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1.0 Introduction

Umwelt was engaged by Environmental Offset Solutions Pty Ltd (Earthtrade) to undertake a terrestrial habitat quality assessment in support of the Arrow Energy Pty Ltd (Arrow) Surat Gas Project (the Project). The Project was conditioned under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) Project approval (EPBC 2010/5344) to include the provision of offsets for unavoidable impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES).

This assessment considers four land parcels with the potential to satisfy or contribute to the final offset portfolio for the Project by determining the suitability of the proposed offset site relative to the Project impact site.

1.1 Study Area

Four land parcels situated approximately 65 km north-west of Kingaroy in Queensland (QLD) have been provisionally identified by Earthtrade as having potential to satisfy or contribute toward the final offset portfolio for the Project. These four land parcels are collectively known as 'Killara' and will be referred to herein as the 'Study Area' (**Figure 1.1**). The Study Area comprises the following four land parcels:

- Lot 36 BO175
- Lot 16 BO94
- Lot 15 BO94
- Lot 19 BO94.

The Study Area has previously been assessed for its suitability as an offset by AECOM (2018), including the preparation of vegetation mapping. A summary of results of the AECOM (2018) report is provided in **Section 1.3.2**.

1.2 Scope of Works

The overarching aim of this habitat quality assessment was to identify suitable offsets within Killara to compensate clearing activities as part of the Project. To meet the Project aims, in accordance with the *Guide to determining terrestrial habitat quality* (Department of Environment and Science (DES), 2020a), the following scope of works was undertaken:

- Review existing habitat quality assessments undertaken within the Study Area and re-score existing habitat quality sites against the updated methodology (DES, 2020a)
- Undertake habitat quality assessments (as outlined in **Section 1.3.2**)
- Provide habitat quality scores for target MNES values (**Section 1.3.1**), informed by targeted fauna surveys and/or habitat assessments.

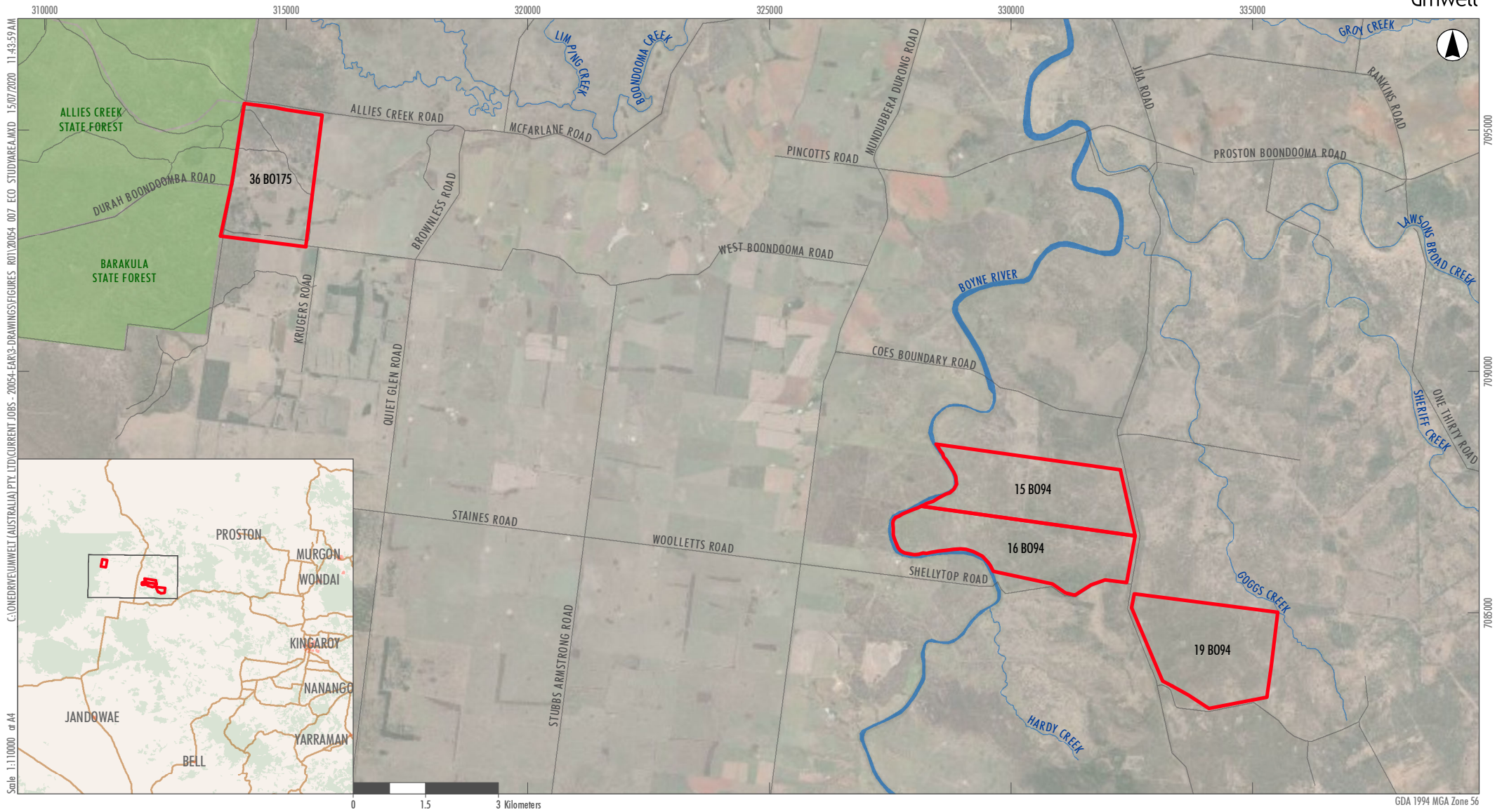


FIGURE 1.1
Project Locality

1.3 Background

1.3.1 Surat Gas Project Impacted Values

The Surat Basin Offset Strategy (Arrow Energy, 2019), identifies nine MNES values requiring offsets (**Table 1.1**). These values are the target of this assessment.

Table 1.1 Surat Gas Project Impacted Values

| MNES / MSES | Scientific Name | EPBC Act Status | NC Act ¹ |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) | | | |
| Brigalow (<i>Acacia harpophylla</i> dominant and co-dominant) | | Endangered | Endangered |
| Threatened Species | | | |
| Brigalow woodland snail | <i>Adclarkia cameroni</i> | Endangered | Vulnerable |
| Dulacca woodland snail | <i>Adclarkia dulacca</i> | Endangered | Endangered |
| Dunmall's snake | <i>Furina dunmalli</i> | Vulnerable | Vulnerable |
| Greater glider | <i>Petauroides volans</i> | Vulnerable | Vulnerable |
| Koala | <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> | Vulnerable | Vulnerable |
| Painted honeyeater | <i>Grantiella picta</i> | Vulnerable | Vulnerable |
| South-eastern long-eared bat | <i>Nyctophilus corbeni</i> | Vulnerable | Vulnerable |
| Kogan waxflower | <i>Philothea sporadica</i> | Vulnerable | Near Threatened |

1.3.2 Habitat Quality Assessments (AECOM, 2018)

The initial property assessment of the Study Area, undertaken in 2018, involved completion of vegetation mapping, preliminary habitat quality assessments and fauna habitat modelling. A review of this report in conjunction with the vegetation mapping has identified the requirement for additional habitat quality assessment sites to meet the minimum number of sites outlined in the *Guide to determining terrestrial habitat quality* (DES, 2020a).

A breakdown of the existing effort (AECOM, 2018) completed within the Study Area and additional habitat quality sites required is presented in **Table 1.2**.

Table 1.2 Habitat Quality Assessment Sites

| Regional Ecosystem | Area (ha) | Number of Sites Required | AECOM (2018) Sites | Umwelt Scope |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 36 B0175 | | | | |
| 11.12.1a | 58 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 11.3.2 | 14 | 2 | - | 2 |
| 11.3.25 | 18 | 2 | - | 2 |
| 11.4.3 | 64 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 11.5.20 | 57 | 3 | - | 3 |
| 11.7.6 | 94 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Subtotal | | | | 12 |

| Regional Ecosystem | Area (ha) | Number of Sites Required | AECOM (2018) Sites | Umwelt Scope |
|--|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 15 BO94 and 16 BO94 | | | | |
| 11.12.1a | 824 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| 11.12.6b | 35 | 2 | - | 2 |
| 11.3.25 | 9 | 2 | - | 2 |
| 11.5.1 | 54 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 11.5.1/11.12.3 | 79 | 3 | | 3 |
| 11.5.1a | 18 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Subtotal | | | | 12 |
| 19 BO94 | | | | |
| 11.12.1a | 485 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| 11.12.3 | 18 | 2 | - | 2 |
| Subtotal | | | | 3 |
| Total Habitat Quality Assessment Sites Required | | | | 27 |

2.0 Methods

2.1 Desktop Assessment

Updated desktop searches were completed using the following data sources to inform the field survey and confirm findings made by AECOM (2018):

- Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) EPBC Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST)
- DES Wildlife Online database
- Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME) Regulated Vegetation Management Map
- Australian Virtual Herbarium and Atlas of Living Australia database.

The search area for the database searches was designated as the Study Area with a 10 km buffer applied. The PMST search results have been included within **Appendix 1**.

2.2 Habitat Assessment and Targeted Surveys

2.2.1 Survey Effort

2.2.1.1 AECOM Survey

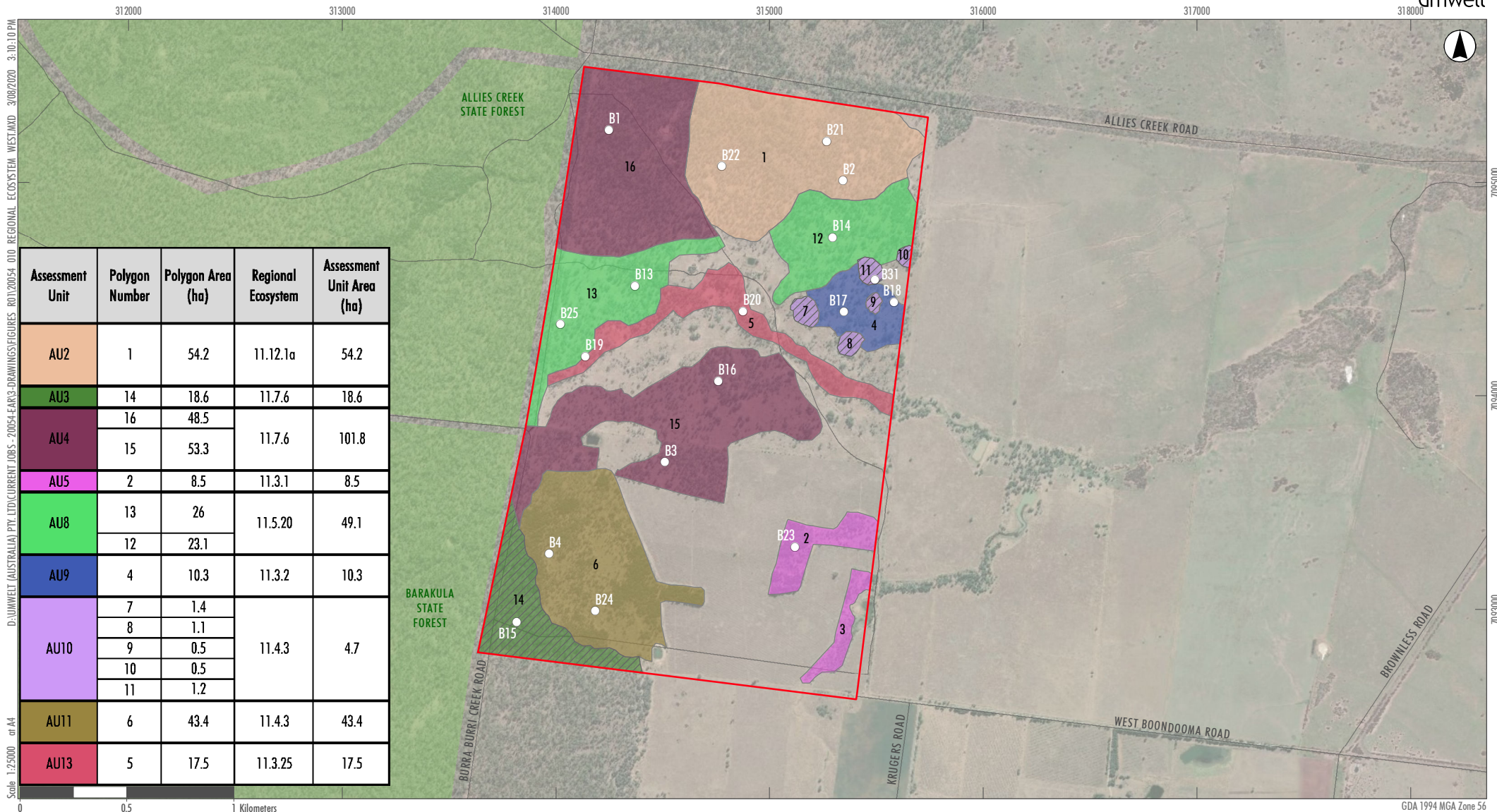
A five-day ecological survey was undertaken from 16 to 19 April 2018 by two AECOM ecologists. Twelve habitat quality assessment sites were sampled during the survey. The AECOM field survey locations are depicted in **Figure 2.1A** and **Figure 2.2B**.

2.2.1.2 Umwelt Survey

An ecological survey of the Study Area was undertaken by two Umwelt ecologists over seven days from 16 to 22 June 2020. Twenty-eight habitat quality assessment sites were sampled during the survey. The Umwelt field survey locations are depicted in **Figure 2.1A** and **Figure 2.2B**.

2.2.2 Regional Ecosystem Delineation

Preliminary vegetation mapping was completed as part of the AECOM (2018) survey. As part of the 2020 assessment, the mapping was further refined, including increased replication, modifications to vegetation community boundaries and resolution of heterogeneous vegetation polygons. The vegetation was sampled, classified and mapped in accordance with the *QLD Herbarium Methodology for survey and mapping of vegetation communities and regional ecosystems in Queensland* (Neldner et al., 2019). For the purposes of this assessment, vegetation communities were further delineated by remnant status, categorised as either 'remnant' or 'regrowth'.



Legend

Study Area

State Forest

Roads

Sampling Sites

Vegetation Status

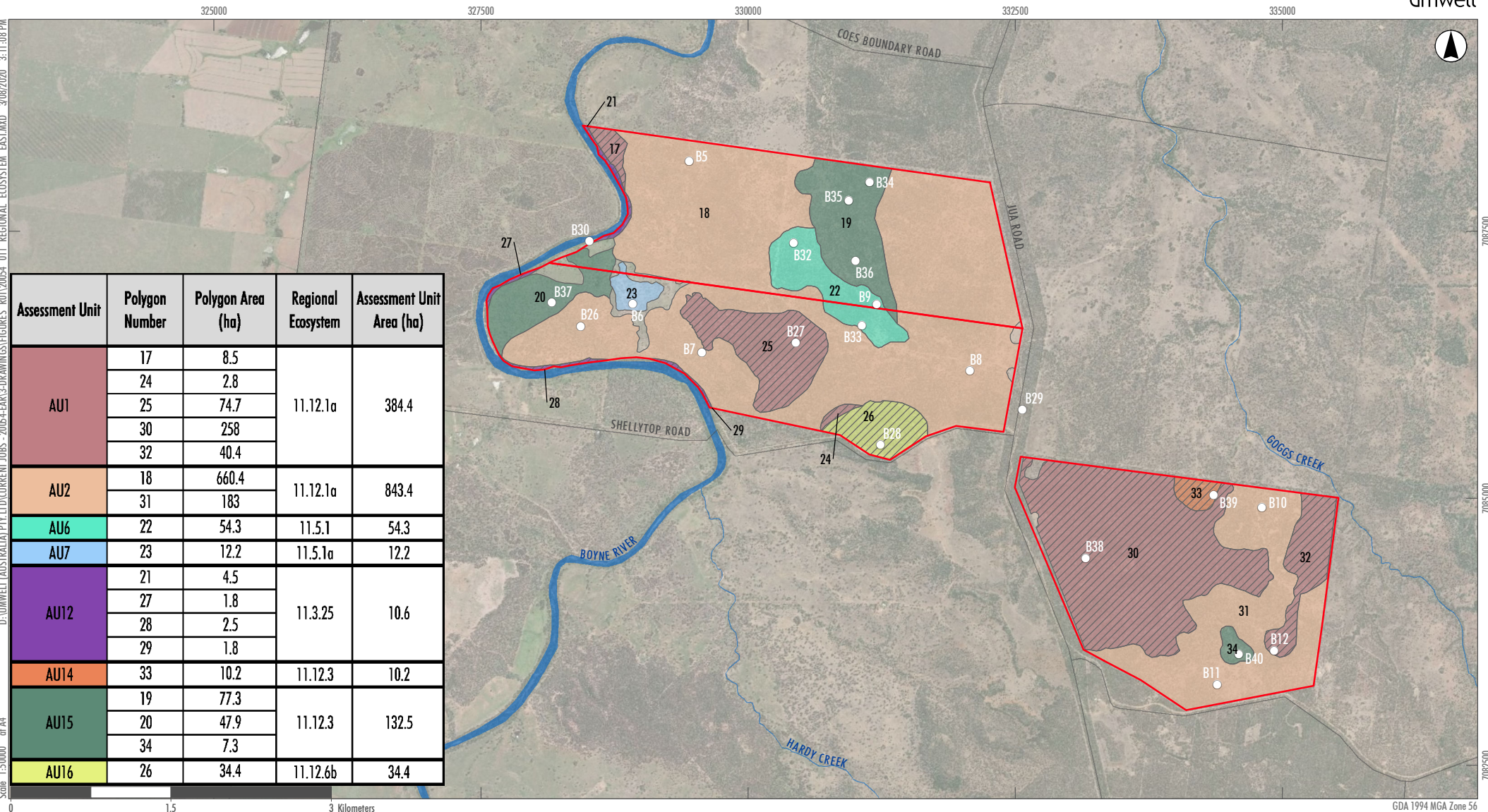
Regrowth

Remnant

FIGURE 2.1A

Ground-truthed Regional Ecosystems and Sampling Site Locations

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| Assessment Unit | Polygon Number | Polygon Area (ha) | Regional Ecosystem | Assessment Unit Area (ha) |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| AU1 | 17 | 8.5 | 11.12.1a | 384.4 |
| | 24 | 2.8 | | |
| | 25 | 74.7 | | |
| | 30 | 258 | | |
| | 32 | 40.4 | | |
| AU2 | 18 | 660.4 | 11.12.1a | 843.4 |
| | 31 | 183 | | |
| AU6 | 22 | 54.3 | 11.5.1 | 54.3 |
| AU7 | 23 | 12.2 | 11.5.1a | 12.2 |
| AU12 | 21 | 4.5 | 11.3.25 | 10.6 |
| | 27 | 1.8 | | |
| | 28 | 2.5 | | |
| | 29 | 1.8 | | |
| AU14 | 33 | 10.2 | 11.12.3 | 10.2 |
| AU15 | 19 | 77.3 | 11.12.3 | 132.5 |
| | 20 | 47.9 | | |
| | 34 | 7.3 | | |
| AU16 | 26 | 34.4 | 11.12.6b | 34.4 |

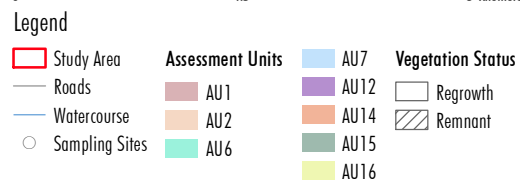


FIGURE 2.1B
Ground-truthed Regional Ecosystems
and Sampling Site Locations

2.2.3 Habitat Quality Assessment and Scoring

Habitat quality was assessed in accordance with the *Guide to determining terrestrial habitat quality* (DES, 2020a). Habitat quality was determined based on an assessment of the following three attributes:

- **Site condition** indicates the general vegetation condition of the site compared to a reference site in an undisturbed state with most of its natural values intact (a BioCondition benchmark).
- **Site context** indicates the position of the site within the landscape and the influence this has on the site's vegetation quality.
- **Species habitat index** indicates the ability of the site to support a particular fauna species based on that species' specific habitat requirements.

The assessment of each set of attributes results in a habitat quality score out of 10, with a maximum score of 10 indicating a fully intact habitat. This method required the collection of site condition and ecological data (vegetation and microhabitat) at sampling sites within a 100 m x 50 m plot and various smaller sub-plots in accordance with the BioCondition assessment manual (Eyre et al., 2015).

2.2.3.1 Site Condition

Site-based attributes (**Table 2.1**) were scored against a 'BioCondition benchmark' document prepared by the QLD Herbarium, containing site-based attribute measurements for vegetation within a particular regional ecosystem (RE) in a relatively undisturbed state. Where a benchmark has not yet been developed by the QLD Herbarium (as with 11.12.3), reference sites were identified and surveyed in accordance with the *Method for the Establishment and Survey of Reference Sites for BioCondition* (Eyre et al., 2017). Two reference sites were established in 11.12.3, the locations of which are depicted in **Figure 2.1B**.

The site condition score for each sampling site was calculated by adding the scores obtained for each site-based attribute, and then dividing by the maximum possible score for the RE in question.

Table 2.1 Site-Based Attributes

| Attribute | Maximum Score |
|---|---------------|
| Number of large native trees | 15 |
| Tree canopy height (emergent, canopy and sub-canopy) | 5 |
| Recruitment of woody perennial species (in the ecologically dominant layer) | 5 |
| Tree canopy cover (%) (emergent, canopy and sub-canopy) | 5 |
| Native shrub layer cover (%) | 5 |
| Coarse woody debris | 5 |
| Native plant species richness for trees, shrubs, grasses, and forbs/others | 20 |
| Non-native plant cover | 10 |
| Native perennial grass cover (%) | 5 |
| Organic litter cover | 5 |
| Maximum Total Score | 80 |

2.2.3.2 Site Context

A site context assessment was undertaken at each sampling site to describe the landscape surrounding the Study Area and its influence on vegetation quality within the Study Area. The assessment used predefined thresholds for a fragmented landscape, as outlined in **Table 2.2**.

The scores for each attribute were calculated using GIS software QGIS (Version 3.10.7) and compared against the site context scoring guide to obtain a final site context score for each sampling site.

Table 2.2 Site Context Attributes (DES, 2020a)

| Attribute | Maximum Score |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Size of patch | 10 |
| Context | 5 |
| Connectivity | 5 |
| Ecological corridors ¹ | N/A |
| Maximum Total Score | 20 |

¹ An ecological corridor is represented as any riparian or terrestrial feature on the 'Statewide Biodiversity Corridors' layer, viewable on Queensland Globe (<https://qldglobe.information.qld.gov.au/>).

2.2.3.3 Species Habitat Index

A species habitat index assessment was undertaken for each sampling site to determine the Study Area's capacity to support threatened fauna species for all or part of their life cycles. In addition to a survey of potential fauna habitat in the field, the assessment involved undertaking a desktop review of identified target values to identify the species-specific factors relating to each of four predetermined attributes (**Table 2.3**).

The designated scores for each attribute were compared against the habitat index scoring guide to obtain a final habitat index score for each sampling site.

Table 2.3 Species Habitat Attributes (DES, 2020a)

| Species Habitat Attribute | Maximum Score |
|---|---------------|
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 |
| Absence of threats | 25 |
| Maximum Total Score | 100 |

2.2.3.4 Assessment Unit Scores

Habitat quality was assessed for each assessment unit by undertaking the following steps:

1. Habitat quality scores for each sampling site were calculated by adding the scores obtained for each site-based attribute, and then dividing by the maximum possible score for the RE in question (i.e. 80 for wooded ecosystems).
2. Assessment unit scores were determined by taking the average of the scores of the sampling sites within it.

2.2.3.5 Target Value Scores

Habitat quality was assessed for each target value by undertaking the following steps:

1. Habitat quality scores for each target value were calculated for relevant sampling sites by adding the scores obtained for site condition, site context and species habitat index assessments, and then dividing by the maximum possible score (i.e. 200 for wooded ecosystems).
2. Assessment unit scores were determined by taking the average of the scores of the sampling sites within it.
3. Area-weighted scores (e.g. a 'per-hectare' score) for each target value were calculated using the following equation:

$$\text{Weighted Habitat Quality Score (Target Value)} = \frac{\text{Assessment Unit Habitat Quality Score} \times \text{Area (ha) of Assessment Unit}}{\text{Total Area (ha) of Matter Area}}$$

Where:

Matter Area = All assessable potential habitat for target value within Study Area

2.2.4 Targeted Fauna Assessment

A targeted fauna assessment was undertaken across the Study Area in accordance with *Survey Guidelines for Australia's Threatened Mammals* (Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Populations and Communities (DSEWPaC), 2011) and the *EPBC Act referral guidelines for the vulnerable koala* (Department of the Environment, 2014) to determine the potential use of the Study Area for offsets for the greater glider and koala.

A brief summary of methods used in the fauna assessment is provided below, with the full report available as **Appendix 5**.

- Habitat assessments which characterise fauna habitat values were undertaken in accordance with *Terrestrial Vertebrate Fauna Survey Guidelines for Queensland* (Eyre et al., 2018). Information on the location, landform, vegetation structure, RE, and disturbance characteristics of sites were recorded. Microhabitat features such as coarse woody debris, tree hollows, soil cracking and leaf litter were also documented.
- Koala presence was assessed throughout the Study Area using the Spot Assessment Technique (SAT) (Phillips & Callaghan, 2011). A total of 20 koala SAT assessments were conducted.
- Hollow density counts were conducted at 18 of the 20 koala SAT survey location to assess the suitability of the habitat for greater glider.
- Spotlight searches were used to identify koalas and greater gliders within suitable habitat. This method involved the active scanning of vegetation using high powered torches, both on foot and using a vehicle.

2.3 Limitations

Ecological field surveys have inherent limitations associated with natural variation, seasonal constraints and accessibility. The field survey design considered these constraints, with sampling locations located within representative samples of vegetation communities. This assessment utilises field survey data collected over two seasons: autumn and winter. It is noted, however, that these surveys cannot account for the entire floral diversity present in one location.

Unavailability of benchmark data and suitable locations for the establishment of reference sites resulted in the inability to assess the quality of one RE (11.12.6b) within the Study Area. Notwithstanding, the number of sites sampled for each assessable RE met or exceed the minimum number of sites recommended in the *Guide to determining terrestrial habitat quality* (DES, 2020a).

3.0 Results

3.1 Desktop Assessment

3.1.1 Threatened Ecological Values

Database searches identified 7 TECs and 31 threatened species that may occur within the Study Area. Habitat within the Study Area aligns with Project offset requirements for one TEC and six threatened fauna species, as described in **Table 3.1**.

The full PMST database results are available in **Appendix 1**.

Table 3.1 Identified Target Values for the Project

| Common Name | Scientific Name | EPBC Act Status | NC Act Status |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Threatened Ecological Communities | | | |
| Brigalow (<i>Acacia harpophylla</i> dominant and co-dominant) | | Endangered | Endangered |
| Threatened Fauna | | | |
| Brigalow woodland snail | <i>Adclarkia cameroni</i> | Endangered | Vulnerable |
| Dunmall's snake | <i>Furina dunmalli</i> | Vulnerable | Vulnerable |
| Painted honeyeater | <i>Grantiella picta</i> | Vulnerable | Vulnerable |
| Greater glider | <i>Petauroides volans</i> | Vulnerable | Vulnerable |
| Koala | <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> | Vulnerable | Vulnerable |
| South-eastern long-eared bat | <i>Nyctophilus corbeni</i> | Vulnerable | Vulnerable |

3.2 Field Survey

3.2.1 Vegetation Communities

Eleven REs were verified within the Study Area and sampled for habitat quality, as detailed in **Table 3.2** and represented on **Figure 2.1A** and **Figure 2.1B**.

3.2.1.1 Threatened Ecological Communities

The field survey confirmed the occurrence of one TEC: Brigalow (*Acacia harpophylla* dominant and co-dominant). Analogous REs 11.4.3 and 11.3.1 were identified as meeting criteria for the TEC (Department of the Environment, 2013).

RE 11.3.2, analogous with the Poplar Box Grassy Woodland on Alluvial Plains TEC, was ground-truthed within the Study Area but did not meet key diagnostic characteristics and condition thresholds for the TEC (Department of the Environment and Energy (DoEE), 2019).

No other TECs were confirmed within the Study Area.

Table 3.2 Ground-truthed Regional Ecosystems within the Study Area

| AU | RE ID | Status | Description | VM Act Status | Sampling Sites | Extent (ha) |
|-------|----------|----------|---|---------------|---|-------------|
| AU1 | 11.12.1a | Remnant | <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> woodland on igneous rocks | Least Concern | B12, B27, B38 | 384.5 |
| AU2 | 11.12.1a | Regrowth | | | B2, B5, B7, B8, B10, B11, B21, B22, B26 | 897.7 |
| AU3 | 11.7.6 | Remnant | <i>Corymbia citriodora</i> or <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> woodland on Cainozoic lateritic duricrust | Least Concern | B15 | 18.7 |
| AU4 | 11.7.6 | Regrowth | | | B1, B3, B16 | 101.8 |
| AU5 | 11.3.1 | Regrowth | <i>Acacia harpophylla</i> and/or <i>Casuarina cristata</i> open forest on alluvial plains | Endangered | B23 | 12.8 |
| AU6 | 11.5.1 | Regrowth | <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> and/or <i>E. populnea</i> , <i>Callitris glaucophylla</i> , <i>Angophora leiocarpa</i> , <i>Allocasuarina luehmannii</i> woodland on Cainozoic sand plains and/or remnant surfaces | Least Concern | B9, B32, B33 | 54.3 |
| AU7 | 11.5.1a | Regrowth | <i>Eucalyptus populnea</i> woodland with <i>Allocasuarina luehmannii</i> low tree layer | Least Concern | B6 | 12.2 |
| AU8 | 11.5.20 | Regrowth | <i>Eucalyptus moluccana</i> and/or <i>E. microcarpa</i> and/or <i>E. woollsiana</i> +/- <i>E. crebra</i> woodland on Cainozoic sand plains | Least Concern | B13, B14, B25 | 49.1 |
| AU9 | 11.3.2 | Regrowth | <i>Eucalyptus populnea</i> woodland on alluvial plains | Of Concern | B17, B18 | 10.3 |
| AU10 | 11.4.3 | Remnant | <i>Acacia harpophylla</i> and/or <i>Casuarina cristata</i> shrubby open forest on Cainozoic clay plains | Endangered | B31 | 4.7 |
| AU11 | 11.4.3 | Regrowth | | | B4, B24 | 43.4 |
| AU12 | 11.3.25 | Remnant | <i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> or <i>E. camaldulensis</i> woodland fringing drainage lines | Least Concern | B30 | 10.6 |
| AU13 | 11.3.25 | Regrowth | | | B19, B20 | 17.5 |
| AU14* | 11.12.3 | Remnant | <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> , <i>E. tereticornis</i> , <i>Angophora leiocarpa</i> woodland on igneous rocks especially granite | Least Concern | B29, B39 | 10.2 |
| AU15 | 11.12.3 | Regrowth | | | B34, B35, B36, B37, B40 | 132.5 |
| AU16^ | 11.12.6b | Remnant | <i>Corymbia citriodora</i> open forest on igneous rocks (granite) | Least Concern | B28 | 34.4 |
| Total | | | | | | 1794.7 |

* Evaluation not undertaken due to being established as reference sites

^ Evaluation not undertaken due to the unavailability of benchmark data

3.2.2 Threatened Species

Koala and greater glider were visually identified within the Study Area during spotlight searches undertaken for the fauna assessment. Records were made from three REs, including regrowth *Eucalyptus tereticornis* fringing woodland (RE 11.3.25) and regrowth *Eucalyptus crebra* woodland (11.12.1a). The greater glider records were made within remnant *Corymbia citriodora* woodland (RE 11.7.6) and regrowth *Eucalyptus crebra* woodland (11.12.1a).

Koala scats were also observed in regrowth *Eucalyptus populnea* woodland (RE 11.5.1a), remnant and regrowth *Eucalyptus crebra* woodland (RE 11.12.1a) and regrowth *Eucalyptus crebra*/ *Eucalyptus tereticornis* woodland (11.12.3).

The full results of the targeted fauna assessment, including record locations, is available as **Appendix 5**.

3.2.3 Introduced Species

The field survey recorded 18 introduced flora species, of which three are Category 3 restricted species under the *Biosecurity Act 2014* (**Table 3.3**).

Table 3.3 Introduced Species Recorded within the Study Area

| Scientific Name | Common Name | Biosecurity Act Status ¹ |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Dolichandra unguis-cati</i> | cat's claw creeper | Category 3 |
| <i>Opuntia stricta</i> | common prickly pear | Category 3 |
| <i>Opuntia tomentosa</i> | velvety tree pear | Category 3 |

¹ *Biosecurity Act 2014* (Qld)

In addition to being listed as Category 3 restricted invasive plants under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*, cat's claw creeper, *Opuntia stricta* and *Opuntia tomentosa* are designated Weeds of National Significance (Invasive Plants and Animals Committee, 2016).

It is also noted that large areas (near B37), adjacent to the Boyne River, are impacted by the exotic species *Eragrostis curvula* (African lovegrass).

No introduced fauna species were observed during the field survey.

3.3 Habitat Quality Scores

3.3.1 Assessment Unit Scores

Habitat quality scores for each sampling site were determined using the methodology described in **Section 2.2.3** and are presented in **Appendix 2**. Habitat quality sites were generally of moderate to good condition, with scores ranging between 5.2 and 8.0 out of 10. Sampling sites within regrowth vegetation were generally in poorer condition than remnant vegetation, with scores averaging 6.0 and 7.6 respectively.

Habitat quality scores for each assessment unit are outlined in **Table 3.4**.

Table 3.4 Habitat Quality Scores by Assessment Unit

| AU | RE ID | Status | Sampling Sites | Extent (ha) | Habitat Quality Score |
|------|----------|----------|---|-------------|-----------------------|
| AU1 | 11.12.1a | Remnant | B12, B27, B38 | 384.5 | 7.6 |
| AU2 | 11.12.1a | Regrowth | B2, B5, B7, B8, B10, B11, B21, B22, B26 | 897.7 | 6.4 |
| AU3 | 11.7.6 | Remnant | B15 | 18.7 | 8.0 |
| AU4 | 11.7.6 | Regrowth | B1, B3, B16 | 101.8 | 5.2 |
| AU5 | 11.3.1 | Regrowth | B23 | 12.8 | 5.9 |
| AU6 | 11.5.1 | Regrowth | B9, B32, B33 | 54.3 | 6.6 |
| AU7 | 11.5.1a | Regrowth | B6 | 12.2 | 5.3 |
| AU8 | 11.5.20 | Regrowth | B13, B14, B25 | 49.1 | 6.4 |
| AU9 | 11.3.2 | Regrowth | B17, B18 | 10.3 | 6.3 |
| AU10 | 11.4.3 | Remnant | B31 | 4.7 | 7.4 |
| AU11 | 11.4.3 | Regrowth | B4, B24 | 43.4 | 5.9 |
| AU12 | 11.3.25 | Remnant | B30 | 10.6 | 7.5 |
| AU13 | 11.3.25 | Regrowth | B19, B20 | 17.5 | 6.8 |
| AU15 | 11.12.3 | Regrowth | B34, B35, B36, B37, B40 | 132.5 | 5.7 |

3.3.2 Target Value Scores

Habitat quality scores for each target value were determined using the methodology described in **Section 2.2.3** and are presented in **Appendix 3**. Fauna habitat rules were adapted from AECOM (2018) and applied when calculating species habitat index scores to determine the amount of potential habitat available within the Study Area for each target value. Fauna habitat rules are detailed in **Table 3.5**.

Table 3.5 Potential Habitat Criteria

| Scientific Name | Common Name | Habitat Criteria (Suitable Regional Ecosystems) |
|---|------------------------------|--|
| Threatened Ecological Communities | | |
| Brigalow (<i>Acacia harpophylla</i>) dominant and co-dominant | | 11.3.1, 11.4.3 |
| Threatened Fauna | | |
| <i>Adclarkia cameroni</i> | Brigalow woodland snail | 11.3.1, 11.4.3 |
| <i>Furina dunmalli</i> | Dunmall's snake | 11.3.1, 11.4.3, 11.5.1, 11.5.1a, 11.5.20, 11.7.6, |
| <i>Grantiella picta</i> | painted honeyeater | 11.4.3, 11.5.1, 11.5.1a, 11.7.6, 11.12.1a, 11.12.3, 11.12.6b |
| <i>Petauroides volans</i> | greater glider | 11.3.2, 11.3.25, 11.5.1, 11.5.1a, 11.5.20, 11.7.6, 11.12.1a, 11.12.3 |
| <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> | koala | 11.3.2, 11.3.25, 11.5.1, 11.5.1a, 11.5.20, 11.7.6, 11.12.1a, 11.12.3 |
| <i>Nyctophilus corbeni</i> | south-eastern long-eared bat | 11.3.2, 11.3.25, 11.4.3, 11.5.1, 11.5.1a, 11.5.20, 11.7.6, 11.12.1a, 11.12.3, 11.12.6b |

Habitat quality sites were generally of moderate condition, with scores ranging between 4.9 and 6.1 out of 10. Overall habitat quality scores for each target value are detailed in **Table 3.6**. Scores by individual assessment unit are available as **Appendix 4**.

Table 3.6 Target Value Habitat Quality Scores

| Scientific Name | Common Name | Potential Habitat (ha) | Habitat Quality Score |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Threatened Ecological Communities | | | |
| Brigalow (<i>Acacia harpophylla</i>) dominant and co-dominant | | 60.9 | 5.2 |
| Threatened Fauna | | | |
| <i>Adclarkia cameroni</i> | Brigalow woodland snail | 60.9 | 5.2 |
| <i>Furina dunmalli</i> | Dunmall's snake | 297 | 5.5 |
| <i>Grantiella picta</i> | painted honeyeater | 1660 | 5.7 |
| <i>Petauroides volans</i> | greater glider | 1699.4 | 4.9 |
| <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> | koala | 1699.4 | 5.7 |
| <i>Nyctophilus corbeni</i> | south-eastern long-eared bat | 1781.9 | 6.1 |

4.0 Conclusion

The aim of this assessment was to identify suitable offsets within Killara to compensate for clearing activities as part of the Arrow Surat Gas Project. The assessment involved required field survey to verify and quantify the extent and condition of habitat for seven target values (one TEC and six threatened fauna) located within the Study Area. The results of this assessment confirmed:

- 60.9 ha of Brigalow (*Acacia harpophylla* dominant and co-dominant) TEC habitat
- 60.9 ha brigalow woodland snail potential habitat
- 297 ha of Dunmall's snake potential habitat
- 1660 ha of painted honeyeater potential habitat
- 1699.4 ha of greater glider potential habitat
- 1699.4 ha of koala potential habitat
- 1781.9 ha of south-eastern long-eared bat potential habitat.

Habitat quality sites were generally of moderate to good condition, with scores ranging between 5.2 and 8.0 out of 10. Sampling sites within regrowth vegetation were generally in poorer condition than remnant vegetation, with scores averaging 6.0 and 7.6 respectively.

Targeted fauna surveys conducted as part of this assessment also confirmed the occurrence of two MNES fauna, including koala and greater glider. Current habitat for the greater glider is mostly associated with remnant vegetation (where hollows are present), however habitat use within regrowth woodlands were also detected. Koala activity was recorded across remnant and regrowth woodlands.

The assessment has identified opportunities and risks associated with offsets at Killara:

- Brigalow vegetation occurs as small, isolated patches or degraded, open communities.
- The Study Area is highly connected to areas of local and regional importance including, Barakula State Forest, Allies Creek State Forest and remnant vegetation along the Boyne River. Offset areas which consider connectivity into these areas and aim to enhance these corridors are likely to result in greater conservation outcomes for terrestrial fauna, including the target MNES values.

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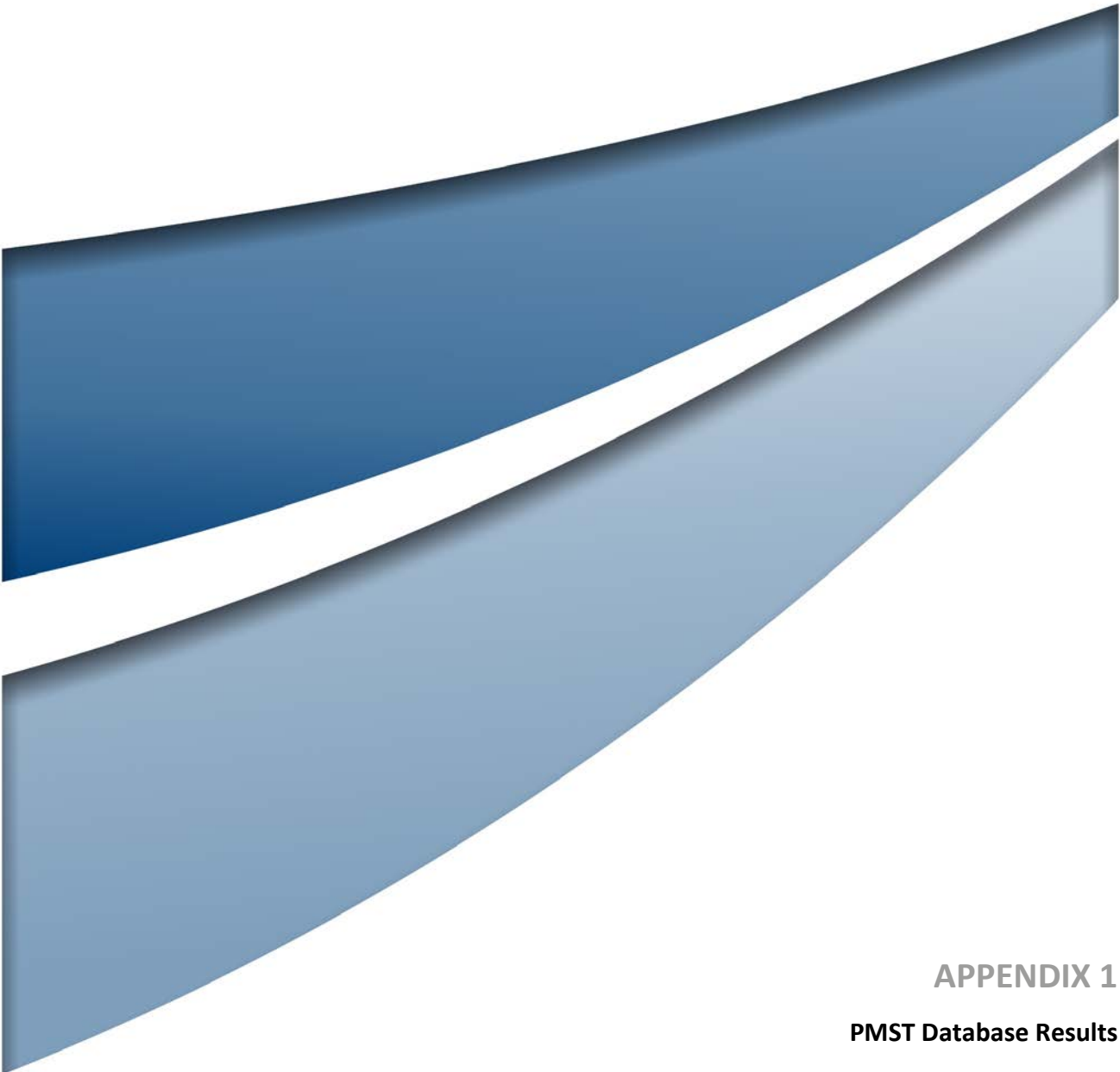
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APPENDIX 1
PMST Database Results



EPBC Act Protected Matters Report

This report provides general guidance on matters of national environmental significance and other matters protected by the EPBC Act in the area you have selected.

Information on the coverage of this report and qualifications on data supporting this report are contained in the caveat at the end of the report.

Information is available about [Environment Assessments](#) and the EPBC Act including significance guidelines, forms and application process details.

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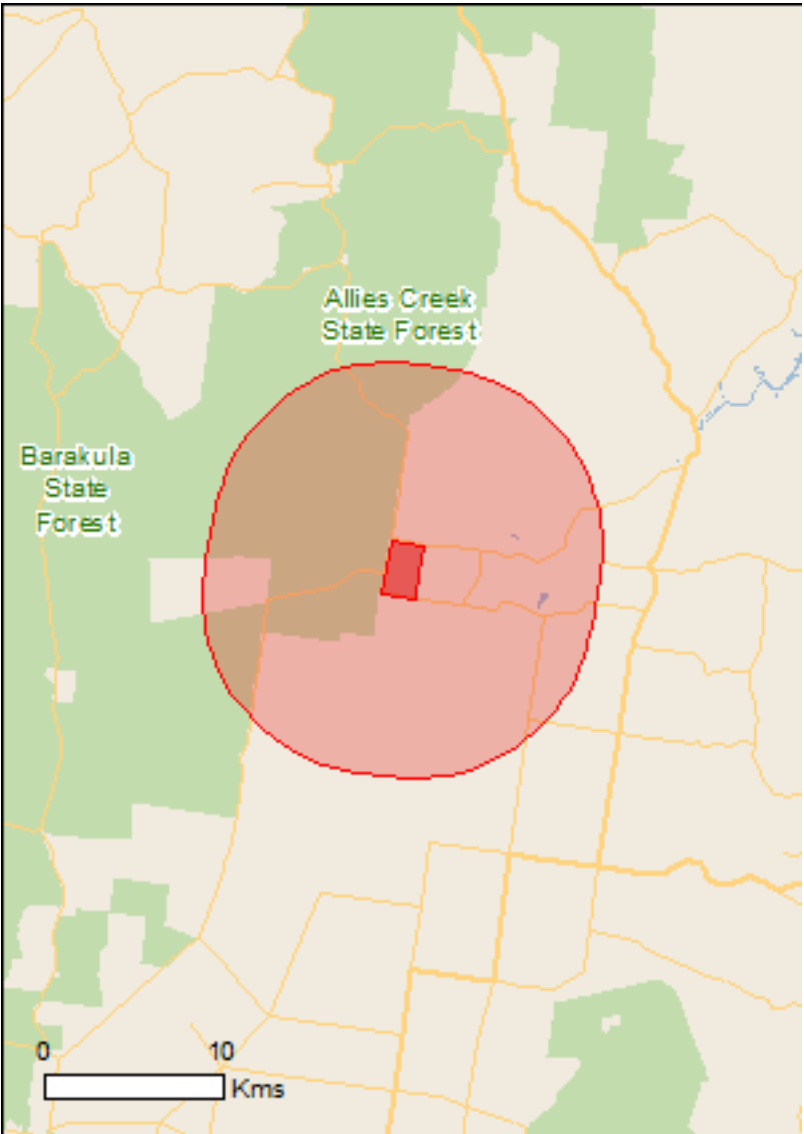
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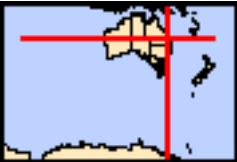
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Summary

Matters of National Environmental Significance

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

| | |
|---|------|
| World Heritage Properties: | None |
| National Heritage Places: | None |
| Wetlands of International Importance: | 4 |
| Great Barrier Reef Marine Park: | None |
| Commonwealth Marine Area: | None |
| Listed Threatened Ecological Communities: | 6 |
| Listed Threatened Species: | 28 |
| Listed Migratory Species: | 14 |

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 <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage>

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

| | |
|--|------|
| Commonwealth Land: | None |
| Commonwealth Heritage Places: | None |
| Listed Marine Species: | 20 |
| Whales and Other Cetaceans: | None |
| Critical Habitats: | None |
| Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial: | None |
| Australian Marine Parks: | None |

Extra Information

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

| | |
|--|------|
| State and Territory Reserves: | None |
| Regional Forest Agreements: | None |
| Invasive Species: | 15 |
| Nationally Important Wetlands: | None |
| Key Ecological Features (Marine) | None |

Details

Matters of National Environmental Significance

| Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar) | | [Resource Information] |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Name | Proximity | |
| Banrock station wetland complex | 1300 - 1400km | |
| Narran lake nature reserve | 500 - 600km upstream | |
| Riverland | 1200 - 1300km | |
| The coorong, and lakes alexandrina and albert wetland | 1400 - 1500km | |

| Listed Threatened Ecological Communities | [Resource Information] |
|--|--------------------------|
|--|--------------------------|

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

| Name | Status | Type of Presence |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Brigalow (Acacia harpophylla dominant and co-dominant) | Endangered | Community known to occur within area |
| Coolibah - Black Box Woodlands of the Darling Riverine Plains and the Brigalow Belt South Bioregions | Endangered | Community may occur within area |
| Natural grasslands on basalt and fine-textured alluvial plains of northern New South Wales and southern Queensland | Critically Endangered | Community likely to occur within area |
| Poplar Box Grassy Woodland on Alluvial Plains | Endangered | Community likely to occur within area |
| Semi-evergreen vine thickets of the Brigalow Belt (North and South) and Nandewar Bioregions | Endangered | Community likely to occur within area |
| Weeping Myall Woodlands | Endangered | Community likely to occur within area |

| Listed Threatened Species | [Resource Information] |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
|---------------------------|--------------------------|

| Name | Status | Type of Presence |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| Birds | | |
| 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 |
| Geophaps scripta scripta Squatter Pigeon (southern) [64440] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Grantiella picta Painted Honeyeater [470] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat known to occur within area |
| Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail [682] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe [77037] | Endangered | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |

| Name | Status | Type of Presence |
|---|------------|--|
| Turnix melanogaster Black-breasted Button-quail [923] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Fish | | |
| Maccullochella peelii Murray Cod [66633] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Mammals | | |
| Chalinolobus dwyeri Large-eared Pied Bat, Large Pied Bat [183] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Dasyurus hallucatus Northern Quoll, Digul [Gogo-Yimidir], Wijingadda [Dambimangari], Wiminji [Martu] [331] | Endangered | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Nyctophilus corbeni Corben's Long-eared Bat, South-eastern Long-eared Bat [83395] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Petauroides volans Greater Glider [254] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Phascolarctos cinereus (combined populations of Qld, NSW and the ACT) Koala (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory) [85104] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat known to occur within area |
| Pteropus poliocephalus Grey-headed Flying-fox [186] | Vulnerable | Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area |
| Plants | | |
| Acacia grandifolia [3566] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Arthraxon hispidus Hairy-joint Grass [9338] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Cadellia pentastylis Ooline [9828] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Denhamia parvifolia Small-leaved Denhamia [18106] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat known to occur within area |
| Dichanthium setosum bluegrass [14159] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Eucalyptus argophloia Queensland White Gum, Queensland Western White Gum, Lapunyah, Scrub Gum, White Gum [19748] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Homoranthus decumbens a shrub [55186] | Endangered | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Thesium australe Austral Toadflax, Toadflax [15202] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Xerothamnella herbacea [4146] | Endangered | Species or species habitat known to occur within area |
| Zieria verrucosa [56761] | Vulnerable | Species or species |

| Name | Status | Type of Presence |
|--|------------|--|
| | | habitat likely to occur within area |
| Reptiles | | |
| Anomalopus mackayi Five-clawed Worm-skink, Long-legged Worm-skink [25934] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Delma torquata Adorned Delma, Collared Delma [1656] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Egernia rugosa Yakka Skink [1420] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Furina dunmalli Dunmall's Snake [59254] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |

Listed Migratory Species

[[Resource Information](#)]

* Species is listed under a different scientific name on the EPBC Act - Threatened Species list.

| Name | Threatened | Type of Presence |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| Migratory Marine Birds | | |
| Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678] | | 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 |
| Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail [682] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Monarcha melanopsis Black-faced Monarch [609] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Monarcha trivirgatus Spectacled Monarch [610] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Motacilla flava Yellow Wagtail [644] | | Species or species habitat may 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 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 |

| Name | Threatened | Type of Presence |
|--|------------|---|
| Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863] | | habitat may occur within area Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

| Listed Marine Species | [Resource Information] | |
|--|--------------------------|--|
| * Species is listed under a different scientific name on the EPBC Act - Threatened Species list. | | |
| Name | Threatened | Type of Presence |
| Birds | | |
| Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Anseranas semipalmata Magpie Goose [978] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Ardea alba Great Egret, White Egret [59541] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Ardea ibis Cattle Egret [59542] | | 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 |
| Chrysococcyx osculans Black-eared Cuckoo [705] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area |

| Name | Threatened | Type of Presence |
|---|-------------|--|
| Haliaeetus leucogaster White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail [682] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater [670] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Monarcha melanopsis Black-faced Monarch [609] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Monarcha trivirgatus Spectacled Monarch [610] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Motacilla flava Yellow Wagtail [644] | Endangered* | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Myiagra cyanoleuca Satin Flycatcher [612] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Rhipidura rufifrons Rufous Fantail [592] | | Species or species habitat known to occur within area |
| Rostratula benghalensis (sensu lato) Painted Snipe [889] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |

Extra Information

| | |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Invasive Species | [Resource Information] |
|------------------|--------------------------|

Weeds reported here are the 20 species of national significance (WoNS), along with other introduced plants that are considered by the States and Territories to pose a particularly significant threat to biodiversity. The following feral animals are reported: Goat, Red Fox, Cat, Rabbit, Pig, Water Buffalo and Cane Toad. Maps from Landscape Health Project, National Land and Water Resouces Audit, 2001.

| Name | Status | Type of Presence |
|--|--------|--|
| Birds | | |
| Anas platyrhynchos Mallard [974] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Columba livia Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove, Domestic Pigeon [803] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Passer domesticus House Sparrow [405] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Sturnus vulgaris Common Starling [389] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Frogs | | |

| Name | Status | Type of Presence |
|--|--------|--|
| Rhinella marina Cane Toad [83218] | | Species or species habitat known to occur within area |
| Mammals | | |
| Canis lupus familiaris Domestic Dog [82654] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Felis catus Cat, House Cat, Domestic Cat [19] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Lepus capensis Brown Hare [127] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Oryctolagus cuniculus Rabbit, European Rabbit [128] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Rattus rattus Black Rat, Ship Rat [84] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Sus scrofa Pig [6] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Vulpes vulpes Red Fox, Fox [18] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Plants | | |
| Dolichandra unguis-cati Cat's Claw Vine, Yellow Trumpet Vine, Cat's Claw Creeper, Funnel Creeper [85119] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Lantana camara Lantana, Common Lantana, Kamara Lantana, Large-leaf Lantana, Pink Flowered Lantana, Red Flowered Lantana, Red-Flowered Sage, White Sage, Wild Sage [10892] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Opuntia spp. Prickly Pears [82753] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |

Caveat

The information presented in this report has been provided by a range of data sources as acknowledged at the end of the report.

This report is designed to assist in identifying the locations of places which may be relevant in determining obligations under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. It holds mapped locations of World and National Heritage properties, Wetlands of International and National Importance, Commonwealth and State/Territory reserves, listed threatened, migratory and marine species and listed threatened ecological communities. Mapping of Commonwealth land is not complete at this stage. Maps have been collated from a range of sources at various resolutions.

Not all species listed under the EPBC Act have been mapped (see below) and therefore a report is a general guide only. Where available data supports mapping, the type of presence that can be determined from the data is indicated in general terms. People using this information in making a referral may need to consider the qualifications below and may need to seek and consider other information sources.

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

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

Where very little information is available for 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 reliable distribution mapping methods are used to update these distributions as time permits.

Only selected species covered by the following provisions of the EPBC Act have been mapped:

- migratory and
- marine

The following species and ecological communities have not been mapped and do not appear in reports produced from this database:

- threatened species listed as extinct or considered as vagrants
- some species and ecological communities that have only recently been listed
- some terrestrial species that overfly the Commonwealth marine area
- migratory species that are very widespread, vagrant, or only occur in small numbers

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

- non-threatened seabirds which have only been mapped for recorded breeding sites
- seals which have only been mapped for breeding sites near the Australian continent

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

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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.

Information on the coverage of this report and qualifications on data supporting this report are contained in the caveat at the end of the report.

Information is available about [Environment Assessments](#) and the EPBC Act including significance guidelines, forms and application process details.

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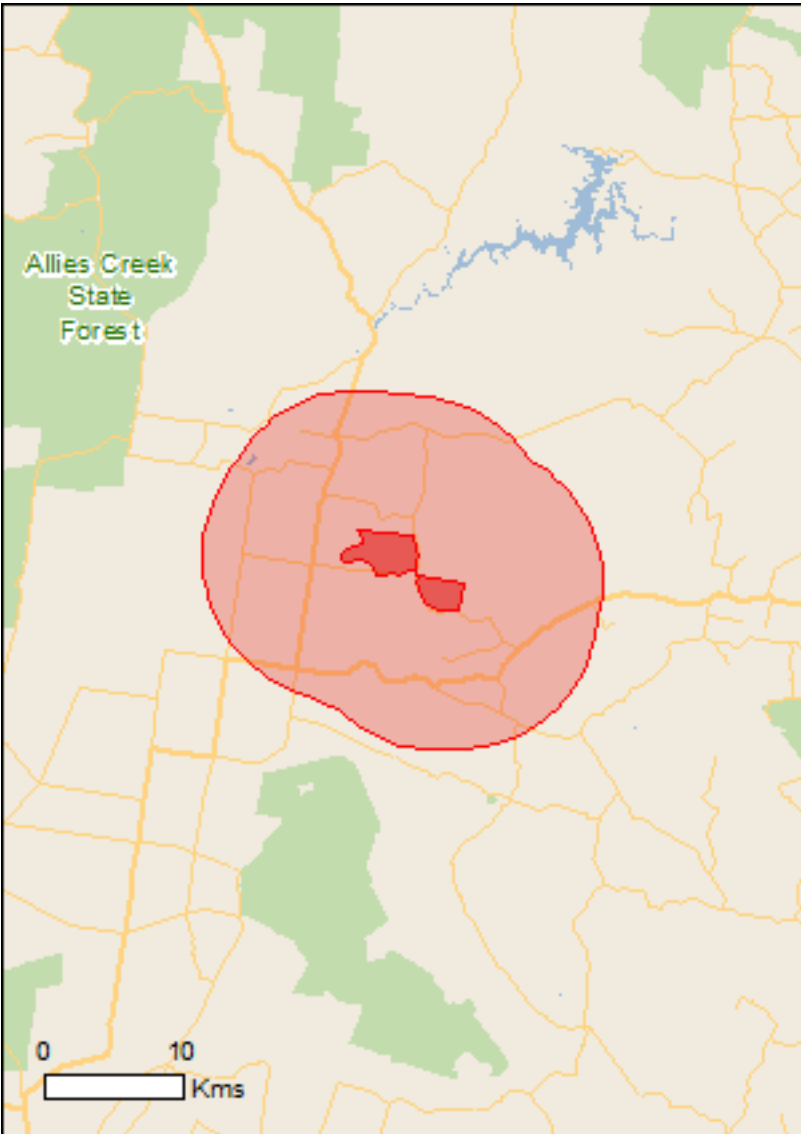
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Summary

Matters of National Environmental Significance

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

| | |
|---|------|
| World Heritage Properties: | None |
| National Heritage Places: | None |
| Wetlands of International Importance: | 4 |
| Great Barrier Reef Marine Park: | None |
| Commonwealth Marine Area: | None |
| Listed Threatened Ecological Communities: | 7 |
| Listed Threatened Species: | 28 |
| Listed Migratory Species: | 13 |

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 <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage>

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

| | |
|--|------|
| Commonwealth Land: | None |
| Commonwealth Heritage Places: | None |
| Listed Marine Species: | 19 |
| Whales and Other Cetaceans: | None |
| Critical Habitats: | None |
| Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial: | None |
| Australian Marine Parks: | None |

Extra Information

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

| | |
|--|------|
| State and Territory Reserves: | None |
| Regional Forest Agreements: | None |
| Invasive Species: | 15 |
| Nationally Important Wetlands: | None |
| Key Ecological Features (Marine) | None |

Details

Matters of National Environmental Significance

| Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar) | | [Resource Information] |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| Name | | Proximity |
| Banrock station wetland complex | | 1300 - 1400km |
| Narran lake nature reserve | | 500 - 600km upstream |
| Riverland | | 1200 - 1300km |
| The coorong, and lakes alexandrina and albert wetland | | 1500 - 1600km |

| Listed Threatened Ecological Communities | [Resource Information] |
|--|--------------------------|
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For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are derived from recovery plans, State vegetation maps, remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

| Name | Status | Type of Presence |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Brigalow (Acacia harpophylla dominant and co-dominant) | Endangered | Community known to occur within area |
| Coolibah - Black Box Woodlands of the Darling Riverine Plains and the Brigalow Belt South Bioregions | Endangered | Community may occur within area |
| Natural grasslands on basalt and fine-textured alluvial plains of northern New South Wales and southern Queensland | Critically Endangered | Community likely to occur within area |
| Poplar Box Grassy Woodland on Alluvial Plains | Endangered | Community likely to occur within area |
| Semi-evergreen vine thickets of the Brigalow Belt (North and South) and Nandewar Bioregions | Endangered | Community likely to occur within area |
| Weeping Myall Woodlands | Endangered | Community likely to occur within area |
| White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland | Critically Endangered | Community may occur within area |

| Listed Threatened Species | [Resource Information] |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
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| Name | Status | Type of Presence |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| Birds | | |
| 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 |
| Geophaps scripta scripta Squatter Pigeon (southern) [64440] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Grantiella picta Painted Honeyeater [470] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail [682] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe [77037] | Endangered | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |

| Name | Status | Type of Presence |
|---|-----------------------|--|
| Turnix melanogaster Black-breasted Button-quail [923] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Mammals | | |
| Chalinolobus dwyeri Large-eared Pied Bat, Large Pied Bat [183] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Dasyurus hallucatus Northern Quoll, Digul [Gogo-Yimidir], Wijingadda [Dambimangari], Wiminji [Martu] [331] | Endangered | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Nyctophilus corbeni Corben's Long-eared Bat, South-eastern Long-eared Bat [83395] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Petauroides volans Greater Glider [254] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Phascolarctos cinereus (combined populations of Qld, NSW and the ACT) Koala (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory) [85104] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat known to occur within area |
| Pteropus poliocephalus Grey-headed Flying-fox [186] | Vulnerable | Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area |
| Plants | | |
| Acacia grandifolia [3566] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Arthraxon hispidus Hairy-joint Grass [9338] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Cadellia pentastylis Ooline [9828] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Denhamia parvifolia Small-leaved Denhamia [18106] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat known to occur within area |
| Dichanthium setosum bluegrass [14159] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Eucalyptus argophloia Queensland White Gum, Queensland Western White Gum, Lapunyah, Scrub Gum, White Gum [19748] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Haloragis exalata subsp. velutina Tall Velvet Sea-berry [16839] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Phebalium distans Mt Berryman Phebalium [81869] | Critically Endangered | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Thesium australe Austral Toadflax, Toadflax [15202] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Xerothamnella herbacea [4146] | Endangered | Species or species habitat known to occur within area |
| Reptiles | | |
| Anomalopus mackayi Five-clawed Worm-skink, Long-legged Worm- | Vulnerable | Species or species |

| Name | Status | Type of Presence |
|---|-----------------------|--|
| skink [25934] | | habitat may occur within area |
| Delma torquata Adorned Delma, Collared Delma [1656] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Egernia rugosa Yakka Skink [1420] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Elseya albagula Southern Snapping Turtle, White-throated Snapping Turtle [81648] | Critically Endangered | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Furina dunmalli Dunmall's Snake [59254] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area |

Listed Migratory Species

[[Resource Information](#)]

* Species is listed under a different scientific name on the EPBC Act - Threatened Species list.

| Name | Threatened | Type of Presence |
|------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Migratory Marine Birds | | |

| | | |
|---|--|--|
| Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678] | | 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 |
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|--|------------|--|
| Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail [682] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
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|--|--|--|
| Monarcha melanopsis Black-faced Monarch [609] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
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|---|--|--|
| Motacilla flava Yellow Wagtail [644] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
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| Myiagra cyanoleuca Satin Flycatcher [612] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
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|---|--|---|
| Rhipidura rufifrons Rufous Fantail [592] | | Species or species habitat known to occur within area |
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Migratory Wetlands Species

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|--|--|--|
| Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
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| Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
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|---|-----------------------|--|
| Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856] | Critically Endangered | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
|---|-----------------------|--|

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|--|--|--|
| Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
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|--|--|--|
| Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
|--|--|--|

| Name | Threatened | Type of Presence |
|---|------------|--|
| Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |

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| Listed Marine Species | [Resource Information] | |
|--|--------------------------|--|
| * Species is listed under a different scientific name on the EPBC Act - Threatened Species list. | | |
| Name | Threatened | Type of Presence |
| Birds | | |
| Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Anseranas semipalmata Magpie Goose [978] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Ardea alba Great Egret, White Egret [59541] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Ardea ibis Cattle Egret [59542] | | 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 |
| Chrysococcyx osculans Black-eared Cuckoo [705] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area |

| Name | Threatened | Type of Presence |
|---|-------------|--|
| Haliaeetus leucogaster White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail [682] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater [670] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Monarcha melanopsis Black-faced Monarch [609] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Motacilla flava Yellow Wagtail [644] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area |
| Myiagra cyanoleuca Satin Flycatcher [612] | Endangered* | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Rhipidura rufifrons Rufous Fantail [592] | | Species or species habitat known to occur within area |
| Rostratula benghalensis (sensu lato) Painted Snipe [889] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
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Extra Information

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| Invasive Species | [Resource Information] |
|------------------|--------------------------|

Weeds reported here are the 20 species of national significance (WoNS), along with other introduced plants that are considered by the States and Territories to pose a particularly significant threat to biodiversity. The following feral animals are reported: Goat, Red Fox, Cat, Rabbit, Pig, Water Buffalo and Cane Toad. Maps from Landscape Health Project, National Land and Water Resouces Audit, 2001.

| Name | Status | Type of Presence |
|--|--------|--|
| Birds | | |
| Anas platyrhynchos Mallard [974] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Columba livia Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove, Domestic Pigeon [803] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Passer domesticus House Sparrow [405] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Sturnus vulgaris Common Starling [389] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Frogs | | |
| Rhinella marina Cane Toad [83218] | | Species or species habitat known to occur within area |

| Name | Status | Type of Presence |
|---|--------|--|
| Mammals | | |
| Canis lupus familiaris Domestic Dog [82654] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Felis catus Cat, House Cat, Domestic Cat [19] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Lepus capensis Brown Hare [127] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Oryctolagus cuniculus Rabbit, European Rabbit [128] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Rattus rattus Black Rat, Ship Rat [84] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Sus scrofa Pig [6] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Vulpes vulpes Red Fox, Fox [18] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Plants | | |
| Dolichandra unguis-cati Cat's Claw Vine, Yellow Trumpet Vine, Cat's Claw Creeper, Funnel Creeper [85119] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |
| Lantana camara Lantana, Common Lantana, Kamara Lantana, Large-leaf Lantana, Pink Flowered Lantana, Red Flowered Lantana, Red-Flowered Sage, White Sage, Wild Sage [10892] Opuntia spp. Prickly Pears [82753] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area |

Caveat

The information presented in this report has been provided by a range of data sources as acknowledged at the end of the report.

This report is designed to assist in identifying the locations of places which may be relevant in determining obligations under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. It holds mapped locations of World and National Heritage properties, Wetlands of International and National Importance, Commonwealth and State/Territory reserves, listed threatened, migratory and marine species and listed threatened ecological communities. Mapping of Commonwealth land is not complete at this stage. Maps have been collated from a range of sources at various resolutions.

Not all species listed under the EPBC Act have been mapped (see below) and therefore a report is a general guide only. Where available data supports mapping, the type of presence that can be determined from the data is indicated in general terms. People using this information in making a referral may need to consider the qualifications below and may need to seek and consider other information sources.

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

Where very little information is available for 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 reliable distribution mapping methods are used to update these distributions as time permits.

Only selected species covered by the following provisions of the EPBC Act have been mapped:

- migratory and
- marine

The following species and ecological communities have not been mapped and do not appear in reports produced from this database:

- threatened species listed as extinct or considered as vagrants
- some species and ecological communities that have only recently been listed
- some terrestrial species that overfly the Commonwealth marine area
- migratory species that are very widespread, vagrant, or only occur in small numbers

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

- non-threatened seabirds which have only been mapped for recorded breeding sites
- seals which have only been mapped for breeding sites near the Australian continent

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

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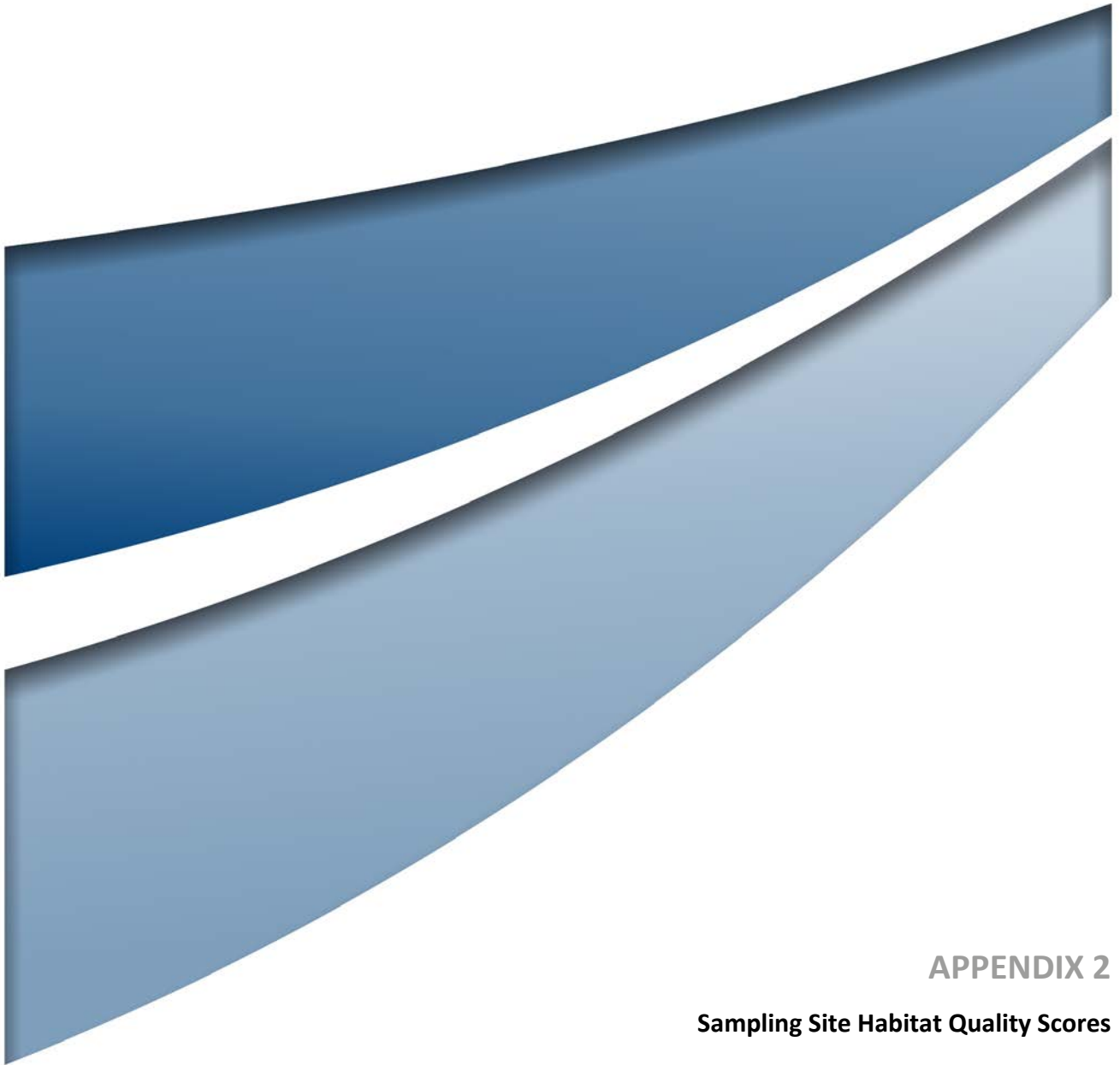
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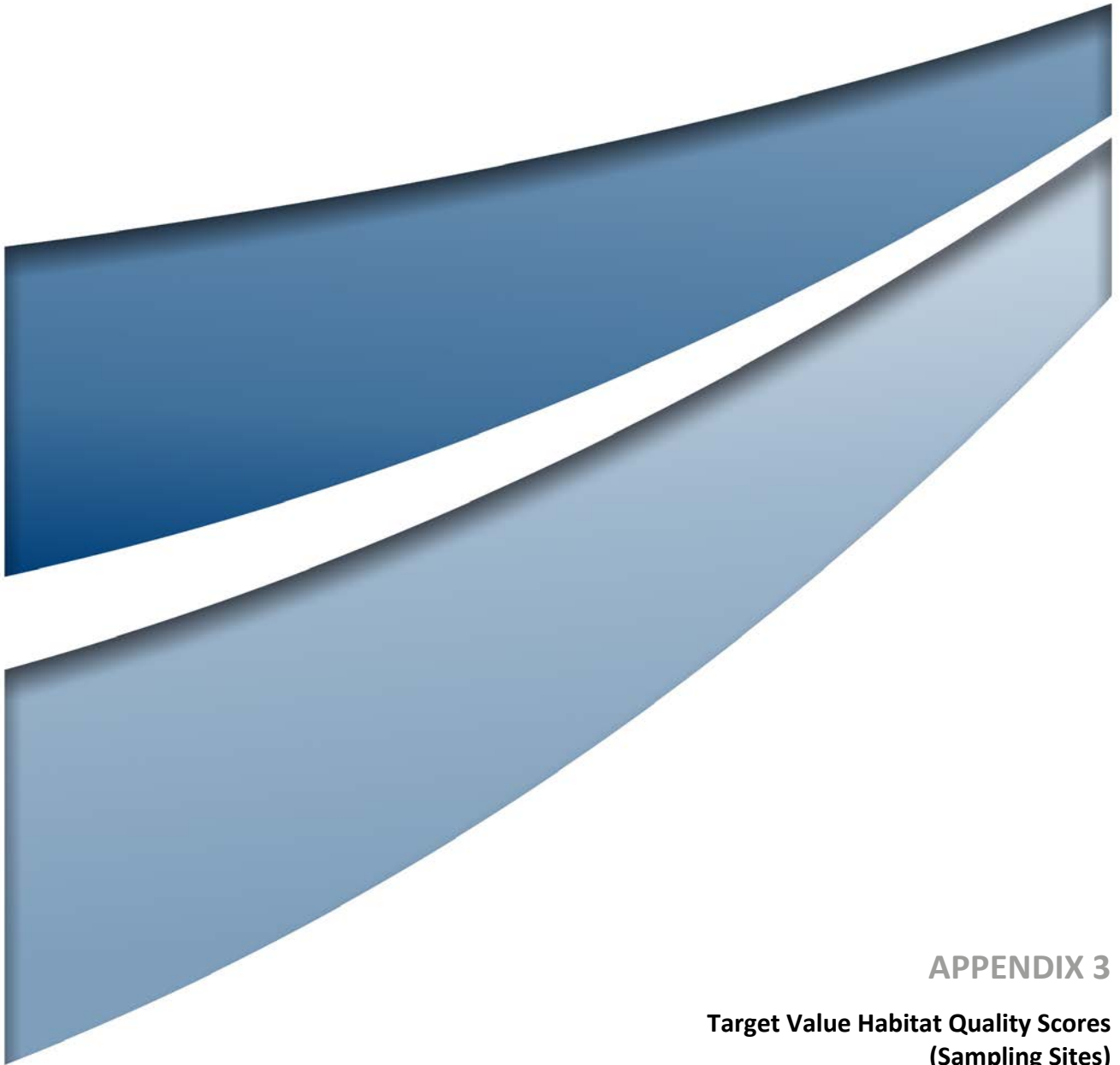
Sampling Site Habitat Quality Scores

| Attribute | Sampling Site | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | AU4 | AU2 | AU4 | AU11 | AU2 | AU7 | AU2 | AU2 | AU6 |
| | 11.7.6 | 11.12.1a | 11.7.6 | 11.4.3 | 11.12.1a | 11.5.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.5.1 |
| | B1 | B2 | B3 | B4 | B5 | B6 | B7 | B8 | B9 |
| Site Condition | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of large native trees | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Tree canopy height | 1.5 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 3.0 |
| Recruitment of woody perennial species | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 |
| Tree canopy cover | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 5.0 |
| Native shrub layer cover (%) | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Coarse woody debris | 2 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| Native tree species richness | 2.5 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Native shrub species richness | 0.0 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Native grass species richness | 2.5 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 5.0 |
| Native forbs/other species richness | 2.5 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 |
| Non-native plant cover (%) | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Native perennial grass cover (%) | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Organic litter cover (%) | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Total Site Condition Score | 43.5 | 55.5 | 46 | 50 | 49.5 | 46.5 | 42 | 42 | 58 |
| Site Context | | | | | | | | | |
| Size of patch (ha) | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 5 |
| Connectivity (%) | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Context | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Ecological corridors | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Total Site Context Score | 11 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 15 | 6 | 17 | 15 | 9 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | 54.5 | 64.5 | 53 | 61 | 64.5 | 52.5 | 59 | 57 | 67 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Habitat Quality Score /10 | 5.5 | 6.5 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 6.7 |

| Attribute | Sampling Site | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | AU2 | AU2 | AU1 | AU8 | AU8 | AU3 | AU4 | AU9 | AU9 |
| | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.5.20 | 11.5.20 | 11.7.6 | 11.7.6 | 11.3.2 | 11.3.2 |
| | B10 | B11 | B12 | B13 | B14 | B15 | B16 | B17 | B18 |
| Site Condition | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of large native trees | 5 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Tree canopy height | 4.0 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 |
| Recruitment of woody perennial species | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Tree canopy cover | 5.0 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 4.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 5.0 |
| Native shrub layer cover (%) | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Coarse woody debris | 2 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Native tree species richness | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Native shrub species richness | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Native grass species richness | 2.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Native forbs/other species richness | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Non-native plant cover (%) | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Native perennial grass cover (%) | 5 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Organic litter cover (%) | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Total Site Condition Score | 55.5 | 57 | 60.5 | 46 | 49 | 63.5 | 41 | 50.5 | 64.5 |
| Site Context | | | | | | | | | |
| Size of patch (ha) | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 2 |
| Connectivity (%) | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Context | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Ecological corridors | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Site Context Score | 13 | 11 | 9 | 13 | 9 | 16 | 7 | 9 | 2 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | 68.5 | 68 | 69.5 | 59 | 58 | 79.5 | 48 | 59.5 | 66.5 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Habitat Quality Score /10 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 8.0 | 4.8 | 6.0 | 6.7 |

| Attribute | Sampling Site | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | AU13 | AU13 | AU2 | AU2 | AU5 | AU11 | AU8 | AU2 | AU1 |
| | 11.3.25 | 11.3.25 | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.3.1 | 11.4.3 | 11.5.20 | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a |
| | B19 | B20 | B21 | B22 | B23 | B24 | B25 | B26 | B27 |
| Site Condition | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of large native trees | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Tree canopy height | 5.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Recruitment of woody perennial species | 5.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 |
| Tree canopy cover | 5.0 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 5.0 |
| Native shrub layer cover (%) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Coarse woody debris | 5 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Native tree species richness | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Native shrub species richness | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Native grass species richness | 2.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 5.0 |
| Native forbs/other species richness | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Non-native plant cover (%) | 10 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 10 |
| Native perennial grass cover (%) | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| Organic litter cover (%) | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| Total Site Condition Score | 60 | 55.5 | 51 | 49.5 | 56.5 | 45 | 61.5 | 51.5 | 67.5 |
| Site Context | | | | | | | | | |
| Size of patch (ha) | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Connectivity (%) | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Context | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Ecological corridors | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Total Site Context Score | 11 | 9 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 13 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | 71 | 64.5 | 64 | 60.5 | 58.5 | 56 | 74.5 | 66.5 | 80.5 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Habitat Quality Score /10 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 7.5 | 6.7 | 8.1 |

| Attribute | Sampling Site | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| | AU12 | AU10 | AU6 | AU6 | AU15 | AU15 | AU15 | AU15 | AU1 | AU15 |
| | 11.3.25 | 11.4.3 | 11.5.1 | 11.5.1 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.1 | 11.12.3 |
| | B30 | B31 | B32 | B33 | B34 | B35 | B36 | B37 | B38 | B40 |
| Site Condition | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of large native trees | 15 | 15 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Tree canopy height | 5 | 5 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Recruitment of woody perennial | 5 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| Tree canopy cover | 3 | 5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4 | 2.5 |
| Native shrub layer cover (%) | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Coarse woody debris | 5 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Native tree species richness | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2.5 | 5 | 5 | 2.5 | 5 | 5 |
| Native shrub species richness | 2.5 | 2.5 | 5 | 5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 5 | 2.5 |
| Native grass species richness | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 5 | 2.5 |
| Native forbs/other species richness | 0 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 5 | 2.5 |
| Non-native plant cover (%) | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| Native perennial grass cover (%) | 0 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Organic litter cover (%) | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| Total Site Condition Score | 56 | 63.5 | 50.5 | 58.5 | 44.5 | 45.5 | 44 | 36.5 | 60 | 47 |
| Site Context | | | | | | | | | | |
| Size of patch (ha) | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 7 |
| Connectivity (%) | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Context | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| Ecological corridors | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Site Context Score | 19 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 17 | 17 | 13 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | 75 | 72.5 | 61.5 | 69.5 | 57.5 | 56.5 | 55 | 53.5 | 77 | 60 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Habitat Quality Score /10 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 6.2 | 7 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 7.7 | 6 |



APPENDIX 3

Target Value Habitat Quality Scores (Sampling Sites)

***Adclarkia cameroni* (Brigalow woodland snail)**

| Attribute | Maximum Score | Sampling Site | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | AU11 | AU5 | AU11 | AU10 |
| | | 11.4.3 | 11.3.1 | 11.4.3 | 11.4.3 |
| | | B4 | B23 | B24 | B31 |
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 | 10 | 20 | 5 | 20 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 | 10 | 18.3 | 6.7 | 16.7 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 | 5 | 15 | 5 | 25 |
| Absence of threats | 25 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| Total | | 31 | 57.3 | 22.7 | 65.7 |
| Site Condition Score | 80 | 50 | 56.5 | 45 | 63.5 |
| Site Context Score | 20 | 11 | 2 | 11 | 9 |
| Species Index Score | 100 | 31 | 57.3 | 22.7 | 65.7 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | | 92 | 115.8 | 78.7 | 138.2 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Habitat Quality Score/10 | | 4.6 | 5.8 | 3.9 | 6.9 |

***Furina dunmalli* (Dunmall's snake)**

| Attribute | Maximum Score | Sampling Site | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | AU4 | AU4 | AU11 | AU7 | AU6 | AU8 | AU8 | AU3 |
| | | 11.7.6 | 11.7.6 | 11.4.3 | 11.5.1a | 11.5.1 | 11.5.20 | 11.5.20 | 11.7.6 |
| | | B1 | B3 | B4 | B6 | B9 | B13 | B14 | B15 |
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 | 16.3 | 13.8 | 8.8 | 13.8 | 16.3 | 8.8 | 13.8 | 13.8 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 | 18.3 | 15 | 8.3 | 15 | 18.3 | 6.7 | 15 | 15 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 | 18.3 | 15 | 8.3 | 15 | 18.3 | 6.7 | 15 | 15 |
| Absence of threats | 25 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 8 |
| Total | | 60.9 | 49.8 | 31.4 | 47.8 | 58.9 | 28.1 | 49.8 | 51.8 |
| Site Condition Score | 80 | 43.5 | 46 | 50 | 46.5 | 58 | 46 | 49 | 63.5 |
| Site Context Score | 20 | 11 | 7 | 11 | 6 | 9 | 13 | 9 | 16 |
| Species Index Score | 100 | 60.9 | 49.8 | 31.4 | 47.8 | 58.9 | 28.1 | 49.8 | 51.8 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | | 115.4 | 102.8 | 92.4 | 100.3 | 125.9 | 87.1 | 107.8 | 131.3 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Habitat Quality Score /10 | | 5.8 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 6.3 | 4.4 | 5.4 | 6.6 |

***Furina dunmalli* (Dunmall's snake) (continued)**

| Attribute | Maximum Score | Sampling Site | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | AU4 | AU5 | AU11 | AU8 | AU10 | AU6 | AU6 |
| | | 11.7.6 | 11.3.1 | 11.4.3 | 11.5.20 | 11.4.3 | 11.5.1 | 11.5.1 |
| | | B16 | B23 | B24 | B25 | B31 | B32 | B33 |
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 | 13.8 | 13.8 | 6.25 | 16.25 | 15 | 13.8 | 16.3 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 | 15 | 15 | 5 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 18.3 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 | 15 | 15 | 5 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 18.3 |
| Absence of threats | 25 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| Total | | 49.8 | 47.8 | 22.3 | 52.3 | 49 | 49.8 | 58.9 |
| Site Condition Score | 80 | 41 | 56.5 | 45 | 61.5 | 63.5 | 50.5 | 58.5 |
| Site Context Score | 20 | 7 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 9 | 11 | 11 |
| Species Index Score | 100 | 49.8 | 47.8 | 22.3 | 52.3 | 49 | 49.8 | 58.9 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | | 97.8 | 106.3 | 78.3 | 126.8 | 121.5 | 111.3 | 128.4 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Habitat Quality Score /10 | | 4.9 | 5.3 | 3.9 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 6.4 |

Grantiella picta (painted honeyeater)

| Attribute | Maximum Score | Sampling Site | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| | | AU4 | AU2 | AU4 | AU11 | AU2 | AU7 | AU2 | AU2 | AU6 | AU2 |
| | | 11.7.6 | 11.12.1a | 11.7.6 | 11.4.3 | 11.12.1a | 11.5.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.5.1 | 11.12.1a |
| | | B1 | B2 | B3 | B4 | B5 | B6 | B7 | B8 | B9 | B10 |
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 10 | 15 | 15 | 12.5 | 20 | 10 | 15 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 10 | 15 | 15 | 12.5 | 20 | 10 | 15 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 | 25 | 22.5 | 17.5 | 15 | 20 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 15 | 17.5 |
| Absence of threats | 25 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Total | | 68 | 65.5 | 58.5 | 41 | 56 | 51.5 | 48.5 | 63.5 | 41 | 53.5 |
| Site Condition Score | 80 | 43.5 | 55.5 | 46.0 | 50 | 49.5 | 46.5 | 42 | 42 | 58 | 55.5 |
| Site Context Score | 20 | 11 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 15 | 6 | 17 | 15 | 9 | 13 |
| Species Index Score | 100 | 68 | 65.5 | 58.5 | 41 | 56 | 51.5 | 48.5 | 63.5 | 41 | 53.5 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | | 122.5 | 130 | 111.5 | 102 | 120.5 | 104 | 107.5 | 120.5 | 108 | 122 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Habitat Quality Score/10 | | 6.1 | 6.5 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 6.1 |

***Grantiella picta* (painted honeyeater) (continued)**

| Attribute | Maximum Score | Sampling Site | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | AU2 | AU1 | AU3 | AU4 | AU2 | AU2 | AU11 | AU2 | AU1 | AU10 |
| | | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.7.6 | 11.7.6 | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.4.3 | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.4.3 |
| | | B11 | B12 | B15 | B16 | B21 | B22 | B24 | B26 | B27 | B31 |
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 | 15 | 15 | 20 | 10 | 12.5 | 10 | 17.5 | 7.5 | 10 | 20 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 | 15 | 15 | 20 | 10 | 12.5 | 10 | 17.5 | 7.5 | 10 | 20 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 25 | 12.5 | 17.5 | 12.5 | 22.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 |
| Absence of threats | 25 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 4 |
| Total | | 55.5 | 53.5 | 73 | 38.5 | 50.5 | 40.5 | 63.5 | 38.5 | 47.5 | 61.5 |
| Site Condition Score | 80 | 57 | 60.5 | 63.5 | 41 | 51 | 49.5 | 45 | 51.5 | 67.5 | 63.5 |
| Site Context Score | 20 | 11 | 9 | 16 | 7 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 15 | 13 | 9 |
| Species Index Score | 100 | 55.5 | 53.5 | 73 | 38.5 | 50.5 | 40.5 | 63.5 | 38.5 | 47.5 | 61.5 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | | 123.5 | 123 | 152.5 | 86.5 | 114.5 | 101 | 119.5 | 105 | 128 | 134 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Habitat Quality Score/10 | | 6.2 | 6.2 | 7.6 | 4.3 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 6.7 |

***Grantiella picta* (painted honeyeater) (continued)**

| Attribute | Maximum Score | Sampling Site | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| | | AU6 | AU6 | AU15 | AU15 | AU15 | AU15 | AU1 | AU15 |
| | | 11.5.1 | 11.5.1 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.1a | 11.12.3 |
| | | B32 | B33 | B34 | B35 | B36 | B37 | B38 | B40 |
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 | 5 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7.5 | 5 | 5 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 | 5 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7.5 | 5 | 5 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 | 10 | 20 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 15 | 12.5 | 10 |
| Absence of threats | 25 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 6 |
| Total | | 26 | 56 | 28.5 | 28.5 | 28.5 | 38 | 32.5 | 26 |
| Site Condition Score | 80 | 50.5 | 58.5 | 44.5 | 45.5 | 44 | 36.5 | 60 | 47 |
| Site Context Score | 20 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 17 | 17 | 13 |
| Species Index Score | 100 | 26 | 56 | 28.5 | 28.5 | 28.5 | 38 | 32.5 | 26 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | | 87.5 | 125.5 | 86 | 85 | 83.5 | 91.5 | 109.5 | 86 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Habitat Quality Score/10 | | 4.4 | 6.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 4.3 |

***Petauroides volans* (greater glider)**

| Attribute | Maximum Score | Sampling Site | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | AU4 | AU2 | AU4 | AU2 | AU7 | AU2 | AU2 | AU6 | AU2 |
| | | 11.7.6 | 11.12.1a | 11.7.6 | 11.12.1a | 11.5.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.5.1 | 11.12.1a |
| | | B1 | B2 | B3 | B5 | B6 | B7 | B8 | B9 | B10 |
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 15 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 | 10 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 12.5 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.5 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 | 17.5 | 15 | 10 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 10 |
| Absence of threats | 25 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Total | | 48 | 43 | 36 | 38.5 | 44 | 38.5 | 38.5 | 38.5 | 36 |
| Site Condition Score | 80 | 43.5 | 55.5 | 46 | 49.5 | 46.5 | 42 | 42 | 58 | 55.5 |
| Site Context Score | 20 | 11 | 9 | 7 | 15 | 6 | 17 | 15 | 9 | 13 |
| Species Index Score | 100 | 48 | 43 | 36 | 38.5 | 44 | 38.5 | 38.5 | 38.5 | 36 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | | 102.5 | 107.5 | 89 | 103 | 96.5 | 97.5 | 95.5 | 105.5 | 104.5 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Habitat Quality Score/10 | | 5.1 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.2 |

***Petauroides volans* (greater glider) (continued)**

| Attribute | Maximum Score | Sampling Site | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| | | AU2 | AU1 | AU8 | AU8 | AU3 | AU4 | AU9 | AU9 | AU13 |
| | | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.5.20 | 11.5.20 | 11.7.6 | 11.7.6 | 11.3.2 | 11.3.2 | 11.3.25 |
| | | B11 | B12 | B13 | B14 | B15 | B16 | B17 | B18 | B19 |
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 | 15 | 17.5 | 15 | 10 | 20 | 7.5 | 10 | 15 | 15 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 | 7.5 | 12.5 | 10 | 5 | 17.5 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 10 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 | 10 | 12.5 | 15 | 12.5 | 25 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 15 | 20 |
| Absence of threats | 25 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 8 |
| Total | | 40.5 | 48.5 | 46 | 33.5 | 70.5 | 31 | 33.5 | 46 | 53 |
| Site Condition Score | 80 | 57 | 60.5 | 46 | 49 | 63.5 | 41 | 50.5 | 64.5 | 60 |
| Site Context Score | 20 | 11 | 9 | 13 | 9 | 16 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 11 |
| Species Index Score | 100 | 40.5 | 48.5 | 46 | 33.5 | 70.5 | 31 | 33.5 | 46 | 53 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | | 108.5 | 118 | 105 | 91.5 | 150 | 79 | 93 | 112.5 | 124 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Habitat Quality Score/10 | | 5.4 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 7.5 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 6.2 |

***Petauroides volans* (greater glider) (continued)**

| Attribute | Maximum Score | Sampling Site | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | AU13 | AU2 | AU2 | AU8 | AU2 | AU1 | AU12 | AU6 |
| | | 11.3.25 | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.5.20 | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.3.25 | 11.5.1 |
| | | B20 | B21 | B22 | B25 | B26 | B27 | B30 | B32 |
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 | 15 | 15 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 15 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 22.5 | 10 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 | 17.5 | 15 | 12.5 | 15 | 12.5 | 10 | 25 | 15 |
| Absence of threats | 25 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 4 |
| Total | | 48 | 45.5 | 35.5 | 38 | 35.5 | 36 | 75.5 | 44 |
| Site Condition Score | 80 | 55.5 | 51 | 49.5 | 61.5 | 51.5 | 67.5 | 56 | 50.5 |
| Site Context Score | 20 | 9 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 13 | 19 | 11 |
| Species Index Score | 100 | 48 | 45.5 | 35.5 | 38 | 35.5 | 36 | 75.5 | 44 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | | 112.5 | 109.5 | 96 | 112.5 | 102 | 116.5 | 150.5 | 105.5 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Habitat Quality Score/10 | | 5.6 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 7.5 | 5.3 |

***Petauroides volans* (greater glider) (continued)**

| Attribute | Maximum Score | Sampling Site | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| | | AU6 | AU15 | AU15 | AU15 | AU15 | AU1 | AU15 |
| | | 11.5.1 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.1a | 11.12.3 |
| | | B33 | B34 | B35 | B36 | B37 | B38 | B40 |
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 | 22.5 | 10 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 10 | 10 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7.5 | 5 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 | 20 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 10 |
| Absence of threats | 25 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 4 |
| Total | | 61.5 | 31.5 | 34 | 34 | 38 | 38 | 29 |
| Site Condition Score | 80 | 58.5 | 44.5 | 45.5 | 44 | 36.5 | 60 | 47 |
| Site Context Score | 20 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 17 | 17 | 13 |
| Species Index Score | 100 | 61.5 | 31.5 | 34 | 34 | 38 | 38 | 29 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | | 131 | 89 | 90.5 | 89 | 91.5 | 115 | 89 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Habitat Quality Score/10 | | 6.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 5.8 | 4.5 |

***Phascolarctos cinereus* (koala)**

| Attribute | Maximum Score | Sampling Site | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | AU4 | AU2 | AU4 | AU2 | AU7 | AU2 | AU2 | AU6 |
| | | 11.7.6 | 11.12.1a | 11.7.6 | 11.12.1a | 11.5.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.5.1 |
| | | B1 | B2 | B3 | B5 | B6 | B7 | B8 | B9 |
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 15 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 | 18.3 | 20 | 13.3 | 20 | 16.7 | 16.7 | 16.7 | 16.7 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 | 17.5 | 15 | 10 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 |
| Absence of threats | 25 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Total | | 54.3 | 53.5 | 41.8 | 51 | 48.2 | 47.7 | 47.7 | 47.7 |
| Site Condition Score | 80 | 43.5 | 55.5 | 46 | 49.5 | 46.5 | 42 | 42 | 58 |
| Site Context Score | 20 | 11 | 9 | 7 | 15 | 6 | 17 | 15 | 9 |
| Species Index Score | 100 | 54.3 | 53.5 | 41.8 | 51 | 48.2 | 47.7 | 47.7 | 47.7 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | | 108.8 | 118 | 94.8 | 115.5 | 100.7 | 106.7 | 104.7 | 114.7 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Habitat Quality Score/10 | | 5.4 | 5.9 | 4.7 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.7 |

***Phascolarctos cinereus* (koala) (continued)**

| Attribute | Maximum Score | Sampling Site | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| | | AU2 | AU2 | AU1 | AU8 | AU8 | AU3 | AU4 | AU9 |
| | | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.5.20 | 11.5.20 | 11.7.6 | 11.7.6 | 11.3.2 |
| | | B10 | B11 | B12 | B13 | B14 | B15 | B16 | B17 |
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 | 12.5 | 15 | 17.5 | 15 | 10 | 20 | 7.5 | 10 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 | 18.3 | 18.3 | 21.7 | 10 | 13.3 | 20 | 10 | 15 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 | 10 | 10 | 12.5 | 15 | 12.5 | 25 | 12.5 | 12.5 |
| Absence of threats | 25 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Total | | 46.8 | 49.3 | 57.7 | 46 | 41.8 | 71 | 36 | 43.5 |
| Site Condition Score | 80 | 55.5 | 57 | 60.5 | 46 | 49 | 63.5 | 41 | 50.5 |
| Site Context Score | 20 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 13 | 9 | 16 | 7 | 9 |
| Species Index Score | 100 | 46.8 | 49.3 | 57.7 | 46 | 41.8 | 71 | 36 | 43.5 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | | 115.3 | 117.3 | 127.2 | 105 | 99.8 | 150.5 | 84 | 103 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Habitat Quality Score/10 | | 5.8 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 7.5 | 4.2 | 5.2 |

***Phascolarctos cinereus* (koala) (continued)**

| Attribute | Maximum Score | Sampling Site | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | AU9 | AU13 | AU13 | AU2 | AU2 | AU8 | AU2 | AU1 | AU12 |
| | | 11.3.2 | 11.3.25 | 11.3.25 | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.5.20 | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.3.25 |
| | | B18 | B19 | B20 | B21 | B22 | B25 | B26 | B27 | B30 |
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 20 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 | 16.7 | 15 | 18.3 | 16.7 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 18.3 | 15 | 21.7 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 | 15 | 20 | 17.5 | 15 | 12.5 | 15 | 12.5 | 10 | 25 |
| Absence of threats | 25 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 8 |
| Total | | 52.7 | 58 | 58.8 | 52.7 | 40.2 | 42.7 | 48.8 | 41 | 74.7 |
| Site Condition Score | 80 | 64.5 | 60 | 55.5 | 51 | 49.5 | 61.5 | 51.5 | 67.5 | 56 |
| Site Context Score | 20 | 2 | 11 | 9 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 13 | 19 |
| Species Index Score | 100 | 52.7 | 58 | 58.8 | 52.7 | 40.2 | 42.7 | 48.8 | 41 | 74.7 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | | 119.2 | 129 | 123.3 | 116.7 | 100.7 | 117.2 | 115.3 | 121.5 | 149.7 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Habitat Quality Score/10 | | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 7.5 |

***Phascolarctos cinereus* (koala) (continued)**

| Attribute | Maximum Score | Sampling Site | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | AU6 | AU6 | AU15 | AU15 | AU15 | AU15 | AU1 | AU15 |
| | | 11.5.1 | 11.5.1 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.1a | 11.12.3 |
| | | B32 | B33 | B34 | B35 | B36 | B37 | B38 | B40 |
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 | 15 | 22.5 | 10 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 15 | 10 | 10 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 | 13.3 | 22.5 | 11.7 | 16.7 | 13.3 | 11.7 | 15 | 16.7 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 | 12.5 | 17.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 15 | 12.5 | 10 |
| Absence of threats | 25 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 6 |
| Total | | 46.8 | 68.5 | 40.2 | 47.7 | 46.3 | 49.7 | 43.5 | 42.7 |
| Site Condition Score | 80 | 50.5 | 58.5 | 44.5 | 45.5 | 44 | 36.5 | 60 | 47 |
| Site Context Score | 20 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 17 | 17 | 13 |
| Species Index Score | 100 | 46.8 | 68.5 | 40.2 | 47.7 | 46.3 | 49.7 | 43.5 | 42.7 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | | 108.3 | 138 | 97.7 | 104.2 | 101.3 | 103.2 | 120.5 | 102.7 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Habitat Quality Score/10 | | 5.4 | 6.9 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 5.1 |

***Nyctophilus corbeni* (south-eastern long-eared bat)**

| Attribute | Maximum Score | Sampling Site | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| | | AU4 | AU2 | AU4 | AU11 | AU2 | AU7 | AU2 | AU2 | AU6 |
| | | 11.7.6 | 11.12.1a | 11.7.6 | 11.4.3 | 11.12.1a | 11.5.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.5.1 |
| | | B1 | B2 | B3 | B4 | B5 | B6 | B7 | B8 | B9 |
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 | 20 | 18.3 | 11.7 | 10 | 25 | 11.7 | 18.3 | 18.3 | 21.7 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 | 15 | 15 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 18.3 | 13.3 | 16.7 | 16.7 | 15 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 20 | 10 | 20 | 20 | 12.5 |
| Absence of threats | 25 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Total | | 60.5 | 58.8 | 46.8 | 45.2 | 69.3 | 39 | 61 | 61 | 55.2 |
| Site Condition Score | 80 | 43.5 | 55.5 | 46 | 50 | 49.5 | 46.5 | 42 | 42 | 58 |
| Site Context Score | 20 | 11 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 15 | 6 | 17 | 15 | 9 |
| Species Index Score | 100 | 60.5 | 58.8 | 46.8 | 45.2 | 69.3 | 39 | 61 | 61 | 55.2 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | | 115 | 123.3 | 99.8 | 106.2 | 133.8 | 91.5 | 120 | 118 | 122.2 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Habitat Quality Score/10 | | 5.8 | 6.2 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 6.7 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.1 |

***Nyctophilus corbeni* (south-eastern long-eared bat)**

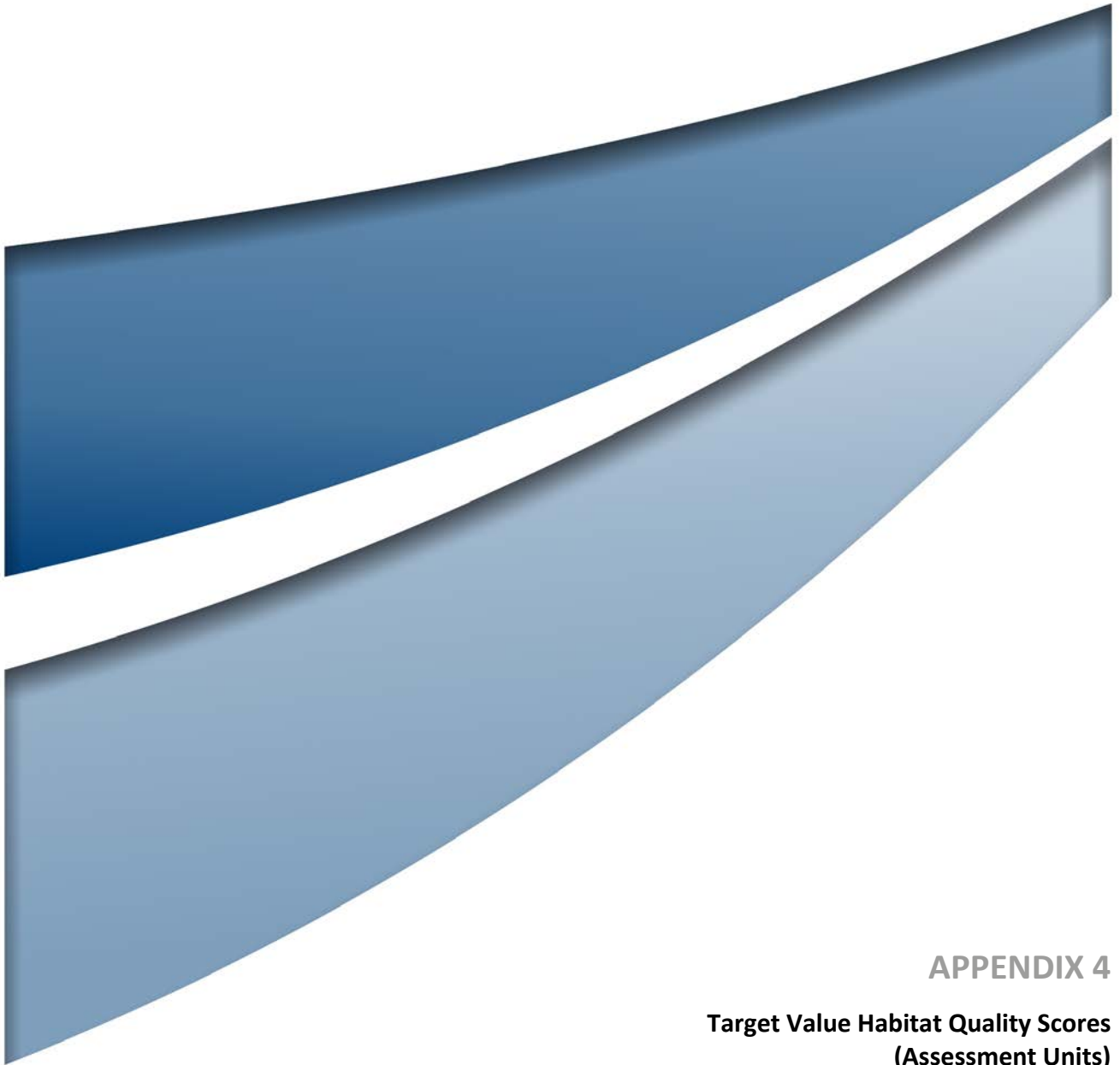
| Attribute | Maximum Score | Sampling Site | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | AU2 | AU2 | AU1 | AU8 | AU8 | AU3 | AU4 | AU9 | AU9 |
| | | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.5.20 | 11.5.20 | 11.7.6 | 11.7.6 | 11.3.2 | 11.3.2 |
| | | B10 | B11 | B12 | B13 | B14 | B15 | B16 | B17 | B18 |
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 | 20 | 16.7 | 20 | 11.7 | 15 | 10 | 16.7 | 20 | 10 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 | 15 | 16.7 | 15 | 8.3 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 13.3 | 11.7 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 | 15 | 15 | 10 | 15 | 15 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 15 | 15 |
| Absence of threats | 25 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Total | | 56 | 54.3 | 53 | 41 | 47.7 | 45.2 | 51.8 | 54.3 | 42.7 |
| Site Condition Score | 80 | 55.5 | 57 | 60.5 | 46 | 49 | 63.5 | 41 | 50.5 | 64.5 |
| Site Context Score | 20 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 13 | 9 | 16 | 7 | 9 | 2 |
| Species Index Score | 100 | 56 | 54.3 | 53 | 41 | 47.7 | 45.2 | 51.8 | 54.3 | 42.7 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | | 124.5 | 122.3 | 122.5 | 100 | 105.7 | 124.7 | 99.8 | 113.8 | 109.2 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Habitat Quality Score/10 | | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 5.5 |

***Nyctophilus corbeni* (south-eastern long-eared bat) (continued)**

| Attribute | Maximum Score | Sampling Site | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| | | AU13 | AU13 | AU2 | AU2 | AU11 | AU8 | AU2 | AU1 | AU12 |
| | | 11.3.25 | 11.3.25 | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.4.3 | 11.5.20 | 11.12.1a | 11.12.1a | 11.3.25 |
| | | B19 | B20 | B21 | B22 | B24 | B25 | B26 | B27 | B30 |
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 | 8.3 | 20 | 15 | 16.7 | 8.3 | 10 | 25 | 20 | 15 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 | 8.3 | 13.3 | 11.7 | 10 | 10 | 6.7 | 18.3 | 16.7 | 20 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 22.5 | 17.5 | 25 |
| Absence of threats | 25 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 8 |
| Total | | 42.2 | 58.8 | 52.2 | 52.2 | 41.8 | 42.2 | 73.8 | 60.2 | 68 |
| Site Condition Score | 80 | 60 | 55.5 | 51 | 49.5 | 45 | 61.5 | 51.5 | 67.5 | 56 |
| Site Context Score | 20 | 11 | 9 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 13 | 19 |
| Species Index Score | 100 | 42.2 | 58.8 | 52.2 | 52.2 | 41.8 | 42.2 | 73.8 | 60.2 | 68 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | | 113.2 | 123.3 | 116.2 | 112.7 | 97.8 | 116.7 | 140.3 | 140.7 | 143 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Habitat Quality Score/10 | | 5.7 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.2 |

***Nyctophilus corbeni* (south-eastern long-eared bat) (continued)**

| Attribute | Maximum Score | Sampling Site | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | AU10 | AU6 | AU6 | AU15 | AU15 | AU15 | AU15 | AU1 | AU15 |
| | | 11.4.3 | 11.5.1 | 11.5.1 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.3 | 11.12.1a | 11.12.3 |
| | | B31 | B32 | B33 | B34 | B35 | B36 | B37 | B38 | B40 |
| Quality and availability of food and habitat required for foraging | 25 | 6.7 | 13.3 | 16.7 | 18.3 | 18.3 | 18.3 | 13.3 | 21.7 | 11.7 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for shelter and breeding | 25 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 13.3 | 11.7 | 15 | 11.7 | 10 | 16.7 | 11.7 |
| Quality and availability of habitat required for mobility | 25 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 15 | 22.5 | 12.5 |
| Absence of threats | 25 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 6 |
| Total | | 31.5 | 40.2 | 48.5 | 53.5 | 56.8 | 53.5 | 46.3 | 66.8 | 41.8 |
| Site Condition Score | 80 | 63.5 | 50.5 | 58.5 | 44.5 | 45.5 | 44 | 36.5 | 60 | 47 |
| Site Context Score | 20 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 17 | 17 | 13 |
| Species Index Score | 100 | 31.5 | 40.2 | 48.5 | 53.5 | 56.8 | 53.5 | 46.3 | 66.8 | 41.8 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Measured) | | 104 | 101.7 | 118 | 111 | 113.3 | 108.5 | 99.8 | 143.8 | 101.8 |
| Habitat Quality Score (Maximum) | | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Habitat Quality Score/10 | | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 7.2 | 5.1 |



APPENDIX 4

Target Value Habitat Quality Scores (Assessment Units)

| Brigalow (<i>Acacia harpophylla</i>) dominant and co-dominant TEC | AU5 | AU10 | AU11 |
|---|------------|------|------|
| Average Habitat Quality Score | 5.9 | 7.3 | 5.9 |
| Area-Weighted Habitat Quality Score | 1.3 | 0.6 | 3.3 |
| Total | 5.2 | | |

| <i>Adclarkia cameroni</i> | AU5 | AU10 | AU11 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------|------|
| Average Habitat Quality Score | 5.8 | 6.9 | 4.3 |
| Area-Weighted Habitat Quality Score | 1.3 | 0.6 | 3.3 |
| Total | 5.2 | | |

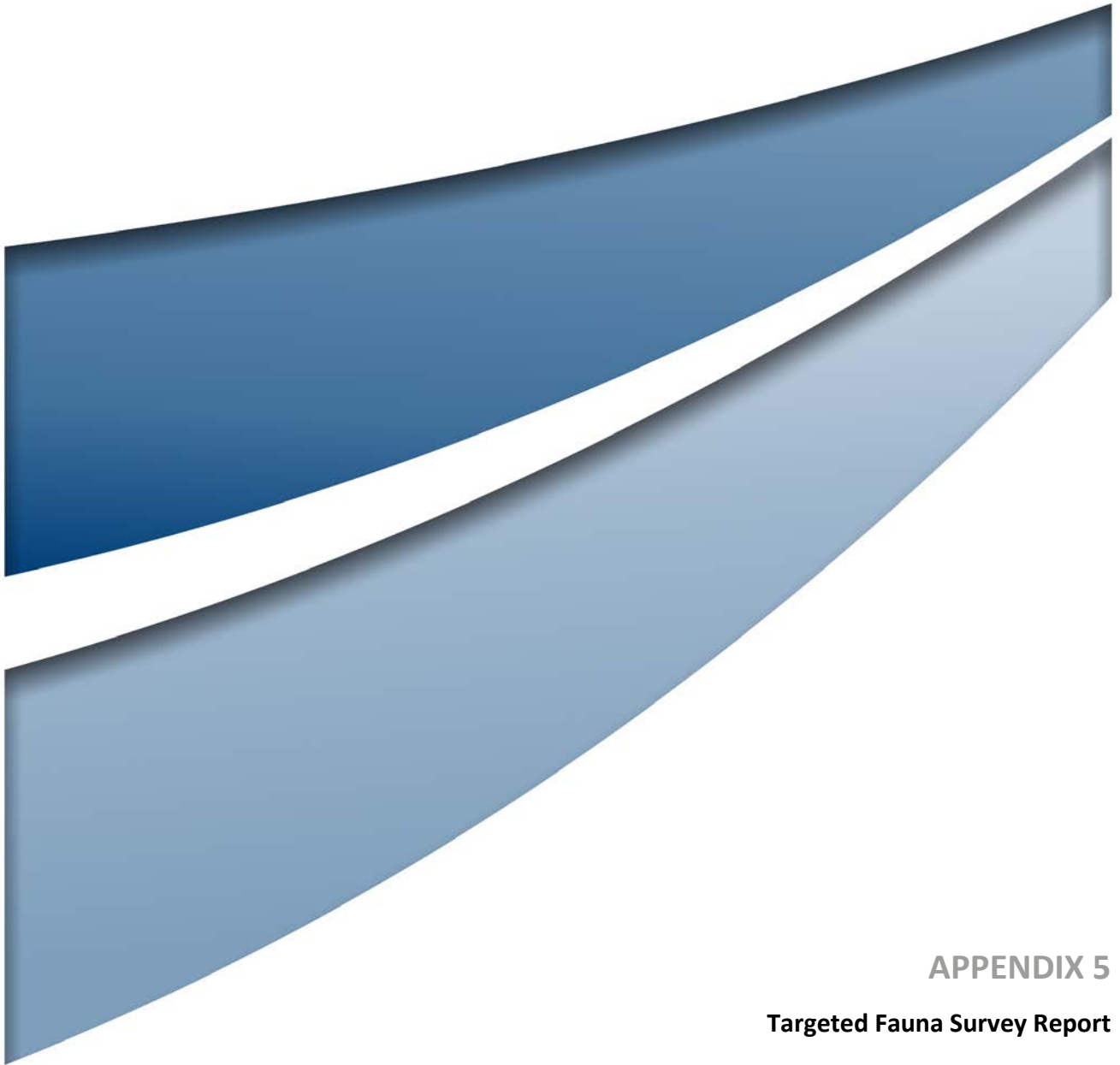
| <i>Furina dunmalli</i> | AU3 | AU4 | AU5 | AU6 | AU7 | AU8 | AU10 | AU11 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Average Habitat Quality Score | 6.6 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 4.3 |
| Area-Weighted Habitat Quality Score | 0.4 | 1.8 | 0.23 | 1.13 | 0.21 | 0.90 | 0.10 | 0.63 |
| Total | 5.5 | | | | | | | |

| <i>Grantiella picta</i> | AU1 | AU2 | AU3 | AU4 | AU6 | AU7 | AU10 | AU11 | AU15 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|
| Average Habitat Quality Score | 6.0 | 5.8 | 7.6 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 6.7 | 5.5 | 4.3 |
| Area-Weighted Habitat Quality Score | 1.4 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Total | 5.7 | | | | | | | | |

| <i>Petauroides volans</i> | AU1 | AU2 | AU3 | AU4 | AU6 | AU7 | AU8 | AU9 | AU12 | AU13 | AU15 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|------|
| Average Habitat Quality Score | 5.8 | 5.1 | 7.5 | 4.5 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 7.5 | 5.9 | 4.5 |
| Area-Weighted Habitat Quality Score | 1.3 | 2.7 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.03 | 0.1 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Total | 4.9 | | | | | | | | | | |

| <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> | AU1 | AU2 | AU3 | AU4 | AU6 | AU7 | AU8 | AU9 | AU12 | AU13 | AU15 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|------|
| Average Habitat Quality Score | 6.2 | 5.6 | 7.5 | 4.8 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 7.5 | 6.3 | 5.1 |
| Area-Weighted Habitat Quality Score | 1.4 | 3.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.04 | 0.2 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Total | 5.7 | | | | | | | | | | |

| <i>Nyctophilus corbeni</i> | AU1 | AU2 | AU3 | AU4 | AU6 | AU7 | AU8 | AU9 | AU10 | AU11 | AU12 | AU13 | AU15 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Average Habitat Quality Score | 6.8 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 5.3 |
| Area-Weighted Habitat Quality Score | 1.5 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.03 | 0.2 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.1 | 0.04 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Total | 6.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |



APPENDIX 5

Targeted Fauna Survey Report



TARGETED FAUNA SURVEY REPORT

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1.0 Introduction

Umwelt (Australia) Pty Ltd (Umwelt) has been commissioned by Earthtrade Pty Ltd (Earthtrade) to undertake a targeted assessment of threatened fauna species potentially occurring within four land parcels located near Durong, Queensland (QLD) approximately 50 kilometres (km) north west of Kingaroy, Qld. This assessment seeks to support the identification of potentially suitable habitat for threatened fauna to be used for offsets. The species targeted in this assessment along with their relevant *Nature Conservation Act 1994* (NC Act) and *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) listing status are provided in **Table 1.1**.

Table 1.1 Target Threatened Species

| Common Name | Scientific Name | NC Act Status | EPBC Act Status |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Brigalow woodland snail | <i>Adclarkia cameroni</i> | Vulnerable | Endangered |
| Dunmall's snake | <i>Furina dunmalli</i> | Vulnerable | Vulnerable |
| Painted honeyeater | <i>Grantiella picta</i> | Vulnerable | Vulnerable |
| South-eastern long-eared bat | <i>Nyctophilus corbeni</i> | Vulnerable | Vulnerable |
| Koala | <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> | Vulnerable | Vulnerable |
| Greater Glider | <i>Petauroides volans</i> | Vulnerable | Vulnerable |

1.1 Study Area

The targeted assessment was conducted across four land parcels which have been provisionally identified by Earthtrade as being suitable for biodiversity offsets. The four land parcels are collectively known as 'Killara'. Two of these land parcels (15 BO94 and 16 BO94) are connected north to south while the remaining two are separated by approximately 25 km with the most western (36 BO175) bordering the Barakula State Forest and the Allies Creek State Forest.

Because of the geographical separation between the land parcels, two Study Areas are discussed herein as Study Area 1 and Study Area 2. The relevant Lot and Plan code for each Study Area is provided in **Table 1.2** below. The location of the Study Areas is provided in **Figure 1.1**.

Table 1.2 Study Area

| Study Area 1 | Study Area 2 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Land Parcels: 36BO175 | Land Parcels: 15BO94, 16BO94, 19BO94 |



FIGURE 1.1
Study Area

1.2 Scope of Works

The aim of the survey was to determine the status and extent of threatened species (including habitat) within the Study Areas. In achieving this aim, the following scope of works was undertaken:

- A desktop assessment, including an analysis of threatened fauna species records within the region
- Targeted surveys in accordance with the EPBC Survey Guidelines for Australia's Threatened Mammals (DSEWPaC, 2011) and the EPBC Act referral guidelines for the vulnerable koala (Department of the Environment, 2014) to determine the potential use of the Study Areas for offsets for these species
- Validation of fauna species habitat criteria outlined by AECOM (2018) and Habitat Quality Assessment (Umwelt 2020).

1.2.1 Offset Suitability Assessment

An Offset Suitability Assessment was completed within the Study Areas by AECOM in October, 2018 (AECOM, 2018). The findings of this assessment relevant to this study are summarised below.

- One koala scat was recorded within *Eucalyptus crebra* (narrow-leaved ironbark) woodland (11.12.1a) at the base of a *Corymbia citriodora* (spotted gum) within land parcel Study Area 2
- Based on fauna habitat criteria and vegetation community mapping, habitat area for the koala and greater glider was found to be 1310.8 ha with a habitat quality score for each species of 6 (**Table 1.3**). Following the revision of vegetation mapping

Table 1.3 Fauna Habitat Criteria (AECOM, 2018)

| Species | Habitat Criteria |
|--|--|
| Koala (<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>) | 11.3.2, 11.3.25, 11.5.1, 11.5.1a, 11.5.20, 11.7.6, 11.12.1a, 11.12.3 |
| Greater glider (<i>Petauroides volans</i>) | 11.3.2, 11.3.25, 11.5.1, 11.5.1a, 11.5.20, 11.7.6, 11.12.1a, 11.12.3 |
| Brigalow woodland snail (<i>Adclarkia cameroni</i>) | 11.3.1, 11.4.3 |
| Dunmall's snake (<i>Furina dunmalli</i>) | 11.3.1, 11.4.3, 11.5.1, 11.5.1a, 11.5.20, 11.7.6 |
| Painted honeyeater (<i>Grantiella picta</i>) | 11.4.3, 11.5.1, 11.5.1a, 11.7.6, 11.12.1a, 11.12.3, 11.12.6b |
| South-eastern long-eared bat (<i>Nyctophilus corbeni</i>) | 11.3.2, 11.3.25, 11.4.3, 11.5.1, 11.5.1a, 11.5.20, 11.7.6, 11.12.1a, 11.12.3, 11.12.6b |

2.0 Methodology

2.1 Desktop Assessment

Existing ecological data within the Study Areas was compiled through a review of the following key references:

- DAWE EPBC Protected Matters Search Tool
- DES Wildlife Online database
- Department of Natural Resource, Mines and Energy (DNRME) Vegetation Management Supporting Map including Essential Habitat mapping
- The Queensland Herbarium Regional Ecosystem Description Database (REDD) (Version 11.1)
- Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) database
- Existing literature and ecological reports.

2.2 Field Survey

2.2.1 Timing

The fauna assessment was conducted over 12 days across two field surveys, being 16-19 June 2020 (inclusive) and 13-20 October 2020 (inclusive). The focus of the June 2020 survey was to undertake targeted assessment for koala and greater glider, focussing on koala scat detection, habitat assessment and spotlighting. The October 2020 survey characterised baseline fauna values and completed the targeted assessment of all threatened fauna listed in **Table 1.1**.

2.2.2 Approach

Targeted fauna methodologies were employed to detect the presence of targeted fauna species potentially occurring within the Study Areas. These methodologies were conducted in accordance with the following Commonwealth documents and guidelines.

- Draft Referral guidelines for the nationally listed Brigalow Belt Reptiles (DSEWPac, 2011)
- Conservation Advice *Adclarkia cameroni* brigalow woodland snail (TSSC, 2016)
- Survey Guidelines for Australia's Threatened Reptiles (DSEWPac, 2011b)
- Survey Guidelines for Australia's Threatened Bats (DEWHA, 2010a)
- Survey Guidelines for Australia's Threatened Birds (DEWHA, 200b)
- Survey Guidelines for Australia's Threatened Mammals (DSEWPac, 2011)

Survey techniques and effort are described in **Table 2.1** below, while survey locations at each of the Study Areas are presented as **Figure 2.1** and **Figure 2.2**

Table 2.1 Survey Methods and Effort

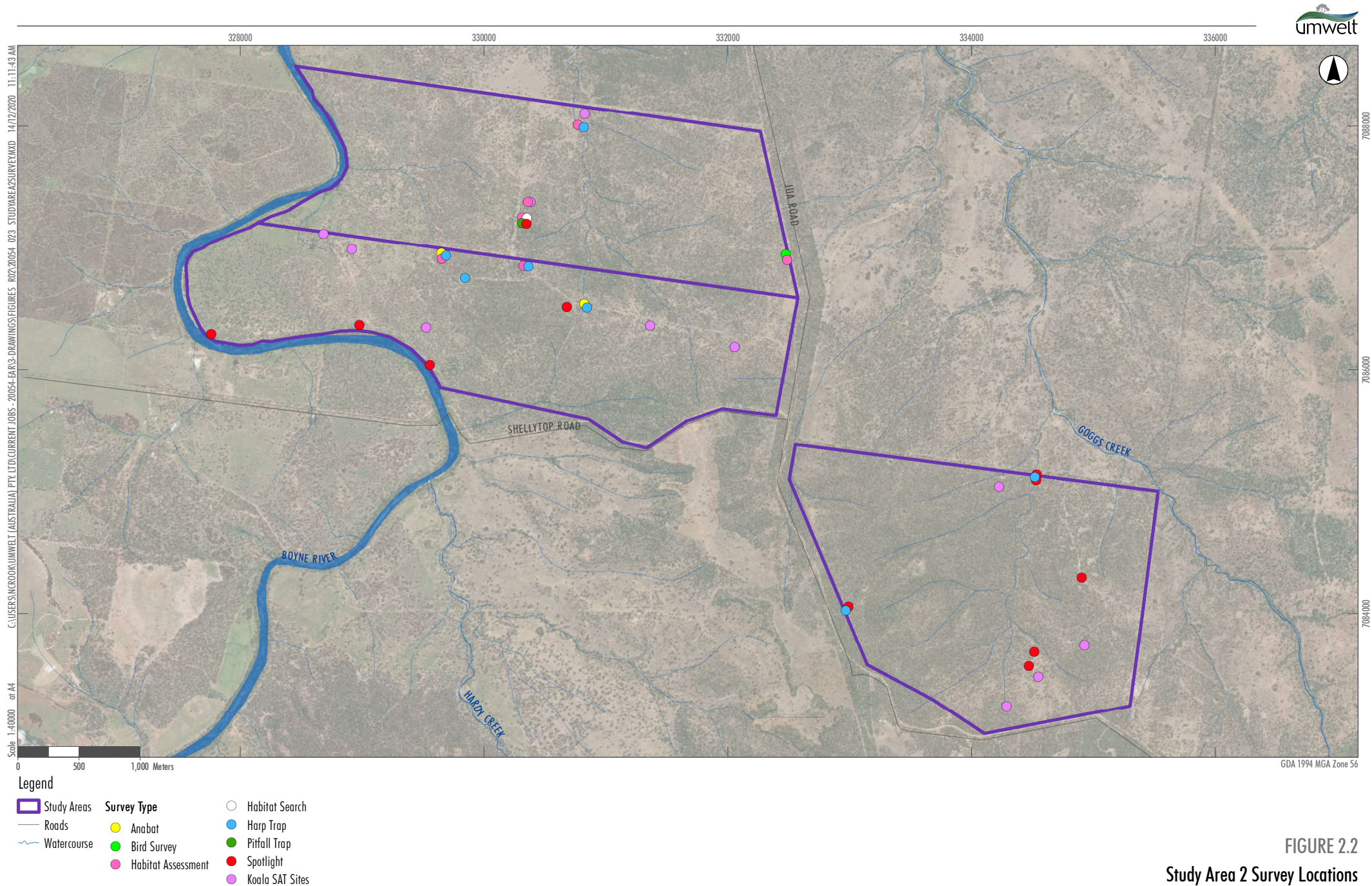
| Technique | Description | Survey Effort |
|--|--|---|
| Bird Survey | Diurnal birds were sampled using an area census method, supplemented by broad observational surveys throughout the Study Areas. This involved actively identifying birds both visually and aurally at a given location for a period of approximately 30 minutes. Bird surveys were generally conducted early in the morning or late in the afternoon when bird activity is greatest. | 12 hours |
| Spotlighting | Spotlighting was undertaken on foot using head torches and hand-held spotlights within areas of suitable and representative habitat for targeted species. Spotlighting was also undertaken from the passenger window of a slow-moving vehicle while travelling between spotlight sites. Animals are readily detected from eyeshine reflected from the torch light beam. | 40 hours (18 hours in July and 22 hours in October) |
| Active Searches | Active diurnal searches were undertaken within suitable microhabitats across the board ranges of habitat types for targeted species. This involved searching beneath microhabitat such as rocks and fallen timber, digging through leaf litter and soil at tree bases. Identifying tracks and traces such as scats and tree scratches. | 4 hours |
| Spot Assessment Technique | Koala presence was assessed throughout the Study Areas using the Spot Assessment Technique (SAT) (Phillips and Callaghan, 2011). This assessment technique relies on the detection of koala faecal pellets (scats) to confirm the presence or absence of koala at a given location. Across the Study Areas, 20 koala SAT assessments were conducted, across seven regional ecosystems. | 20 SAT assessments |
| Pitfall Trapping | Pitfall trapping was undertaken using 20 L buckets dug into the ground until the top of the buckets is flush with the surface of the ground. Three buckets are used at each site separated by approximately 10 m. Between each bucket is a drift fence approximately 30 cm high used to direct small animals towards the pitfall traps | 52 pitfall bucket nights (3 traplines) |
| Harp trapping | Two-bank harp traps were positioned in natural flyways and checked each morning to identify and release capture fauna. | 20 trap nights |
| Acoustic Bat Call Detection | Anabat Swift units were deployed in representative habitats to record microchiropteran calls. These calls were later analysed by Balance! Environmental for species identification purposes. Detection was conducted across all habitat types. Where possible, detection units were positioned in natural flyways. | 10 trap nights |
| Incidental Observations | All fauna observed incidentally throughout the Study Area were recorded. Observations of wildlife recorded outside of the main sampling sites were noted according to the habitat in which they were observed. | 60 hours |
| Habitat Assessment | Detailed descriptions of the habitat values present within the Study Area were recorded using the fauna habitat assessment methodology. Micro-habitat was described at each location including abundance of tree hollows, fallen logs, exfoliating bark, leaf litter, native grass, rocks and boulders; disturbance present; distance to water sources; and any other vegetation values present. | 39 locations |
| Habitat Assessment including hollow counts | Hollow density counts were conducted at 18 of the 20 koala SAT survey location to assess the suitability of the habitat for this species. Along a 50 meter (m) transect, trees less than 10 m on each side of the transect were visually inspected for hollows. The number of large and small hollows within each 50 m x 10 m transect was recorded | 18 locations |



- Legend**
- Study Area
 - State Forest
 - Roads
 - Watercourse
- Survey Type**
- Anabat
 - Bird Survey
 - Habitat Assessment
 - Habitat Search
 - Harp Trap
 - Pitfall Trap
 - Spotlight
 - Koala SAT Sites

FIGURE 2.1

Study Area 1 Survey Locations



3.0 Results

3.1 Desktop Assessment

3.1.1 Search Results and Historical Records

All target species were identified in the desktop searches, indicating their potential occurrence where suitable habitat exists within the Study Areas. A review of historical records for the targeted threatened fauna indicates that most species are known to be present or known from the broader regions (i.e. within 50 km of the Study Areas).

- Painted honeyeater records from the Project region are common, occurring within the Allies Creek State Forest and within roadside patches of vegetation between 6-11 km southwest of the Study Areas.
- Dunmall's snake records from the region are rare, with no occurrences within 50 km of the Study Areas. The closest records are approximately 60 km south east of the Study Area near Tarong, Queensland.
- Brigalow woodland snail records exist 40 km west from the Study Areas in the Barakula State Forest. No other records of this species occur within 50 km of the Study Areas.
- Numerous records of the greater glider exist within 20 km of the Study Areas. Numerous records are contained in the Barakula State Forest, west of Study Area 1.
- Koala records exist throughout the region including within the Barakula State Forest and near tributaries of the Boyne River.

The locations of these records in the context of the Study Areas is provided in **Figure 3.1**.

3.1.2 Home Range and Habitat Use of Greater Gliders in the Barakula State Forest

Smith et al. (2007) investigate the home range extent and habitat use of greater glider within Barakula State Forest, situated immediately west of Study Area 1 and approximately 17 km west of Study Area 2. In this study, the following key results relevant to this assessment was noted:

- Greater gliders were seen foraging and denning in myrtaceous tree species only, using mostly *Eucalyptus moluccana* (grey box), *Eucalyptus fibrosa* (red ironbark) and *Corymbia citriodora* (lemon-scented gum).
- Greater gliders preferred larger (>50 cm DBH) and older trees as denning sites
- Dead trees made up 16% of denning trees used by this population
- The density of stems containing hollows was less than one stem per hectare in some areas
- The study summarised that the Barakula state forest study area has a low availability of den sites potentially contributing to larger home ranges and low population density of the greater glider.



Study Area
— Roads

Atlas of Living Australia Records

- Brigalow Woodland Snail
- Painted Honeyeater
- South-eastern Long-eared Bat
- Dunmall's Snake
- Greater Glider

○ Koala
■ Landholder Koala Records

Image Source: ESRI Imagery (2020) Data source: Qspatial (2020); ALA (2020); Umwelt (2020)

FIGURE 3.1
Historical Records of Target Species

3.2 Field Survey Results

3.2.1 Fauna Diversity

Across both field surveys, 119 fauna species were recorded, comprising of 75 birds, 27 mammals, 14 reptiles and 6 amphibians. Considering all species recorded, 74% are represented within Study area 1, 42% in Study area 2, whilst 8.4% were incidentally recorded near Study area 1 (within Barakula State Forest or along immediate access roads).

Two threatened fauna which were actively targeted during this fauna assessment were confirmed:

- Greater glider
- Koala (**Plate 3.1**).

One threatened reptile, golden-tailed gecko (*Strophurus taenicauda*) listed as Near Threatened under the NC Act, was also recorded from Study Area 1, within *Acacia harpophylla* (brigalow) regrowth (**Plate 3.2**).

Both Study Areas were found to support introduced fauna, including cane toad (*Bufo marinus*) and house mouse (*Mus musculus*).



Plate 3.1 Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*) foraging within *Eucalyptus crebra* (narrow-leaved ironbark)

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Plate 3.2 Golden-tailed gecko (*Strophurus taenicauda*) within *Acacia harpophylla* (brigalow) regrowth woodland

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3.2.1.1 Microbat call analysis and Harp Trapping

Two microbat species were recorded from harp traps: little pied bat (*Chalinolobus picatus*) and Gould's long-eared bat (*Nyctophilus gouldi*). Little pied bat was recorded twice; one record within *Eucalyptus crebra* (narrow-leaved ironbark) and *Eucalyptus melanophloia* (silver-leaved ironbark) mature regrowth woodland in the norther portions of Study Area 2. The second record was from a harp trap situated on track within *Eucalyptus crebra* (narrow-leaved ironbark) mature regrowth woodland, from the central portion of the Study Area 2. Gould's long-eared bat (*Nyctophilus gouldi*). was also recorded from this harp trap (**Plate 3.3**).

The analysis of acoustic data was completed by Balance! Environmental. At least 13 species were recorded with 11 call types being positively identified to unique species. Whereas the remaining calls were associated with two undifferentiated sets of related species the *Nyctophilus sp.* and *Scotorepens greyii/ Scotorepens sp.*

None of the positively identified species are listed under the NC Act or EPBC Act.



Plate 3.3 Gould's Long-eared Bat (*Nyctophilus gouldi*)

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3.2.2 Fauna Habitat

The Study Areas support both remnant and mature regrowth woodlands, with dominant canopy species including *Eucalyptus crebra* (narrow-leaved ironbark), *Eucalyptus moluccana* (grey box) and *Eucalyptus tereticornis* (forest red gum). Fauna habitat within the Study Area can be broadly characterised into six habitat types as detailed in **Table 3.1**.

Table 3.1 Fauna Habitat Types

| Habitat Description | RE ID | Short Description |
|---|----------|---|
| Eucalyptus and/or Corymbia woodland on igneous rocks | 11.12.1a | <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> +/- <i>E. exserta</i> woodland. Occurs on undulating rises. |
| | 11.12.3 | <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> , <i>E. tereticornis</i> , <i>Angophora leiocarpa</i> woodland on igneous rocks especially granite |
| <i>Callitris glaucophylla</i> woodland on igneous rocks (granite) | 11.12.6 | <i>Callitris glaucophylla</i> +/- <i>Eucalyptus</i> spp. woodland |
| Eucalyptus woodland on Cainozoic plains/ lateritic duricrust | 11.5.1 | <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> and/or <i>E. populnea</i> , <i>Callitris glaucophylla</i> , <i>Angophora leiocarpa</i> , <i>Allocasuarina luehmannii</i> woodland on Cainozoic sand plains and/or remnant surfaces |
| | 11.5.1a | <i>Eucalyptus populnea</i> woodland with <i>Allocasuarina luehmannii</i> low tree layer |
| | 11.5.20 | <i>Eucalyptus moluccana</i> woodland on Cainozoic sand plains |
| | 11.7.6 | <i>Corymbia citriodora</i> or <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> woodland on Cainozoic lateritic duricrust |

| Habitat Description | RE ID | Short Description |
|--|---------|---|
| Eucalyptus woodland on alluvial plains | 11.3.2 | <i>Eucalyptus populnea</i> woodland on alluvial plains |
| Eucalyptus woodland fringing drainage lines | 11.3.25 | <i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> or <i>E. camaldulensis</i> woodland fringing drainage lines |
| <i>Acacia harpophylla</i> and/or <i>Casuarina cristata</i> open forest | 11.3.1 | <i>Acacia harpophylla</i> and/or <i>Casuarina cristata</i> open forest on alluvial plains |
| | 11.4.3 | <i>Acacia harpophylla</i> and/or <i>Casuarina cristata</i> shrubby open forest on Cainozoic clay plains |

3.3 Connectivity

Large tracts of vegetation and habitat exist to the west of Study Area 1 (Barakula and Allies Creek State Forest), with connection into these areas (from the Study Area) afforded via regrowth and remnant vegetation. To the immediate east of Study Area 1, connectivity is limited to regrowth woodlands of *Acacia harpophylla* (brigalow) which predominately exists within the verge of local road corridors, often supporting gilgai formations.

Fauna movement within Study Area 2 is afforded by regrowth and remnant vegetation, predominately *Eucalyptus crebra* (narrow-leaved ironbark) woodlands. Fauna movement beyond the Study Area is likely to be concentrated along the Boyne River (State Significant Corridor) and Jua Road (Regional Significant Corridor). Both corridors provide north south movement opportunities for fauna, including hollow dependent fauna such as greater glider.

Mapped biodiversity corridors are depicted on **Figure 3.2**.



Legend

- Study Areas
- Roads
- ~~~~~ Watercourse
- Biodiversity Significance**
- State Habitat for EVNT taxa
- State
- Regional
- Local or Other Values

FIGURE 3.2
State Biodiversity Corridors

3.4 Potential Habitat for Threatened Species

3.4.1 Koala

3.4.1.1 Spot Assessment Technique

The Spot Assessment Technique was completed at 20 sites, targeting koala scats throughout the Study Areas. In total of 600 trees were searched as per the SAT methodology provided in **Section 2.2**. Of these trees, koala scats were recorded from 24 trees within four vegetation communities, collected under five different tree species and one hybrid tree. The results of this assessment are broken down in the following sections.

Vegetation Communities

The Study Areas support both remnant and regrowth woodlands, with the dominant canopy species including *Eucalyptus crebra* (narrow-leaved ironbark), *Eucalyptus moluccana* (grey box) and *Eucalyptus tereticornis* (forest red gum). Regrowth across the Study Areas was typically mature regrowth and generally supported Eucalypt trees with a DBH >10 cm. Koala scats were recorded within three regrowth and one remnant vegetation community. **Table 3.2** provides a summary of these results including the number of SAT sites completed within each vegetation community.

Table 3.2 SAT Results by Vegetation Community

| RE ID | Remnant Status | Short Description | Sites | Sites with Scats |
|--------------|----------------|---|-----------|------------------|
| 11.3.25 | Regrowth | <i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> or <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> woodland fringing drainage lines | 3 | 0 |
| 11.5.1 | Regrowth | <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> and/or <i>Eucalyptus populnea</i> , <i>Callitris glaucophylla</i> , <i>Angophora leiocarpa</i> , <i>Allocasuarina luehmannii</i> woodland on Cainozoic sand plains and/or remnant surfaces | 1 | 0 |
| 11.5.1a | Regrowth | <i>Eucalyptus populnea</i> woodland with <i>Allocasuarina luehmannii</i> low tree layer | 2 | 2 |
| 11.5.20 | Regrowth | <i>Eucalyptus moluccana</i> and/or <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> woodland on Cainozoic sand plains | 2 | 0 |
| 11.7.6 | Remnant | <i>Corymbia citriodora</i> or <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> woodland on Cainozoic lateritic duricrust | 1 | 0 |
| 11.7.6 | Regrowth | <i>Corymbia citriodora</i> or <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> woodland on Cainozoic lateritic duricrust | 2 | 0 |
| 11.12.1a | Remnant | <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> +/- <i>Eucalyptus exserta</i> woodland. Occurs on undulating rises. | 1 | 1 |
| 11.12.1a | Regrowth | <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> +/- <i>Eucalyptus exserta</i> woodland. Occurs on undulating rises. | 5 | 2 |
| 11.12.3 | Remnant | <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> , <i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> , <i>Angophora leiocarpa</i> woodland on igneous rocks especially granite | 1 | 0 |
| 11.12.3 | Regrowth | <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> , <i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> , <i>Angophora leiocarpa</i> woodland on igneous rocks especially granite | 2 | 1 |
| Total | | | 20 | 6 |

Tree Species Use

The 24 scat trees recorded during the study belong to five different tree species and one hybrid species (*Eucalyptus melanophloia*/*Eucalyptus crebra*). The species with the highest number of scat trees was *Eucalyptus tereticornis* (forest red gum), followed by *Eucalyptus crebra* (narrow-leaved ironbark). These two species are dominant across the landscape within both Study Areas. **Table 3.3** below details the number of each tree species where koala scats were identified from the 600 trees searched during the assessment.

Table 3.3 Scat Occurrences per Tree Species

| Tree Species | Common Name | Number of Trees with Scats |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Angophora leiocarpa</i> | smooth-barked apple | 1 |
| <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> | narrow-leaved ironbark | 7 |
| <i>Eucalyptus melanophloia</i> | silver-leaved ironbark | 1 |
| <i>Eucalyptus melanophloia</i> x <i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> | n/a | 1 |
| <i>Eucalyptus populnea</i> | poplar box | 3 |
| <i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> | Forest red gum | 11 |
| Total | | 24 |

Koala Activity Levels

The SAT methodology (Phillips and Callaghan, 2011) uses activity levels to quantify the use of an area by koalas. This is done by calculating the percentage of scat trees relative to the total number of trees searched per site. For example, at C3, three trees with scats were recorded out of 30 trees searched, so the activity level percentage is 10%.

The categorisation of this data into activity bands (as per Phillips and Callaghan, 2011) has not been undertaken given the variability in recorded activity levels and relatively low sample set. The activity levels calculated for each site are provided in **Table 3.4** below.

Table 3.4 Koala SAT Site Activity Levels

| Site Name | Remnant Status | Study Area | Trees with Scats | Activity Level % |
|-----------|----------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| NW1 | Regrowth | Study Area 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| NW2 | Regrowth | Study Area 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| NW3 | Regrowth | Study Area 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| NW4 | Regrowth | Study Area 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| NW5 | Regrowth | Study Area 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| NW6 | Regrowth | Study Area 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| NW7 | Regrowth | Study Area 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| NW8 | Regrowth | Study Area 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| NW9 | Remnant | Study Area 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| C1 | Regrowth | Study Area 2 | 4 | 13.3 |
| C2 | Regrowth | Study Area 2 | 9 | 30.0 |

| Site Name | Remnant Status | Study Area | Trees with Scats | Activity Level % |
|-----------|----------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| C3 | Regrowth | Study Area 2 | 3 | 10.0 |
| C4 | Regrowth | Study Area 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| C5 | Regrowth | Study Area 2 | 2 | 6.7 |
| C6 | Regrowth | Study Area 2 | 4 | 13.3 |
| C7 | Regrowth | Study Area 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| SE1 | Regrowth | Study Area 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| SE2 | Regrowth | Study Area 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| SE3 | Remnant | Study Area 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| SE4 | Remnant | Study Area 2 | 2 | 6.7 |

3.4.1.2 Potential Habitat

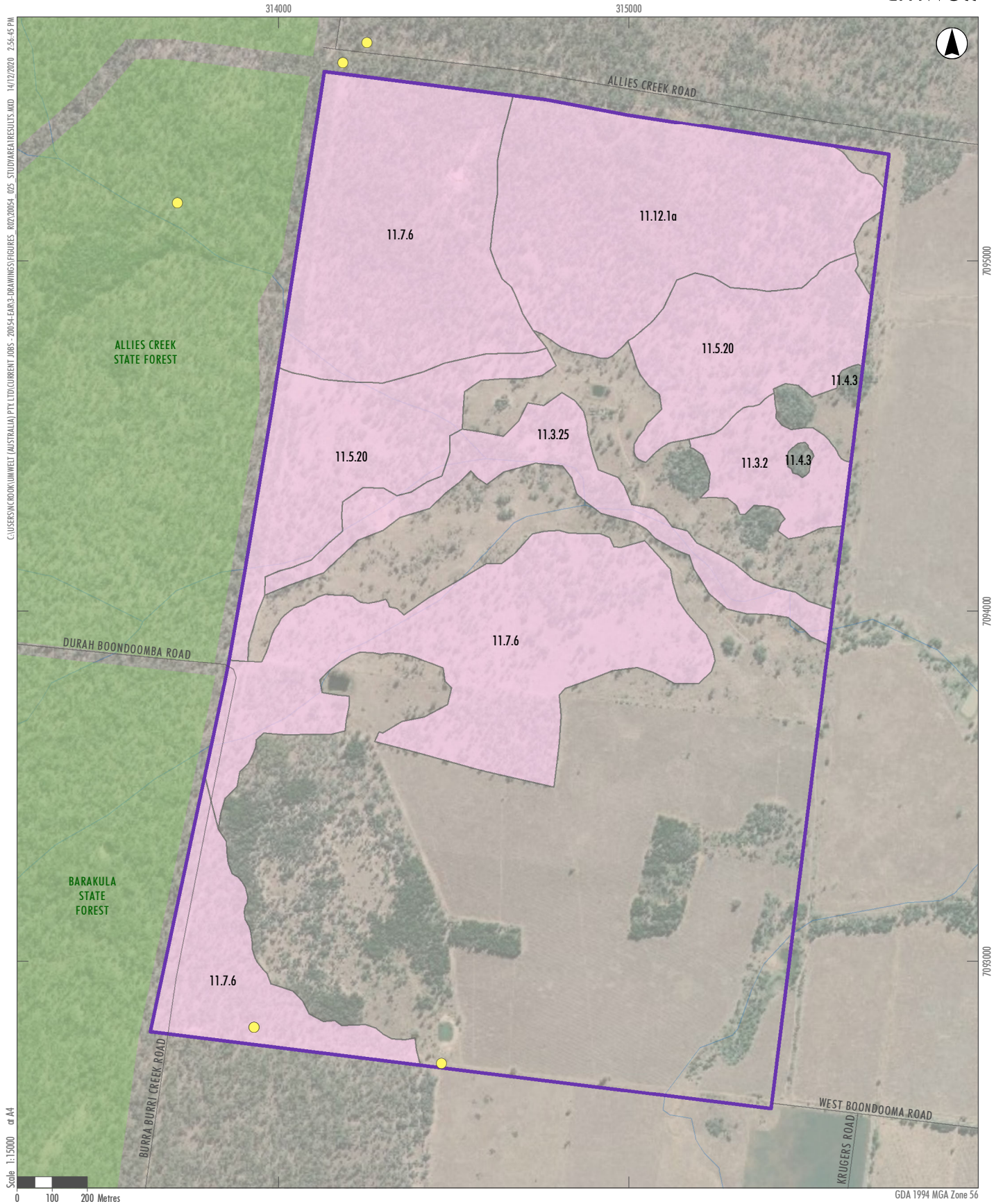
Eight vegetation communities are identified in the Offset Suitability Assessment (AECOM, 2018) as providing suitable habitat for koala. Data collected during this field survey confirmed the presence of the koala within five of these vegetation communities (**Table 3.2**). Habitat assessments conducted as part of this assessment confirmed suitable resources available within the remaining three REs.

Given the above, this Study confirms the habitat criteria for koala within the Study Areas defined by AECOM (2018). Mapping of koala habitat using suitable REs has determined that the total area of koala habitat within the Study Areas is 1,699 ha totalling 95% of the total Study Areas.

A breakdown of this area for each of the land parcels which make up the Study Areas is provided in **Table 3.5** below. Mapping of koala habitat within the Study Areas is provided in **Figure 3.3** and **Figure 3.4**

Table 3.5 Koala Habitat Area

| Koala Habitat RE | Study Area 1 (ha) | Study Area 2 (ha) |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 11.3.2 | 10.3 | 0 |
| 11.3.25 | 17.5 | 10.6 |
| 11.5.1 | 0 | 54.3 |
| 11.5.1a | 0 | 12.2 |
| 11.5.20 | 49.1 | 0 |
| 11.7.6 | 120.5 | 0 |
| 11.12.1a | 54.2 | 1228 |
| 11.12.3 | 0 | 142.7 |
| Total | 251.6 | 1447.8 |

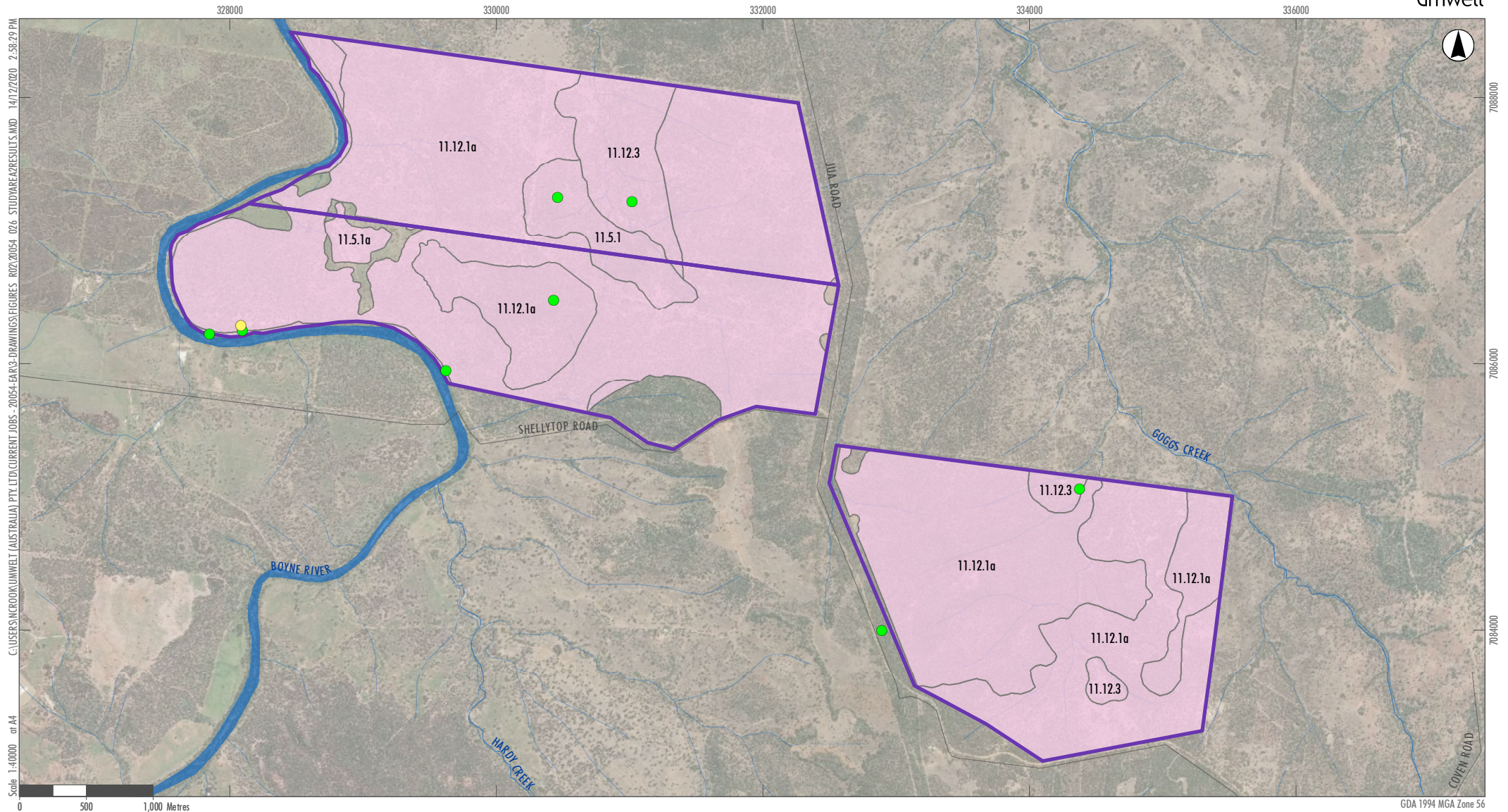


Legend

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| Study Area | Threatened Species Records |
| State Forest | Greater Glider (<i>Petauroides volans</i>) |
| Watercourse | Greater Glider and Koala RE |
| Roads | |

FIGURE 3.3

Study Area 1, Greater Glider and Koala Habitat



Legend

- Study Area
- ~ Watercourse
- Roads
- Threatened Species Records
- Greater Glider (*Petaurides volans*)
- Greater Glider and Koala RE
- Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*)

FIGURE 3.4
Study Area 2, Greater Glider and Koala Habitat

3.4.2 Greater Glider

3.4.2.1 Hollow Density Count

Hollow density counts were completed at 18 SAT sites during the field survey. These surveys collected hollow density information from a 50 m by 20 m transect. The total number of hollows within the site was multiplied to achieve an estimated hollow density per hectare.

The results of the hollow density count identified that:

- Hollows were recorded from three out of 18 sites during the assessment
- Each site containing hollows was within an individual regrowth vegetation community. No hollows were recorded in remnant woodland
- The greatest number of hollows was identified from a site located in regrowth *Eucalyptus tereticornis* (forest red gum) along a watercourse (RE 11.3.25). At this location, a density of 50 hollows per hectare was estimated
- The remaining hollows identified were recorded from *Eucalyptus crebra* (narrow-leaved ironbark) or *Eucalyptus populnea* (poplar box) regrowth woodland. These sites received an estimated hollow density of 10 hollows and 15 hollows per hectare, respectively.

These results indicate a low density of hollows throughout the vegetation communities of both Study Areas. This assessment is consistent with what was found in a study of habitat use of greater gliders in the Barakula State Forest (Smith, Mathieson and Hogan, 2007) (**Section 3.1.1**).

3.4.2.2 Potential Habitat

Greater gliders favour habitat which offers old or dead trees with large hollows (Lindenmayer et al., 1991), which provide necessary day-time denning sites. Within the Study Areas, suitable hollow-bearing trees were mostly contained to remnant Eucalypt dominated communities, with regrowth vegetation generally found to support a low abundance of hollows or hollows were absent.

The assessment confirms the habitat mapping criteria for greater glider as defined by AECOM (2018). It is noted that existing habitat within Killara is currently afforded by remnant and regrowth woodlands dominated by Myrtaceous vegetation offering or with the future potential to offer hollow bearing trees.

Inclusive of the vegetation communities detailed in **Table 3.6**, the total area of potential greater glider habitat within the Study Areas is 1699 ha totalling 95% of the total areas. A breakdown of this area for each of the land parcels which make up the Study Areas is provided in below.

Mapping of greater glider habitat as within the Study Areas is provided in **Figure 3.3** and **Figure 3.4**.

Table 3.6 Greater Glider Habitat

| Greater Glider Habitat RE | Study Area 1 (ha) | Study Area 2 (ha) |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 11.3.2 | 10.3 | 0 |
| 11.3.25 | 17.5 | 10.6 |
| 11.5.1 | 0 | 54.3 |
| 11.5.1a | 0 | 12.2 |
| 11.5.20 | 49.1 | 0 |

| Greater Glider Habitat RE | Study Area 1 (ha) | Study Area 2 (ha) |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 11.7.6 | 120.5 | 0 |
| 11.12.1a | 54.2 | 1228 |
| 11.12.3 | 0 | 142.7 |
| Total | 251.6 | 1447.8 |

3.4.3 Brigalow Woodland Snail

The presence of Brigalow woodland snail was not confirmed during field surveys. Although, the habitat assessments did confirm suitable resources available within *Acacia harpophylla* woodlands situated on Study Area 1. The Study Area is situated immediately north of the Condamine River floodplain, where this species is known. For this reason, habitat within the property is considered sub-optimal based on the recognised distribution of the species.

Noting the above, this assessment confirms the habitat mapping criteria as defined by AECOM (2018). Based on the above, potential habitat mapping within Study area 1 has determined that there is 60.9 ha of suitable habitat, comprising 3% of the total area. A breakdown of this area is provided in **Table 3.7**, while mapping is presented in **Figure 3.5**.

Table 3.7 Brigalow Woodland Snail Habitat

| Brigalow Woodland Snail Habitat RE | Study Area 1 (ha) | Study Area 2 (ha) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 11.3.1 | 12.8 | 0 |
| 11.4.3 | 48.1 | 0 |
| Total | 60.9 | 0 |

3.4.4 Dunmall's Snake

The Study Areas are situated within the DAWE mapped distribution of the species, although the nearest record is approximately 60 km to the south east. The species was not confirmed during field surveys, despite extensive spotlighting effort, active searches and pitfall trapping. Habitat assessments have confirmed that suitable resources for the species are available within seven REs. Suitable habitat includes *Acacia harpophylla* (brigalow) woodlands and Eucalypt woodland. Micro-habitat for the species includes ground timber, gilgai and cracking clay soils. The Study Areas were found to have suitable foraging potential, with numerous skinks and geckos recorded.

The assessment confirms the habitat mapping criteria as defined by AECOM (2018). Potential habitat mapping identifies 297 ha of suitable habitat within the Study Areas, comprising 15% of the total area. A breakdown of this area is provided in **Table 3.8**, while mapping is presented in **Figure 3.5** and **Figure 3.6**.

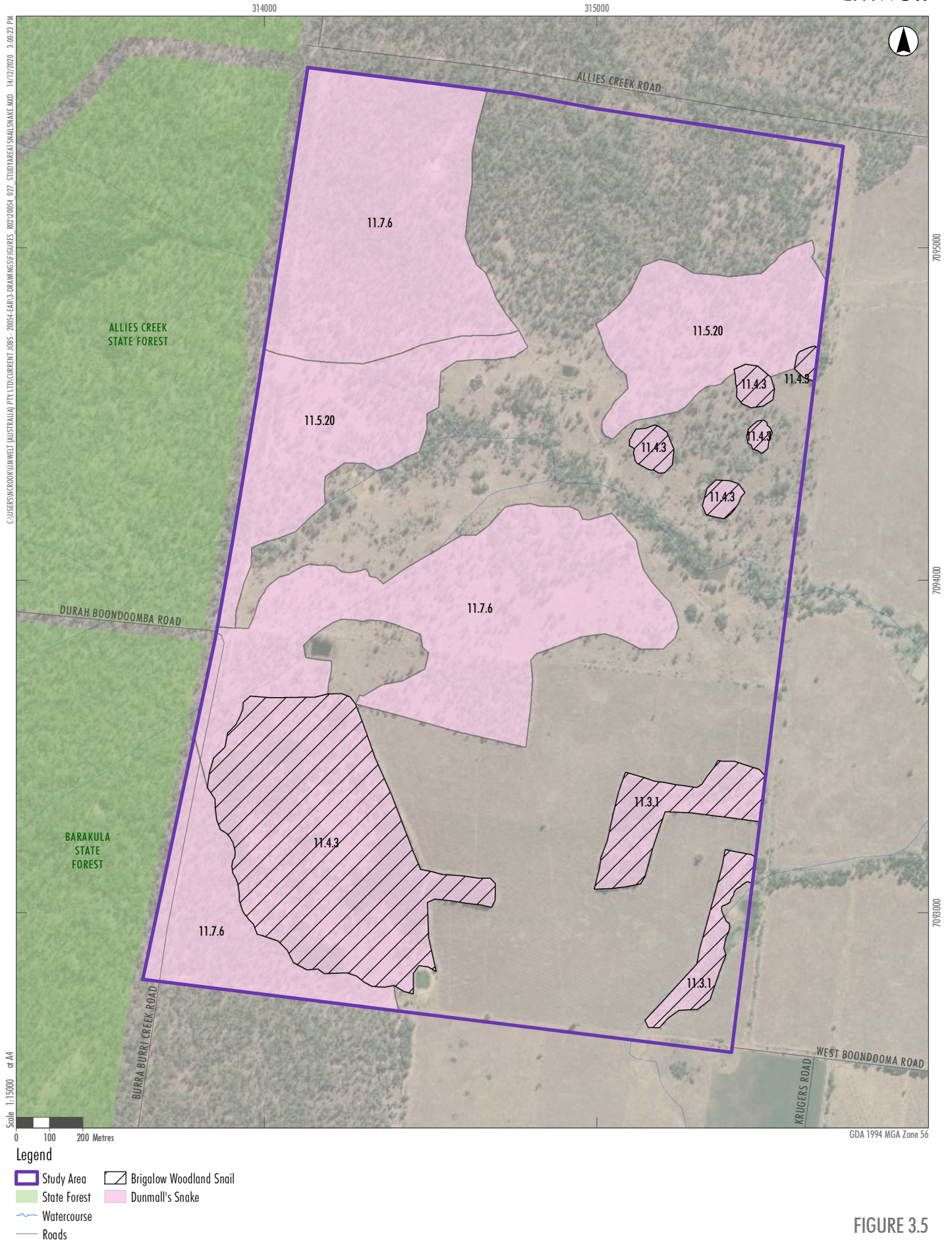


FIGURE 3.5

Study Area 1, Brigalow Woodland Snail and Dunmall's Snake Habitat

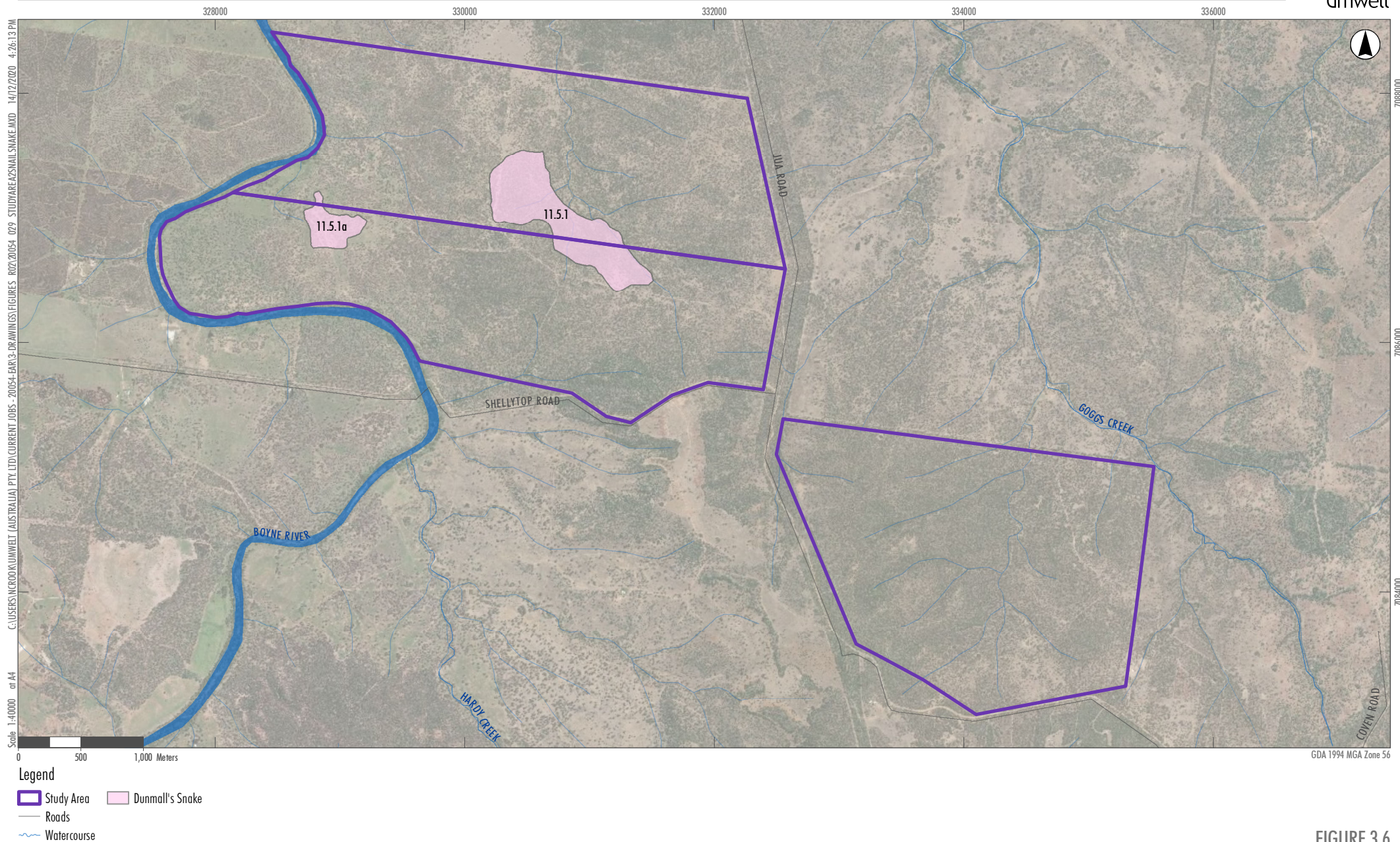


FIGURE 3.6
Study Area 2, Dunmall's Snake Habitat

Table 3.8 Dunmall's Snake Habitat

| Dunmall's Snake Habitat RE | Study Area 1 (ha) | Study Area 2 (ha) |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 11.3.1 | 12.8 | - |
| 11.4.3 | 48.1 | - |
| 11.5.1 | - | 54.3 |
| 11.5.1a | - | 12.2 |
| 11.5.20 | 49.1 | - |
| 11.7.6 | 120.5 | - |
| Total | 230.5 | 66.5 |

3.4.5 Painted Honeyeater

The Study Areas are situated within areas identified by DAWE as 'species or species habitat likely to occur'. This is supported by historical records for the species (**Figure 3.1**). Painted honeyeater was not confirmed during field surveys, however habitat assessments confirmed suitable resources are available, including abundant mistletoe within Acacia and Eucalypt dominated woodlands.

This assessment confirms the habitat mapping criteria as defined by AECOM (2018). Mapping has determined that there is 1694.2° ha of suitable habitat within the Study Areas, comprising 85% of the total area. A breakdown of this area is provided in **Table 3.9** below, while mapping is presented in **Figure 3.7** and **Figure 3.8**.

Table 3.9 Painted Honeyeater Habitat

| Painted Honeyeater Habitat RE | Study Area 1 (ha) | Study Area 2 (ha) |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 11.4.3 | 48.1 | - |
| 11.5.1 | - | 54.3 |
| 11.5.1a | - | 12.2 |
| 11.7.6 | 120.5 | - |
| 1.12.1a | 54.2 | 1,227.8 |
| 11.12.3 | - | 142.7 |
| 11.12.6b | - | 34.4 |
| Subtotal | 222.8 | 1471.4 |

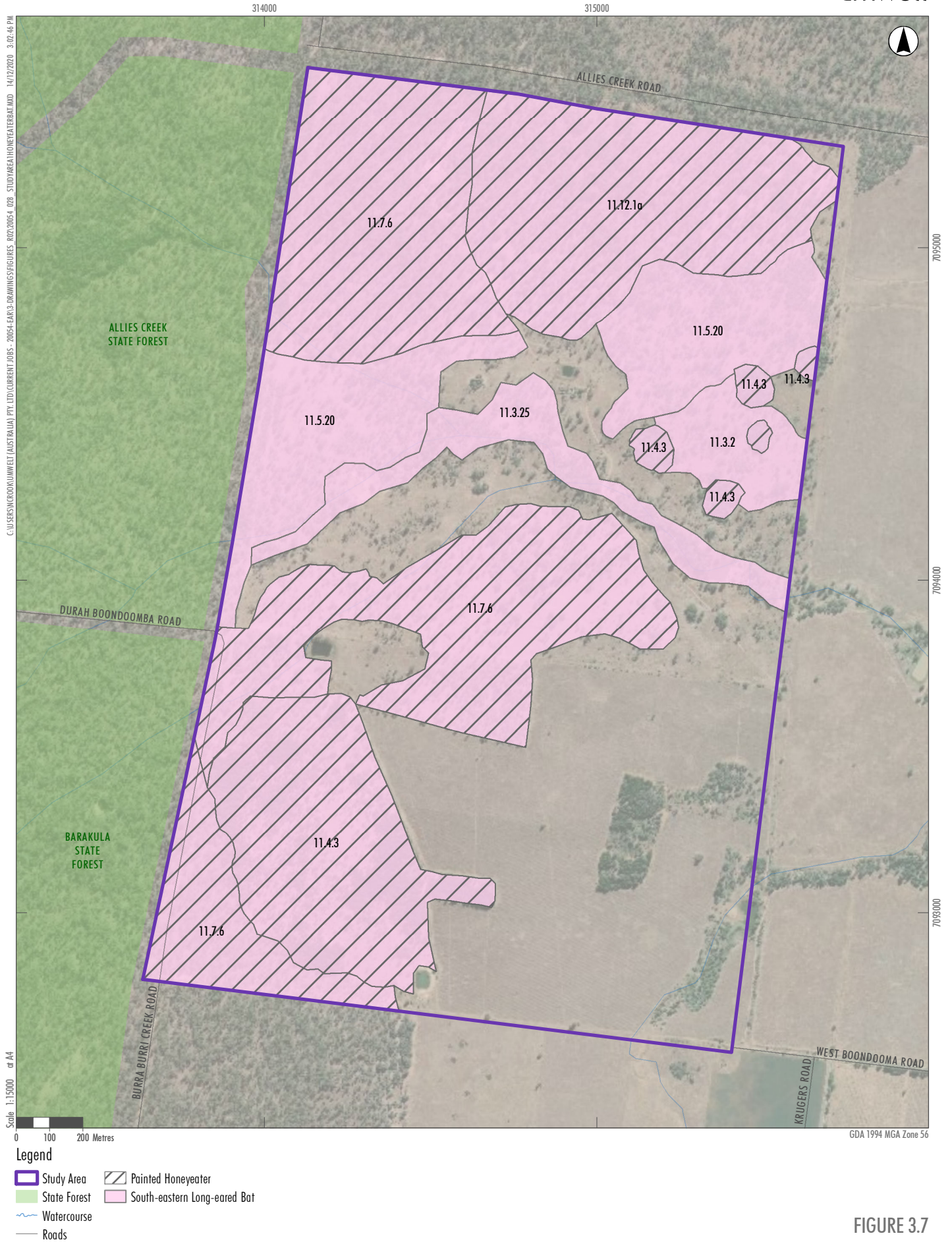


FIGURE 3.7

Study Area 1, Painted Honeyeater and South-Eastern Long-Eared Bat Habitat

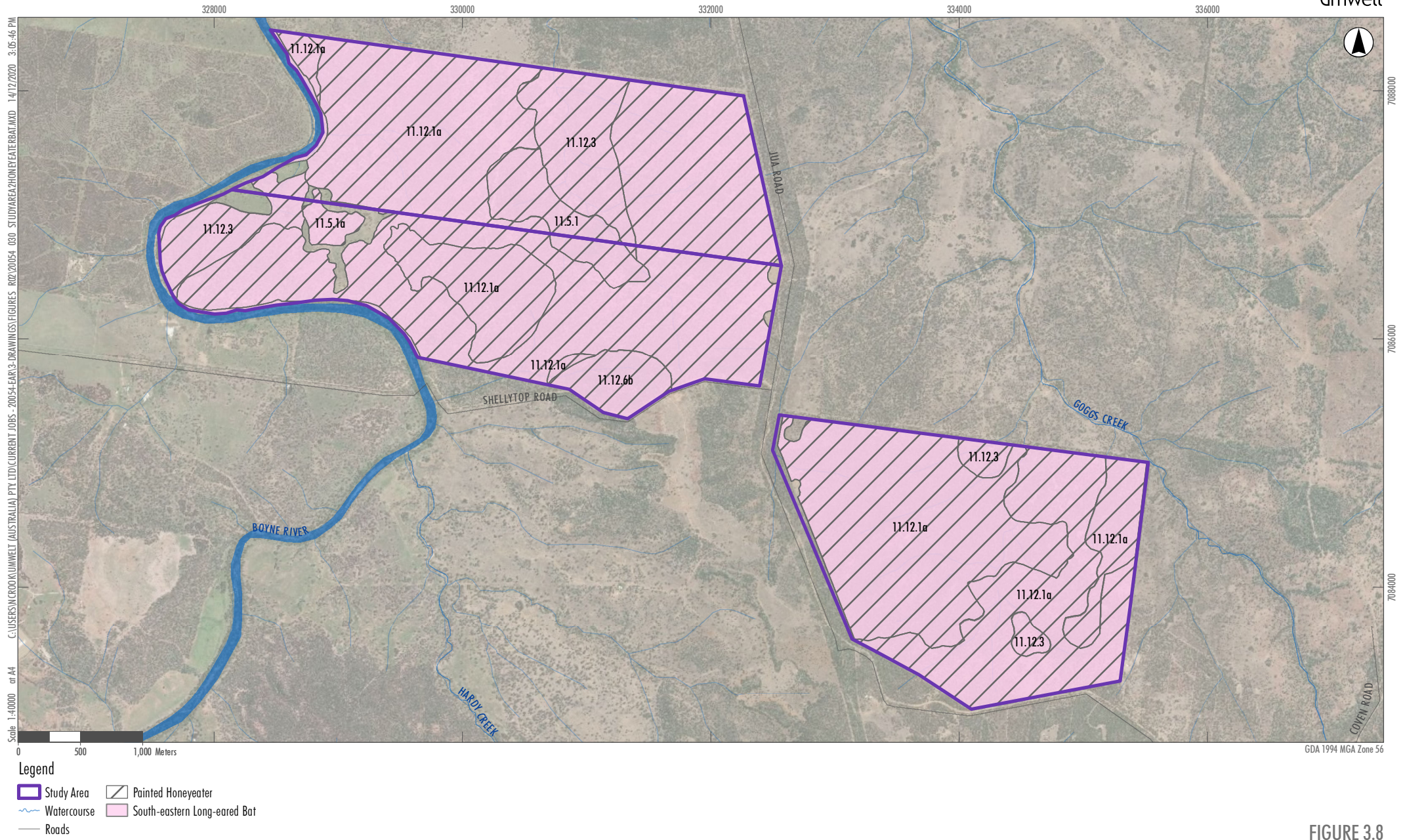


FIGURE 3.8

Study Area 2, Painted Honeyeater and South-Eastern Long-Eared Bat Habitat

3.4.6 South-eastern Long-eared Bat

The Study Areas are situated within areas identified by DAWE as 'species or species habitat may occur'. Records for the species are mapped within the Barakula State Forest (**Figure 3.1**). The south-eastern long-eared bat was not confirmed during field survey, although calls *Nyctophilus sp.* were recorded on anabat units.

This assessment confirms the habitat mapping criteria as defined by AECOM (2018). Potential habitat for the species includes Eucalypt woodland, particularly where extensive stands of vegetation occur. Habitat assessments and mapping of the Study Areas has identified 1781.7 ha of suitable habitat, comprising 90% of the total area. A breakdown of this area is provided in **Table 3.10**, while mapping is presented in **Figure 3.7** and **Figure 3.8**.

Table 3.10 South-eastern Long-eared Bat Habitat

| South-eastern Long-eared bat Habitat RE | Study Area 1 (ha) | Study Area 2 (ha) |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| 11.3.2 | 10.3 | - |
| 11.3.25 | 17.5 | 10.6 |
| 11.4.3 | 48.1 | - |
| 11.5.1 | - | 54.3 |
| 11.5.1a | - | 12.2 |
| 11.5.20 | 49.1 | - |
| 11.7.6 | 120.5 | - |
| 11.12.1a | 54.2 | 1,227.8 |
| 11.12.3 | - | 142.7 |
| 11.12.6b | - | 34.4 |
| Subtotal | 299.7 | 1482 |

4.0 Conclusion

Umwelt was commissioned by Earthtrade to undertake a targeted fauna assessment to determine the status and extent of threatened species (including habitat) within the Study Areas. Threatened fauna species which were targeted during this assessment include:

- Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*)
- Greater glider (*Petauroides Volans*)
- Brigalow woodland snail (*Adclarkia cameroni*)
- Dunmall's snake (*Furina dunmalli*)
- Painted Honeyeater (*Grantiella picta*)
- South-eastern long-eared bat (*Nyctophilus corbeni*).

The fauna survey implemented multiple survey techniques and recorded a total of 119 fauna species, including 75 birds, 27 mammals, 14 reptiles and 6 amphibians. Only two of the targeted threatened species were confirmed - koala and greater glider. Habitat for the remaining values were confirmed, although it is noted that the Study Areas is situated outside of the recently revised, DAWE accepted distribution for brigalow woodland snail (*Adclarkia cameroni*).

The survey confirmed large areas of koala and greater glider habitat are available for use as an offset. In addition, large areas of suitable habitat for the other targeted threatened species were confirmed within the Study Area, providing outlooks that these threatened species may be present but were undetected during this survey.

Overall, there are various sections of the Study Areas which offer greater application for use by threatened species by providing:

- Increased connectivity through the landscape to other tracts of suitable habitat
- Increased availability of recourse such as improved abundance or quality of food trees and microhabitats
- Decreased risk of negative interactions with humans such as vehicles strikes
- Increased availability of water sources.

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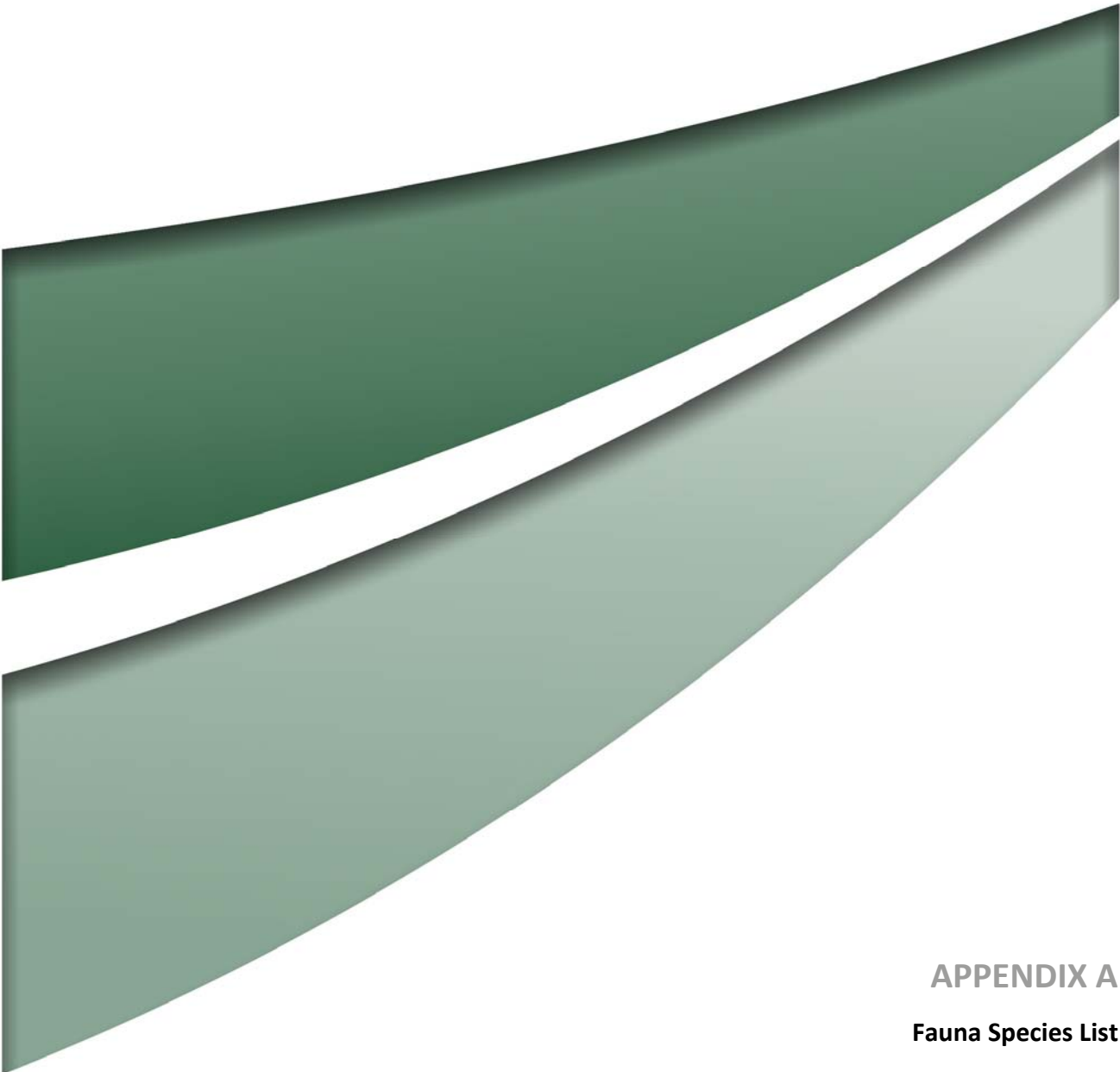
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APPENDIX A
Fauna Species List

| Common Name | Scientific Name | Study Area 1 | Study Area 2 | Incidental |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Amphibian | | | | |
| striped snake-eyed skink | <i>Cryptoblepharus virgatus</i> | x | | x |
| common green treefrog | <i>Litoria caerulea</i> | x | x | |
| broad palmed rocketfrog | <i>Litoria latopalmata</i> | x | | |
| striped rocketfrog | <i>Litoria nasuta</i> | x | | |
| ruddy treefrog | <i>Litoria rubella</i> | x | | |
| cane toad | <i>Bufo marinus</i> | x | | |
| Reptile | | | | |
| wood gecko | <i>Diplodactylus vittatus</i> | x | x | x |
| dubious dtella | <i>Gehyra dubia</i> | x | x | |
| timid slider | <i>Lerista timida</i> | x | | |
| Steindachner's gecko | <i>Lucasium steindachneri</i> | | x | |
| common dwarf skink | <i>Menetia greyii</i> | x | | |
| carpet python | <i>Morelia spilota</i> | x | | |
| southern spotted velvet gecko | <i>Oedura tryoni</i> | x | | |
| bearded dragon | <i>Pogona barbata</i> | | x | |
| red-bellied black snake | <i>Pseudechis porphyriacus</i> | | | x |
| eastern brown snake | <i>Pseudonaja textilis</i> | x | | |
| dwarf litter-skink | <i>Pygmaeascincus timlowi</i> | x | x | |
| golden-tailed gecko | <i>Strophurus taenicauda</i> | x | | |
| eastern blue-tongued lizard | <i>Tiliqua scincoides</i> | | x | |
| lace monitor | <i>Varanus varius</i> | x | | |
| Mammal | | | | |
| rufous bettong | <i>Aepyprymnus rufescens</i> | x | | |
| White-striped Free-tailed Bat | <i>Austronomus australis</i> | x | x | |
| dingo | <i>Canis familiaris dingo</i> | x | | |
| Greater Northern Freetail-Bat | <i>Chaerephon jobensis</i> | x | x | |
| little pied bat | <i>Chalinolobus picatus</i> | | x | |
| black-striped wallaby | <i>Macropus dorsalis</i> | | x | |
| eastern grey kangaroo | <i>Macropus giganteus</i> | x | x | |
| whiptail wallaby | <i>Macropus parryi</i> | | x | |
| red-necked wallaby | <i>Macropus rufogriseus</i> | x | x | |
| house mouse | <i>Mus musculus</i> | x | x | |
| Gould's long-eared bat | <i>Nyctophilus gouldi</i> | | x | |
| | <i>Nyctophilus sp. *</i> | x | x | x |
| rabbit | <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> | x | | |

| Common Name | Scientific Name | Study Area 1 | Study Area 2 | Incidental |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Northern Free-tail Bat | <i>Ozimops lumsdenae</i> | x | x | |
| Ride's Free-tailed Bat | <i>Ozimops ridei</i> | x | x | |
| Yellow-Bellied Sheathtail-Bat | <i>Saccolaimus flaviventris</i> | x | x | |
| Inland Broad-Nosed Bat | <i>Scotorepens balstoni</i> | x | | |
| Little Broad-Nosed Bat | <i>Scotorepens greyii</i> / <i>Scotorepens sp.</i> | x | x | |
| greater glider | <i>Petauroides volans</i> | x | | |
| squirrel glider | <i>Petaurus norfolcensis</i> | | x | |
| koala | <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> | | x | |
| short-beaked echidna | <i>Tachyglossus aculeatus</i> | x | x | x |
| common brushtail possum | <i>Trichosurus vulpecula</i> | x | x | |
| Inland Forest Bat | <i>Vespadelus baverstocki</i> | x | x | |
| Eastern Cave Bat | <i>Vespadelus troughtoni</i> | | x | |
| Little Forest Bat | <i>Vespadelus vulturnus</i> | x | x | |
| swamp wallaby | <i>Wallabia bicolor</i> | x | | |
| Bird | | | | |
| spiny-cheeked honeyeater | <i>Acanthagenys rufogularis</i> | x | | |
| yellow-rumped thornbill | <i>Acanthiza chrysorrhoa</i> | x | | |
| yellow thornbill | <i>Acanthiza nana</i> | x | x | |
| Australian reed-warbler | <i>Acrocephalus australis</i> | x | | |
| Australian owlet-nightjar | <i>Aegotheles cristatus</i> | | x | |
| Australian king-parrot | <i>Alisterus scapularis</i> | x | | |
| Pacific black duck | <i>Anas superciliosa</i> | x | x | |
| red-winged parrot | <i>Aprosmictus erythropterus</i> | x | | |
| wedge-tailed eagle | <i>Aquila audax</i> | | x | |
| white-necked heron | <i>Ardea pacifica</i> | x | | |
| sulphur-crested cockatoo | <i>Cacatua galerita</i> | x | x | |
| pheasant coucal | <i>Centropus phasianinus</i> | x | | |
| black-eared cuckoo | <i>Chalcites osculans</i> | x | | |
| rufous songlark | <i>Cincloramphus mathewsi</i> | x | | |
| grey shrike-thrush | <i>Colluricincla harmonica</i> | x | x | |
| black-faced cuckoo-shrike | <i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i> | x | x | |
| white-winged chough | <i>Corcorax melanorhamphos</i> | | x | x |
| Torresian crow | <i>Corvus orru</i> | x | x | |
| pied butcherbird | <i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i> | x | | |
| grey butcherbird | <i>Cracticus torquatus</i> | | x | |

| Common Name | Scientific Name | Study Area 1 | Study Area 2 | Incidental |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| laughing kookaburra | <i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i> | | x | |
| mistletoebird | <i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i> | x | | |
| white-faced heron | <i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i> | x | | |
| galah | <i>Eolophus roseicapilla</i> | x | | |
| eastern yellow robin | <i>Eopsaltria australis</i> | x | | |
| white-throated nightjar | <i>Eurostopodus mystacalis</i> | x | x | |
| dollarbird | <i>Eurystomus orientalis</i> | x | | |
| brown falcon | <i>Falco berigora</i> | x | | x |
| nankeen kestrel | <i>Falco cenchroides</i> | x | | |
| Australian hobby | <i>Falco longipennis</i> | x | | |
| bar-shouldered dove | <i>Geopelia humeralis</i> | x | x | |
| peaceful dove | <i>Geopelia striata</i> | x | x | |
| white-throated gerygone | <i>Gerygone olivacea</i> | x | | |
| magpie-lark | <i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i> | x | | |
| Australian magpie | <i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i> | x | x | |
| whistling kite | <i>Haliastur sphenurus</i> | x | | |
| brown honeyeater | <i>Lichmera indistincta</i> | x | | |
| brown cuckoo-dove | <i>Macropygia amboinensis</i> | | x | |
| superb fairy-wren | <i>Malurus cyaneus</i> | x | | x |
| variegated fairy-wren | <i>Malurus lamberti</i> | x | | |
| red-backed fairy-wren | <i>Malurus melanocephalus</i> | x | | |
| noisy miner | <i>Manorina melanocephala</i> | | x | |
| white-throated honeyeater | <i>Melithreptus albogularis</i> | | x | |
| rainbow bee-eater | <i>Merops ornatus</i> | | x | |
| jacky winter | <i>Microeca fascians</i> | x | | |
| leaden flycatcher | <i>Myiagra rubecula</i> | x | | |
| scarlet honeyeater | <i>Myzomela sanguinolenta</i> | x | | |
| plum-headed finch | <i>Neochmia modesta</i> | x | | |
| white-eared honeyeater | <i>Nesoptilotis leucotis</i> | x | x | |
| southern boobook | <i>Ninox boobook</i> | x | | |
| cockatiel | <i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i> | x | x | |
| crested pigeon | <i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i> | x | | |
| olive-backed oriole | <i>Oriolus sagittatus</i> | x | | |
| rufous whistler | <i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i> | x | x | x |
| striated pardalote | <i>Pardalotus striatus</i> | | x | |
| common bronzewing | <i>Phaps chalcoptera</i> | x | x | |

| Common Name | Scientific Name | Study Area 1 | Study Area 2 | Incidental |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| little friarbird | <i>Philemon citreogularis</i> | x | | |
| noisy friarbird | <i>Philemon corniculatus</i> | x | x | |
| striped honeyeater | <i>Plectorhyncha lanceolata</i> | x | | |
| tawny frogmouth | <i>Podargus strigoides</i> | x | x | |
| grey-crowned babbler | <i>Pomatostomus temporalis</i> | x | x | |
| red-rumped parrot | <i>Psephotus haematonotus</i> | x | | |
| speckled warbler | <i>Pyrholaemus sagittatus</i> | x | | |
| grey fantail | <i>Rhipidura albiscapa</i> | x | x | x |
| rufous fantail | <i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i> | | | x |
| weebill | <i>Smicrornis brevirostris</i> | x | x | |
| pied currawong | <i>Strepera graculina</i> | x | x | |
| apostlebird | <i>Struthidea cinerea</i> | x | | |
| Australasian grebe | <i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i> | x | | |
| double-barred finch | <i>Taeniopygia bichenovii</i> | x | x | |
| zebra finch | <i>Taeniopygia guttata</i> | x | | |
| scaly-breasted lorikeet | <i>Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus</i> | x | | |
| rainbow lorikeet | <i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i> | x | x | |
| painted button-quail | <i>Turnix varius</i> | | x | |
| silveryeye | <i>Zosterops lateralis</i> | x | | |

NB - * Three *Nyctophilus* species potentially occur in the Study Areas, including the threatened *N. corbeni* and two widespread species, *N. geoffroyi* and *N. gouldi*.



