Proposed Residential Development of Blue Dolphin Holiday Resort (Lot 8 DP 1022360), Yamba Road, Yamba

Fauna Survey and Assessment

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to provide a fauna assessment of the potential impacts of the proposed residential development of the Blue Dolphin Holiday Resort (Lot 8 in DP 1022360), Yamba Road in Yamba (Figure 1) in the Clarence Valley Local Government Area.

The fauna assessment:

- □ identifies key fauna habitats within the development site ("the subject site");
- □ reviews literature and databases relevant to the subject site;
- describes the methodology and results of the fauna surveys;
- □ addresses potential impacts on fauna and their habitats resulting from the proposed development;
- proposes appropriate impact mitigation measures; and
- provides an assessment of the likelihood of significant impacts on threatened species and populations, and endangered ecological communities, according to Section 5A of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 (EP&A Act), NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act, 1995 (TSC Act) and Commonwealth Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999 (EPBC Act). This was done to determine the need for a Species Impact Statement (SIS) under the TSC Act or an application for development under the EPBC Act.

Purcell *et al.* (2006) conducted a comprehensive flora and fauna survey of the subject site and adjoining areas in September 2005. The present report uses the data collected in that survey and in supplementary surveys conducted as part of the present study to assess the potential impacts of the proposed development on the status of native fauna and their habitats.

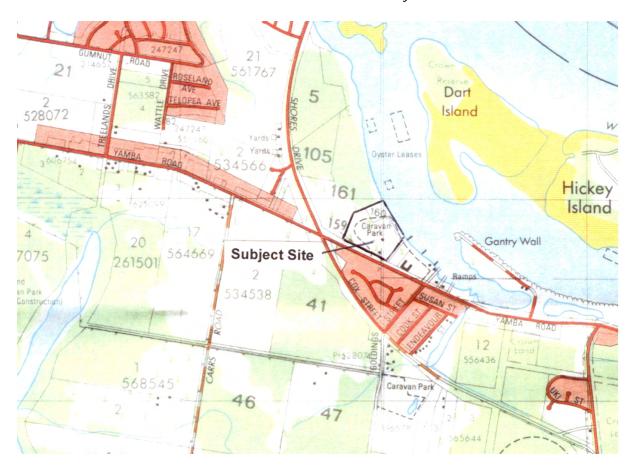
A comprehensive assessment of the impact of the proposed development on the status of native flora and their habitats is provided by Clements *et al.* (2006).

1.2 SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject site is 5.74 ha in area and is about 3 km north of the Yamba township. It is bounded to the:

- north by the Clarence Estuary Nature Reserve;
- east by the Clarence River;
- □ south by Moby Dick Motel; and
- west by residential development on the western side of Yamba Road (Figure 2).

FIGURE 1 LOCATION OF SUBJECT SITE



The vegetation community in the Clarence Estuary Nature Reserve is predominantly Swamp Sclerophyll Forest on a Floodplain (SSFF), an Endangered Ecological Community listed under the NSW *Threatened Species Conservation Act*, 1995 (TSC Act).

It is probable that SSFF once occurred over much of the subject site. However, the site is now highly modified, consisting of landscaped grounds, caravan bays (lawned areas), holiday cabins and villas, outdoor swimming pools, a tennis court private roads, picnic and barbecue areas and service buildings.

Canopy trees occur throughout the subject site, the most abundant species being exotic palm trees that have been introduced to the site as part of the landscaping program (Plate 1 in Appendix A). However, some native remnant trees, characteristic of SSFF, have been retained on the subject site. The identity, distribution and abundance of these trees are shown in Figure 3. The largest numbers of remnant canopy trees occur in the north-western corner of the subject site (Map Area 10 in Figure 3, Plate 2 in Appendix 1) and along the river foreshore area of the subject site (Plates 3 to 5 in Appendix 1).

It is important to note that the Clarence River shoreline (Plate 6 in Appendix 1) and Clarence Estuary Nature Reserve (Plates 7 & 8 in Appendix 1) are not part of the subject site. A stormwater drain and existing fire-trail occur along the boundary of the subject site and the Clarence Estuary Nature Reserve.

FIGURE 2 AERIAL VIEW OF SUBJECT SITE AND SURROUNDING AREAS

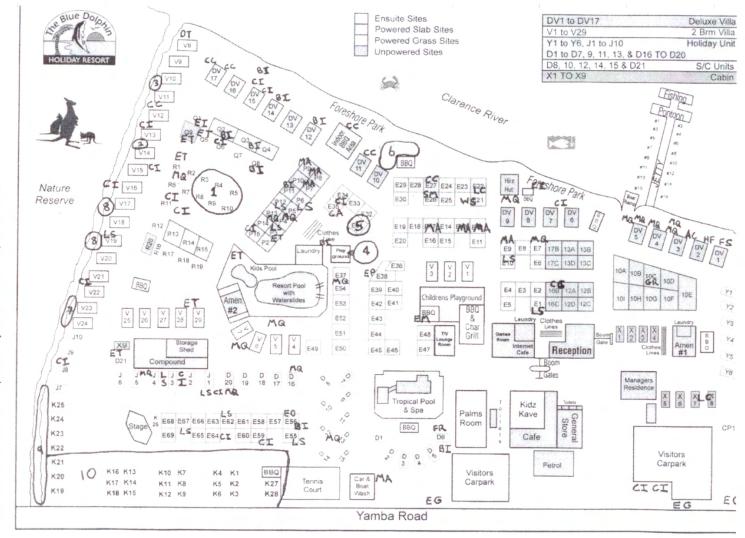


FIGURE 3 DISTRIBUTION OF REMNANT TREES ON SUBJECT SITE (from Purcell *et al.* 2006)

Legend:

Mapped No.	Species List
1	Mature Coast Banksia (Banksia integrifolia), Pink Bloodwood (Corymbia
	intermedia), 5 Cypress Pines (Callitris columellaris), 4 Blue Lillypillies
	(Syzigium oleosum).
2	6 young Forest Red Gums (<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i>), 1 Coast Banksia, 1 Brush Ironbark Wattle (<i>Acacia aulacocarpa</i>).
3	1Pink Bloodwood sapling, 1 Brush Ironbark Wattle
4	Clump of mature Broad-leaved Paperbarks (Melaleuca quinquernervia),
	1 Cypress Pine.
5	3 Cheese Trees (Glochidion ferdinandi), 1 Pink Bloodwood, 1 Ribbonwood
	(Euroschinus falcata), 1 Red Ash (Alphitonia excelsa), 1 Tuckeroo (Cupaniopsis
	anacardioides), 1 Celerywood (Polyscias elegans).
6	13 Cypress Pines, 9 Coast Banksias.
7	1 Brush Ironbark Wattle, 1 New Zealand Spinach (Tetragonia tetragonoides),
	1 Coastal Wattle (Acacia sophorae).
8	1 Brush Ironbark Wattle, 1 Grey Mangrove (Avicennia marina var.
	australasica)
9	1 Red Ash, 1 Swamp Oak (Casuarina glauca), 1 Broad-leaved Paperbark, 1
	White Cedar (Melia azedarach), 1 Swamp Turpentine (Lophostemon
	suaveolens), 1 New Zealand Spinach, 1 Native Rasberry (Rubus parvifolius), 1
	Blackwood (Acacia melanoxylon), 1 Black She-oak (Allocasuarina littoralis), 1
	Cheese Tree.
10	18 Broad-leaved Paperbark, 10 Swamp Turpentines, 3 Coast Banksias, 2
	Pink Bloodwoods, 5 Brush Ironbark Wattles, 1 Willow Bottlebrush
	(Callistemon salignus), 1 Forest Red Gum, 1 Hard Quandong (Eleocarpus
	obovatus) with Mistletoe (Amylotheca dictyophleba).

Mapped Species	Common Name	Scientific Name
EP	Blackbutt	Eucalyptus pilularis
EM	Swamp Mahogany x Forest Red Gum	Eucalyptus major (hybrid)
EG	Flooded Gum	Eucalyptus grandis
EO	Hard Quandong	Eleocarpus obovatus
FR	Port Jackson Fig	Ficus rubiginosa
DT	Large-leaved Hop Bush	Dodonea triquetra
GR	Silky Oak	Grevillea robusta (planted)
FS	Deciduous Fig	Ficus superba
HV	Native Frangipanni	Hymenosterum flavum
AC	Smooth-barked Apple	Angophora costata
MA	White Cedar	Melia azederach
CI	Pink Bloodwood	Corymbia intermedia



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