and gardens when on passage. In north and north-east Australia, they often occur in tropical rainforest and monsoon rainforests, including semi-evergreen mesophyll vine forests, semi-deciduous vine thickets or thickets of Paperbarks. | Unlikely to occur.  Species previously recorded within the locality; however ideal habitat is not present within the project area.         |
| Aves  | Rostratulidae | Rostratula<br>australis | Australian<br>Painted<br>Snipe | E                  | E                | The Australian Painted Snipe generally inhabits shallow terrestrial freshwater (occasionally brackish) wetlands, including temporary and permanent lakes, swamps and claypans. They also use inundated or waterlogged grassland or saltmarsh, dams, rice crops, sewage farms and bore drains. Typical sites include those with rank emergent tussocks of grass, sedges,   | Unlikely to occur.  Species not previously recorded within the locality and marginal potential habitat is present within the subject area. |



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|       |              |                         |                     |                    |                  | rushes or reeds, or samphire; often with scattered clumps of lignum <i>Muehlenbeckia</i> or canegrass or sometimes tea-tree ( <i>Melaleuca</i> ). The Australian Painted Snipe sometimes utilises areas that are lined with trees, or that have some scattered fallen or washed-up timber   |  |
| Aves  | Scolopacidae | Calidris<br>ferruginea  | Curlew<br>Sandpiper | CE<br>Migratory    | CE               | Curlew Sandpipers mainly occur on intertidal mudflats in sheltered coastal areas, such as estuaries, bays, inlets and lagoons, and also around non-tidal swamps, lakes and lagoons near the coast, and ponds in saltworks and sewage farms. They are also recorded inland, though less often, including around ephemeral and permanent lakes, dams, waterholes and bore drains, usually with bare edges of mud or sand. They occur in both fresh and brackish waters. In Queensland, scattered records occur in the Gulf of Carpentaria, with widespread records along the coast south of Cairns. | Unlikely to occur. Species not previously recorded within the locality. Potential habitat (dams) are present within the immediate area but not the road alignment. |
| Aves  | Scolopacidae | Gallinago<br>hardwickii | Latham's<br>snipe   | -                  | SL               | In Australia, Latham's Snipe occurs in permanent and ephemeral wetlands up to 2000 m above sea-level. They usually inhabit open, freshwater wetlands with low, dense vegetation (e.g. swamps, flooded grasslands or heathlands, around bogs and other water bodies. However, they can also occur in habitats with saline or brackish water, in modified or artificial habitats, and in habitats located close to humans or human activity   | Unlikely to occur. Species previously recorded within the locality; species habitat values are present within the immediate area but not the road alignment.       |



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| Aves  | Scolopacidae      | Numenius<br>madagascariens<br>is    | Eastern<br>Curlew                | CE                  | E                | The Eastern Curlew is most commonly associated with sheltered coasts, especially estuaries, bays, harbors, inlets and coastal lagoons, with large intertidal mudflats or sandflats, often with beds of seagrass. Occasionally, the species occurs on ocean beaches (often near estuaries), and coral reefs, rock platforms, or rocky islets. The birds are often recorded among saltmarsh and on mudflats fringed by mangroves, and sometimes use the mangroves. The birds are also found in saltworks and sewage farms. | Unlikely to occur. Species not previously recorded within the locality. Species habitat (coastal, saltmarsh or other saline or brackish waterway or wetland areas) does not occur within the impact area. |
| Aves  | Threskiornithidae | Plegadis<br>falcinellus             | Glossy ibis                      | Migratory<br>Marine | SL               | The Glossy Ibis' preferred habitat for foraging and breeding are fresh water marshes at the edges of lakes and rivers, lagoons, flood-plains, wet meadows, swamps, reservoirs, sewage ponds, ricefields and cultivated areas under irrigation. The species is occasionally found in coastal locations such as estuaries, deltas, saltmarshes and coastal lagoons.  | Unlikely to occur.  Species previously recorded within the locality; species habitat values are present within the immediate area but not the road alignment.   |
| Aves  | Tytonidae         | Tyto<br>novaehollandiae<br>kimberli | Masked<br>Owl<br>(northern)      | V                   | V                | In northern Australia, the Masked Owl has been recorded from riparian forest, rainforest, open forest, Melaleuca swamps and the edges of mangroves, as well as along the margins of sugar cane fields.   | Unlikely to occur. Species not recorded within the locality. Species habitat values do not occur within the proposed impact area.   |
| Aves  | Apodidae          | Hirundapus<br>caudacutus            | White-<br>throated<br>Needletail | V                   | V                | Almost exclusively aerial. Most often recorded above wooded areas, including open forest and rainforest, also commonly occur over heathland.   | Unlikely to occur. Species not previously recorded within the locality. Mostly aerial however potential habitat present   |



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|          |                 |   |  |                    |                  |  | within the proposed impact area.   |
| Mammalia | Phascolarctidae | Phascolarctos<br>cinereus                   | Koala                                    | E                  | E                | Open forest and woodland where food trees are present.   | Unlikely to occur.  Species not recorded within the locality, however species habitat values do occur within portions of the proposed impact area.   |
| Mammalia | Dasyuridae      | Dasyurus<br>hallucatus                      | Northern<br>Quoll                        | E                  | -                | The Northern Quoll occupies a diversity of habitats across its range which includes rocky areas, eucalypt forests and woodlands, rainforests, sandy lowlands and beaches, shrubland, grassland and desert. Northern Quoll habitat generally encompasses some form of rocky area for denning purposes with surrounding vegetated habitats used for foraging and dispersal. Eucalypt forest or woodland habitats usually have a high structural diversity containing large diameter trees, termite mounds or hollow logs for denning purposes. | Unlikely to occur. Species not recorded within the locality, and limited species habitat values occur within the proposed impact area.   |
| Mammalia | Emballonuridae  | Saccolaimus<br>saccolaimus<br>nudicluniatus | Bare-<br>rumped<br>Sheath-<br>tailed Bat | V                  | E                | The Bare-rumped sheathtail bat occurs mostly in lowland areas, typically in a range of woodland, forest and open environments.  The Bare-rumped sheath-tail bat has been suggested to forage over habitat edges such as the edge of rainforest and in forest clearings.  | Likely to occur. Species recorded within the locality by EMM 2021 surveys. Potential species habitat values occur within the proposed impact area, including potential roosting hollows within the road alignment. |
| Mammalia | Megadermatidae  | Macroderma<br>gigas                         | Ghost Bat                                | V                  | Е                | Ghost Bat roost in caves, old mine tunnels and in deep cracks in rocks. A preference is given to sites with a complex of shafts  | Unlikely to occur. Species not recorded within the locality. No suitable   |



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|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|--|---|
|           |           |                 |                |                    |                  | or cavities and several openings to the outside. They usually roost in colonies. Built environments may be used as feeding grounds   | roosting habitat was located within the proposed impact area.   |
| Reptillia | Scincidae | Egernia rugosa  | Yakka<br>skink | V                  | V                | The Yakka Skink is known to occur in open dry sclerophyll forest, woodland and scrub. Commonly found in cavities under and between partly buried rocks, logs or tree stumps, root cavities and abandoned animal burrows. The species often takes refuge in large hollow logs and has been known to excavate deep burrow systems, sometimes under dense ground vegetation in cleared habitat, this species can persist where there are shelter sites such as raked log piles, deep gullies, tunnel erosion/sinkholes and rabbit warrens. This species is not generally found in trees or rocky habitats | Unlikely to occur.  No previous records of the species within the locality. Proposed impact area contains marginal habitat. |



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|               | Habitat Quality | / Assessment Re | port: Road | and Water P | ipeline Alignment |

Appendix F. MHQA Habitat scoring parameters for each species



|   |  |  | Scoring System  |   | 25  |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| Attribute Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat  | 5                                      | 10   | 15  | 20  | 25  |
| Quality and Availability of Food  | and Foraging Habitat                   |  |   |   |   |
| Presence of mature remnant woodland   | Absent                                 | No remnant on or adjacent to site  | Adjacent to site only   | Remnant<br>vegetation in<br>which suitable old<br>growth trees are a<br>component   | Undisturbed old remnant growth dominated by suitable trees  |
| Quality and Availability of Shelt   |  | and alter  | ,seem to site only  | ponent  | 220010 11063  |
| Abundance of preferred tree<br>species (Eucalyptus platyphylla                  |  |  |   |   |   |
| or Melaleuca leucadendra)   | Absent                                 | 1 or 2   | 3 or 4  | 5 to 8  | 9 or greater  |
| Prescence of deep hollows<br>Quality and Availability Habitat                   | Absent<br>for Mobility                 | 1  | 2   | 3 or 4  | 5 or greater  |
| Connectivity between suitable<br>habitats                                       | Absent                                 | Low  | Medium  | High  | Very High   |
| Absence of threats<br>Exotic weed dominance                                     | Very High                              | High   | Medium  | Low   | Absent  |
| Southern Black-throated Finch   |  | nigii  | Wedidili  | Low   | Absent  |
| Quality and Availability of Food  | and Foraging Habitat                   |  |   |   |   |
| Abundance of preferable grass<br>species  | Absent                                 | Present at less than<br>10% coverage   | 10% to 25% coverage   | 25% to 75% coverage   | Greater than 75% coverage 6 or greater with   |
| Species richness of preferable<br>food grasses                                  | Absent                                 | 1 or 2   | 3 or 4  | 5 or greater with only annual species present   | annual and perennial<br>species present   |
| Mosaic of bare ground and grass cover   | No Bare Ground, or, 100%<br>weed cover | Less than 5%, or,<br>greater than 85% bare<br>ground cover   | Between 5% and 15%,<br>or, between 70% and<br>85% bare ground cover                                   | Between 15% and 20%,<br>or, between 60% and<br>70% bare ground cover  | Between 20% and 60% bare ground cover   |
| Quality and Availability of Shelt   | er and Breeding Habitat                |  |   |   | E.platyphylla, C.   |
| Abundance of preferable nesting tree species                                    | Absent                                 | E.platyphylla, C.<br>tessellaris or C.<br>dallachiana<br>cover 0 – 5%,<br>M. viridiflora<br>canopy < 3 m | E.platyphylla, C. tessellaris or C. dallachiana cover 5 – 15% or > 50%, M. viridiflora canopy 3 - 5 m | E.platyphylla, C. tessellaris or C. dallachiana cover 15 – 20% or 30 - 50%, M.viridiflora canopy 5 - 6 m 200m-400m of a watersource available | Legistry mymor. C. tallachiana cover 20 – 30% with hollows, and/or mature M. viridiflora canopy (>6 m) present Within 200m of a watersource available |
| Distance to water   | Construction 1 Flore                   | 4.4.51   | watersource available   | during breeding   | during breeding   |
| Distance to water<br>Quality and Availability Habitat                           | Greater than 1.5km<br>for Mobility     | 1-1.5km  | during breeding season  | season  | season  |
| Coverage of shrub species,  |  |  |   |   | loss than 1000  |
| including native and<br>introduced species                                      | Greater than 70% abundance             | 50% to 70% abundance   | 30% to 50% abundance  | 10% to 30% abundance  | less than 10%<br>abundance  |
| Prescence of open grassy<br>woodland vegetation structure<br>Absence of threats | Absent                                 | Present with significant<br>degradation understory<br>and canopy layer                                   | Present with suitable<br>grassland species, but<br>significant degradation<br>of canopy layer         | Present with suitable<br>open woodland canopy<br>cover, but low species<br>diversity in grass layer   | woodland with   |
| Reduction In water availability   | Very High                              | High   | Medium  | Low   | Absent  |
| Intensive grazing regimes   | Very High                              | High   | Medium  | Low   | Absent  |
| Risk of fire<br>Exotic weed dominance   | Very High<br>Very High                 | High<br>High   | Medium<br>Medium  | Low<br>Low  | Absent<br>Absent  |
| Koala   |  |  |   |   |   |
| Quality and Availability of Food<br>Species Richness of locally                 | and Foraging Habitat                   |  |   |   |   |
| prefered food trees   | Absent                                 | 1  | 2   | 3   | 4 or greater  |
| Abudance of locally prefered<br>NJKHT   | Absent                                 | 1 to 25  | 26 to 50  | 51 to 75  | Greater than 75   |
| Quality and Availability of Shelt   | er and Breeding Habitat                |  |   |   |   |
| Species richness of Koala<br>habitat trees                                      | Absent                                 | 1  | 2   | 3   | 4 or greater  |
| Abundance of non-juvenile<br>koala habitat trees                                | Absent                                 | 1 to 25  | 26 to 50  | 51 to 75  | Greater than 75   |
| Quality and Availability Habitat  |  | 135  |   |   | 2.2000 0.01173  |
| Connectivity between suitable<br>habitats                                       | Absent                                 | Low  | Medium  | High  | Very High   |
| Absence of threats  |  |  |   |   |   |
| Dog attack<br>Vehicle strike  | Very High<br>Very High                 | High<br>High   | Medium<br>Medium  | Low<br>Low  | Absent<br>Absent  |
| Bushfire<br>Drought   | Very High<br>Very High                 | High   | Medium<br>Medium  | Low   | Absent<br>Absent  |
| Southern Squatter Pidgeon   | very rigii                             | High   | wedum   | Low   | Physilit  |
| Quality and Availability of Food<br>Abundance of preferable grass               |  | Present at less than   | 100/ to 25%   | 259/ to 759/  | Greater than 75%  |
| species<br>Quality and Availability of Shelt                                    | Absent<br>ter and Breeding Habitat     | 10% coverage   | 10% to 25% coverage   | 25% to 75% coverage   | coverage  |
| Mosaic of bare ground and grass cover   | No Bare Ground, or, 100%<br>weed cover | Less than 5%, or,<br>greater than 85% bare<br>ground cover   | Between 5% and 15%,<br>or, between 70% and<br>85% bare ground cover<br>400m-1km of a                  | Between 15% and 20%,<br>or, between 60% and<br>70% bare ground cover<br>200m-400m of a<br>watersource available                               | Between 20% and 60%<br>bare ground cover<br>Within 200m of a<br>watersource available   |
|   |  |  | watersource available   | during breeding   | during breeding   |
| Distance to water<br>Quality and Availability Habitat                           | Greater than 1.5km<br>for Mobility     | 1-1.5km  | during breeding season  | season  | season  |
| Connectivity between suitable   |  |  |   |   |   |
| habitats<br>Absence of threats  | Absent                                 | Low  | Medium  | High  | Very High   |
| Predator attack   | Very High                              | High   | Medium  | Low   | Absent  |
| Habitat loss and<br>fragmentation   | Very High                              | High   | Medium  | Low   | Absent  |
| Exotic weeds  | Very High                              | High   | Medium  | Low   | Absent  |
| Overgrazing Painted Snipe   | Very High                              | High   | Medium  | Low   | Absent  |
| Quality and Availability of Food  |  |  |   |   |   |
| Abundance of preferable grass<br>species  |  | Present at less than<br>10% coverage   | 10% to 25% coverage   | 25% to 75% coverage   | Greater than 75% coverage   |
| - JUCKIES   |  |  |   |   |   |
|   | Absent                                 | 10/0 COVETAGE  | 10% to 15% coverage   | 25/0 to 75/0 coverage   |   |

Scores for attributes within each of the four categories for foraging habitat, shelter, Mobility and Threats were averaged and converted to a score out of 25 for each category

| Quality and Availability of Shelt | ter and Breeding Habitat |                     |                     |                     |                  |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Coverage of rank wetland          | Less than 10%            | Between 10% and 50% | Between 50% and 75% | Between 75% and 90% | Greater than 90% |
| Quality and Availability Habitat  | for Mobility             |                     |                     |                     |                  |
| Connectivity between suitable     |                          |                     |                     |                     |                  |
| habitats                          | Absent                   | Low                 | Medium              | High                | Very High        |
| Absence of threats                |                          |                     |                     |                     |                  |
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| Reduction In water availability   | Very High                | High                | Medium              | Low                 | Absent           |

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Appendix G. Modified Habitat Quality Assessment **Survey Data and Findings** 



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Appendix H. Southern squatter pigeon, *Geophaps* scripta scripta habitat maps

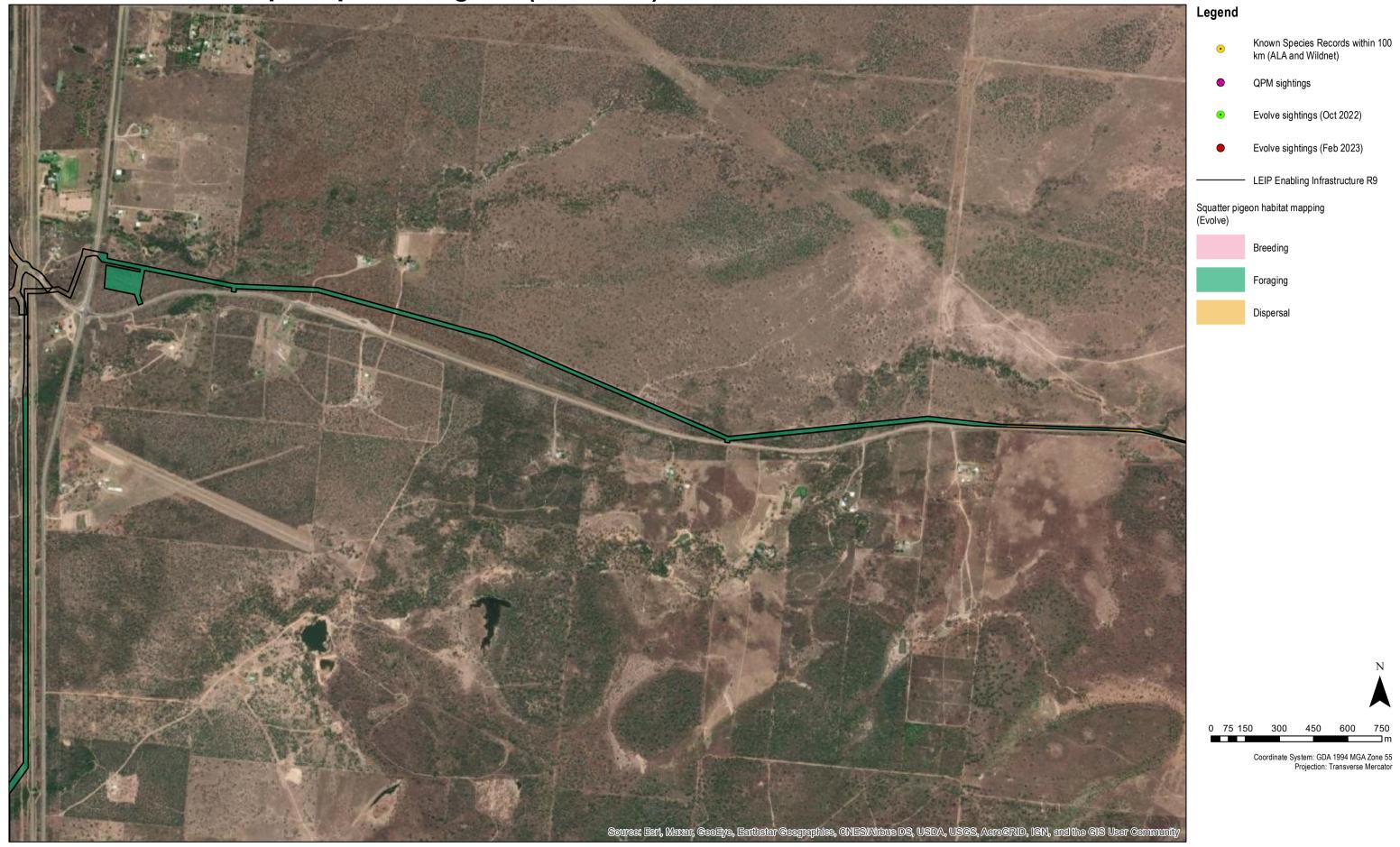


### Plan 5A: Habitat Map - Squatter Pigeon (southern)



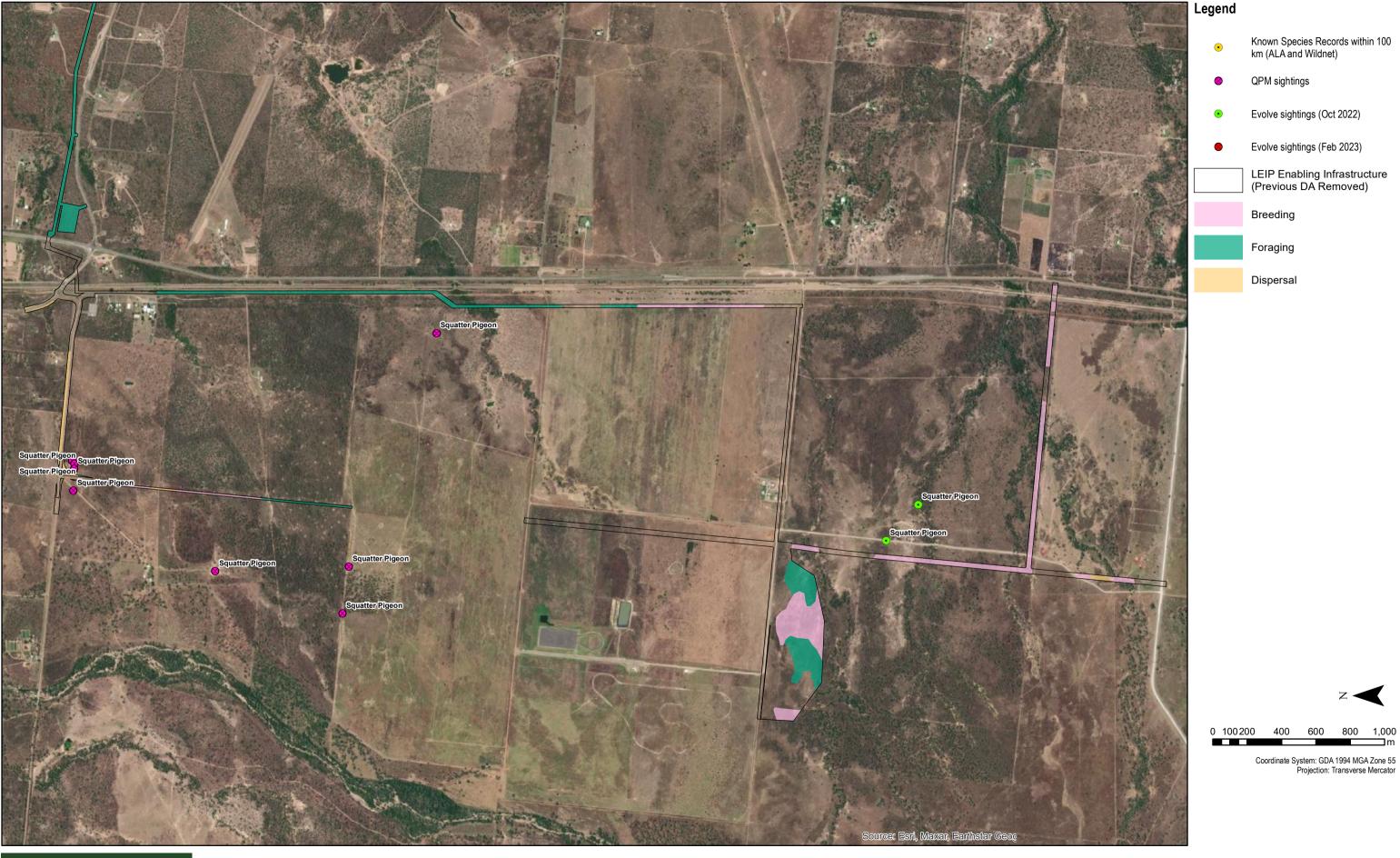


Plan 5B: Habitat Map - Squatter Pigeon (southern)





Plan 5C: Habitat Map - Squatter Pigeon (southern)





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Appendix I. Southern black-throated finch, *Poephila* cincta cincta habitat maps

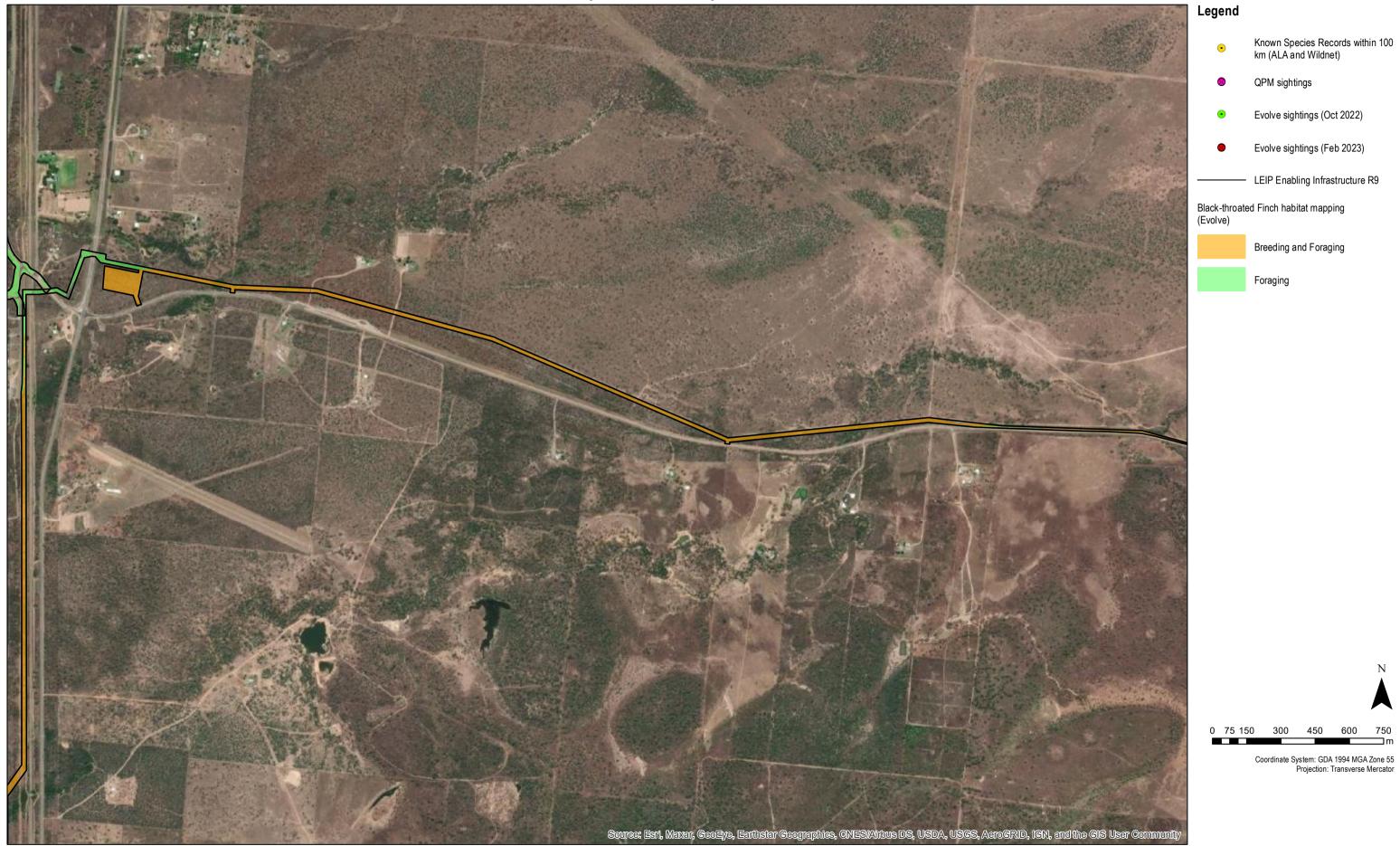


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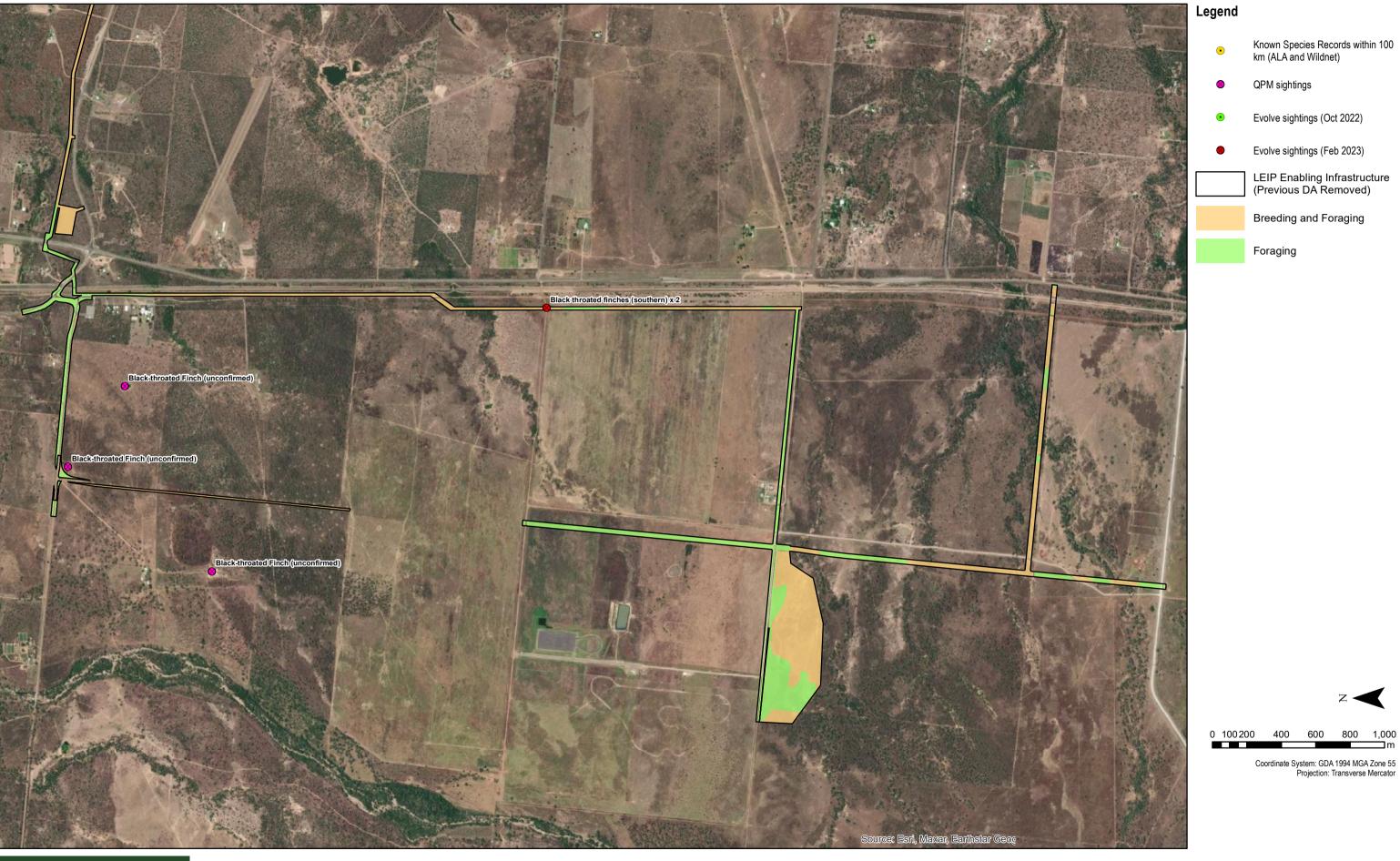


Plan 6B: Habitat Map - Black-throated Finch (southern)





# Plan 6C: Habitat Map - Black-throated Finch (southern)





Appendix J. Bare-rumped sheathtail bat, Saccolaimus saccolaimus nudicluniatus habitat maps



### Plan 7A: Habitat Map - Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat





- Known Species Records
   within 100 km (ALA and Wildnet)
- QPM sightings
- Evolve sightings (Oct 2022)
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Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat habitat mapping (Evolve)



Roosting (see arrows for locations)



Foraging



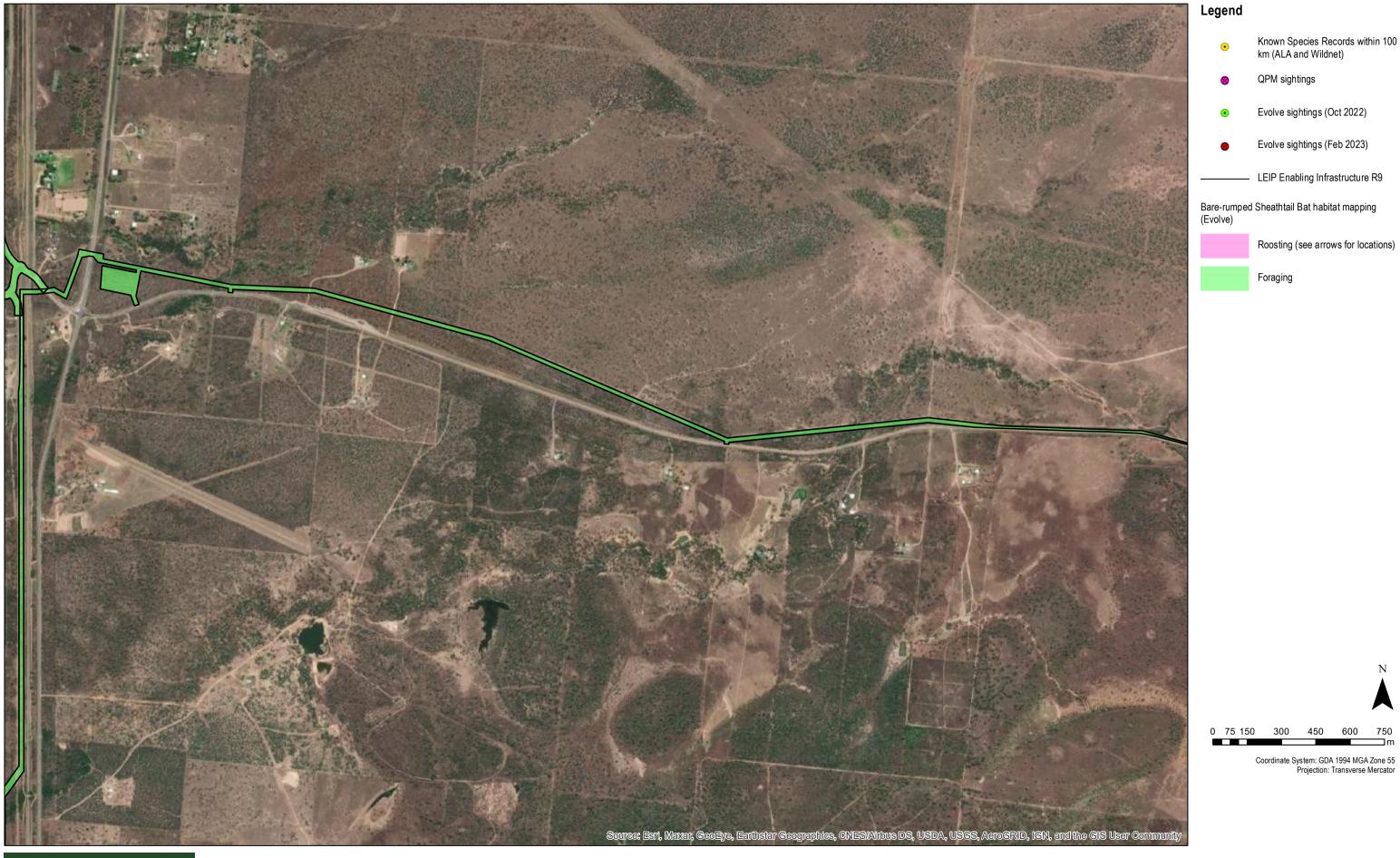
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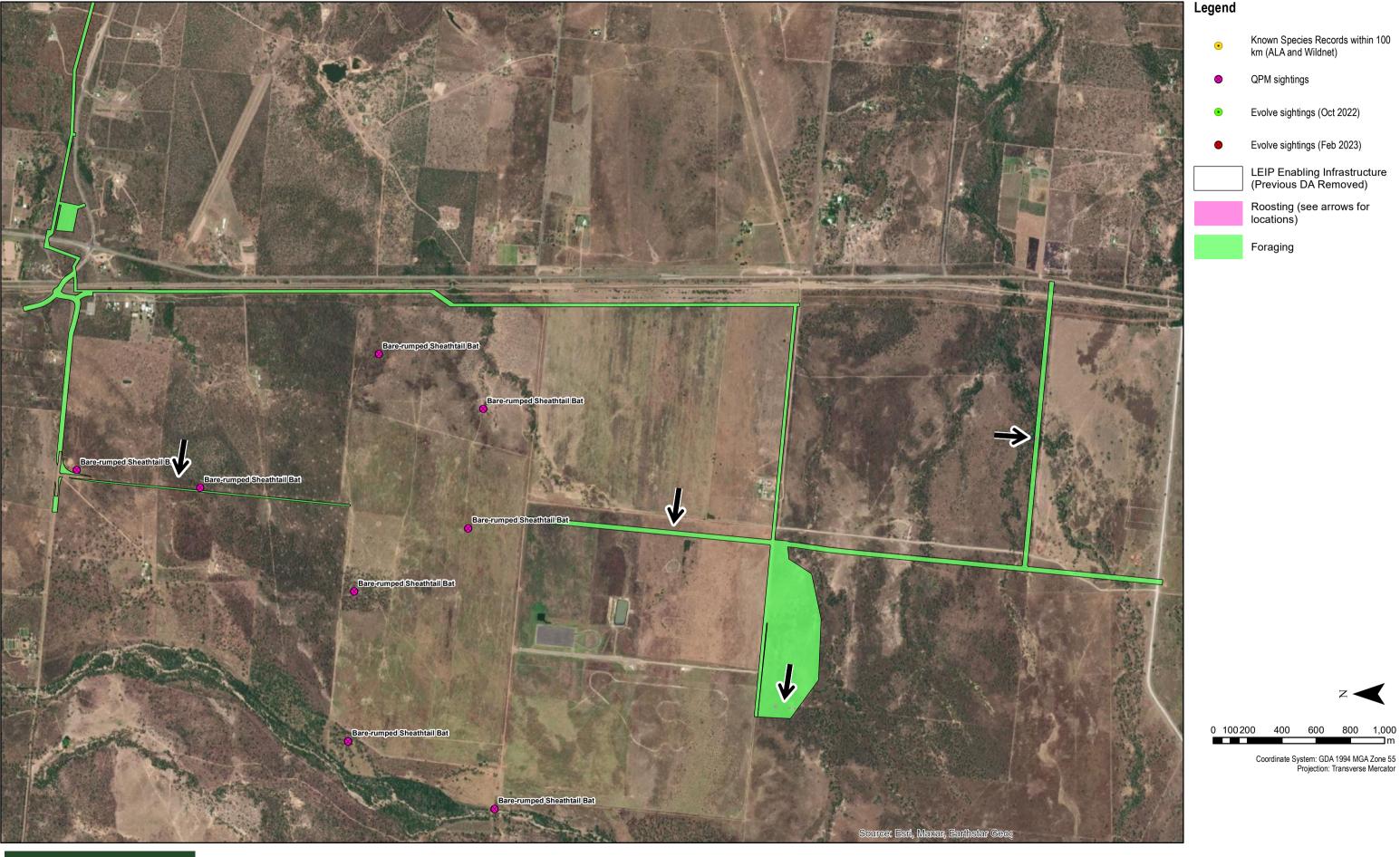
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Plan 7B: Habitat Map - Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat





Plan 7C: Habitat Map - Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat





Appendix K. Koala, *Phascolarctos cinereus* habitat maps



## Plan 8A: Habitat Map - Koala





- Known Species Records within 100 km (ALA and Wildnet)
- QPM sightings
- Evolve sightings (Oct 2022)
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Koala habitat mapping (Evolve)

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### Plan 8B: Habitat Map - Koala



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- Known Species Records within 100 km (ALA and Wildnet)
- QPM sightings
- Evolve sightings (Oct 2022)
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Koala habitat mapping (Evolve)



Habitat

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## Plan 8C: Habitat Map - Koala

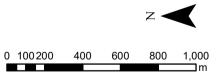




- Known Species Records within 100 km (ALA and Wildnet)
- QPM sightings
- Evolve sightings (Oct 2022)
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Koala Habitat



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Appendix L. Australian Painted Snipe, Rostratula australis habitat maps



### Plan 9A: Habitat Map - Australian Painted Snipe



