

Species List for Site

Bold Threatened Species

* Exotic Species

*W3 The plant must be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed;

*W4 The growth and spread of the plant must be controlled according to the measures specified in a management plan published by the local control authority;

*W5 The requirements in the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 for a notifiable weed must be complied with.

Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	Littoral Rainforest	Swamp Oak Forest	Swamp Sclerophyll Forest	Sedgeland/Rushland	Low Closed Grassland
Adiantaceae	<i>Adiantum aethiopicum</i>	Common Maidenhair	√				
Adiantaceae	<i>Adiantum hispidulum</i>	Rough Maidenhair	√				
Agavaceae	<i>Cordyline rubra</i>	Red Fruited Palm Lily	√				
Agavaceae	<i>Cordyline stricta</i>	Narrow-leaved Palm Lily	√				
Amaryllidaceae	<i>Crinum pedunculatum</i>	Swamp Lily		√	√		
Apiaceae	<i>Centella asiatica</i>	Pennywort	√				
Apiaceae	<i>Hydrocotyle bonariensis</i>	Hydrocotyle		√	√		
Apocynaceae	<i>Taberbaemontana pandacaqui</i>	Banana Bush	√				
Apocynaceae	<i>Thevetia peruviana</i> *	Yellow Oleander	√				
Apocynaceae	<i>Gomphocarpus fruticosus</i> *	Narrow-Leaved Cotton Bush	√				
Apocynaceae	<i>Marsdenia rostrata</i>	Milk Vine	√				
Apocynaceae	<i>Melodinus australis</i>	Southern Melodinus	√				
Apocynaceae	<i>Parsonsia rotate</i>	Veinless Silkpod	√				
Apocynaceae	<i>Parsonsia straminea</i>	Common Silkpod	√		√		

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Araceae	<i>Alocasia brisbanensis</i>	Cunjevoi	√				
Araliaceae	<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i> *	Umbrella Tree	√	√	√		
Arecaceae	<i>Arcontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>	Bangalow Palm	√				√
Arecaceae	<i>Calamus caryotoides</i>	Lawyer Vine	√				
Arecaceae	<i>Pothos longipes</i>	Pothos Vine	√				
Arecaceae	<i>Syagrus romanzoffiana</i> *	Cocos Palm	√				
Asclepiadaceae	<i>Asclepias curassavica</i>	Redhead Cotton Bush	√	√	√	√	√
Asclepiadaceae	<i>Gomphocarpus fruticosus</i>	Narrow-leaved Cotton Bush	√	√	√	√	√
Asparagaceae	<i>Protasparagus aethiopicus</i> *	Ground Asparagus	√				
Asparagaceae	<i>Protasparagus plumosus</i> *	Climbing Asparagus	√				
Aspleniaceae	<i>Asplenium australasicum</i>	Birds Nest Fern	√				
Asteraceae	<i>Ageratina adenophora</i> *W4	Crofton Weed	√	√	√		
Asteraceae	<i>Ageratina riparia</i> *W4	Mistflower	√				
Asteraceae	<i>Ageratum houstonianum</i> *	Blue Billy Goat	√	√	√		√
Asteraceae	<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i> *W5	Ragweed	√				√
Asteraceae	<i>Baccharis</i>	Groundsel Bush		√	√		

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	<i>halimifolia</i> *W3						
Asteraceae	<i>Bidens pilosa</i> *	Cobbler's Pegs	√	√			√
Asteraceae	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i> *	Spear Thistle	√				√
Asteraceae	<i>Conyza bonariensis</i> *	Fleabane	√	√			√
Asteraceae	<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> *W4	Bitou Bush	√				
Asteraceae	<i>Erechtites valerianifolia</i> *	Brazilian Fireweed	√	√			√
Asteraceae	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i> *	Scotch Thistle	√	√			√
Asteraceae	<i>Senecio madagascariensis</i> *	Fire Weed	√	√			√
Asteraceae	<i>Tagetes minuta</i> *	Stinking Roger	√				√
Asteraceae	<i>Xanthium occidentale</i> *W4	Noogoora Burr					√
Basellaceae	<i>Anredera cordifolia</i> *	Madeira Vine	√				
Bignoniaceae	<i>Pandorea pandorana</i>	Wonga Wonga Vine	√				
Bignoniaceae	<i>Pyrostegia venusta</i> *	Flame Vine	√				
Blechnaceae	<i>Blechnum indicum</i>	Swamp Water Fern			√	√	
Blechnaceae	<i>Blechnum wattsii</i>	Hard Water Fern	√	√			
Blechnaceae	<i>Doodia aspera</i>	Prickly Rasp Fern		√			
Buddlejaceae	<i>Buddleja madagascariensis</i> *	Butterfly Bush	√				
Caesalpiniaceae	<i>Caesalpinia</i>	Corky-Prickle	√				

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	<i>subtropica</i>	Vine					
Caesalpinoideae	<i>Senna barclayana</i> *	Smooth Senna	√				
Caesalpinoideae	<i>Senna pendula</i> var. <i>glabrata</i> *	Winter Senna	√				
Cannabaceae	<i>Aphananthe philippinensis</i>	Rough-leaved Elm	√				
Capparaceae	<i>Capparis arborea</i>	Brush Caper Berry	√				
Caryophyllaceae	<i>Stellaria media</i> *	Common Chickweed	√				
Casuarinaceae	<i>Casuarina glauca</i>	Swamp Oak		√			
Celastraceae	<i>Celastrus subspicata</i>	Large-leaf Staff Vine	√				
Celastraceae	<i>Elaeodendron australe</i> var. <i>australe</i>	Red Olive Plum	√				
Celastraceae	<i>Hedraianthera porphyropetala</i>	Hedraianthera	√				
Commelinaceae	<i>Commelina benghalensis</i> *	Hairy Commelina	√		√		
Commelinaceae	<i>Commelina cyanea</i>	Native Commelina	√	√	√		
Commelinaceae	<i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i> *	Wandering Jew	√				
Convolvulaceae	<i>Ipomoea cairica</i> *	Coastal Morning Glory	√		√		
Cyatheaceae	<i>Cyathea australis</i>	Black Tree-fern		√			

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Cyperaceae	<i>Bolboschoenus fluviatilis</i>	Marsh Club-rush				√	
Cyperaceae	<i>Schoenoplectus validus</i>	A Rush					
Cyperaceae	<i>Eleocharis acuta</i>	A Spikerush			√	√	
Cyperaceae	<i>Eleocharis dulcis</i>	A Spikerush			√	√	
Cyperaceae	<i>Eleocharis equisetina</i>	A Spikerush			√	√	
Cyperaceae	<i>Gahnia clarkei</i>	Tall Saw-sedge		√	√	√	
Cyperaceae	<i>Cyperus eragrostis</i> *	Umbrella Sedge		√		√	
Cyperaceae	<i>Carex appressa</i>	Tall Sedge				√	
Davalliaceae	<i>Nephrolepis cordifolia</i> *	Fishbone Fern	√				
Dennstaedtiaceae	<i>Hypolepsis muelleri</i>	Harsh Ground Fern	√	√	√		
Dennstaedtiaceae	<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>	Bracken Fern	√	√			
Dicksoniaceae	<i>Calochlaena dubia</i>	Mountain Bracken	√				
Dilleniaceae	<i>Hibbertia scandens</i>	Climbing Guinea Flower	√	√	√		
Dioscoreaceae	<i>Dioscorea transversa</i>	Native Yam	√				
Elaeocarpaceae	<i>Elaeocarpus obovatus</i>	Hard Quandong	√				
Ebenaceae	<i>Diospyros pentamera</i>	Myrtle Ebony	√				

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Escalloniaceae	<i>Abrophyllum omans</i>	Native Hydrangea	√				
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Breynia oblongifolia</i>	Coffee Bush	√				
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Drypetes deplanchei</i>	Yellow Tulipwood	√				
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Glochidion ferdinandi</i>	Cheese Tree	√		√		
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Glochidion sumatranum</i>	Umbrella Cheese Tree	√		√		
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Macaranga tanarius</i>	Macaranga	√				
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Mallotus discolor</i>	White Kamala	√				
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Mallotus philipensis</i>	Red Kamala	√	√	√		
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Ricinus communis</i> *	Castor Oil Plant		√			
Eupomatiaceae	<i>Eupomatia bennettii</i>	Small Bolwarra	√				
Fabaceae	<i>Acacia elongata</i>	Swamp Wattle		√			
Fabaceae	<i>Acacia longissima</i>	Long-leaf Wattle	√	√			
Fabaceae	<i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i>	Coastal Wattle	√				
Fabaceae	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Black Wattle	√	√	√		
Fabaceae	<i>Archidendron hendersonii</i>	White Laceflower	√				
Fabaceae	<i>Caesalpinia decapetala</i> *	Thorny Poinciana	√				
Fabaceae	<i>Derris involuta</i>	Derris	√				
Fabaceae	<i>Desmodium uncinatum</i> *	Silver-leaved Desmodium	√				
Fabaceae	<i>Erythrina sykesii</i> *	Coral Tree			√		

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Fabaceae	<i>Pararchidendron pruinsum</i>	Snow Wood	√				
Fabaceae	<i>Trifolium repens</i> *	Clover					√
Fabaceae	<i>Vicia sp.</i> *	Vetch					√
Flagellariaceae	<i>Flagellaria indica</i>	Whip Vine	√				
Geraniaceae	<i>Geranium solanderi</i>	Native Geranium	√				
Gleicheniaceae	<i>Gleichenia dicarpa</i>	Coral Fern	√				
Juncaceae	<i>Juncus continuus</i>	A Rush				√	
Juncaceae	<i>Juncus usitatus</i>	Tussock Rush				√	
Lamiaceae	<i>Clerodendrum floribundum</i>	Clerodendrum	√		√		
Lamiaceae	<i>Gmelina leichhardtii</i>	White Beech	√				
Lauraceae	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i> *W4	Camphor Laurel	√	√	√		
Lauraceae	<i>Cryptocarya erythroxylon</i>	Pigeonberry Ash	√				
Lauraceae	<i>Cryptocarya laevigata</i>	Red-fruited Laurel	√				
Lauraceae	<i>Cryptocarya obovata</i>	Pepperberry Tree	√				
Lauraceae	<i>Cryptocarya triplinervis</i> var. <i>triplinervis</i>	Three Veined Laurel	√				
Lauraceae	<i>Endiandra discolor</i>	Rose Walnut	√				
Lauraceae	<i>Neolitsea dealbata</i>	Hairy-leaved	√				

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		Bolly Gum					
Lauraceae	<i>Neolitsea australiensis</i>	Green Bolly Gum	√				
Laxmanniaceae/Dracaenaceae	<i>Cordyline rubra</i>	Red-Fruited Palm Lilly	√				
Laxmanniaceae/Dracaenaceae	<i>Corydine stricta</i>	Narrow-leaved Palm	√				
Lomandraceae	<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Spiny-headed Mat Rush				√	
Luzuriagaceae	<i>Eustrephus latifolius</i>	Wombat Berry	√		√		
Luzuriagaceae	<i>Geitonoplesium cymosum</i>	Scrambling Lily	√				
Malaceae	<i>Cotoneaster glaucophyllus</i> *	Cotoneaster	√				
Malvaceae	<i>Brachychiton acerifolius</i>	Flame Tree	√				
Malvaceae	<i>Sida rhombifolia</i> *	Paddy's Lucerne	√	√	√		
Meliaceae	<i>Dysoxylum fraserianum</i>	Rosewood	√				
Meliaceae	<i>Dysoxylum Mollissimum</i> subsp. <i>molle</i>	Red Bean	√				
Meliaceae	<i>Dysoxylum rufum</i>	Hairy Rosewood	√				
Meliaceae	<i>Synoum glandulosum</i>	Scentless Rosewood	√				
Meliaceae	<i>Toona ciliata</i>	Red Cedar	√				

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Menispermaceae	<i>Stephania japonica</i>	Snake Vine	√				
Menispermaceae	<i>Tinospora tinasporoides</i>	Arrow-Head Vine	√				
Monimiaceae	<i>Wilkiea huegeliana</i>	Veiny Wilkiea	√				
Moraceae	<i>Ficus coronata</i>	Creek Sandpaper Fig	√				
Moraceae	<i>Ficus fraseri</i>	Sandpaper Fig	√				
Moraceae	<i>Ficus macrophylla</i>	Moreton Bay Fig	√				√
Moraceae	<i>Fiucs obliqua</i>	Small Leaf Fig	√				√
Moraceae	<i>Maclura cochinchinensis</i>	Cockspur Thorn	√				√
Moraceae	<i>Trophis scandens</i>	Burny Vine	√				
Moraceae	<i>Morus alba</i> *	White Mulberry		√			
Moraceae	<i>Streblus brunonianus</i>	Whalebone Tree	√				
Myrsinaceae	<i>Embelia australiana</i>	Embelia	√				
	<i>Rapanea howittiana</i>	Brush Muttonwood	√				
Myrtaceae	<i>Acmena smithii</i>	Lilly Pilly	√	√	√		
Myrtaceae	<i>Austromyrtus dulcis</i>	Midgen Berry	√				
Myrtaceae	<i>Decaspermum humile</i>	Silky Myrtle	√				
Myrtaceae	<i>Eugenia uniflora</i> *	Brazilian Cherry	√				
Myrtaceae	<i>Gossia bidwillii</i>	Python Tree	√				
Myrtaceae	<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>	Broad-Leaved Paper Bark		√	√		

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Myrtaceae	<i>Ptilidostigma glabrum</i>	Plum Myrtle	√				
Myrtaceae	<i>Psidium guajava</i> *	Guava	√				
Myrtaceae	<i>Rhodamnia maideniana</i>	Smooth Scrub Turpentine	√				
Myrtaceae	<i>Syzygium hogkinsoniae</i>	Red Lilly Pilly	√				
Myrtaceae	<i>Syzygium luehmannii</i>	Riberry	√				
Ochnaceae	<i>Ochna serraulata</i> *	Mickey Mouse Plant	√				
Oleaceae	<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i> *	Large Leaved Privet	√				
Oleaceae	<i>Ligustrum sinense</i> *	Small Leaved Privet	√				
Oleaceae	<i>Olea europaea subsp. africana</i> *	African Olive	√				
Oleaceae	<i>Olea paniculata</i>	Native Olive	√				
Onagraceae	<i>Ludwigia octovalvis</i>	Willow Primrose		√			
Onagraceae	<i>Ludwigia peploides subsp. montevidensis</i>	Water Primrose	√				
Passifloraceae	<i>Passiflora edulis</i> *	Edible Passionfruit	√				
Passifloraceae	<i>Passiflora suberosa</i> *	Corky Passionfruit	√				
Passifloraceae	<i>Passiflora subpeltata</i> *	White Passionflower	√	√			

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Philydraceae	<i>Philydrum lanuginosum</i>	Frogmouth		√	√		
Phytolaccaceae	<i>Phytolacca octandra</i> *	Inkweed	√	√			
Phytolaccaceae	<i>Rivina humilis</i> *	Coral Berry	√				
Pinaceae	<i>Pinus elliotii</i>	Slash Pine	√				
Pittosporaceae	<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	Boxthorn	√				
Pittosporaceae	<i>Hymenosporum flavum</i>	Native Frangipani	√				
Pittosporaceae	<i>Pittosporum revolutum</i>	Hairy Pittosporum	√				
Pittosporaceae	<i>Pittosporum undulatum</i>	Sweet Pittosporum	√				
Plantaginaceae	<i>Plantago gaudichaudii</i>	Plantain	√				
	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Lamb's Tongue	√				√
Poaceae	<i>Arthraxon hispidus</i>	Hairy Joint Grass				√	√
Poaceae	<i>Axonopus affinus</i>	Narrow Leaved Carpet Grass					√
Poaceae	<i>Chloris gayana</i>	Rhodes Grass					√
Poaceae	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Couch				√	√
Poaceae	<i>Eleusine indica</i> *	Crowsfoot Grass	√				√
Poaceae	<i>Imperata cylindrical</i>	Blady Grass	√			√	
Poaceae	<i>Isachne globosa</i>	Swamp Millet				√	√

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Poaceae	<i>Microlaena stipoides</i>	Weeping Grass	√				√
Poaceae	<i>Oplismenus aemulus</i>	Basket Grass	√				
Poaceae	<i>Oplismenus imbecillis</i>	Basket Grass	√				
Poaceae	<i>Paspalum dilatatum</i> *	Paspalum	√				√
Poaceae	<i>Paspalum wettsteinii</i> *	Broad-leaved Paspalum	√				√
Poaceae	<i>Pennisetum alopecuroides</i>	Swamp Foxtail		√		√	√
Poaceae	<i>Pennisetum clandestinum</i> *	Kikuyu			√		√
Poaceae	<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed		√	√	√	
Poaceae	<i>Setaria sphacelata</i>	Setaria					√
Poaceae	<i>Stenotaphrum secundatum</i> *	Buffalo Grass	√				√
Poaceae	<i>Themeda australis</i>	Kangaroo Grass					√
Poaceae	<i>Triraphis mollis</i>	Purple Needlegrass					√
Polygonaceae	<i>Acetosa sagittata</i> *	Turkey Rhubarb	√				
Polygonaceae	<i>Persicaria decipiens</i>	Smartweed				√	
Polygonaceae	<i>Persicaria strigosum</i>	Spotted Knotweed		√			
Polypodiaceae	<i>Platynerium bifurcatum</i>	Elkhorn	√				
Polypodiaceae	<i>Platynerium superbum</i>	Staghorn	√				

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Polypodiaceae	<i>Pyrrhosia rupestris</i>	Rock Felt Fern	√				
Proteaceae	<i>Macadamia tetraphylla</i>	Rough-Shelled Bush Nut	√				
Proteaceae	<i>Stenocarpus sinuatus</i>	Flame Tree	√				
Psilotaceae	<i>Psilotum nudum</i>	Skeleton Fork Fern	√		√		
Ranunculaceae	<i>Ranunculus inundatus</i>	River Buttercup				√	
Rhamnaceae	<i>Alphitonia excelsa</i>	Red Ash	√				
Rosaceae	<i>Rubus rosifolius</i>	Native Raspberry	√				
Rosaceae	<i>Prunus sp.*</i>	Peach	√				
Rubiaceae	<i>Cyclophyllum longipetalum</i>	Brush Canthium	√				
Rubiaceae	<i>Psychotria loniceroides</i>	Hairy Psychotria	√				
Rutaceae	<i>Acronychia imperforata</i>	Beach Acronychia	√				
Rutaceae	<i>Medicosma cunninghamii</i>	Pinkheart	√				
Rutaceae	<i>Melicope elleryana</i>	Pink Euodia		√			
Rutaceae	<i>Murraya paniculata*</i>	Murraya	√	√			
Sapindaceae	<i>Alectryon coriaceus</i>	Beach Alectryon	√				
Sapindaceae	<i>Arytera distylis</i>	Twin-Leaved Coogera	√				
Sapindaceae	<i>Arytera divaricata</i>	Coogera	√				

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Sapindaceae	<i>Castanopora alphandii</i>	Brown Tamarind	√				
Sapindaceae	<i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i>	Tuckeroo	√	√	√		√
Sapindaceae	<i>Guioa semiglauca</i>	Guioa	√	√	√		√
Sapindaceae	<i>Jagera psuedorhus</i>	Foambark Tree	√				
Sapindaceae	<i>Mischocarpus pyriformis</i>	Yellow Pear Fruit	√				
Sapindaceae	<i>Sarcopteryx stipitata</i>	Steelwood	√				
Sapotaceae	<i>Planchonella australis</i>	Black Apple	√				
Sapotaceae	<i>Planchonella chartacea</i>	Thin-leaved Condoo					
<u>Schizaeaceae</u>	<i>Lygodium microphyllum</i>	Climbing Snake Fern	√				
Simaroubaceae	<i>Ailanthus triphysa</i>	White Bean	√				
Simaroubaceae	<i>Quassia</i> sp 'A'	Quassia	√				
Smilacaceae	<i>Smilax australis</i>	Austral Sarsaparilla	√	√	√		
Smilacaceae	<i>Smilax glycyphylla</i>	Sweet Sarsaparilla	√				
Solanaceae	<i>Cestrum nocturnum</i> *	Lady Of The Night	√				
Solanaceae	<i>Solanum seaforthianum</i> *	Climbing Nightshade	√				√
Solanaceae	<i>Solanum</i>	Devils Apple	√	√			

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	<i>capsicoides*</i>						
Solanaceae	<i>Solanum mauritianum*</i>	Wild Tobacco Bush	√	√			√
Solanaceae	<i>Solanum nigrum*</i>	Blackberry Nightshade	√				
Solanaceae	<i>Solanum psuedocapsicum*</i>	Jerusalem Cherry	√				
Thymelaeaceae	<i>Pimelea ligustrina</i>	Rice Flower	√		√		
Thymelaeaceae	<i>Wikstroemia indica</i>	Native Wikstroemia	√	√	√		
Typhaceae	<i>Typha orientalis</i>	Broad-leaved Cumbungi			√	√	
Ulmaceae	<i>Aphananthe philippinensis</i>	Rough-leaved Elm	√				
Ulmaceae	<i>Celtis paniculata</i>	Native Celtis	√				
Ulmaceae	<i>Trema aspera</i>	Native Peach	√	√	√		
Verbenaceae	<i>Lantana camara*W4</i>	Lantana	√	√	√		√
Verbenaceae	<i>Verbena bonariensis</i>	Purple Top	√				
Violaceae	<i>Viola hederaceae</i>	Native Violet	√				
Vitaceae	<i>Cissus antartica</i>	Kangaroo Grape	√				
Vitaceae	<i>Cissus hypoglauca</i>	Water Vine	√				
Zingiberaceae	<i>Alpinia caerulea</i>	Native Ginger	√				

Seven Part Test of Significance

Seven Part Test of Significance for White Laceflower (*Archidendron hendersonii*), Roush-shelled Bush Nut (*Macadamia tetraphylla*), Red Lilly Pilly (*Syzygium hodgkinsoniae*) and Arrow Head Vine (*Tinospora tinosporoides*)

The Scientific Committee, established by the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*, has made a Final Determination to list White Laceflower (*Archidendron hendersonii*), Rough-shelled Bush Nut (*Macadamia tetraphylla*), Red Lilly Pilly (*Syzygium hodgkinsoniae*) and Arrow Head Vine (*Tinospora tinosporoides*) as Vulnerable in Schedule 2 of the Act.

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

White Laceflower is at threat from:

- loss of habitat through clearing and fragmentation;

The proposed works will not remove any areas of littoral rainforest or specimens of White Laceflower.

- habitat degradation through weed invasion and disturbance; and

Camphor Laurel is located within areas of littoral rainforest, especially on the edges of this community. Areas of littoral rainforest will be rehabilitated, which includes weed removal, as part of the proposed works.

- illegal collection of seeds for horticulture (NPWS 2002).

Threatened species will be carefully monitored.

Rough-shelled Bush Nut is at threat from:

- clearing and fragmentation of habitat for coastal development, agriculture and road works;

All recorded stems are to be retained. The majority of stems will be reserved within open space.

However, the few specimens in the north-western section of the site will be located within residential lots and protected by the use of covenants. Open space areas will buffer retained specimens and provide additional habitat for dispersal. Development of areas of the site represents a loss of suitable dispersal areas.

- risk of local extinction due to low numbers;

Approximately 58 specimens were recorded within the Littoral Rainforest, regrowth rainforest along Hendersons Lane and several isolated specimens in the north western corner. Specimens ranged from trees of approximately 9m in height to seedlings only 10cm in height. Rough-shelled Bush Nut is also known from the SEPP 26 Littoral Rainforest to the north-west of the site. The proposed development will not result in a reduction of numbers of Rough-shelled Bush Nut and will therefore not increase this threat.

- grazing and trampling by domestic stock;

The site is currently utilised for cattle grazing and cattle have full access to areas of littoral rainforest including specimens of Rough-shelled Bush Nut. Several specimens showed evidence of grazing by cattle. The proposed development will require the removal of cattle and therefore will reduce this threat.

- fire;

The proposed works will not increase the risk of this threat. The proposed development has been designed in accordance with Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006.

- invasion of habitat by introduced weeds; and

Camphor Laurel is located within areas of littoral rainforest, especially on the edges of this community. Areas of littoral rainforest will be rehabilitated, which includes weed removal, as part of the proposed works.

- loss of local genetic strains through hybridisation with commercial varieties (NPWS 2002).

The proposed works will not increase the risk of this threat.

Red Lilly Pilly is at threat from:

- clearing of rainforest habitat for development or agriculture;

The proposed works will not remove any areas of littoral rainforest or specimens of Red Lilly Pilly. One small tree was recorded within the north-eastern linear section of littoral rainforest. This specimen will be retained within the littoral rainforest. Open space areas will buffer retained specimens and provide additional habitat for dispersal.

- invasion of habitat by introduced weeds, particularly Lantana and exotic vines

Camphor Laurel is located within areas of littoral rainforest, especially on the edges of this community. Areas of littoral rainforest will be rehabilitated, which includes weed removal, as part of the proposed works.

- fire;

The proposed works will not increase the risk of this threat. The proposed development has been designed in accordance with Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006.

- collection of seed for horticulture(NPWS 2002).

Threatened species will be carefully monitored.

Arrow Head Vine is at threat from:

- clearing and fragmentation of habitat for development, agriculture, and road works;

Arrow Head Vine was recorded within one patch of linear Littoral Rainforest in the central north-western section of the site. This specimen will be protected by a covenant and retained within the littoral rainforest in residential lots.

- risk of local extinction because populations are small at some locations;

The existing population is currently small as it has only been recorded from one location within the site.

- grazing and trampling by domestic stock;

The site is currently utilised for cattle grazing and cattle have full access to areas of littoral rainforest including specimens of Arrow Head Vine. The proposed development will require the removal of cattle and therefore will reduce this threat.

- fire;

The proposed works will not increase the risk of this threat. The proposed development has been designed in accordance with Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006.

- invasion of habitat by introduced weeds;

Areas of littoral rainforest will be rehabilitated, which includes weed removal, as part of the proposed development.

- accidental damage to plants when cutting introduced vines during bush regeneration.

Rehabilitation works will only be undertaken by qualified bush regenerators. Known specimens of Arrow head Vine have been tagged.

Each of the threatened species will be reserved within open space except for Arrow Head Vine, which will be protected by a covenant and retained within the littoral rainforest in residential lots. It is unlikely that the proposed development will not increase the risk of existing threats nor will the development have an adverse effect on the lifecycle of the species such that a viable local population will be placed at risk of extinction.

- (b) *in the case of an endangered population, whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species that constitutes the endangered population such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,*

No consideration under this part of the assessment is required.

- (c) *in the case of an endangered ecological community or critically endangered ecological community, whether the action proposed:*

- (i) *is likely to have an adverse effect on the extent of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction, or*
- (ii) *is likely to substantially and adversely modify the composition of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,*

No consideration under this part of the assessment is required.

(d) *in relation to the habitat of a threatened species, population or ecological community:*

- (i) *the extent to which habitat is likely to be removed or modified as a result of the action proposed, and*

Each of the subject species prefers rainforest habitats. The two main elongated areas of littoral rainforest, which occur within the eastern portion of the site, are to be dedicated as open space. They will be rehabilitated and buffered in order to prevent impacts on this vegetation community. Another elongated section of littoral rainforest located in the central northern portion of the site, which also follows an existing fence line, will be incorporated into residential lots. Restrictions on the title of lots in this area will be used to protect these areas of rainforest vegetation, which cover approximately 0.2ha.

White Laceflower One large White Laceflower and one smaller shrub were recorded within the upper slopes of southern linear Littoral Rainforest which runs in a north / south direction. This specimen will be retained within the littoral rainforest. Open space areas will buffer retained specimens and provide additional habitat for dispersal.

Rough-shelled Bush Nut: All 58 recorded stems are to be retained. These were recorded within the littoral rainforest and several isolated stems were recorded within grassland in the far north-western corner of the site. The majority of stems will be reserved within open space. However, the few specimens in the north-western section of the site will be located within residential lots and protected by the use of covenants. Open space areas will buffer retained specimens and provide additional habitat for dispersal. Development of areas of the site represents a loss of suitable dispersal areas.

Red Lilly Pilly One small tree was recorded within the north-eastern linear section of littoral rainforest. This specimen will be retained within the littoral rainforest. Open space areas will buffer retained specimens and provide additional habitat for dispersal.

Arrow Head Vine This vine was recorded within one patch of linear Littoral Rainforest in the central north-western section of the site. This specimen will be protected by a covenant and retained within the littoral rainforest in residential lots.

No habitat of the subject species will be removed or modified as a result of the proposed development.

- (ii) *whether an area of habitat is likely to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat as a result of the proposed action, and*

Each of the threatened species are currently located within small, isolated pockets of littoral rainforest. Some stems of Rough-shelled Bush Nut exist as isolated specimens within grassland or rainforest regrowth. The site consists of cleared coastal land that is currently used for cattle grazing. It is located to the north of the existing stages of the Pacific Pines Estate and the majority of vegetation has been cleared in the past. The proposed works will preserve all areas of littoral rainforest and specimens of the subject threatened species. These areas will be rehabilitated and buffered. Additionally, the proposed development will include extensive landscaping and street trees. It is unlikely that the proposed works will cause the habitat to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat.

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

The area to be affected by the proposed development mainly consists of cleared land currently utilised for cattle grazing. Areas of littoral rainforest will be regenerated, buffered and dedicated as open space. The areas beyond the buffer may represent a loss of potential area for seed dispersal and expansion for these threatened species.

- (e) *whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on critical habitat (either directly or indirectly),*

No areas of critical habitat are listed under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* within the study area nor are there any areas of critical habitat for the subject species listed under the TSC Act.

- (f) *whether the action proposed is consistent with the objectives or actions of a recovery plan or threat abatement plan,*

No recovery plans or threat abatement plans are prepared for the subject species under the TSC Act.

- (g) *whether the action proposed constitutes or is part of a key threatening process or is likely to result in the operation of, or increase the impact of, a key threatening process.*

A threatening process is defined under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* as a process that threatens, or may have the capability to threaten, the survival or evolutionary development of species, populations or ecological communities. The current list of key threatening processes under TSC Act, and whether the proposed development is recognised as a threatening process is shown below.

Table B.1 Key Threatening Process

Listed Key Threatening Process (as described in the final determination of the Scientific Committee to list the threatening process)	Is the development or activity proposed of a class of development or activity that is recognised as a threatening process?		
	Likely	Possible	Unlikely
Invasion and establishment of <i>Bufo marinus</i>			✓
Invasion and establishment of exotic vines and scramblers		✓	
Alteration of habitat following subsidence due to longwall mining			✓
Invasion of the Yellow Crazy Ant			✓
Herbivory and environmental degradation caused by feral deer			✓
Competition and habitat degradation by feral goats			✓
Predation, habitat degradation, competition and disease transmission by feral pigs			✓
Alteration to the natural flow regimes of rivers and streams and their floodplains and wetlands			✓
Bush rock removal			✓
Clearing of native vegetation		✓	
<i>Lantana camara</i>		✓	
Competition and grazing by the feral European Rabbit, <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> (L.)			✓

Listed Key Threatening Process (as described in the final determination of the Scientific Committee to list the threatening process)	Is the development or activity proposed of a class of development or activity that is recognised as a threatening process?		
	Likely	Possible	Unlikely
Competition from feral honeybee			✓
Death or injury to marine species following capture in shark control programs on ocean beaches			✓
Ecological consequences of high frequency fires			✓
Entanglement in or ingestion of anthropogenic debris in marine and estuarine environments			✓
Human caused climate change			✓
Importation of red imported fire ants into NSW			✓
Infection by <i>Psittacine circoviral</i> (beak and feather) disease affecting endangered psittacine species and populations			✓
Infection of frogs by amphibian chytrid causing the disease chytridiomycosis			✓
Infection of native plants by <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i>			✓
Introduction of the large earth bumblebee, <i>Bombus terrestris</i>			✓
Invasion of native plant communities by <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>			✓
Invasion of native plant communities by exotic perennial grasses			✓
Loss and/or degradation of sites used for hill-topping by butterflies			✓
Predation by the Feral Cat <i>Felis catus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)			✓
Predation by the European Red Fox <i>Vulpes vulpes</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)			✓
Predation by <i>Gambusia holbrooki</i> Girard, 1859 (Plague Minnow or Mosquito Fish)			✓
Predation by the Ship Rat <i>Rattus rattus</i> on Lord Howe Island			✓
Removal of dead wood and dead trees			✓

Clearing of native vegetation is a threatened process listed under this Act. Clearing is defined as the destruction of a sufficient proportion of one or more strata (layers) within a stand or stands of native vegetation so as to result in the loss, or long term modification, of the structure, composition and ecological function of stand or stands.

Rainforests are susceptible to invasion by exotic vines particularly after canopy disturbance (Floyd 1989). Exotic vines and scramblers may smother existing vegetation, both in the ground layer and canopy (NPWS 2002). As previously stated, areas of littoral rainforest will be regenerated by a trained bush regenerator. This will involve the gradual removal of weeds such as Camphor Laurel. Regeneration works will be undertaken in accordance with a Vegetation Management Plan which will guide the gradual removal of weeds in order to avoid invasion by weeds such as exotic vines and Lantana. The proposed development will not involve the removal of any littoral rainforest or removal of the subject species. The areas of littoral rainforest will be regenerated and buffered. Extensive mitigation measures are proposed for the period of construction works. It is highly unlikely that the proposed action will result in increased impacts of this key threatening process.

Conclusion

It is unlikely that the proposed development will significantly adversely affect the White Laceflower, Rough-shelled Bush Nut, Red Lily Pilly or Arrow Head Vine. The proposed development will not affect substantial areas of habitat and will not increase any key threatening processes or cause the species to become further endangered.

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Seven Part Test of Significance for Hairy Joint Grass (*Arthraxon hispidus*)

The Scientific Committee, established by the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*, has made a Final Determination to list Hairy Joint Grass (*Arthraxon hispidus*) as Vulnerable in Schedule 2 of the Act.

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

Cardno (2007) note that Hairy Joint Grass is a slender, creeping grass with branching to semi-erect purplish stems that form roots at the node. The species is distinguished by a hispid (having bristly hairs) leaf sheath 1 – 3 cm long and leaf margins that are fringed with long, white hairs. While generally considered to be a perennial, the species life-cycle can be comparable to an annual plant, where individuals arise from seed during spring, flower in autumn and die off in winter. Hairy Joint Grass is typically described as a moisture and shade-loving species often associated with the edge of rainforest, wet sclerophyll forest, creeks and swamps. However, at present there is dearth of published knowledge concerning the species biology and ecology.

This species is at threat from:

- clearing of habitat for agriculture and development;
- inappropriate fire regimes;
- over-grazing by domestic stock;
- competition from introduced grasses such as *Paspalum* and *Kikuyu*; and
- slashing or mowing of habitat (NPWS 2002).

The proposed concept plan for the development incorporates a management strategy for Hairy Joint Grass. This management strategy includes a significant amount of monitoring and research into effective management of Hairy Joint Grass populations as well as contributing to a number of Priority Actions for the recovery of Hairy Joint Grass as identified by DEC (2005). Implementation of the strategy will ensure a sustainable local population of the species, protected in perpetuity by Environmental Protection Zoning and public ownership.

If the proposed development is assessed in isolation without the proposed management strategy for Hairy Joint Grass, the proposed development could be assessed as having an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species such that a viable local population is likely to be placed at risk of extinction. The proposed management strategy will provide important information about the life cycle of this species and will aim to link and enhance areas of known Hairy Joint Grass habitat off-site within an area zoned environmental protection in perpetuity.

- (b) *in the case of an endangered population, whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species that constitutes the endangered population such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,*

No consideration under this part of the assessment is required.

- (c) *in the case of an endangered ecological community or critically endangered ecological community, whether the action proposed:*

- (i) *is likely to have an adverse effect on the extent of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction, or*
- (ii) *is likely to substantially and adversely modify the composition of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,*

No consideration under this part of the assessment is required.

(d) in relation to the habitat of a threatened species, population or ecological community:

(i) the extent to which habitat is likely to be removed or modified as a result of the action proposed, and

Hairy Joint Grass was recorded throughout the sedgeand / rushland community below the 6.5m contour within two main locations; in the north-western portion of the site and the central section to the east of the Water Quality Control Pond. The area of potential habitat suitable for Hairy Joint Grass is approximately 7.9ha. Approximately 5.8ha of habitat potentially suitable for Hairy Joint Grass will be removed as a result of the proposed development. 2.1ha will be retained within open space.

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

Hairy Joint Grass was recorded throughout the sedgeand / rushland community below the 6.5m contour within two main locations; in the north-western portion of the site and the central section to the east of the Water Quality Control Pond. These two areas within the site are currently isolated. Other populations throughout the broader Lennox Head area are also currently isolated. These populations are known from properties known as "Coastal Grove," "Henderson" and "Newton". The proposed Hairy Joint Grass management strategy will contribute to linking and enhancing areas of known Hairy Joint Grass habitat off-site within an area zoned environmental protection in perpetuity.

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

As information regarding ecology and distribution of Hairy Joint Grass are not well known, any area of Hairy Joint Grass is of high importance. Hairy Joint Grass habitat within the site however is small and isolated. Improving the linkage of Hairy Joint Grass with other areas of known habitat is a key objective of the management strategy. The area off-site that will be protected in perpetuity will become of high importance and will be available for further research of this species.

(e) whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on critical habitat (either directly or indirectly),

No areas of critical habitat are listed under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* within the study area nor are there any areas of critical habitat for *Arthraxon hispidus* listed under the TSC Act.

(f) whether the action proposed is consistent with the objectives or actions of a recovery plan or threat abatement plan,

No recovery plan or threat abatement plan is prepared for *Arthraxon hispidus*.

(g) whether the action proposed constitutes or is part of a key threatening process or is likely to result in the operation of, or increase the impact of, a key threatening process.

A threatening process is defined under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* as a process that threatens, or may have the capability to threaten, the survival or evolutionary development of species, populations or ecological communities. The current list of key threatening processes under TSC Act, and whether the proposed development is recognised as a threatening process is shown below.

Table B2 Key Threatening Process

Listed Key Threatening Process (as described in the final determination of the Scientific Committee to list the threatening process)	Is the development or activity proposed of a class of development or activity that is recognised as a threatening process?		
	Likely	Possible	Unlikely
Invasion and Establishment of <i>Bufo marinus</i>			✓
Invasion and establishment of exotic vines and scramblers			✓
Alteration of habitat following subsidence due to longwall mining			✓
Invasion of the Yellow Crazy Ant			✓
Herbivory and environmental degradation caused by feral deer			✓
Competition and habitat degradation by feral goats			✓
Predation, habitat degradation, competition and disease transmission by Feral pigs			✓
Alteration to the natural flow regimes of rivers and streams and their floodplains and wetlands		✓	
Bush rock removal			✓
Clearing of native vegetation		✓	
<i>Lantana camara</i>			✓
Competition and grazing by the feral European Rabbit, <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> (L.)			✓
Competition from feral honeybee			✓
Death or injury to marine species following capture in shark control programs on ocean beaches			✓
Ecological consequences of high frequency fires			✓
Entanglement in or ingestion of anthropogenic debris in marine and estuarine environments			✓
Human caused climate change			✓
Importation of red imported fire ants into NSW			✓
Infection by <i>Psittacine circoviral</i> (beak and feather) disease affecting endangered psittacine species and populations			✓
Infection of frogs by amphibian chytrid causing the disease chytridiomycosis			✓
Infection of native plants by <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i>			✓
Introduction of the large earth bumblebee, <i>Bombus terrestris</i>			✓
Invasion of native plant communities by <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>			✓
Invasion of native plant communities by exotic perennial grasses		✓	
Loss and/or degradation of sites used for hill-topping by butterflies			✓
Predation by the Feral Cat <i>Felis catus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)			✓
Predation by the European Red Fox <i>Vulpes vulpes</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)			✓
Predation by <i>Gambusia holbrooki</i> Girard, 1859 (Plague Minnow or Mosquito Fish)			✓

Listed Key Threatening Process (as described in the final determination of the Scientific Committee to list the threatening process)	Is the development or activity proposed of a class of development or activity that is recognised as a threatening process?		
	Likely	Possible	Unlikely
Predation by the Ship Rat <i>Rattus rattus</i> on Lord Howe Island			✓
Removal of dead wood and dead trees			✓

Clearing of native vegetation is a threatened process listed under this Act. Clearing is defined as the destruction of a sufficient proportion of one or more strata (layers) within a stand or stands of native vegetation so as to result in the loss, or long term modification, of the structure, composition and ecological function of stand or stands. The site consists of cleared coastal land that is currently used for cattle grazing. The proposed development will require the clearance of areas of vegetation for the construction of dwellings, roads and associated infrastructure. Hairy Joint Grass was recorded throughout the sedgeand / rushland community below the 6.5m contour within two main locations; in the north-western portion of the site and the central section to the east of the Water Quality Control Pond. The area of potential habitat suitable for Hairy Joint Grass is approximately 7.9ha. Approximately 5.8ha of habitat potentially suitable for Hairy Joint Grass will be removed as a result of the proposed development. 2.1 ha will be retained within open space.

Alteration to natural flow regimes can occur through reducing or increasing flows, altering seasonality of flows, changing the frequency, duration, magnitude, timing, predictability and variability of flow events, altering surface and subsurface water levels and changing the rate of rise or fall of water levels (DEC 2004).

Cardno (2007) notes that *Arthraxon* is typically described as moisture and shade-loving grass often associated with the edges of rainforest, wet sclerophyll forest, creeks and swamps. Essential habitat for the species within the Northern Rivers Region is identified as moist sites on edges of rainforest or in wet sclerophyll forest. There is growing evidence from the north coast of NSW, that the species persistence and survival is driven more by a dependence on groundwater than a preference for the prevailing vegetation type (Kooyman 2005). More specifically, populations of the species are being recorded in degraded, weed-infested cow paddocks that support ground-fed springs, wetlands and swamps (Benwell 2003; Kooyman 2005; Parker 2006). It is predicted that these environments at some stage represented the ecotone between Littoral rainforest and *Melaleuca* swamps along the north coast of NSW.

A number of exotic perennial grasses invade and may dominate native plant communities competing with, and displacing, many native species (DECC 2007). At present, the life-cycle and population dynamics of *Arthraxon* is poorly understood. Within the subject site, the species is specifically associated with damp areas that would be subject to periods of brief inundation, amongst Swamp ricegrass (*Leersia hexandra*) and Swamp foxtail (*Pennisetum alopecuroides*). The distribution of Hairy Joint Grass appears to depend on a delicate balance on competition and moisture.

If the proposed development is assessed in isolation without the proposed management strategy for Hairy Joint Grass, the proposed development could be assessed as contributing to these three key threatening processes. The proposed management strategy will include trials to determine threats, optimal growing conditions and general information about the ecology of this cryptic grass.

Conclusion

If the proposed development is assessed in isolation without the proposed management strategy for Hairy Joint Grass, the proposed development could be assessed as having a significant adverse impact on the survival of this species. The proposed management strategy however will provide important information

about the ecology of this species and will aim to link and enhance areas of known Hairy Joint Grass habitat off-site within an area zoned environmental protection in perpetuity.

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Seven-Part Test of Significance for Littoral Rainforest, Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest and Swamp Sclerophyll Forest on NSW North Coast Bioregions

The Scientific Committee, established by the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*, has made a Final Determination to list *Littoral Rainforest of the NSW North Coast, Sydney Basin and South East Corner bioregions*, *Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest of the NSW North Coast, Sydney Basin and South East Corner bioregions* and *Swamp Sclerophyll Forest on coastal floodplains of the NSW North Coast, Sydney Basin and South East Corner bioregions* as an Endangered Ecological Communities in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the TSC Act 1995.

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

No consideration under this part of the assessment is required.

- (b) *in the case of an endangered population, whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species that constitutes the endangered population such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,*

No consideration under this part of the assessment is required.

- (c) *in the case of an endangered ecological community or critically endangered ecological community, whether the action proposed:*

- (i) *is likely to have an adverse effect on the extent of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction, or*
- (ii) *is likely to substantially and adversely modify the composition of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,*

Littoral Rainforest is generally a closed forest, the structure and composition of which is strongly influenced by proximity to the ocean. The plant species in this ecological community are predominantly rainforest species with evergreen mesic or coriaceous leaves. Several species have compound leaves, and vines may be a major component of the canopy. Littoral rainforest occurs on both sand dunes and on soils derived from underlying rocks (DEC 2005a). Littoral Rainforest mainly occurs within two elongated sections on elevated areas along an old fence line which runs north / south within the eastern portion of the site. Another elongated section also follows an existing fence further west. The littoral rainforest vegetation is in a degraded state, with relatively low species diversity. The small, isolated pockets of littoral rainforest are fragmented, are subject to trampling by cattle and contain a significant portion of exotic species, mainly Camphor Laurel (*Cinnamomum camphora*). The proposed development will not remove any areas of littoral rainforest. Areas of littoral rainforest will be regenerated and buffered. It is unlikely that the proposed development will have an adverse effect on the extent of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction. Similarly, it is unlikely that the proposed development will substantially and adversely modify the composition of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Swamp Oak Forest occurs as a fragmented patch (approximately 0.3 ha) to the north-east of the southern rainforest community. The Swamp Oak Forest is in a degraded state with a fragmented canopy dominated by Swamp Oak (*Casuarina glauca*) and Camphor Laurel (*Cinnamomum camphora*). The midstorey and understorey vegetation is relatively low in diversity and contains a significant proportion of exotic species. The site is also subject to trampling by cattle. The proposed development will not remove any areas of Swamp Oak Forest. It is unlikely that the proposed development will have an adverse effect on the extent of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction. Similarly, it is unlikely that the proposed development will substantially and adversely modify

the composition of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Swamp Sclerophyll Forest occurs as a small patch (approximately 0.1ha) in the low-lying south-western portion of the site, directly east of the water quality control pond. This vegetation community will be entirely removed as a result of the proposed development. This vegetation community is also located within Ballina Nature Reserve, immediately west of the site. Lennox Head Structure Plan (BSC 2004) notes that "swamp forest habitat is well covered by environmental protection zones." Despite 0.1 ha of this vegetation type being removed, it is unlikely that the proposed development will have an adverse effect on the extent of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction. The extensive local occurrence of this vegetation community off site will not be affected by the proposed development. Similarly, it is unlikely that the proposed development will substantially and adversely modify the composition of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

(d) *in relation to the habitat of a threatened species, population or ecological community:*

(i) *the extent to which habitat is likely to be removed or modified as a result of the action proposed, and*

The proposed development will require removal of vegetation for the construction of dwellings, roads and associated infrastructure. The proposed Concept Plan illustrates that the site layout has been designed to allow for the retention and embellishment of most stands of native forested vegetation. Estimations of the areas of EECs to be lost as a result of the proposed development are shown in **Table B.3**.

Table B.3 Areas of EECs to be directly removed as a result of the proposed development

<i>Vegetation Community</i>	<i>Approximate Area of Vegetation Community within Site</i>	<i>Approximate Area of Vegetation Community to be Directly Removed</i>
Littoral Rainforest	1.9 ha	Nil
Swamp Oak Forest	0.3 ha	Nil
Swamp Sclerophyll Forest	0.1 ha	0.1 ha

The two main elongated areas of littoral rainforest, which occur within the eastern portion of the site, are to be dedicated as open space. They will be rehabilitated and buffered in order to prevent impacts on this vegetation community. Another elongated section of littoral rainforest located in the central northern portion of the site, which also follows an existing fence line, will be incorporated into residential lots. Restrictions on the title of lots in this area will be used to protect these areas of rainforest vegetation, which cover approximately 0.2ha.

No areas of Swamp Oak Forest will be directly removed as a result of the proposed works. This area will be dedicated as open space and will be rehabilitated and buffered.

The 0.1ha patch of Swamp Sclerophyll Forest will be entirely removed by the proposed development. This small remnant is highly edge affected, cattle have full access and it is highly degraded. This community type is widely distributed in Ballina Nature Reserve.

(ii) *whether an area of habitat is likely to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat as a result of the proposed action, and*

Each of the EECs within the site are currently isolated. The site consists of cleared coastal land that is currently used for cattle grazing. It is located to the north of the existing stages of the Pacific Pines Estate

and the majority of vegetation has been cleared in the past. Forested areas except 0.1 ha of Swamp Sclerophyll Forest will be rehabilitated and buffered. Additionally, the proposed development will include extensive landscaping and street trees. It is unlikely that the proposed works will cause the habitat to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat.

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

The only area of EEC to be removed as a result of the proposed development is 0.1 ha of Swamp Sclerophyll Forest. Cattle currently have access to this area as trampling is evident around the fringes of the community. This community is highly edge effected and healthier stands are located off-site within the adjacent Ballina Nature Reserve. This vegetation community however does provide an island for fauna.

(e) *whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on critical habitat (either directly or indirectly),*

No areas of critical habitat are listed under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* within the study area nor are there any areas of critical habitat for the subject EECs listed under the TSC Act.

(f) *whether the action proposed is consistent with the objectives or actions of a recovery plan or threat abatement plan,*

No recovery plan or threat abatement plans are prepared for the subject EECs under the TSC Act.

(g) *whether the action proposed constitutes or is part of a key threatening process or is likely to result in the operation of, or increase the impact of, a key threatening process.*

A threatening process is defined under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* as a process that threatens, or may have the capability to threaten, the survival or evolutionary development of species, populations or ecological communities. The current list of key threatening processes under TSC Act, and whether the proposed development is recognised as a threatening process is shown below.

Table B.4 Key Threatening Process

Listed Key Threatening Process (as described in the final determination of the Scientific Committee to list the threatening process)	Is the development or activity proposed of a class of development or activity that is recognised as a threatening process?		
	Likely	Possible	Unlikely
Invasion and establishment of <i>Bufo marinus</i>			✓
Invasion and establishment of exotic vines and scramblers		✓	
Alteration of habitat following subsidence due to longwall mining			✓
Invasion of the Yellow Crazy Ant			✓
Herbivory and environmental degradation caused by feral deer			✓
Competition and habitat degradation by feral goats			✓
Predation, habitat degradation, competition and disease transmission by Feral pigs			✓
Alteration to the natural flow regimes of rivers and streams and their floodplains and wetlands			✓
Bush rock removal			✓

Listed Key Threatening Process (as described in the final determination of the Scientific Committee to list the threatening process)	Is the development or activity proposed of a class of development or activity that is recognised as a threatening process?		
Clearing of native vegetation		✓	
<i>Lantana camara</i>		✓	
Competition and grazing by the feral European Rabbit, <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> (L.)			✓
Competition from feral honeybee			✓
Death or injury to marine species following capture in shark control programs on ocean beaches			✓
Ecological consequences of high frequency fires			✓
Entanglement in or ingestion of anthropogenic debris in marine and estuarine environments			✓
Human caused climate change			✓
Importation of red imported fire ants into NSW			✓
Infection by <i>Psittacine circoviral</i> (beak and feather) disease affecting endangered psittacine species and populations			✓
Infection of frogs by amphibian chytrid causing the disease chytridiomycosis			✓
Infection of native plants by <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i>			✓
Introduction of the large earth bumblebee, <i>Bombus terrestris</i>			✓
Invasion of native plant communities by <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>			✓
Invasion of native plant communities by exotic perennial grasses			✓
Loss and/or degradation of sites used for hill-topping by butterflies			✓
Predation by the Feral Cat <i>Felis catus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)			✓
Predation by the European Red Fox <i>Vulpes vulpes</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)			✓
Predation by <i>Gambusia holbrooki</i> Girard, 1859 (Plague Minnow or Mosquito Fish)			✓
Predation by the Ship Rat <i>Rattus rattus</i> on Lord Howe Island			✓
Removal of dead wood and dead trees			✓

Clearing of native vegetation is a threatened process listed under this Act. Clearing is defined as the destruction of a sufficient proportion of one or more strata (layers) within a stand or stands of native vegetation so as to result in the loss, or long term modification, of the structure, composition and ecological function of stand or stands.

Exotic vines and scramblers may smother existing vegetation, both in the ground layer and canopy. As previously stated, areas of forested vegetation will be regenerated by a trained bush regenerator. This will involve the gradual removal of weeds such as Camphor Laurel. Regeneration works will be undertaken in accordance with a Vegetation Management Plan which will guide the gradual removal of weeds in order to avoid invasion by weeds such as exotic vines and Lantana. It is highly unlikely that the proposed action will result in increased impacts of this key threatening process.

Conclusion

The proposed development does not involve the removal of any Littoral Rainforest or Swamp Oak Forest. These two EECs will be buffered and regenerated. The Swamp Sclerophyll EEC within the site is 0.1 ha, highly edge effected and trampled by cattle. This vegetation community will be removed as part of the proposed development. Extensive areas of this vegetation community are located within the adjacent Ballina Nature Reserve. It is highly unlikely that the proposed development will adversely affect the long term survival of these endangered ecological communities in the broader study area.

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Seven-Part Test of Significance for Green Sawfish (*Nannoperca oxleyana*)

The Scientific Committee, established by the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*, has made a Final Determination to list Green Sawfish (*Nannoperca oxleyana*) as Endangered in Schedule 1 of the Act.

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

Green Sawfish is a predominantly marine species known to enter areas of fresh water and, prior to the 1970s, was regularly found in the shallow waters at the mouth of the Tweed, Clarence and Richmond Rivers. This species practices internal fertilisation and is known to have low fecundity, with estimates of approximately 20 young. The probable causes of decline are bycatch in prawn trawling; targeted harvest for flesh, fins and saws and habitat degradation. The NSW Fisheries Scientific Committee note that the last recorded museum specimen from NSW was in 1972. The occurrence of a local population near the site cannot be demonstrated however suitable habitat exists within North Creek. The proposed development includes extensive mitigation measures to ensure that adverse impacts are not experienced within the nearby North Creek. The proposed development is highly unlikely to have an adverse effect on the lifecycle of the species such that a viable local population of the species is placed at risk of extinction, should it persist in the locality.

- (b) *in the case of an endangered population, whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species that constitutes the endangered population such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,*

No consideration under this part of the assessment is required.

- (c) *in the case of an endangered ecological community or critically endangered ecological community, whether the action proposed:*

- (i) *is likely to have an adverse effect on the extent of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction, or*
- (ii) *is likely to substantially and adversely modify the composition of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,*

No consideration under this part of the assessment is required.

- (d) *in relation to the habitat of a threatened species, population or ecological community:*

- (i) *the extent to which habitat is likely to be removed or modified as a result of the action proposed, and*

It is not expected that any habitat will be removed or modified as a result of the proposed development. The proposed development includes extensive mitigation measures to ensure that adverse impacts are not experienced within the nearby North Creek.

- (ii) *whether an area of habitat is likely to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat as a result of the proposed action, and*

Areas are considered likely to become “fragmented or isolated” if the proposal is likely to create a situation preventing future movement of individuals between these areas. The proposed development is unlikely to adversely impact upon or alienate movement corridors or limit dispersal options for the Green Sawfish, as there will be little or no impact on habitats within North Creek.

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

Areas to be directly affected by the proposed development are terrestrial and do not provide habitat for Green Sawfish. The occurrence of a local population near the site cannot be demonstrated. The proposed development includes extensive mitigation measures to ensure that adverse impacts are not experienced within the nearby North Creek.

(e) *whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on critical habitat (either directly or indirectly),*

No areas of critical habitat are listed under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* within the study area nor are there any areas of critical habitat for Green Sawfish listed under the TSC Act.

(f) *whether the action proposed is consistent with the objectives or actions of a recovery plan or threat abatement plan,*

No recovery plan or threat abatement plan is prepared for Green Sawfish.

(g) *whether the action proposed constitutes or is part of a key threatening process or is likely to result in the operation of, or increase the impact of, a key threatening process.*

Key Threatening Processes listed within Schedule 6 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* are listed in **Table B.5**.

Table B.5 FM Act 1994 Key Threatening Processes

Listed Key Threatening Process	Is the activity likely to be a KTP?		
	Likely	Possible	Unlikely
Degradation of native riparian vegetation along New South Wales water courses		✓	
Hook and line fishing in areas important for the survival of threatened fish species			✓
Installation and operation of instream structures and other mechanisms that alter natural flow regimes of rivers and streams			✓
Introduction of fish to waters within a river catchment outside their natural range			✓
Introduction of non-indigenous fish and marine vegetation to the coastal waters of New South Wales			✓
Removal of large woody debris from New South Wales rivers and streams			✓
The current shark meshing program in New South Wales waters			✓

Threatening processes to the Green Sawfish include bycatch in prawn trawling; targeted harvest for flesh, fins and saws and habitat degradation. The proposed development is unlikely to make a significant contribution to any of these threatening processes. A 50m vegetated buffer is to be established as part of works associated with the Water Quality Control Pond. This buffer will protect and enhance riparian vegetation.

A threatening process is defined under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* as a process that threatens, or may have the capability to threaten, the survival or evolutionary development of species, populations or ecological communities. The current list of key threatening processes under TSC Act, and whether the proposed development is recognised as a threatening process is shown below.

Table B.6 Key Threatening Process

Listed Key Threatening Process (as described in the final determination of the Scientific Committee to list the threatening process)	Is the development or activity proposed of a class of development or activity that is recognised as a threatening process?		
	Likely	Possible	Unlikely
Invasion and establishment of <i>Bufo marinus</i>			✓
Invasion and establishment of exotic vines and scramblers			✓
Alteration of habitat following subsidence due to longwall mining			✓
Invasion of the Yellow Crazy Ant			✓
Herbivory and environmental degradation caused by feral deer			✓
Competition and habitat degradation by feral goats			✓
Predation, habitat degradation, competition and disease transmission by Feral pigs			✓
Alteration to the natural flow regimes of rivers and streams and their floodplains and wetlands			✓
Bush rock removal			✓
Clearing of native vegetation			✓
Competition and grazing by the feral European Rabbit, <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> (L.)			✓
Competition from feral honeybee			✓
Death or injury to marine species following capture in shark control programs on ocean beaches			✓
Ecological consequences of high frequency fires			✓
Entanglement in or ingestion of anthropogenic debris in marine and estuarine environments			✓
Human caused climate change			✓
Importation of red imported fire ants into NSW			✓
Infection by <i>Psittacine circoviral</i> (beak and feather) disease affecting endangered psittacine species and populations			✓
Infection of frogs by amphibian chytrid causing the disease chytridiomycosis			✓
Infection of native plants by <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i>			✓
Introduction of the large earth bumblebee, <i>Bombus terrestris</i>			✓
Invasion of native plant communities by <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>			✓
Invasion of native plant communities by exotic perennial grasses			✓
Loss and/or degradation of sites used for hill-topping by butterflies			✓
Predation by the Feral Cat <i>Felis catus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)			✓
Predation by the European Red Fox <i>Vulpes vulpes</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)			✓

Listed Key Threatening Process (as described in the final determination of the Scientific Committee to list the threatening process)	Is the development or activity proposed of a class of development or activity that is recognised as a threatening process?		
Predation by <i>Gambusia holbrooki</i> Girard, 1859 (Plague Minnow or Mosquito Fish)			✓
Predation by the Ship Rat <i>Rattus rattus</i> on Lord Howe Island			✓
Removal of dead wood and dead trees			✓

Conclusion

It is highly unlikely that the proposed development will adversely affect Green Sawfish. The proposed development do not affect substantial areas of habitat and will not increase any key threatening processes or cause the population to become further endangered.

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Seven-part Test of Significance for Grey-headed Flying-fox (*Pteropus poliocephalus*)

Grey-headed Flying-fox (*Pteropus poliocephalus*) is listed as Vulnerable on Schedule 2 of the TSC Act 1995.

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

The Grey-headed Flying-fox is a large, grizzled-grey flying-fox with a wide orange-yellow collar. It has fully furred upper legs and they roost in conspicuous often large camps in lowland rainforest, swamp forest and gullies often in remnants or on islands in rivers. The Grey-headed Flying-fox may share camps with Little Red and Black Flying-foxes. They feed on the fruit, nectar and blossom of more than 80 species of eucalypts and rainforest plants as well as eating cultivated fruit in times of natural food shortage (NPWS 2004).

This species is at threat from:

- loss of foraging habitat;

The proposed development will result in a loss of approximately 0.1 ha of swamp sclerophyll forest which may be utilised as foraging habitat. Extensive areas of this vegetation community are located immediately west within Ballina Nature Reserve.

- disturbance of roosting sites;

No roosting sites have been recorded within the site.

- unregulated shooting; and

The proposed development will not increase this threat.

- electrocution on powerlines (NPWS 2002).

The proposed development will incorporate underground powerlines.

It is not expected that the proposed development is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species such that a viable local population is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

- (b) *in the case of an endangered population, whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species that constitutes the endangered population such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,*

No consideration under this part of the assessment is required.

- (c) *in the case of an endangered ecological community or critically endangered ecological community, whether the action proposed:*

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

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

No consideration under this part of the assessment is required.

- (d) *in relation to the habitat of a threatened species, population or ecological community:*

- (i) *the extent to which habitat is likely to be removed or modified as a result of the action proposed,*

No roost sites have been recorded within the site however the swamp sclerophyll forest and the patches of littoral rainforest may provide foraging habitat for the Grey-headed Flying-fox. No areas of littoral

rainforest will be removed as a result of the proposed development however the 0.1 ha of swamp sclerophyll forest will be entirely removed as a result of the proposed development. Swamp sclerophyll forest is also located within Ballina Nature Reserve, immediately west of the site. Lennox Head Structure Plan (BSC 2004) notes that "swamp forest habitat is well covered by environmental protection zones." The extensive local occurrence of this vegetation community off-site will not be affected by the proposed development.

- (ii) *whether an area of habitat is likely to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat as a result of the proposed action, and*

Areas are considered likely to become "fragmented or isolated" if the proposal is likely to create a situation preventing future movement of individuals between these areas. Grey-headed Flying-fox (*Pteropus poliocephalus*) is a highly mobile species. The site consists of cleared coastal land that is currently used for cattle grazing. It is located to the north of the existing stages of the Pacific Pines Estate and the majority of vegetation has been cleared in the past. Forested areas except 0.1 ha of Swamp Sclerophyll Forest will be rehabilitated and buffered. Additionally, the proposed development will include extensive landscaping and street trees. It is unlikely that the proposed works will cause the habitat to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat.

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

The only area of forested vegetation to be removed as a result of the proposed development is 0.1 ha of Swamp Sclerophyll Forest. Cattle currently have access to this area as trampling is evident around the fringes of the community. This community is highly edge effected and healthier stands are located off-site within the adjacent Ballina Nature Reserve. Swamp forest is however viewed as an important source of food and habitat.

- (e) *whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on critical habitat (either directly or indirectly),*

No areas of critical habitat are listed under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* within the study area nor are there any areas of critical habitat for these species of concern listed under the TSC Act.

- (f) *whether the action proposed is consistent with the objectives or actions of a recovery plan or threat abatement plan,*

No recovery plan or threat abatement plan has been prepared for Grey-headed Flying-fox (*Pteropus poliocephalus*).

- (g) *whether the action proposed constitutes or is part of a key threatening process or is likely to result in the operation of, or increase the impact of, a key threatening process.*

A threatening process is defined under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* as a process that threatens, or may have the capability to threaten, the survival or evolutionary development of species, populations or ecological communities. The current list of key threatening processes under TSC Act, and whether the proposed development is recognised as a threatening process is shown in **Table B.7**.

Table B.7 Key Threatening

Listed Key Threatening Process (as described in the final determination of the Scientific Committee to list the threatening process)	Is the development or activity proposed of a class of development or activity that is recognised as a threatening process?		
	Likely	Possible	Unlikely
Invasion and Establishment of <i>Bufo marinus</i>			✓
Invasion and establishment of exotic vines and scramblers		✓	
Alteration of habitat following subsidence due to longwall mining			✓
Invasion of the Yellow Crazy Ant			✓
Herbivory and environmental degradation caused by feral deer			✓
Competition and habitat degradation by feral goats			✓
Predation, habitat degradation, competition and disease transmission by Feral pigs			✓
Alteration to the natural flow regimes of rivers and streams and their floodplains and wetlands			✓
Bush rock removal			✓
Clearing of native vegetation		✓	
<i>Lantana camara</i>			✓
Competition and grazing by the feral European Rabbit, <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> (L.)			✓
Competition from feral honeybee			✓
Death or injury to marine species following capture in shark control programs on ocean beaches			✓
Ecological consequences of high frequency fires			✓
Entanglement in or ingestion of anthropogenic debris in marine and estuarine environments			✓
Human caused climate change			✓
Importation of red imported fire ants into NSW			✓
Infection by <i>Psittacine circoviral</i> (beak and feather) disease affecting endangered psittacine species and populations			✓
Infection of frogs by amphibian chytrid causing the disease chytridiomycosis			✓
Infection of native plants by <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i>			✓
Introduction of the large earth bumblebee, <i>Bombus terrestris</i>			✓
Invasion of native plant communities by <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>			✓
Invasion of native plant communities by exotic perennial grasses			✓
Loss and/or degradation of sites used for hill-topping by butterflies			✓
Predation by the Feral Cat <i>Felis catus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)			✓
Predation by the European Red Fox <i>Vulpes vulpes</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)			✓
Predation by <i>Gambusia holbrooki</i> Girard, 1859 (Plague Minnow or Mosquito Fish)			✓

Listed Key Threatening Process (as described in the final determination of the Scientific Committee to list the threatening process)	Is the development or activity proposed of a class of development or activity that is recognised as a threatening process?		
	Likely	Possible	Unlikely
Predation by the Ship Rat <i>Rattus rattus</i> on Lord Howe Island			✓
Removal of dead wood and dead trees			✓

Clearing of native vegetation is a threatened process listed under this Act. Clearing is defined as the destruction of a sufficient proportion of one or more strata (layers) within a stand or stands of native vegetation so as to result in the loss, or long term modification, of the structure, composition and ecological function of stand or stands.

Exotic vines and scramblers may smother existing vegetation, both in the ground layer and canopy. As previously stated, areas of forested vegetation will be regenerated by a trained bush regenerator. This will involve the gradual removal of weeds such as Camphor Laurel. Regeneration works will be undertaken in accordance with a Vegetation Management Plan which will guide the gradual removal of weeds in order to avoid invasion by weeds such as exotic vines and Lantana. It is highly unlikely that the proposed action will result in increased impacts of this key threatening process.

Conclusion

It is highly unlikely that the proposed development will adversely affect the Grey-headed Flying-fox. The proposed works does not affect substantial areas of habitat and will not cause this species to become further endangered.

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Seven-Part Test of Significance for Australasian Bittern (*Botaurus poiciloptilus*)

Australasian Bittern (*Botaurus poiciloptilus*) is listed as Vulnerable on Schedule 2 of the TSC Act 1995.

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

The Australasian Bittern was observed in the Water Quality Control Pond by Council's ecologist in 2002. The Australasian Bittern is a large, stocky bird, reaching up to 75 cm in length. It has a long, thick neck and a straight, brownish-yellow bill. Australasian Bitterns are widespread but uncommon over south-eastern Australia. In NSW they may be found over most of the state except for the far north-west. The Australasian Bittern favours permanent freshwater wetlands with tall, dense vegetation, particularly Bullrushes (*Typha* spp.) and Spikerushes (*Eleocharis* spp.). Australasian Bitterns hide during the day amongst dense reeds or rushes and feed mainly at night on frogs, fish, yabbies, spiders, insects and snails. Breeding occurs in summer from October to January; nests are built in secluded places in densely vegetated wetlands on a platform of reeds; there are usually six olive-brown eggs to a clutch.

This species is at threat from:

- drainage of wetlands and ponds;

The Water Quality Control Pond will not be drained and will be maintained for the lifetime of the development. Potential habitat also exists on North Creek, which will not be impacted by the proposed development.

- reduced water quality due to siltation, pollution and salinity;

Extensive mitigation measures, soil erosion and sediment control measures will be implemented during construction works.

- predation by foxes and cats;

The proposed development will not increase this threat. Cats will be restrained at nights.

- use of herbicides, pesticides and other chemicals near wetland areas; and

The grassed area around the Water Quality Control Pond is regularly mown. There is no need for the use of herbicides or pesticides around this area. Bush regeneration within the site will be undertaken by trained professionals.

- grazing and associated frequent burning of wetland areas.

Cattle are currently prevented from accessing the Water Quality Control Pond where the Australasian Bittern has previously been recorded. The proposed development will not increase the threat of fire within the site.

It is not expected that the proposed development is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species such that a viable local population is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

- (b) *in the case of an endangered population, whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species that constitutes the endangered population such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,*

No consideration under this part of the assessment is required.

- (c) *in the case of an endangered ecological community or critically endangered ecological community, whether the action proposed:*

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

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

No consideration under this part of the assessment is required.

- (d) *in relation to the habitat of a threatened species, population or ecological community:*

- (i) *the extent to which habitat is likely to be removed or modified as a result of the action proposed,*

Habitat for the Australasian Bittern is mainly located around the Water Quality Control Pond. This is an artificially constructed area that will not be removed or modified as a result of the proposed development. Furthermore, habitat exists along North Creek which will not be affected by the proposed development.

- (ii) *whether an area of habitat is likely to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat as a result of the proposed action, and*

Areas are considered likely to become “fragmented or isolated” if the proposal is likely to create a situation preventing future movement of individuals between these areas. Habitat for the Australasian Bittern is mainly located around the Water Quality Control Pond. This is an artificially constructed area that will not become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat as a result of the proposed development. The Water Quality Control Pond is located in the south-eastern corner of the site in close proximity to North Creek. It is unlikely that the proposed development will cause an area of habitat to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat.

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

The areas that are to be removed and modified by the proposed development do not provide suitable habitat for Black Bittern. The removal and modification of these areas that mainly consist of grassland/sedgeland would therefore not affect the long-term survival of the species. As previously stated, habitat for the Australasian Bittern is mainly located around the Water Quality Control Pond. This is an artificially constructed area that will not be removed, modified, fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat as a result of the proposed development. An Australasian Bittern was recorded at the Water Quality Control Pond which is located in the south-eastern corner of the site in close proximity to North Creek. This area therefore provides important habitat for the species.

- (e) *whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on critical habitat (either directly or indirectly),*

No areas of critical habitat are listed under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* within the study area nor are there any areas of critical habitat for these species of concern listed under the TSC Act.

- (f) *whether the action proposed is consistent with the objectives or actions of a recovery plan or threat abatement plan,*

No recovery plan or threat abatement plan has been prepared for Australasian Bittern (*Botaurus poeciloptilus*).

- (g) *whether the action proposed constitutes or is part of a key threatening process or is likely to result in the operation of, or increase the impact of, a key threatening process.*

A threatening process is defined under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* as a process that threatens, or may have the capability to threaten, the survival or evolutionary development of species, populations or ecological communities. The current list of key threatening processes under TSC Act, and whether the proposed development is recognised as a threatening process is shown in **Table B.8**.

Table B.8 Key Threatening

Listed Key Threatening Process (as described in the final determination of the Scientific Committee to list the threatening process)	Is the development or activity proposed of a class of development or activity that is recognised as a threatening process?		
	Likely	Possible	Unlikely
Invasion and Establishment of <i>Bufo marinus</i>			✓
Invasion and establishment of exotic vines and scramblers			✓
Alteration of habitat following subsidence due to longwall mining			✓
Invasion of the Yellow Crazy Ant			✓
Herbivory and environmental degradation caused by feral deer			✓
Competition and habitat degradation by feral goats			✓
Predation, habitat degradation, competition and disease transmission by Feral pigs			✓
Alteration to the natural flow regimes of rivers and streams and their floodplains and wetlands			✓
Bush rock removal			✓
Clearing of native vegetation			✓
<i>Lantana camara</i>			✓
Competition and grazing by the feral European Rabbit, <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> (L.)			✓
Competition from feral honeybee			✓
Death or injury to marine species following capture in shark control programs on ocean beaches			✓
Ecological consequences of high frequency fires			✓
Entanglement in or ingestion of anthropogenic debris in marine and estuarine environments			✓
Human caused climate change			✓
Importation of red imported fire ants into NSW			✓
Infection by <i>Psittacine circoviral</i> (beak and feather) disease affecting endangered psittacine species and populations			✓
Infection of frogs by amphibian chytrid causing the disease chytridiomycosis			✓
Infection of native plants by <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i>			✓
Introduction of the large earth bumblebee, <i>Bombus terrestris</i>			✓
Invasion of native plant communities by <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>			✓
Invasion of native plant communities by exotic perennial grasses			✓
Loss and/or degradation of sites used for hill-topping by butterflies			✓
Predation by the Feral Cat <i>Felis catus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)			✓
Predation by the European Red Fox <i>Vulpes vulpes</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)			✓
Predation by <i>Gambusia holbrooki</i> Girard, 1859 (Plague Minnow or			✓

Listed Key Threatening Process (as described in the final determination of the Scientific Committee to list the threatening process)	Is the development or activity proposed of a class of development or activity that is recognised as a threatening process?		
	Likely	Possible	Unlikely
Mosquito Fish)			
Predation by the Ship Rat <i>Rattus rattus</i> on Lord Howe Island			✓
Removal of dead wood and dead trees			✓

Clearing of native vegetation is a threatened process listed under this Act. Clearing is defined as the destruction of a sufficient proportion of one or more strata (layers) within a stand or stands of native vegetation so as to result in the loss, or long term modification, of the structure, composition and ecological function of stand or stands. Clearing will not occur within areas of habitat for Australasian Bittern which are mainly located around the Water Quality Control Pond.

Conclusion

It is highly unlikely that the proposed development will adversely affect the Australasian Bittern. The proposed works does not affect substantial areas of habitat and will not cause this species to become further endangered.

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 Accessed 20 September 2007

Seven-Part Test of Significance for Greater Broad-nosed Bat (*Scoteanax rueppellii*)

Greater-broad Nosed-bat (*Scoteanax rueppellii*) is listed as Vulnerable on Schedule 2 of the TSC Act 1995.

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

The Greater Broad-nosed Bat is a large powerful bat up to 95 mm long with a broad head and short square muzzle. It is found mainly in the gullies and river systems that drain the Great Dividing Range. In NSW it is widespread on the New England Tablelands, however does not occur at altitudes above 500 m. The Greater Broad-nosed Bat utilises a variety of habitats from woodland through to moist and dry eucalypt forest and rainforest, though it is most commonly found in tall wet forest. Open woodland habitat and dry open forest suits the direct flight of this species as it searches for beetles and other large, slow-flying insects; this species has been known to eat other bat species. One young is born in January at maternity sites with suitable tree hollows (NPWS 2002).

This species is at threat from:

- disturbance to roosting and summer breeding sites;

Roosting and breeding habitat within the site is marginal for the Greater Broad-nosed Bat as the vegetation communities are extremely fragmented and do not contain significant tree hollows. The proposed development is not expected to increase this threat.

- foraging habitats are being cleared for residential and agricultural developments, including clearing by residents within rural subdivisions;

The site is currently cleared with several isolated patches of forested vegetation. The vegetation communities within the proposed development site are severely fragmented therefore the area is considered to contain marginal foraging habitat. Suitable habitat exists to the west of the site in vegetation surrounding North Creek. The proposed development is not expected to increase this threat.

- loss of hollow-bearing trees;

The proposed development does not involve the removal of any hollow-bearing trees.

- pesticides and herbicides may reduce the availability of insects, or result in the accumulation of toxic residues in individuals' fat stores; and

No pesticides would be used as a result of the proposed development.. Bush regeneration within the site will be undertaken by trained professionals and herbicide will be kept to a minimum.

- changes to water regimes are likely to impact food resources, as is the use of pesticides and herbicides near waterways.

Some changes are likely to occur to water regimes due to the proposed urban development. However the Water Quality Control Pond will not be drained and will be maintained for the lifetime of the development. Potential habitat also exists on North Creek, which will not be impacted by the proposed development.. No pesticides would be used as a result of the proposed development..

It is not expected that the proposed development is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species such that a viable local population is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

(b) *in the case of an endangered population, whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species that constitutes the endangered population such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,*

No consideration under this part of the assessment is required.

(c) *in the case of an endangered ecological community or critically endangered ecological community, whether the action proposed:*

- (i) *is likely to have an adverse effect on the extent of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction, or*
- (ii) *is likely to substantially and adversely modify the composition of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,*

No consideration under this part of the assessment is required.

(d) *in relation to the habitat of a threatened species, population or ecological community:*

- (i) *the extent to which habitat is likely to be removed or modified as a result of the action proposed,*

Vegetation within the development site is severely fragmented and considered marginal foraging and breeding habitat. The majority of this vegetation is to be retained within areas of open space within the proposed development. Furthermore, habitat exists along North Creek which will not be affected by the proposed development.

- (ii) *whether an area of habitat is likely to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat as a result of the proposed action, and*

Areas are considered likely to become “fragmented or isolated” if the proposal is likely to create a situation preventing future movement of individuals between these areas. Vegetation within the development site is severely fragmented and considered marginal foraging and breeding habitat. The majority of this vegetation is to be retained within areas of open space within the proposed development. Furthermore, habitat exists along North Creek which will not be affected by the proposed development. Therefore it is unlikely that the proposed development will cause the habitat to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat.

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

The only area of forested vegetation to be removed as a result of the proposed development is 0.1 ha of Swamp Sclerophyll Forest. Cattle currently have access to this area as trampling is evident around the fringes of the community. This community is highly edge effected and healthier stands are located off-site within the adjacent Ballina Nature Reserve. Swamp forest is however viewed as an important source of food and habitat.

- (e) *whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on critical habitat (either directly or indirectly),*

No areas of critical habitat are listed under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* within the study area nor are there any areas of critical habitat for these species of concern listed under the TSC Act.

- (f) *whether the action proposed is consistent with the objectives or actions of a recovery plan or threat abatement plan,*

No recovery plan or threat abatement plan has been prepared for Greater-broad Nosed-bat (*Scoteanax rueppellii*).

- (g) *whether the action proposed constitutes or is part of a key threatening process or is likely to result in the operation of, or increase the impact of, a key threatening process.*

A threatening process is defined under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* as a process that threatens, or may have the capability to threaten, the survival or evolutionary development of species, populations or ecological communities. The current list of key threatening processes under TSC Act, and whether the proposed development is recognised as a threatening process is shown in **Table B.9**.

Table B.9 Key Threatening Processes

Listed Key Threatening Process (as described in the final determination of the Scientific Committee to list the threatening process)	Is the development or activity proposed of a class of development or activity that is recognised as a threatening process?		
	Likely	Possible	Unlikely
Invasion and Establishment of <i>Bufo marinus</i>			✓
Invasion and establishment of exotic vines and scramblers			✓
Alteration of habitat following subsidence due to longwall mining			✓
Invasion of the Yellow Crazy Ant			✓
Herbivory and environmental degradation caused by feral deer			✓
Competition and habitat degradation by feral goats			✓
Predation, habitat degradation, competition and disease transmission by Feral pigs			✓
Alteration to the natural flow regimes of rivers and streams and their floodplains and wetlands		✓	
Bush rock removal			✓
Clearing of native vegetation		✓	
<i>Lantana camara</i>			✓
Competition and grazing by the feral European Rabbit, <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> (L.)			✓
Competition from feral honeybee			✓
Death or injury to marine species following capture in shark control programs on ocean beaches			✓
Ecological consequences of high frequency fires			✓
Entanglement in or ingestion of anthropogenic debris in marine and estuarine environments			✓
Human caused climate change			✓
Importation of red imported fire ants into NSW			✓
Infection by <i>Psittacine circoviral</i> (beak and feather) disease affecting endangered psittacine species and populations			✓
Infection of frogs by amphibian chytrid causing the disease chytridiomycosis			✓
Infection of native plants by <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i>			✓
Introduction of the large earth bumblebee, <i>Bombus terrestris</i>			✓
Invasion of native plant communities by <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>			✓
Invasion of native plant communities by exotic perennial grasses			✓
Loss and/or degradation of sites used for hill-topping by butterflies			✓
Predation by the Feral Cat <i>Felis catus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)			✓
Predation by the European Red Fox <i>Vulpes vulpes</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)			✓
Predation by <i>Gambusia holbrooki</i> Girard, 1859 (Plague Minnow or			✓

Listed Key Threatening Process (as described in the final determination of the Scientific Committee to list the threatening process)	Is the development or activity proposed of a class of development or activity that is recognised as a threatening process?		
	Likely	Possible	Unlikely
Mosquito Fish)			
Predation by the Ship Rat <i>Rattus rattus</i> on Lord Howe Island			✓
Removal of dead wood and dead trees			✓

Clearing of native vegetation is a threatened process listed under this Act. Clearing is defined as the destruction of a sufficient proportion of one or more strata (layers) within a stand or stands of native vegetation so as to result in the loss, or long term modification, of the structure, composition and ecological function of stand or stands. The site consists of cleared coastal land that is currently used for cattle grazing. The proposed development will require the clearance of areas of vegetation for the construction of dwellings, roads and associated infrastructure. The only area of forested vegetation to be removed as a result of the proposed development is 0.1 ha of Swamp Sclerophyll Forest. Cattle currently have access to this area as trampling is evident around the fringes of the community. This community is highly edge effected and healthier stands are located off-site within the adjacent Ballina Nature Reserve. Swamp forest is viewed as an important source of food and habitat however the proposed action is unlikely that the proposed action will result in increased impacts of this key threatening process.

Alteration to natural flow regimes can occur through reducing or increasing flows, altering seasonality of flows, changing the frequency, duration, magnitude, timing, predictability and variability of flow events, altering surface and subsurface water levels and changing the rate of rise or fall of water levels (DEC 2004).

Some changes are likely to occur to water regimes due to the proposed urban development. However the Water Quality Control Pond will not be drained and will be maintained for the lifetime of the development. Potential habitat also exists on North Creek, which will not be impacted by the proposed development. Therefore it is unlikely that the proposed action will result in increased impacts of this key threatening process.

Conclusion

It is highly unlikely that the proposed development will adversely affect the Greater Broad-nosed Bat. The proposed works does not affect substantial areas of habitat and will not cause this species to become further endangered.

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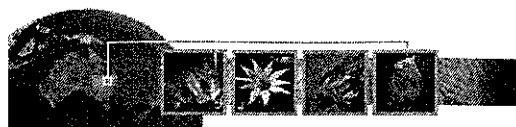


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Rallidae					
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Rostratulidae					
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Scolopacidae					
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Map Scientific Name			Legal Status	Count	Info
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Reptilia	Map Scientific Name	Common Name	Legal Status	Count Info	
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Dermochelyidae					
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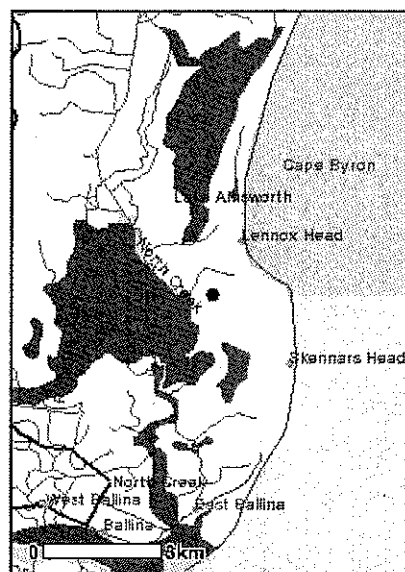
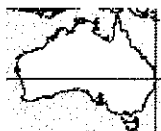
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Summary

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 - see <http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/assessmentsapprovals/guidelines/index.html>.

World Heritage Properties:	None
National Heritage Places:	None
Wetlands of International Significance: (Ramsar Sites)	None
Commonwealth Marine Areas:	Relevant
Threatened Ecological Communities:	None
Threatened Species:	41
Migratory Species:	39

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 and the heritage values of a place on the Register of the National Estate. Information on the new heritage laws can be found at <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/index.html>.

Please note that the current dataset on Commonwealth land is not complete. Further information on Commonwealth land would need to be obtained from relevant sources including Commonwealth agencies, local agencies, and land tenure maps.

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. Information on EPBC Act permit requirements and application forms can be found at <http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/permits/index.html>.

Commonwealth Lands:	1
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Places on the RNE:	3
Listed Marine Species:	59
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	13
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves:	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:	1
Other Commonwealth Reserves:	None
Regional Forest Agreements:	1

Details

Matters of National Environmental Significance

Commonwealth Marine Areas [[Dataset Information](#)]

Approval may be required for a proposed activity that is likely to have a significant impact on the environment in a Commonwealth Marine Area, when the action is outside the Commonwealth Marine Area, or the environment anywhere when the action is taken within the Commonwealth Marine Area. Generally the Commonwealth Marine Area stretches from three nautical miles to two hundred nautical miles from the coast.

Within 3 Nautical Mile Limit

Threatened Species [[Dataset Information](#)]

Birds

	Status	Type of Presence
<i>Cyclopsitta diophthalma coxeni</i> Coxen's Fig-Parrot	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<i>Diomedea dabbenena</i> * Tristan Albatross	Endangered	Foraging may occur within area
<i>Lathamus discolor</i> * Swift Parrot	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<i>Macronectes giganteus</i> * Southern Giant-Petrel	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<i>Macronectes halli</i> *	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within

Northern Giant-Petrel

*Poephila cincta cincta**

Black-throated Finch (southern)

*Pterodroma neglecta neglecta**

Kermadec Petrel (western)

*Rostratula australis**

Australian Painted Snipe

*Thalassarche impavida**

Campbell Albatross

*Xanthomyza phrygia**

Regent Honeyeater

Frogs*Litoria aurea**

Green and Golden Bell Frog

*Litoria olongburensis**

Wallum Sedge Frog

Mammals*Balaenoptera musculus**

Blue Whale

*Chalinolobus dwyeri**

Large-eared Pied Bat, Large Pied Bat

Dasyurus maculatus maculatus (SE mainland population)*Spot-tailed Quoll, Spotted-tail Quoll, Tiger Quoll
(southeastern mainland population)*Eubalaena australis**

Southern Right Whale

*Megaptera novaeangliae**

Humpback Whale

*Potorous tridactylus tridactylus**

Long-nosed Potoroo (SE mainland)

*Pteropus poliocephalus**

Grey-headed Flying-fox

Reptiles*Caretta caretta**

Loggerhead Turtle

*Chelonia mydas**

Green Turtle

*Dermochelys coriacea**

Leathery Turtle, Leatherback Turtle, Luth

Sharks*Carcharias taurus* (east coast population)*

Grey Nurse Shark (east coast population)

*Carcharodon carcharias**

Great White Shark

*Rhincodon typus**

Whale Shark

Snails, slugs*Thersites mitchellae**

Mitchell's Rainforest Snail

Plants*Acronychia littoralis**

Scented Acronychia

*Austromyrtus fragrantissima**

Scale Myrtle, Sweet Myrtle

*Cryptocarya foetida**

Stinking Cryptocarya, Stinking Laurel

Davidsonia sp. Mullumbimby-Currumbin Ck (A.G.Floyd 1595)*

area

Endangered Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Vulnerable Species or species habitat may occur within area

Vulnerable Species or species habitat may occur within area

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Endangered Species or species habitat may occur within area

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Vulnerable Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

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Endangered Species or species habitat may occur within area

Endangered Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Vulnerable Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Vulnerable Species or species habitat may occur within area

Vulnerable Roosting known to occur within area

Endangered Species or species habitat may occur within area

Vulnerable Species or species habitat may occur within area

Vulnerable Breeding known to occur within area

Critically Endangered Species or species habitat may occur within area

Vulnerable Species or species habitat may occur within area

Vulnerable Species or species habitat may occur within area

Critically Endangered Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Endangered Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Endangered Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Vulnerable Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Endangered Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

<u><i>Desmodium acanthocladum</i></u> *	Vulnerable	Community likely to occur within area
Thorny Pea		
<u><i>Diploglottis campbellii</i></u> *	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Small-leaved Tamarind		
<u><i>Floydia praealta</i></u> *	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Ball Nut, Possum Nut, Big Nut, Beefwood		
<u><i>Fontainea oraria</i></u> *	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Coastal Fontainea		
<u><i>Macadamia tetraphylla</i></u> *	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Rough-shelled Bush Nut, Macadamia Nut, Rough-shelled Macadamia, Rough-leaved Queensland Nut		
<u><i>Owenia cepiodora</i></u> *	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Onionwood, Bog Onion, Onion Cedar		
<u><i>Phaius australis</i></u> *	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Lesser Swamp-orchid		
<u><i>Randia moorei</i></u> *	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Spiny Gardenia		
<u><i>Syzygium hodgkinsoniae</i></u> *	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Smooth-bark Rose Apple, Red Lilly Pilly		
<u><i>Syzygium moorei</i></u> *	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Rose Apple, Coolamon, Robby, Durobby, Watermelon Tree, Coolamon Rose Apple		
<u><i>Tinospora tinosporoides</i></u> *	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Arrow-head Vine		
Migratory Species [Dataset Information]	Status	Type of Presence

Migratory Terrestrial Species**Birds**

<u><i>Cyclopsitta diophthalma coxeni</i></u> *	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Coxen's Fig-Parrot		
<u><i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i></u>	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
White-bellied Sea-Eagle		
<u><i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i></u>	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
White-throated Needletail		
<u><i>Merops ornatus</i></u> *	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Rainbow Bee-eater		
<u><i>Monarcha melanopsis</i></u>	Migratory	Breeding may occur within area
Black-faced Monarch		
<u><i>Monarcha trivirgatus</i></u>	Migratory	Breeding likely to occur within area
Spectacled Monarch		
<u><i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i></u>	Migratory	Breeding likely to occur within area
Satin Flycatcher		
<u><i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i></u>	Migratory	Breeding may occur within area
Rufous Fantail		
<u><i>Xanthomyza phrygia</i></u>	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Regent Honeyeater		

Migratory Wetland Species**Birds**

<u><i>Ardea alba</i></u>	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Great Egret, White Egret		
<u><i>Ardea ibis</i></u>	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Cattle Egret		
<u><i>Charadrius mongolus</i></u>	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Lesser Sand Plover, Mongolian Plover		
<u><i>Gallinago hardwickii</i></u> *	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe		
<u><i>Pluvialis fulva</i></u>	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Pacific Golden Plover		
<u><i>Rostratula benghalensis s. lat.</i></u>	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Painted Snipe		

Migratory Marine Birds

<u><i>Apus pacificus</i></u> Fork-tailed Swift	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Ardea alba</i></u> Great Egret, White Egret	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Ardea ibis</i></u> Cattle Egret	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Calonectris leucomelas</i></u> Streaked Shearwater	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Diomedea dabbenena</i></u> Tristan Albatross	Migratory	Foraging may occur within area
<u><i>Macronectes giganteus</i></u> Southern Giant-Petrel	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Macronectes halli</i></u> Northern Giant-Petrel	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Puffinus leucomelas</i></u> Streaked Shearwater	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Sterna albifrons</i></u> Little Tern	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Thalassarche chlororhynchos</i></u> Yellow-nosed Albatross, Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Thalassarche impavida</i></u> Campbell Albatross	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area

Migratory Marine Species**Mammals**

<u><i>Balaenoptera edeni</i></u> Bryde's Whale	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Balaenoptera musculus</i></u> * Blue Whale	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Dugong dugon</i></u> Dugong	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u><i>Eubalaena australis</i></u> * Southern Right Whale	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u><i>Lagenorhynchus obscurus</i></u> Dusky Dolphin	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i></u> * Humpback Whale	Migratory	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<u><i>Orcinus orca</i></u> Killer Whale, Orca	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Sousa chinensis</i></u> Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphin	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area

Reptiles

<u><i>Caretta caretta</i></u> * Loggerhead Turtle	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Chelonia mydas</i></u> * Green Turtle	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Dermochelys coriacea</i></u> * Leathery Turtle, Leatherback Turtle, Luth	Migratory	Breeding known to occur within area

Sharks

<u><i>Carcharodon carcharias</i></u> Great White Shark	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Rhincodon typus</i></u> Whale Shark	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Listed Marine Species [[Dataset Information](#)] Status Type of Presence

Birds

<u><i>Apus pacificus</i></u> Fork-tailed Swift	Listed - overfly	Species or species habitat may occur within area
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<i>Ardea alba</i> Great Egret, White Egret	marine area Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<i>Ardea ibis</i> Cattle Egret	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<i>Calonectris leucomelas</i> Streaked Shearwater	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<i>Catharacta skua</i> Great Skua	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<i>Charadrius mongolus</i> Lesser Sand Plover, Mongolian Plover	Listed	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<i>Diomedea dabbenena</i> Tristan Albatross	Listed	Foraging may occur within area
<i>Gallinago hardwickii</i> * Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i> White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Listed	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i> White-throated Needletail	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<i>Lathamus discolor</i> * Swift Parrot	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<i>Macronectes giganteus</i> Southern Giant-Petrel	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<i>Macronectes halli</i> Northern Giant-Petrel	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<i>Merops ornatus</i> * Rainbow Bee-eater	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<i>Monarcha melanopsis</i> Black-faced Monarch	Listed - overfly marine area	Breeding may occur within area
<i>Monarcha trivirgatus</i> Spectacled Monarch	Listed - overfly marine area	Breeding likely to occur within area
<i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i> Satin Flycatcher	Listed - overfly marine area	Breeding likely to occur within area
<i>Pluvialis fulva</i> Pacific Golden Plover	Listed	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i> Rufous Fantail	Listed - overfly marine area	Breeding may occur within area
<i>Rostratula benghalensis s. lat.</i> Painted Snipe	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<i>Sterna albifrons</i> Little Tern	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area

<u><i>Thalassarche chlororhynchos</i></u> Yellow-nosed Albatross, Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Thalassarche impavida</i></u> Campbell Albatross	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mammals		
<u><i>Dugong dugon</i></u> Dugong	Listed	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Ray-finned fishes		
<u><i>Acentronura tentaculata</i></u> Hairy Pygmy Pipehorse	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Campichthys tryoni</i></u> Tryon's Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Corythoichthys amplexus</i></u> Fijian Banded Pipefish, Brown-banded Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Corythoichthys ocellatus</i></u> Orange-spotted Pipefish, Ocellated Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Festucalex cinctus</i></u> Girdled Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Filicampus tigris</i></u> Tiger Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Halicampus grayi</i></u> Mud Pipefish, Gray's Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Hippichthys cyanospilos</i></u> Blue-speckled Pipefish, Blue-spotted Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Hippichthys heptagonus</i></u> Madura Pipefish, Reticulated Freshwater Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Hippichthys penicillus</i></u> Beady Pipefish, Steep-nosed Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Hippocampus kelloggi</i></u> Kellogg's Seahorse	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Hippocampus kude</i></u> Spotted Seahorse, Yellow Seahorse	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Hippocampus planifrons</i></u> Flat-face Seahorse	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Hippocampus whitei</i></u> White's Seahorse, Crowned Seahorse, Sydney Seahorse	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Lissocampus runa</i></u> Javelin Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Maroubra perserrata</i></u> Sawtooth Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Micrognathus andersonii</i></u> Anderson's Pipefish, Shortnose Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Micrognathus brevirostris</i></u> Thorn-tailed Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Microphis manadensis</i></u> Manado River Pipefish, Manado Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Solegnathus dunckeri</i></u> Duncker's Pipehorse	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Solegnathus hardwickii</i></u> Pipehorse	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Solegnathus spinosissimus</i></u> Spiny Pipehorse, Australian Spiny Pipehorse	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Solenostomus cyanopterus</i></u> Blue-finned Ghost Pipefish, Robust Ghost Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Solenostomus paradoxus</i></u> Harlequin Ghost Pipefish, Ornate Ghost Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Stigmatopora nigra</i></u> Wide-bodied Pipefish, Black Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u><i>Syngnathoides biaculeatus</i></u>	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area

Double-ended Pipehorse, Alligator Pipefish		area
<i>Trachyrhynchus bicoarctatus</i>	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Bend Stick Pipefish, Short-tailed Pipefish		
<i>Urocampus carinirostris</i>	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hairy Pipefish		
<i>Vanacampus margaritifer</i>	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mother-of-pearl Pipefish		
Reptiles		
<i>Astrotia stokesii</i>	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stokes' Seasnake		
<i>Caretta caretta</i> *	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Loggerhead Turtle		
<i>Chelonia mydas</i> *	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Green Turtle		
<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> *	Listed	Breeding known to occur within area
Leathery Turtle, Leatherback Turtle, Luth		
<i>Hydrophis elegans</i>	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Elegant Seasnake		
<i>Pelamis platurus</i>	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Yellow-bellied Seasnake		
Whales and Other Cetaceans [Dataset Information]	Status	Type of Presence
<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Minke Whale		
<i>Balaenoptera edeni</i>	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Bryde's Whale		
<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i> *	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Blue Whale		
<i>Delphinus delphis</i>	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Common Dolphin		
<i>Eubalaena australis</i> *	Cetacean	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Southern Right Whale		
<i>Grampus griseus</i>	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Risso's Dolphin, Grampus		
<i>Lagenorhynchus obscurus</i>	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Dusky Dolphin		
<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i> *	Cetacean	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Humpback Whale		
<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Killer Whale, Orca		
<i>Sousa chinensis</i>	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphin		
<i>Stenella attenuata</i>	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Spotted Dolphin, Pantropical Spotted Dolphin		
<i>Tursiops aduncus</i>	Cetacean	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin		
<i>Tursiops truncatus s. str.</i>	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Bottlenose Dolphin		
Commonwealth Lands [Dataset Information]		
Communications, Information Technology and the Arts - Telstra Corporation Limited		
Places on the RNE [Dataset Information]		
Note that not all Indigenous sites may be listed.		
Indigenous		
Lennox Head Aboriginal Area NSW		
Natural		
Ballina Nature Reserve (1977 boundary) NSW		
Lennox Head Littoral Rainforest NSW		

Extra Information

State and Territory Reserves [[Dataset Information](#)]

Ballina Nature Reserve, NSW

Regional Forest Agreements [[Dataset Information](#)]

Note that all RFA areas including those still under consideration have been included.

Upper North East NSW RFA, New South Wales

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 Heritage and Register of National Estate properties, Wetlands of International 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.

For species where the distributions are well known, maps are digitised from sources such as recovery plans and detailed habitat studies. Where appropriate, core breeding, foraging and roosting areas are indicated under "type of presence". For species whose distributions are less well known, point locations are collated from government wildlife authorities, museums, and non-government organisations; bioclimatic distribution models are generated and these validated by experts. In some cases, the distribution maps are based solely on expert knowledge.

Only selected species covered by the [migratory](#) and [marine](#) provisions of the Act have been mapped.

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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- [Department of Sustainability and Environment, Victoria](#)
- [Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment, Tasmania](#)
- [Department of Environment and Heritage, South Australia Planning SA](#)
- [Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory](#)
- [Environmental Protection Agency, Queensland](#)
- [Birds Australia](#)
- [Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme](#)

- Australian National Wildlife Collection
- Natural history museums of Australia
- Queensland Herbarium
- National Herbarium of NSW
- Royal Botanic Gardens and National Herbarium of Victoria
- Tasmanian Herbarium
- State Herbarium of South Australia
- Northern Territory Herbarium
- Western Australian Herbarium
- Australian National Herbarium, Atherton and Canberra
- University of New England
- Other groups and individuals

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Fauna Species List

Table D1 General Fauna Observations

Grouping	Scientific Name	Common Name
Birds	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	Pacific Black Duck
	<i>Ardea ibis</i>	Cattle Egret
	<i>Botaurus poiciloptilus</i>	Australasian Bittern
	<i>Centropus phasianinus</i>	Pheasant Coucal
	<i>Cisticola exilis</i>	Golden-headed Cisticola
	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>	Grey Shrike-thrush
	<i>Columba livia</i>	Feral Pigeon
	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike
	<i>Corvus orru</i>	Torresian Crow
	<i>Craticus nigrogularis</i>	Pied Butcherbird
	<i>Daphoenositta chrysoptera</i>	Sittela
	<i>Eopsaltria australis</i>	Eastern Yellow-robin
	<i>Elanus notatus</i>	Black-shouldered Kite
	<i>Gallinago hardwickii</i>	Latham's Snipe
	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	Buff-banded Rail
	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>	Australian Magpie
	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	White-throated Needletail
	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	Welcome Swallow
	<i>Licherma indistincta</i>	Brown Honeyeater
	<i>Lochura castaneothorax</i>	Chestnut-breasted Manikin
	<i>Malurus cyaneus</i>	Superb Blue Wren
	<i>Malurus melanocephalus</i>	Red-backed Fairy Wren
	<i>Manorina melanocephala</i>	Noisy Minor
	<i>Megalurus timoriensis</i>	Tawny Grassbird
	<i>Myiagra rubecula</i>	Leaden Flycatcher
	<i>Neochmia temporalis</i>	Red-browed Finch
	<i>Oriolus sagittatus</i>	Olive-backed Oriole
	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>	Golden Whistler
	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>	Rufous Whistler
	<i>Platalea regia</i>	Royal Spoonbill
	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	Purple Swan
	<i>Psophodes olivaceus</i>	Eastern Whipbird
	<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i>	Grey Fantail
	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	Willy Wagtail
	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>	Rufous Fantail
	<i>Sphecotheres viridis</i>	Figbird
	<i>Strepera graculina</i>	Pied Currawong

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	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	White Ibis
	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	Sacred Ibis
	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn Owl
	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	Silvereye
Amphibians	<i>Crinia signifera</i>	Common Eastern Froglet
	<i>Litoria caerulea</i>	Green Tree Frog
	<i>Litoria dentate</i>	Bleating Tree Frog
	<i>Litoria fallax</i>	Eastern Dwarf Tree Frog
	<i>Litoria nasuta</i>	Rocket Frog
	<i>Uperoleia laevigata</i>	Smooth Toadlet
	<i>Bufo marinus</i>	Cane Toad
Reptiles	<i>Lampropholis delicata</i>	Delicate Skink
	<i>Morelia spilota</i>	Carpet Python
	<i>Pseudechis porphyriacus</i>	Red-bellied Black Snake
	<i>Pseudonaja textilis</i>	Eastern Brown Snake
	<i>Saiphos equalis</i>	Three-toed Skink
Mammals	<i>Chalinolobus gouldii</i>	Gould's Wattled Bat
	<i>Isodon macrourus</i>	Northern Brown-bandicoot
	<i>Mormopterus planiceps</i>	Southern Freetail-bat
	<i>Mus musculus</i>	House Mouse
	<i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i>	Grey-headed Flying-fox
	<i>Rattus lutreolus</i>	Swamp Rat
	<i>Scoteanax rueppellii</i>	Greater Broad-nosed Bat
	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	Feral Pig
	<i>Tadarida australis</i>	White-striped Mastiff-bat
	<i>Trichosurus caninus</i>	Mountain Brushtail Possum
	<i>Wallabia bicolor</i>	Swamp Wallaby