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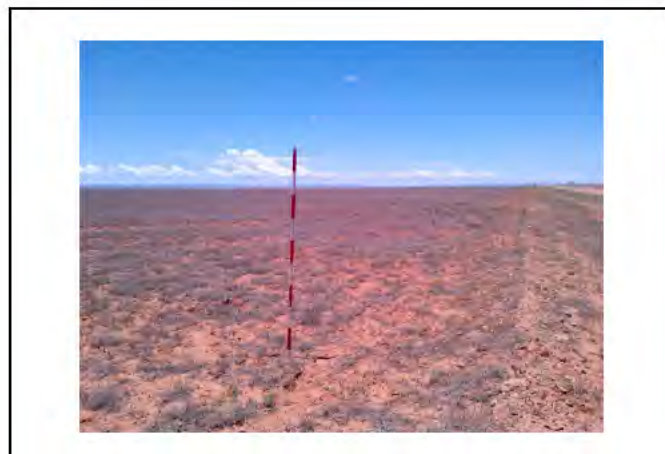
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1 Applicant Information

Application Details

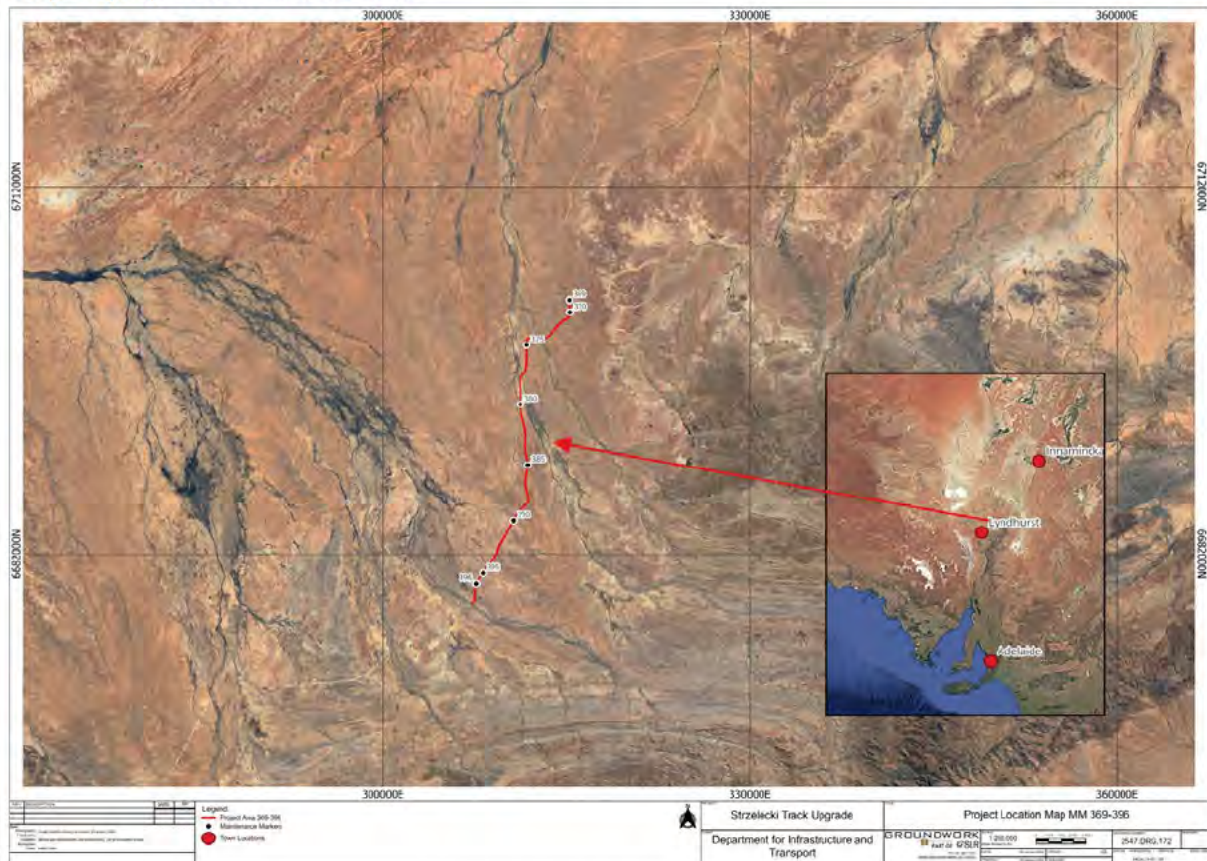
Applicant:	Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)		
Key contact:	Name:	[REDACTED]	
	Contact details:	[REDACTED]	
Landowner:	Name:	Road Reserve and Crown Lease	
	Contact details:	As above	
Site address:	RN120000 Strzelecki Track, MM369 – MM396		
Local Government Area:	Pastoral Unincorporated Area	Hundred:	OH (Copley) OH (Marree) OH(Kopperamanna)
Title ID:	CL/6179/606	Parcel ID:	F251575 Q301

Summary of Proposed Clearance

Purpose of clearance	<p>The proposed upgrade of the Strzelecki Track between Maintenance Marker (MM) 369 and MM 396 (the Project Area) forms part of the overall Strzelecki Track upgrade and sealing project and aims to improve transport reliability, travel times, lower transport operating costs and improve road safety.</p> <p>Clearance of vegetation is required where proposed construction activities exceed the current road formation and maintenance activity zone.</p>
Native Vegetation Regulation	<i>Part 6, Regulation 12 (32) – Works on behalf of the Commissioner of Highways.</i>
Description of the vegetation under application	<p>A total of 8.54 hectares (ha) of <i>Sclerolaena spp.</i> +/- <i>Dissocarpus paradoxa</i> very open low shrubland</p> <p>A total of 0.04 ha of <i>Eremophila longifolia</i> +/- <i>Acacia spp.</i> tall open shrubland</p> <p>A total of 0.09 ha of <i>Acacia victoriae</i> +/- <i>Eremophila duttonii</i> open shrubland</p> <p>A total of 2.23 ha of <i>Acacia victoriae</i> open shrubland</p> <p>A total of 0.09 ha of <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> open forest</p> <p>A total of 0.56 ha of <i>Maireana astrotricha</i> open shrubland</p> <p>A total of 2.8 ha of <i>Maireana pyramidata</i> +/- <i>Atriplex vesicaria</i> open shrubland</p>

	<p>A total of 2.36 ha of <i>Santalum lanceolata</i> +/- <i>Acacia victoriae</i> tall shrubland</p> <p>A total of 1.22 ha of <i>Sclerolaena</i> spp. +/- <i>Maireana pyramidata</i> open low shrubland</p> <p>A total of 4.37 ha of <i>Maireana astrotricha</i> +/- <i>Maireana pyramidata</i> open shrubland</p>
Total proposed clearance - area (ha) and number of trees	22.3 ha are proposed to be cleared.
Level of clearance	Level 4
Overlay (planning and design code)	<p>Zone – Remote Areas – RA</p> <p>Overlays - Gas and Liquid Petroleum Pipelines, Gas and Liquid Petroleum Pipeline (Facilities), Hazards (Bushfire – Outback), Heritage Adjacency, Hazards (Flooding – Evidence Required), Key Outback and Rural Routes, Native Vegetation, Prescribed Wells Area, State Heritage Place – 65, State Heritage Place – 71, Water Resources, and Significant Landscape Protection.</p>

Map of proposed clearance area



Mitigation hierarchy

Typical road drawings have been produced with the aim to avoid and reduce the native vegetation clearance impacts as well as the potential impacts to heritage sites.

The planned Strzelecki Track upgrades are located at areas that have been exposed to a moderate level of previous vegetation clearance associated with road construction and maintenance activities.

	<p>Cut-off drains have been positioned predominantly within existing historical cut-off drains locations, with others located in areas with no previous vegetation clearance. However, clearance is unable to be avoided as cut-off drains are essential to clearing the road of water during rainfall events to maintain road user safety. Similarly, water crossings are required to facilitate the movement of water across the roadway, to ensure safety of road users. Clearance is unable to be avoided to ensure appropriate tying-in with surrounding landscape to ensure that water can flow freely away from the road formation.</p> <p>Native vegetation clearance will only be required for minimal widths along the length of the Project Area, as outlined in Section 4.1 Vegetation Assessment. The design of the final road formation has been made to ensure the extent of impacts of clearance have been minimised to the lowest possible to achieve the sealing of the roadway and to be an appropriate size for the traffic volume and design speed.</p> <p>Dimensions of cut-off drains and water crossings have been planned to reduce the impact of vegetation clearance whilst still allowing the necessary construction activities to be completed.</p> <p>All contractors will be made aware of the environmental obligations through the implementation of a Contractors Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) during construction to ensure there is no unnecessary damage to surrounding vegetation.</p> <p>It is expected that native vegetation will naturally regenerate all disturbed areas, consistent with observations of past clearance.</p>
<p>Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) Offset proposal</p>	<p>Payment of \$95,114.78, including administration fee of \$4,958.60, to be paid into the Native Vegetation Fund (NVF).</p>

2 Purpose of Clearance

2.1 Description

Groundwork part of SLR (Groundwork) have been engaged by DIT to undertake a native vegetation assessment for the purpose of clearance for the Project Area as part of the overall Strzelecki Track Upgrade Project. The Project Area forms part of Stage 3 of the overall upgrade and is currently within the pre-delivery phase. The Strzelecki Track Upgrade Project intends to seal the entirety of the Track over several stages and successive years. Currently, sealing works have been completed for some sections, with some currently in the construction phase. Other sections are still in either design or planning stages.

2.2 Background

The Strzelecki Track is primarily utilised as a transport route for the oil and gas facilities located within the Cooper Basin and the southern access route for the Innamincka township. The direct benefits of the Strzelecki Track upgrade project include, improved transport reliability and safety, improved travel times and lower transport and vehicle operating costs for road users. The Strzelecki Track upgrade is a priority for the Australian and South Australian Governments as it is the only viable land route between Adelaide and the Cooper Basin and is of importance to the expanding oil and gas industry, as well as the pastoral industry in the north east of South Australia.

2.2.1 Interim Biogeographical Regionalisation of Australia (IBRA)

The Project Area is located within the Stony Plains IBRA Region and the Murnpeowie IBRA Subregion. The Stony Plains Region is located across the central to north western parts of the South Australian Arid Lands Landscape Board Region. It is a region of extensive arid stony silcrete tablelands (breakaways), gibber, and gypsum plains crossed by large river floodplains with sparse low chenopod shrublands on duplex soils. Climate is characterised by hot temperatures and persistently low rainfall. Vegetation growth is limited by rainfall and consists of Saltbush, Bluebush, Samphire, Mitchell Grass, or Short-lived Bindyi communities on the Gibber plains with dune fields, swales, and sandy plains dominated by Sandhill Cane-grass. Drainage channels consist of denser vegetation and streams are fringed with Coolabah and River Red Gum (South Australian Arid Lands Biodiversity Strategy - Stony Plains Conservation Priorities, South Australian Arid Lands NRM Board, Department for Environment and Heritage, 2009).

2.2.2 Climate

The nearest weather station is located at Leigh Creek (No. 017110). The regional climate is characterised as arid to semi-arid and is persistently dry. Review of the Government of South Australia's Enviro Data application *NatureMaps (NatureMaps)* climate data references a mean annual rainfall of 186 millimetres (mm).

2.3 General Location Map

The Strzelecki Track is located approximately 550 kilometres (km) to the north east of Adelaide, South Australia, refer to **Drawing No. 2547.DRG.172 – Project Location Map MM 369-396** for a visual

representation of the Project Area. Vegetation survey plans for the Project Area are provided as outlined below:

- **Drawing No. 2547.DRG.140 – NVC Proposal – MM 369 - 396 - Section 1**
- **Drawing No. 2547.DRG.141 – NVC Proposal – MM 369 - 396 - Section 2**
- **Drawing No. 2547.DRG.142 – NVC Proposal – MM 369 - 396 - Section 3**
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- **Drawing No. 2547.DRG.146R1 – NVC Proposal – MM 369 - 396 - Section 7**

2.4 Details of the Proposal

The proposed upgrade of the Project Area on the Strzelecki Track is between MM 369 and MM 396 and forms part of the overall Strzelecki Track upgrades and sealing project, aiming to improve transport reliability travel times, lower transport operating costs and improve road safety.

The upgraded typical road formation will be based on single lanes of 3.5 metres (m) width, with a sealed shoulder of one (1) m, an unsealed shoulder of one (1) m, totalling in a road formation of 11 m. Longitudinal drainage and batters will extend from the unsealed shoulder, with a 1 in 6 slope into the drain, a 1.5 m drain, and 1 in 4 slope extending out of the drain. A total Construction Activity Zone (CAZ) of 18 m either side of the existing centreline will be required. Cut-off drains will be utilised to ensure water movement away from the road formation in rain events.

Sections identified as minor water crossings and flood ways will be stabilised with a required CAZ of 18 m either side of the existing centreline. Ten major waterways along the Project Area have been identified and have had detailed designs created. A CAZ of 18 m either side of the centreline is required for these sections. Two creek lines are already sealed but may require some maintenance within the existing formation depending on condition.

Construction material will be sourced locally, utilising an existing borrow pit that will be extended. Two (2) existing disturbed areas will also be utilised as stack sites for material, and an existing camp site will be reinstated for use during construction. A series of Maintenance Turn Around Points (MTPs) will also be utilised during construction.

Most of the above construction activities will be contained within the existing road formation and maintenance activity zone (MAZ) and will not require approval for native vegetation clearance, however, there are some areas where activities extend beyond the current MAZ and approval for vegetation clearance is required. It is these areas that are included within this application. Specifically, these areas are:

- A linear strip of vegetation either side of the road formation, of approximately 3.8 m, where the CAZ will extend past the current MAZ,
- Four (4) new MTPs,
- The extension of one (1) cut-off drain, and
- The extension of one (1) borrow pit.

2.5 Approvals Required or Obtained

A review of *NatureMaps* indicated that there has been one (1) other Native Vegetation clearance application relevant along the entire corridor of the Project Area, in 2008 (2008_3120). This was likely associated with other road upgrade activities.

Other environmental legislation relevant to the project includes:

- *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The EPBC Act provides protection for MNES. Any action that has, will have or is likely to have a significant impact on MNES requires referral under the EPBC Act. Conservation significant flora and fauna species, and ecological communities listed under the EPBC Act are known from and / or could potentially occur within the Project Area.
- *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (SA)* (NP&W Act). Native plants and animals in South Australia are protected under the NP&W Act. It is an offence to take a native plant or protected animal without approval. Conservation significant flora and fauna species listed on Schedules 7, 8, or 9 of the NP&W Act could potentially occur within the Project Area.
- *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* (Landscape Act). Under the Landscape South Australia Act 2019, landholders have a legal responsibility to manage declared pest plants and animals and prevent land and water degradation. The South Australian Arid Lands Landscape Board has the statutory role of enforcing this within the Project Area. Approval may be required for movement of Declared Plant and Water Affecting Activities (WAA) as associated with the Project.
- *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* (AH Act). Approval required if damage to Aboriginal Heritage Sites (reported / registered or undocumented) is required. Ministerial authorisation under section 23 of AH Act.

A detailed Environment and Heritage Impact Assessment according to DIT's internal guidelines has been produced for the project. Relevant environmental and heritage aspects have been assessed as part of this process with recommended mitigations and necessary approvals documented.

2.6 Native Vegetation Regulation

The proposed works are intended to be undertaken within the provisions of clearance of native vegetation provided under the *Native Vegetation Regulations 2017*, Part 6, Regulations 12 (32) – Works on behalf of Commissioner of Highways.

2.7 Development Application Information (if applicable)

Approval under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* is not required.

3 Method

3.1 Flora Assessment

An online search was undertaken for EPBC Act Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) relevant to flora along with a review of *NatureMaps* for historical records of any rare or endangered flora species within 50 km of the Project Area.

Following a review of the background information and literature, an assessment of the Project Area was undertaken in December 2024 by Groundwork Accredited Consultants involving a general vegetation assessment utilising the Native Vegetation Council's (NVC) Rangeland Assessment methodology of the Project Area and identification of suitable growing conditions for species of conservation significance.

The Project Area was surveyed for:

- Remnant and regrowth native vegetation,
- Condition of vegetation,
- Introduced plant species, and
- Suitable growing conditions for identified threatened species.

Representative photographs of the vegetation within the Project Area as well as descriptions of the vegetation are provided within **Section 4.1. Vegetation Assessment**.

3.2 Fauna Assessment

An online search was undertaken for EPBC Act MNES relevant to fauna, as well as a review of *NatureMaps* to determine the potential presence of any rare or endangered fauna species recorded within 50 km of the Project Area.

During the field assessment, vegetation was surveyed to determine habitat potential for all fauna species, in particular threatened species identified through the desktop assessment. Opportunistic records of fauna species were also captured. The likelihood of fauna species identified within the desktop searches as being present within the Project Area was assessed based on the species known habitat preferences and the vegetation associations identified onsite and are detailed within **Section 4.2 Threatened Species Assessment**.

4 Assessment Outcomes

4.1 Vegetation Assessment

The vegetation survey was undertaken in February 2024 by Matthew Jones (Technical Director – Environmental Management, Permitting and Compliance, Native Vegetation Accredited Consultant), and Louise Jaunay (Associate Consultant – Ecology and biodiversity, Native Vegetation Accredited Consultant) from Groundwork. The vegetation assessment identified the majority of perennial species to be in moderate to good condition with some species flowering and setting seed. Due to rainfall over the early Summer 2024 period, there was evidence of short-lived ephemeral species, some identifiable, some not. During drier periods, cover is usually less dense with annual species.

The topography and vegetation associations changed moving through the Project Area. Generally, the Project Area is located within expansive Gibber Plains, dissected by a number of water ways of varying size. This created alternations between dry, expansive plains, flood plains, and creek lines. There are no Heritage Agreements within a 50 km radius of the project area. Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park is the closest protected area to the Project Area, located approximately 30 km south.

Full assessment of the vegetation attributes and condition scores are provided within **Attachment 1 – Rangeland Assessment Scoresheets**. A list of flora species recorded onsite are provided within **Attachment 2 – Plant Species Recorded (Native and Introduced)**.

Inspection of the Project Area confirmed the presence of native vegetation with the following 10 vegetation associations identified:


- *Sclerolaena* spp. +/- *Dissocarpus paradoxa* very open low shrubland
- *Eremophila longifolia* +/- *Acacia* spp. tall open shrubland
- *Acacia victoriae* +/- *Eremophila duttonii* open shrubland
- *Acacia victoriae* open shrubland
- *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* open forest
- *Maireana astrotricha* open shrubland
- *Maireana pyramidata* +/- *Atriplex vesicaria* open shrubland
- *Santalum lanceolata* +/- *Acacia victoriae* tall shrubland
- *Sclerolaena* spp. +/- *Maireana pyramidata* open low shrubland
- *Maireana astrotricha* +/- *Maireana pyramidata* open shrubland

Vegetation associations were classified at a broad level, and based upon landform as well as dominant species, as was appropriate for the context of the landscape and the assessment methodology. Refer to **Table 1 – Vegetation Association 1** to **Table 10 – Vegetation Association 10** for details of the vegetation associations.

The vegetation associations are connected to surrounding native vegetation and are consistent with regional associations which are well represented. Land use is predominately grazing, with the vegetation showing some evidence of current grazing, particularly within water ways.

Most vegetation within the construction footprint is of lower understorey species and younger overstorey species, with minimal mature overstorey species to be impacted. However, a few mature taller shrubs, particularly in water ways have been identified as falling within the impact area.

Table 1 – Vegetation Association 1

<p>Vegetation Association 1</p>	<p><i>Sclerolaena</i> spp. +/- <i>Dissocarpus paradoxa</i> very open low shrubland</p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Representative Photo 1 – Gibber Plain with sparse chenopod shrubs Latitude 29° 47'46.45"S, Longitude 139°5'19.61"E</p> </div>	
<p>General description</p>	<p>Vegetation located on Gibber Plains. Dominated by very low chenopod shrubs, particularly species of <i>Sclerolaena</i>. Occasional <i>Maireana astrotricha</i>, either as an individual or small clump. Notable presence of dried annual species, as prior conditions had allowed for vegetation germination.</p> <p>Very low evidence of current grazing pressure on perennial species, this may have been due to general lack of palatable species across the higher plains.</p> <p>Very low weed species noted within the areas under application. Vegetation is of a density and condition expected of the region.</p> <p>Dominant native species include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Sclerolaena cuneata</i> ○ <i>Sclerolaena brachytipera</i> ○ <i>Atriplex holocarpa</i> ○ <i>Dissocarpus paradoxa</i> ○ <i>Sida</i> sp. ○ <i>Astrebla pectinata</i> <p>Refer to Attachment 1 – Rangeland Assessment Scoresheets and Attachment 2 – Plant Species Recorded (Native and Introduced) for a detailed overview of the assessment outcomes and full species list.</p>
<p>Threatened species or community</p>	<p>No threatened flora species or ecological communities as listed under the EPBC Act or the NP&W Act were recorded within Vegetation Association 1 during the field assessment.</p>

Landscape context score	1.16	Vegetation condition score	41.40	Conservation significance score	1.10
Unit biodiversity score	52.83	Area (ha)	8.54	Total biodiversity score	451.17

Table 2 – Vegetation Association 2

Vegetation Association 2	<i>Eremophila longifolia</i> +/- <i>Acacia</i> spp. tall open shrubland
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Representative Photo 2 – Narrow drainage line fringed with vegetation association.

Latitude 29° 48'33.41"S, Longitude 139°4'50.62"E

General description	<p>Vegetation located in small drainage lines. Very narrow association, restricted to lower lying wetter areas. Dominated by <i>Eremophila longifolia</i>, with lots of regeneration noted. Other taller shrub species consisting of <i>Pittosporum angustifolium</i> and <i>Santalum lanceolatum</i>. Notable presence of dried annual species, as prior conditions had allowed for vegetation germination.</p> <p>High evidence of current grazing pressure on perennial species, with stock likely attracted to the higher, denser vegetation through the drainage lines.</p> <p>Weed species noted within the areas under application. Vegetation is of a density and condition expected of the region.</p> <p>Dominant native species include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Eremophila longifolia</i> ○ <i>Pittosporum angustifolium</i> ○ <i>Santalum lanceolatum</i> ○ <i>Acacia victoriae</i> ○ <i>Acacia salicina</i> ○ <i>Sclerolaena longicuspis</i>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Rhagodia spinescens</i> Refer to Attachment 1 – Rangeland Assessment Scoresheets and Attachment 2 – Plant Species Recorded (Native and Introduced) for a detailed overview of the assessment outcomes and full species list.				
Threatened species or community	No threatened flora species or ecological communities as listed under the EPBC Act or the NP&W Act were recorded within Vegetation Association 2 during the field assessment.				
Landscape context score	1.16	Vegetation condition score	39.63	Conservation significance score	1.10
Unit biodiversity score	50.57	Area (ha)	0.04	Total biodiversity score	2.02

Table 3 – Vegetation Association 3

Vegetation Association 3	<i>Acacia victoriae</i> +/- <i>Eremophila duttonii</i> open shrubland
	
<p>Representative Photo 3 – Shallow drainage depression through hillside with higher shrubs as compared to surrounding vegetation.</p> <p>Latitude 29° 48'44.16"S, Longitude 139°4'38.69"E</p>	
General description	<p>Vegetation located within drainage lines down hillsides. Dominated by <i>Acacia victoriae</i> and <i>Eremophila duttonii</i> with low chenopods. Rocky ground with minor evidence of erosion from water movement. Some presence of dried annual species, as prior conditions had allowed for vegetation germination.</p> <p>Some evidence of current grazing pressure on perennial species, with stock likely attracted to the higher, denser vegetation through the drainage lines.</p> <p>Some weed species noted within the areas under application. Vegetation is of a density and condition expected of the region.</p> <p>Dominant native species include:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Acacia victoriae</i> ○ <i>Acacia tetragonophylla</i> ○ <i>Eremophila duttonii</i> ○ <i>Sida intricata</i> ○ <i>Sclerolaena longicuspis</i> ○ <i>Astrebla pectinata</i> <p>Refer to Attachment 1 – Rangeland Assessment Scoresheets and Attachment 2 – Plant Species Recorded (Native and Introduced) for a detailed overview of the assessment outcomes and full species list.</p>				
Threatened species or community	No threatened flora species or ecological communities as listed under the EPBC Act or the NP&W Act were recorded within Vegetation Association 3 during the field assessment.				
Landscape context score	1.16	Vegetation condition score	34.72	Conservation significance score	1.10
Unit biodiversity score	44.30	Area (ha)	0.09	Total biodiversity score	3.99

Table 4 – Vegetation Association 4

Vegetation Association 4	<i>Acacia victoriae</i> open shrubland
	
<p>Representative Photo 4 – <i>Acacia victoriae</i> shrubland on wide floodplain Latitude 29° 49'12.41"S, Longitude 139°3'50.65"E</p>	
General description	Vegetation located lower lying floodplains adjacent larger water courses. Dominated by <i>Acacia victoriae</i> over <i>Rhagodia spinescens</i> Notable presence of dried annual species, as prior conditions had allowed for vegetation germination.

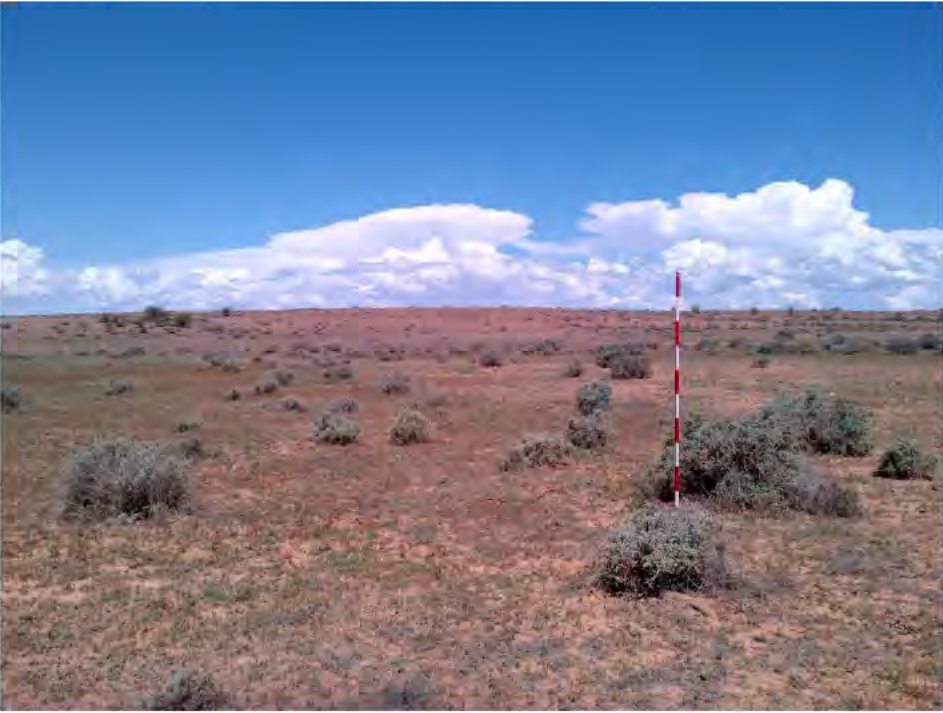
	<p>Many, very small, recently germinated plants, too small for identification, but likely a combination of introduced weed species and native annuals. Some low evidence of current grazing pressure on perennial species. Some weed species noted within the areas under application. Vegetation is of a density and condition expected of the region.</p> <p>Dominant native species include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Acacia victoriae</i> ○ <i>Maireana astrotricha</i> ○ <i>Atriplex holocarpa</i> ○ <i>Sclerolaena cuneata</i> ○ <i>Rhagodia spinescens</i> ○ <i>Santalum lanceolatum</i> <p>Refer to Attachment 1 – Rangeland Assessment Scoresheets and Attachment 2 – Plant Species Recorded (Native and Introduced) for a detailed overview of the assessment outcomes and full species list.</p>				
Threatened species or community	No threatened flora species or ecological communities as listed under the EPBC Act or the NP&W Act were recorded within Vegetation Association 4 during the field assessment.				
Landscape context score	1.16	Vegetation condition score	43.00	Conservation significance score	1.10
Unit biodiversity score	54.87	Area (ha)	2.23	Total biodiversity score	122.36

Table 5 – Vegetation Association 5

Vegetation Association 5	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> open forest
	
Representative Photo 5 – Mature River Red Gum trees in creek bed	

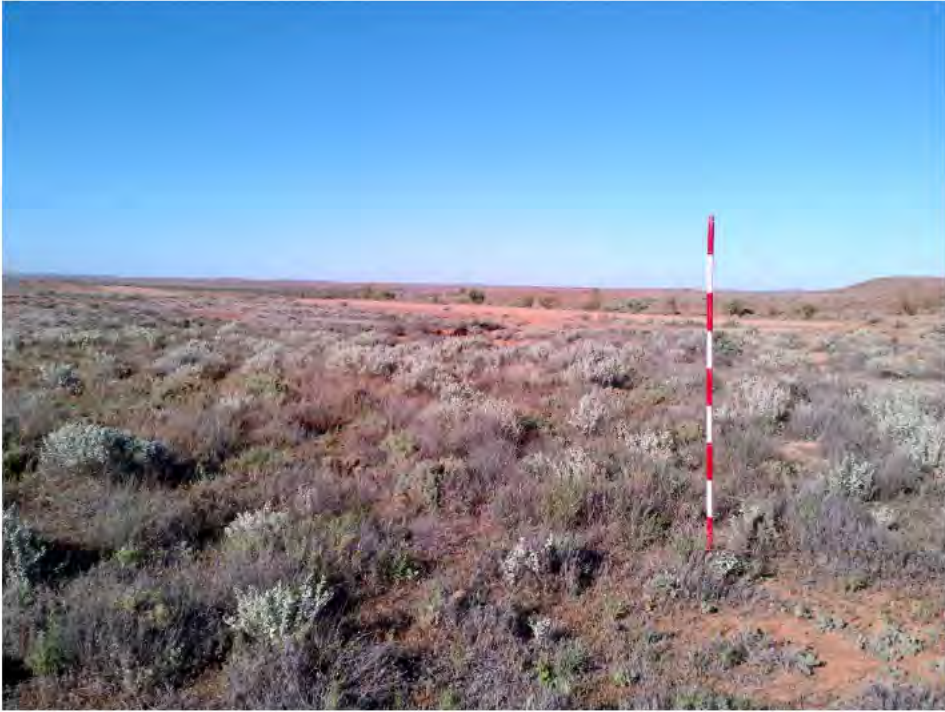
Latitude 29° 49'9.73"S, Longitude 139°3'44.08"E					
General description	<p>Vegetation restricted to major creek lines. Generally low density of vegetation, particularly of understorey species as creek beds are very stony and wash through with large rain events. Occasional dense stand of <i>Melaleuca glomerata</i>. Low evidence of current grazing pressure on perennial species, this may have been due to general lack of palatable species within the creek beds. Low weed species noted within the areas under application. Vegetation is of a density and condition expected of the region. Dominant native species include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (mature trees not to be impacted) ○ <i>Acacia salicina</i> ○ <i>Melaleuca glomerata</i> ○ <i>Acacia victoriae</i> ○ <i>Cymbopogon ambiguus</i> <p>Refer to Attachment 1 – Rangeland Assessment Scoresheets and Attachment 2 – Plant Species Recorded (Native and Introduced) for a detailed overview of the assessment outcomes and full species list.</p>				
Threatened species or community	No threatened flora species or ecological communities as listed under the EPBC Act or the NP&W Act were recorded within Vegetation Association 5 during the field assessment.				
Landscape context score	1.16	Vegetation Condition Score	37.58	Conservation significance score	1.10
Unit biodiversity Score	47.95	Area (ha)	0.09	Total biodiversity Score	4.32

Table 6 – Vegetation Association 6

Vegetation Association 6	<i>Maireana pyramidata</i> +/- <i>Maireana astrotricha</i> open shrubland				
					
Representative Photo 6 – Lower lying flood plain, dominated by <i>Maireana</i> spp. Latitude 29° 50'43.95"S, Longitude 139°2'57.92"E					
General description	<p>Lower lying flood plain adjacent minor water ways. Vegetation dominated by <i>Maireana</i> spp. shrubs with scattered <i>Acacia victoriae</i>. Notable presence of dried annual species, as prior conditions had allowed for vegetation germination. Many, very small, recently germinated plants, too small for identification, but likely a combination of introduced weed species and native annuals.</p> <p>Limited evidence of current grazing pressure on perennial species.</p> <p>Weed species likely to be present but not identified at time of assessment.</p> <p>Vegetation is of a density and condition expected of the region.</p> <p>Dominant native species include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Maireana pyramidata</i> ○ <i>Maireana astrotricha</i> ○ <i>Sclerolaena holtiana</i> ○ <i>Sclerolaena brachyptera</i> ○ <i>Atriplex holocarpa</i> <p>Refer to Attachment 1 – Rangeland Assessment Scoresheets and Attachment 2 – Plant Species Recorded (Native and Introduced) for a detailed overview of the assessment outcomes and full species list.</p>				
Threatened species or community	<p>No threatened flora species or ecological communities as listed under the EPBC Act or the NP&W Act were recorded within Vegetation Association 6 during the field assessment.</p>				
Landscape context score	1.16	Vegetation condition score	46.13	Conservation significance score	1.10


Unit biodiversity score	58.86	Area (ha)	0.56	Total biodiversity score	32.96
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Table 7 – Vegetation Association 7

Vegetation Association 7	<i>Maireana pyramidata</i> +/- <i>Atriplex vesicaria</i> open shrubland	
		
	<p>Representative Photo 7 – Gibber Plain with sparse chenopod shrubs Latitude 29° 57'0.53"S, Longitude 139°2'27.17"E</p>	
General description	<p>Vegetation located on slopes near drainage lines. Dominated by low chenopod shrubs, particularly species of <i>Atriplex</i>, <i>Maireana</i> and <i>Sclerolaena</i>. Occasional <i>Acacia victoriae</i>, either as an individual or small clump. Notable presence of dried annual species, as prior conditions had allowed for vegetation germination. Limited evidence of current grazing pressure on perennial species. Very low weed species noted within the areas under application. Vegetation is of a density and condition expected of the region.</p> <p>Dominant native species include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Maireana pyramidata</i> ○ <i>Atriplex vesicaria</i> ○ <i>Sclerolaena longicuspis</i> ○ <i>Maireana astrotricha</i> ○ <i>Sclerolaena brachyptera</i> <p>Refer to Attachment 1 – Rangeland Assessment Scoresheets and Attachment 2 – Plant Species Recorded (Native and Introduced) for a detailed overview of the assessment outcomes and full species list.</p>	
Threatened species or community	<p>No threatened flora species or ecological communities as listed under the EPBC Act or the NP&W Act were recorded within Vegetation Association 7 during the field assessment.</p>	

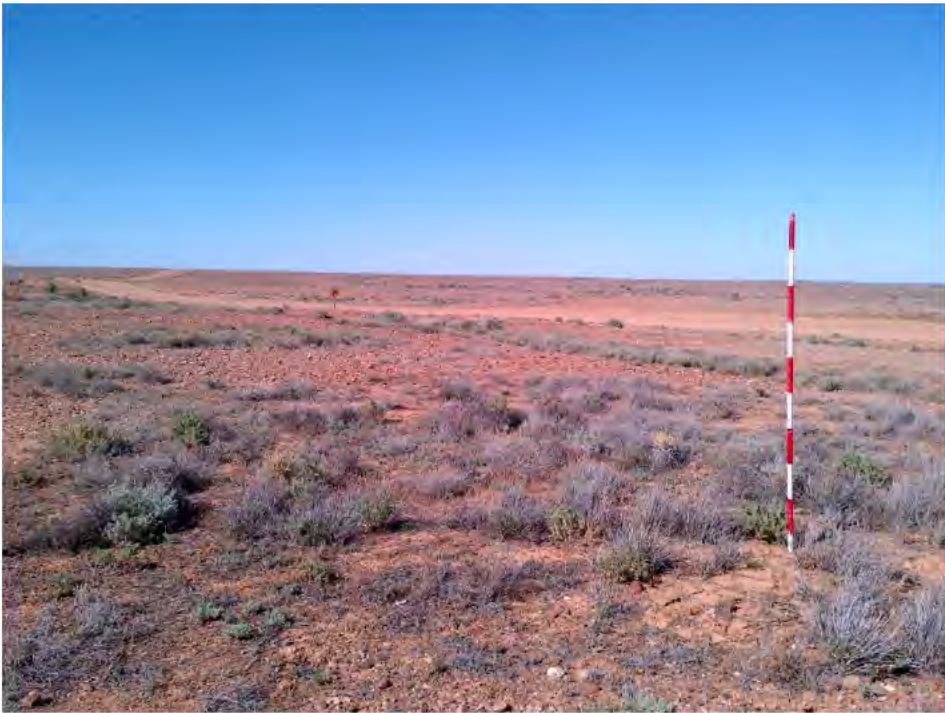
Landscape context score	1.16	Vegetation condition score	47.58	Conservation significance score	1.10
Unit biodiversity score	60.71	Area (ha)	2.8	Total biodiversity score	169.99

Table 8 – Vegetation Association 8

Vegetation Association 8	<i>Santalum lanceolata</i> +/- <i>Acacia victoriae</i> tall shrubland
	
<p>Representative Photo 8 – Gibber Plain with sparse chenopod shrubs Latitude 29° 57'24.88"S, Longitude 139°2'8.63"E</p>	
General description	<p>Convergent smaller drainage lines dissecting through hillsides. Taller vegetation following drainage lines with scattered individuals and clumps between the lines. Notable presence of dried annual species, as prior conditions had allowed for vegetation germination.</p> <p>Very low evidence of current grazing pressure on perennial species, this may have been due to general lack of palatable species across the higher plains.</p> <p>Very low weed species noted within the areas under application. Vegetation is of a density and condition expected of the region.</p> <p>Dominant native species include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Sclerolaena cuneata</i> ○ <i>Sclerolaena brachytipera</i> ○ <i>Atriplex holocarpa</i> ○ <i>Dissocarpus paradoxa</i> ○ <i>Sida</i> sp. ○ <i>Aristida</i> sp.


	Refer to Attachment 1 – Rangeland Assessment Scoresheets and Attachment 2 – Plant Species Recorded (Native and Introduced) for a detailed overview of the assessment outcomes and full species list.				
Threatened species or community	No threatened flora species or ecological communities as listed under the EPBC Act or the NP&W Act were recorded within Vegetation Association 8 during the field assessment.				
Landscape context score	1.16	Vegetation condition score	54.42	Conservation significance score	1.10
Unit biodiversity score	69.44	Area (ha)	2.36	Total biodiversity score	163.88

Table 9 – Vegetation Association 9

Vegetation Association 9	<i>Sclerolaena</i> spp. +/- <i>Maireana</i> spp. open low shrubland				
					
	<p>Representative Photo 9 – Gibber Plain with sparse chenopod shrubs Latitude 29° 47'46.45"S, Longitude 139°5'19.61"E</p>				
General description	<p>Vegetation located on stony hillsides between Gibber Plains and drainage lines. Dominated by very low chenopod shrubs, particularly species of <i>Sclerolaena</i> and <i>Maireana</i>. Notable presence of dried annual species, as prior conditions had allowed for vegetation germination.</p> <p>Low evidence of current grazing pressure on perennial species.</p> <p>Very low weed species noted within the areas under application. Vegetation is of a density and condition expected of the region.</p> <p>Dominant native species include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Sclerolaena cuneata</i> ○ <i>Sclerolaena decurrens</i> ○ <i>Sclerolaena brachyptera</i> 				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Atriplex lindleyi</i> ○ <i>Atriplex vesicaria</i> ○ <i>Maireana pyramidata</i> ○ <i>Maireana astrotricha</i> <p>Refer to Attachment 1 – Rangeland Assessment Scoresheets and Attachment 2 – Plant Species Recorded (Native and Introduced) for a detailed overview of the assessment outcomes and full species list.</p>				
Threatened species or community	No threatened flora species or ecological communities as listed under the EPBC Act or the NP&W Act were recorded within Vegetation Association 9 during the field assessment.				
Landscape context score	1.16	Vegetation condition score	46.60	Conservation significance score	1.10
Unit biodiversity score	59.46	Area (ha)	1.22	Total biodiversity score	72.54

Table 10 - Vegetation Association 10

Vegetation Association 10	<i>Maireana astrotricha</i> +/- <i>Maireana pyramidata</i> open shrubland
	
<p>Representative Photo 10 – Gibber Plain with patchy chenopod shrubs Latitude 29° 29'55.37"S, Longitude 139°5'26.65"E</p>	
General description	<p>Vegetation located on Gibber Plains. Dominated by low chenopod shrubs, particularly species of <i>Maireana</i>. Notable presence of dried annual species, as prior conditions had allowed for vegetation germination.</p> <p>Some evidence of current grazing pressure on perennial species.</p> <p>Some weed species noted within the areas under application. Vegetation is of a density and condition expected of the region.</p> <p>Dominant native species include:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Maireana pyramidata</i> ○ <i>Maireana astrotricha</i> ○ <i>Sclerolaena longicuspis</i> ○ <i>Rhagodia spinescens</i> ○ <i>Sclerolaena brachyptera</i> <p>Refer to Attachment 1 – Rangeland Assessment Scoresheets and Attachment 2 – Plant Species Recorded (Native and Introduced) for a detailed overview of the assessment outcomes and full species list.</p>				
Threatened species or community	No threatened flora species or ecological communities as listed under the EPBC Act or the NP&W Act were recorded within Vegetation Association 9 during the field assessment.				
Landscape context score	1.16	Vegetation condition score	43.05	Conservation significance score	1.10
Unit biodiversity score	54.93	Area (ha)	4.37	Total biodiversity score	240.04

4.2 Threatened Species Assessment

4.2.1 Threatened Flora

A search of *Naturemaps* (2024) found 12 threatened flora species that have previously been recorded within 50 km of the Project Area and within the preceding 20 years:

- *Maireana melanocarpa* (Rare) – One (1) observation 50 km from the Project Area. Last observed in 2023.
- *Eriocaulon carsonii* ssp. *carsonii* (Endangered) – 69 observations between 40 - 50 km from the Project Area. Last observed in 2015.
- *Acacia araneosa* (Endangered) – Two (2) observations 50 km from the Project Area. Last observed in 2009.
- *Acacia confluens* (Vulnerable) – 14 observations 50 km from the Project Area. Last observed in September 2024.
- *Daviesia stricta* (Rare) – One (1) observation 40 km from the Project Area. Last observed in 2012.
- *Swainsona leana* (Rare) – One (1) observation 35 km from the Project Area. Last observed in 2010.
- *Goodenia saccate* (Rare) – Three (3) observations 45 km from the Project Area. Last observed in 2015.
- *Codonocarpus pyramidalis* (Endangered) – 91 observations 50 km from the Project Area. Last observed in 2019.
- *Abutilon oxycarpum* ssp. *prostrate* (Rare [EPBC Act]) – One (1) observation 50 km from the Project Area. Last observed in September 2024.
- *Potamogeton ochreatus* (Rare) – One (1) observation 40 km from the Project Area. Last observed in 2012. Requires water, therefore excluded from assessment.
- *Philotheca angustifolia* ssp. *angustifolia* (Rare) – One (1) observation 40 km from the Project Area. Last observed in 2012.

- *Santalum spicatum* (Vulnerable) – One (1) observation 50 km from the Project Area. Last observed in 2016.

An EPBC Protected Matters Search report (2024) lists the Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) in relation to flora that may occur within 50 km of the project footprint, refer to **Attachment 3 – Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Protected Matters Report**.

In summary, the EPBC Protected Matters Search Identified four (4) Listed Threatened Species of flora that may occur: *Eriocaulon carsonii* ssp. *carsonii* (Salt Pipewort), *Acacia araneosa* (Spidery Wattle), *Frankenia plicata* (Sea Heath), and *Codonocarpus pyramidalis* (Slender Bell-fruit).

An assessment of the likelihood of occurrence of listed species has been completed based upon proximity of recent records to the Project Area, species known habitat requirements, and available habitat recorded onsite through field inspections. Refer to **Attachment 4 – Threatened Species Summary** and **Drawing No. 2547.DRG.133 – Threatened Flora Observations**. In summary, all threatened species are considered 'unlikely' to occur or were excluded due to inconsistent habitat requirements.

4.2.2 Threatened Fauna

A search of *NatureMaps* (2024) sought to identify species of State or National Rated Significance previously recorded within 50 km of the Project Area and within the preceding 20 years. A total of 13 State or Nationally listed species were identified in the *NatureMaps* search. An EPBC Protected Matters Search report listed 13 Nationally threatened fauna species additional to those identified through *NatureMaps* that may occur within proximity (50 km buffer applied) to the Project Area. Refer to **Attachment 4 – Threatened Species Summary** and **Attachment 3 – Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Protected Matters Report** for a full report of the species results. Aquatic fauna and sub-species with known distribution outside of the Site were excluded from the results.

An assessment of the likelihood of occurrence of listed species within the Project Area has been completed based upon proximity of recent records, species known habitat requirements, and available habitat recorded onsite through field inspections. Refer to **Attachment 4 – Threatened Species Summary** and **Drawing No. 2547.DRG.134 – Threatened Fauna Observations (MM 369 – MM 396)**. In summary, one (1) species, *Neophema elegans elegans* (Elegant Parrot), was considered 'likely' to occur, and three (3) species, *Amytornis modestus* (Thick-billed Grasswren), *Aphelocephala leucopsis leucopsis* (Southern Whiteface), and *Falco subniger* (Black Falcon), were considered 'possible' to occur. All other species were either excluded or considered 'unlikely' to occur.

The vegetation within the Project Area may provide suitable habitat for multiple fauna species, most notably for bird species. Despite the potential presence of threatened and common fauna species, the proposed works are unlikely to have a significant impact on any fauna populations, based on the narrow linear nature of the works and the location (proximity to the road resulting in increased disturbance and therefore low-quality habitat) and the availability of better-quality vegetation adjacent to the Site.

A project area inspection was undertaken between 03 December and 04 December by Groundwork to assess the on-site habitat and opportunistic fauna observations. The inspection did not find any listed fauna species within the Project Area.

Given the results of the desktop assessment, species found onsite, and scale of proposed impacts, an EPBC Act referral will not be required.

4.3 Cumulative Impact

The planned works are part of a larger project with the entirety of the Strzelecki Track to be upgraded to a seal road. This has involved vegetation clearance at multiple locations and further clearance associated with other stages will also be required. The works are located within close proximity to the existing road boundary, where there is a history of maintenance and construction activities. Sites previously disturbed through construction have regenerated native vegetation well, as evident in the current inspection. It is likely that disturbed areas within the current project, such as batters, will regenerate in a similar fashion. The Project will utilise historical borrow pits that have been established and used for ongoing maintenance activities along the road, therefore reducing the cumulative clearance effect.

Given the nature of the proposed work, there may be minor further effects on surrounding native vegetation from aspects such as dust and sediment deposition, weed invasion, rubbish, and alterations to surface water through the installation of water crossings. An Environment and Heritage Impact Assessment has been conducted, as per DIT protocol, with mitigation measures for each of these aspects outlined within the assessment. A WAA Assessment has also been conducted to outline any potential impacts to mapped watercourses.

The preparation of a CEMP and a Soil, Erosion, and Drainage Management Plan will manage potential damaging impacts from aspects such as dust and sediment deposition. Appropriate waste management strategies are required to be implemented to ensure no adverse impacts from waste materials left onsite and the design of any floodway infrastructure will ensure the existing surface water flow paths are not altered.

Weed invasion is possible due to the movement of vehicles and machinery within the application areas, with several declared weed species being previously recorded within the region. Introduction of weed species may result in a degradation of remnant surrounding vegetation, however, during construction, strict hygiene practices must be adhered to ensure weed species are not spread or introduced as per the DIT's procedures.

Future clearance of vegetation surrounding the Project Area is unlikely, given the extent of the proposed upgrade works. If future maintenance activities do result in impacts to vegetation, this is likely to be regrowth vegetation within the approved MAZ and is likely to contribute only to a minor accumulation of clearance effect.

4.4 Address the Mitigation Hierarchy

a) **Avoidance – outline measures taken to avoid clearance of native vegetation**

Typical road drawings have been produced with the aim to avoid and reduce the native vegetation clearance impacts as well as the potential impacts to heritage sites.

The planned Strzelecki Track upgrades are located at areas that have been exposed to a moderate level of previous vegetation clearance associated with road construction and maintenance activities.

Cut-off drains have been positioned predominantly within existing historical cut-off drains locations, with others located in areas with no previous vegetation clearance. However, clearance is unable to be avoided as cut-off drains are essential to clearing the road of water during rainfall events to maintain road user safety. Similarly, water crossings are required to facilitate the movement of water across the

roadway, to ensure safety of road users. Clearance is unable to be avoided to ensure appropriate tying-in with surrounding landscape to ensure that water can flow freely away from the road formation.

- b) **Minimisation – if clearance cannot be avoided, outline measures taken to minimise the extent, duration and intensity of impacts of the clearance on biodiversity to the fullest possible extent (whether the impact is direct, indirect or cumulative).**

Native vegetation clearance will only be required for minimal widths along the length of the Project Area, as outlined in **Section 4.1 Vegetation Assessment**. The design of the final road formation has been made to ensure the extent of impacts of clearance have been minimised to the lowest possible to achieve the sealing of the roadway and to be an appropriate size for the traffic volume and design speed.

Dimensions of cut-off drains and water crossings have been planned to reduce the impact of vegetation clearance whilst still allowing the necessary construction activities to be completed.

All contractors will be made aware of the environmental obligations through the implementation of a Contractors Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) during construction to ensure there is no unnecessary damage to surrounding vegetation.

- c) **Rehabilitation or restoration – outline measures taken to rehabilitate ecosystems that have been degraded, and to restore ecosystems that have been degraded, or destroyed by the impact of clearance that cannot be avoided or further minimised, such as allowing for the re-establishment of the vegetation.**

It is expected that native vegetation will naturally regenerate all disturbed areas, consistent with observations of past clearance.

- d) **Offset – any adverse impact on native vegetation that cannot be avoided or further minimised should be offset by the achievement of a significant environmental benefit that outweighs that impact.**

DIT intend to pay into the NVF, the amount required for the SEB, as calculated in **Table 13 – Totals Summary Table**.

4.5 Principles of Clearance (Schedule 1, Native Vegetation Act 1991)

The NVC will consider Principles 1(b), 1(c) and 1(d) when assigning a level of Risk under Regulation 16 of the Native Vegetation Regulations. The NVC will consider all the Principles of clearance of the Act as relevant, when considering an application referred under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

Table 11 – Principles of Clearance Assessment

Principle of clearance	Relevant information	Assessment against the principles	Moderating factors that may be considered by the NVC
Principle 1(b) – significance	The vegetation under application contains habitat components, such as ground-level complexities that provide habitat for fauna species,	<u>Seriously at Variance:</u> Yes	Given the shape, size, and landscape context of the vegetation under application, it is unlikely clearance will lead to

Principle of clearance	Relevant information	Assessment against the principles	Moderating factors that may be considered by the NVC
<i>as a habitat for wildlife</i>	<p>particularly small birds and reptiles. The vegetation is connected with surrounding vegetation that provides similar structure and is not in isolation.</p> <p>Threatened Fauna Scores – All Vegetation Associations: 0.1</p> <p>Unit Biodiversity Scores – VA1 – 52.83 VA2 – 50.57 VA3 – 44.30 VA4 – 54.87 VA5 – 47.95 VA6 – 58.86 VA7 – 60.71 VA8 – 69.44 VA9 – 59.46 VA10 – 54.93</p>		<p>a long-term decrease in the size of any fauna populations. Likewise, clearance will not significantly reduce the area of occupancy of any fauna species.</p> <p>The application area is located either side of an existing road, therefore clearance will not fragment an existing fauna population into two (2) or more populations.</p> <p>The application area consists of vegetation associations that are regionally well represented and are not critical habitat for any fauna species. Habitat within the application area is likely to provide for common fauna species only.</p> <p>Clearance of the application area will not result in an increase in invasive species that are harmful to a threatened species as construction will adhere to DIT protocols relating to weed management.</p> <p>No threatened species have been recorded within the application area therefore clearance is unlikely to interfere with the recovery of any threatened fauna species.</p>
<i>Principle 1(c) – plants of a rare, vulnerable or endangered species</i>	<p>No threatened flora species were recorded within the application areas during the field assessment. Given the disturbance history and physical characteristics (such as soil type) of the Project Area it is unlikely the threatened flora species identified within the desktop assessment would be present.</p> <p>The desktop assessment identified 12 threatened flora species</p>	<p><u>Seriously at Variance:</u> No</p> <p><u>At Variance:</u> No</p>	<p>No threatened flora species were recorded during the field assessment and given the proximity of recent records and grazing regime of the vegetation; it is unlikely any threatened flora species would be present within the Project Area.</p> <p>If any threatened flora populations were to be present, given the shape, size,</p>

Principle of clearance	Relevant information	Assessment against the principles	Moderating factors that may be considered by the NVC
	<p>recorded within 50 kms of the Site within the preceding 20 years. Of these, all were considered unlikely to occur within the application areas.</p> <p>Threatened Flora Scores: All Vegetation Associations – 0</p>		<p>and landscape context of the vegetation under application, it is unlikely clearance will lead to a long-term decrease in the size of any flora populations.</p> <p>Furthermore, in the unlikely event threatened flora species were to be present within the application area, it is likely that given the shape and size of the area, a very small portion would be affected.</p>
<p>Principle 1(d) – the vegetation comprises the whole or part of a plant community that is Rare, Vulnerable or endangered:</p>	<p>No threatened plant communities were identified within either the desktop assessment or during the Site inspections.</p> <p>Conservation Significance Scores: All Vegetation Associations – 1.26</p>	<p><u>Seriously at Variance:</u> No</p> <p><u>At Variance:</u> No</p>	Not Applicable.

4.6 Risk Assessment

Determine the level of risk associated with the application

Table 12 – Risk Assessment

Total clearance	No. of trees	N/A
	Area (ha)	22.3
	Total biodiversity Score	1263.27
Seriously at variance with principle 1(b), 1(c) or 1 (d)		1(b)
Risk assessment outcome		Level 4

5 Clearance Summary

Table 13 – Clearance Area Summary Table

Block	Site	Threatened Ecological community Score	Threatened plant score	Threatened fauna score	UBS	Area (ha)	Total Biodiversity score	Loss factor	SEB Points required	SEB payment	Admin Fee	
A	1	1	0	0.1	52.83	8.54	451.17	1	496.29	\$33,527.46	\$1,844.01	
A	2	1	0	0.1	50.57	0.04	2.02	1	2.22	\$149.97	\$8.25	
A	3	1	0	0.1	44.30	0.09	3.99	1	4.39	\$296.57	\$16.31	
A	4	1	0	0.1	54.87	2.23	122.36	1	134.60	\$5,373.17	\$295.53	
A	5	1	0	0.1	47.95	0.09	4.32	1	4.75	\$320.89	\$17.65	
A	6	1	0	0.1	58.86	0.56	32.96	1	36.26	\$2,449.59	\$134.73	
A	7	1	0	0.1	60.71	2.8	169.99	1	186.99	\$12,632.33	\$694.78	
A	8	1	0	0.1	69.44	2.36	163.88	1	180.27	\$12,178.35	\$669.81	
A	9	1	0	0.1	59.46	1.22	72.54	1	79.79	\$5,390.31	\$296.47	
A	10	1	0	0.1	54.93	4.37	240.04	1	264.04	\$17,837.54	\$981.06	
						Total	22.3	1263.27		1389.6	\$90,156.18	\$4,958.60

Table 14 – Totals Summary Table

	Total Biodiversity score	Total SEB points required	SEB Payment	Admin Fee	Total Payment
Application	1263.27	1389.6	\$90,156.18	\$4,958.60	\$95,114.78

Economies of Scale Factor	0.110
Rainfall (mm)	186

6 Significant Environmental Benefit

A SEB is required for approval to clear under Division 5 of the *Native Vegetation Regulations 2017*. The NVC must be satisfied that as a result of the loss of vegetation from the clearance that an SEB will result in a positive impact on the environment that is over and above the negative impact of the clearance.

ACHIEVING AN SEB

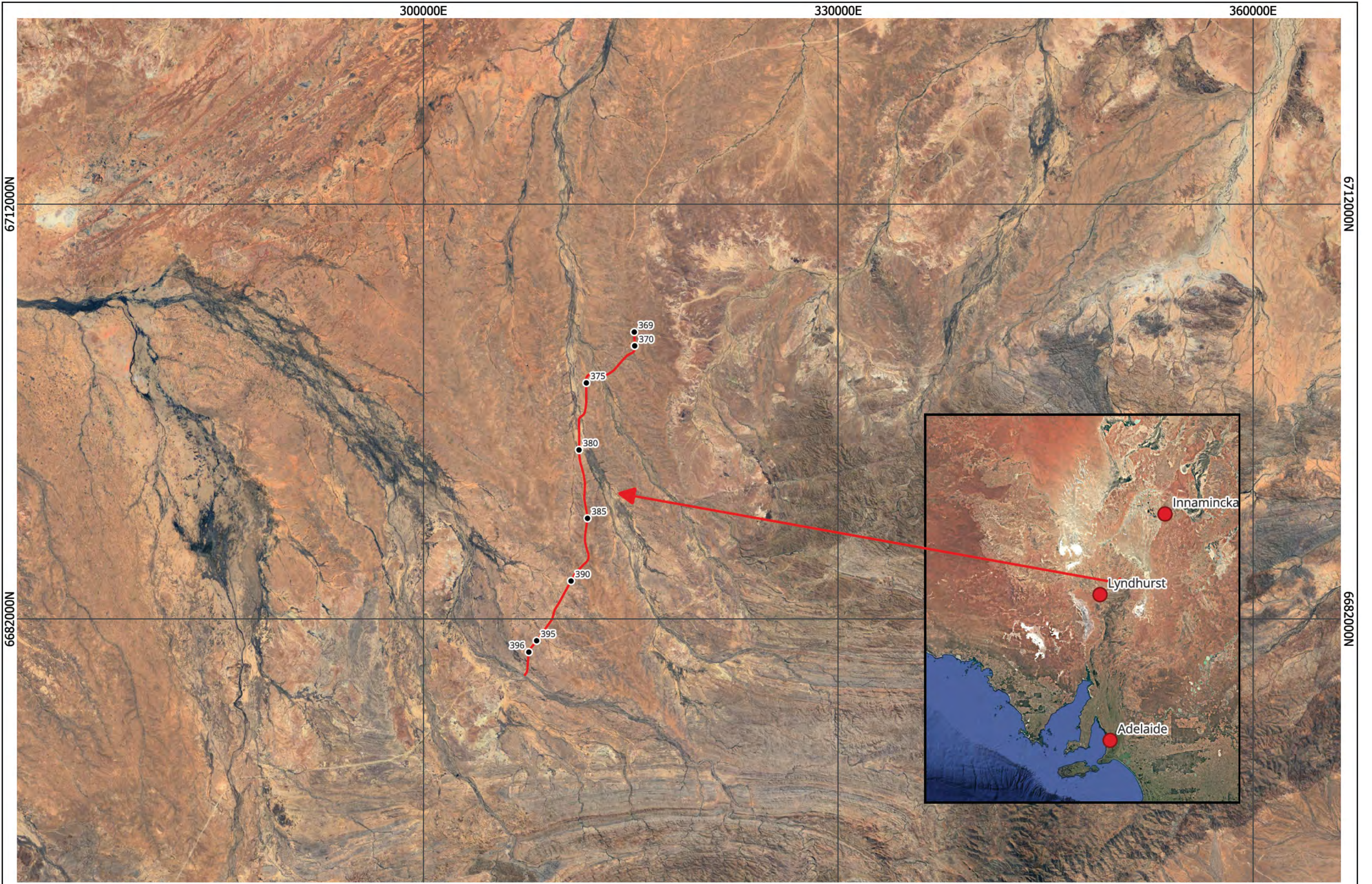
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- Establish a new SEB Area on land owned by the proponent.
- Use SEB Credit that the proponent has established. Provide the SEB Credit Ref. No. _____
- Apply to have SEB Credit assigned from another person or body. The [application form](#) needs to be submitted with this Data Report.
- Apply to have an SEB to be delivered by a Third Party. The [application form](#) needs to be submitted with this Data Report.
- Pay into the Native Vegetation Fund.

PAYMENT SEB

Payment of \$93,807.66, including administration fee of \$4,890.46, to be paid into the NVF.

DRAWINGS



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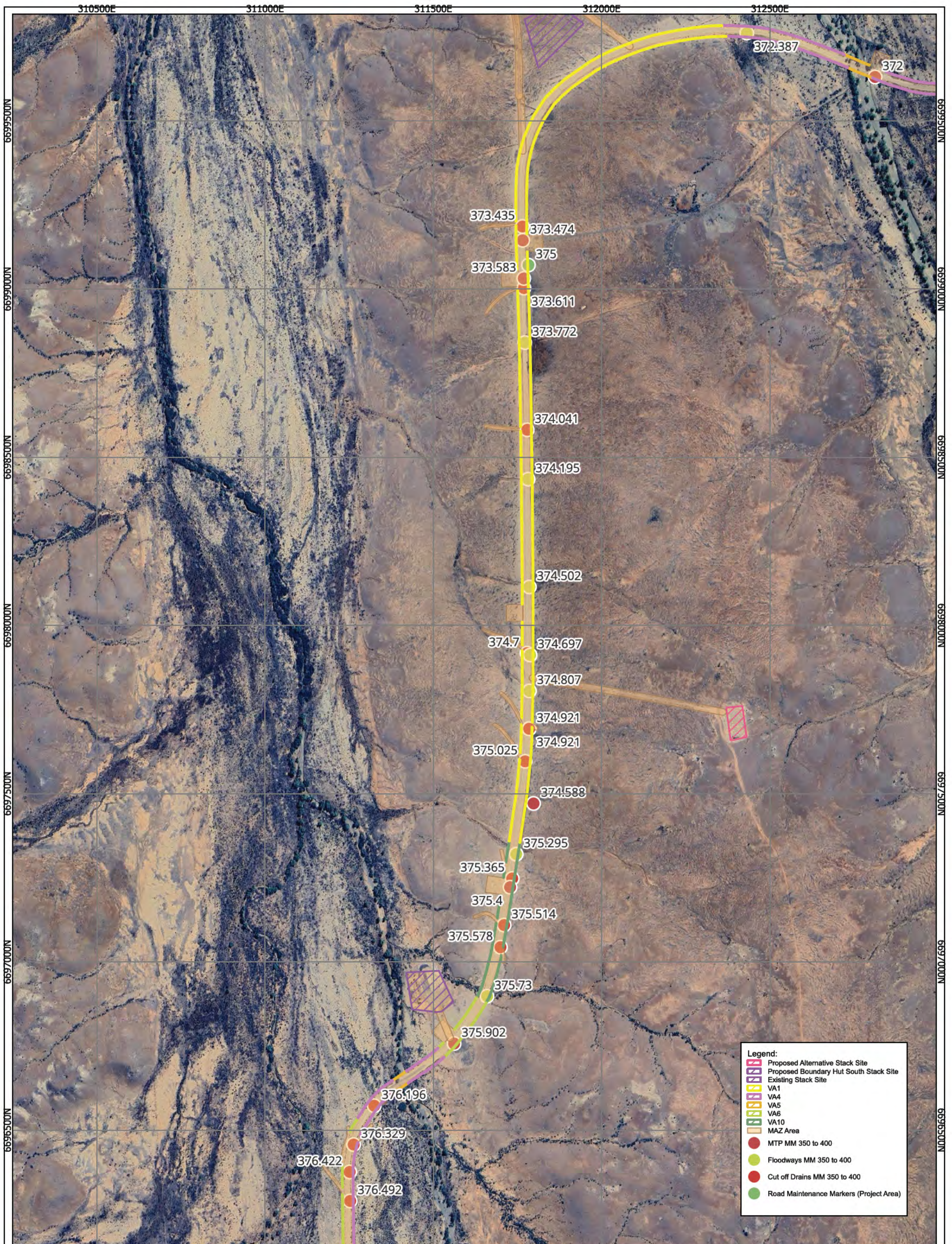
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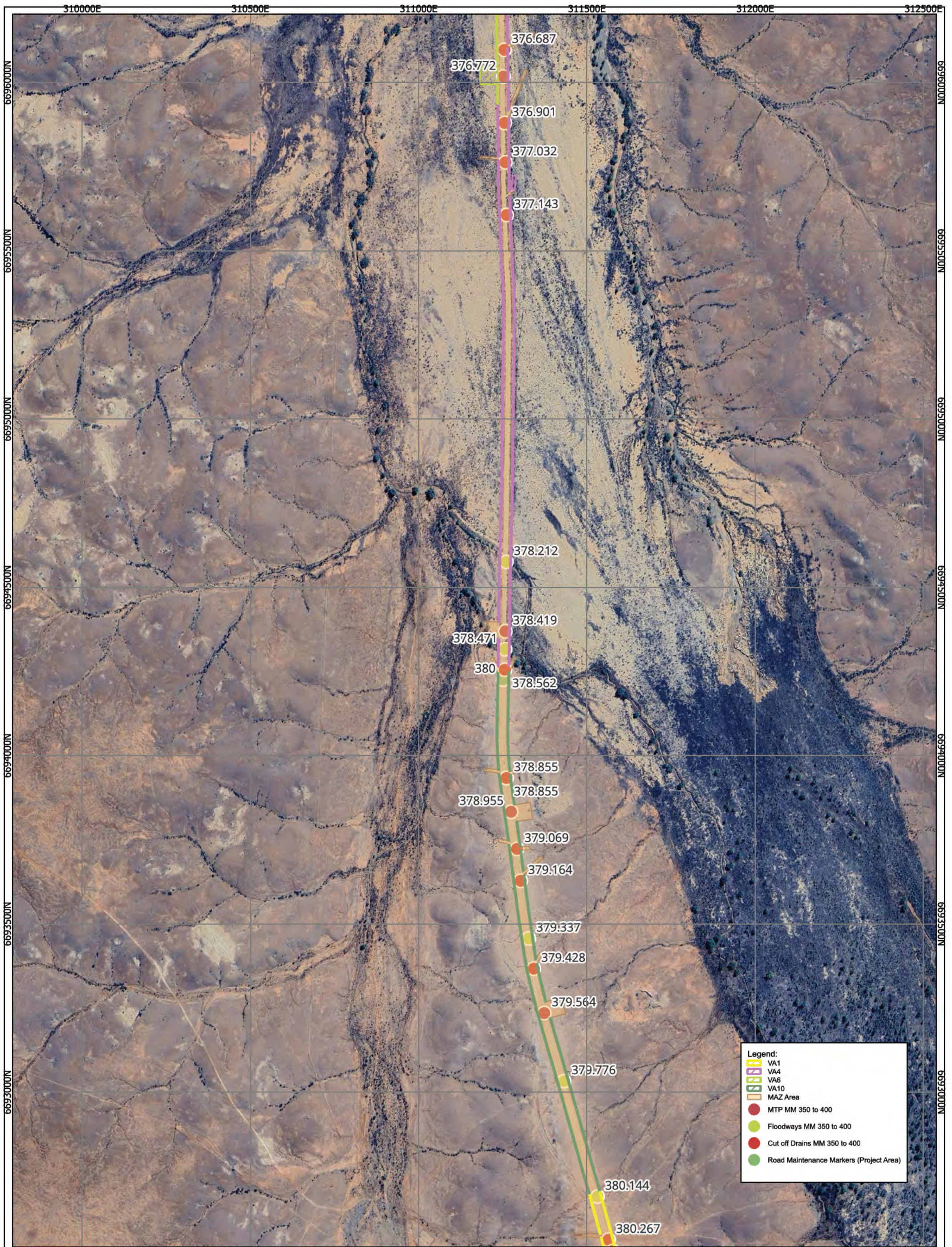
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PROJECT: NVC Proposal - MM 369 - 396 - Section 3

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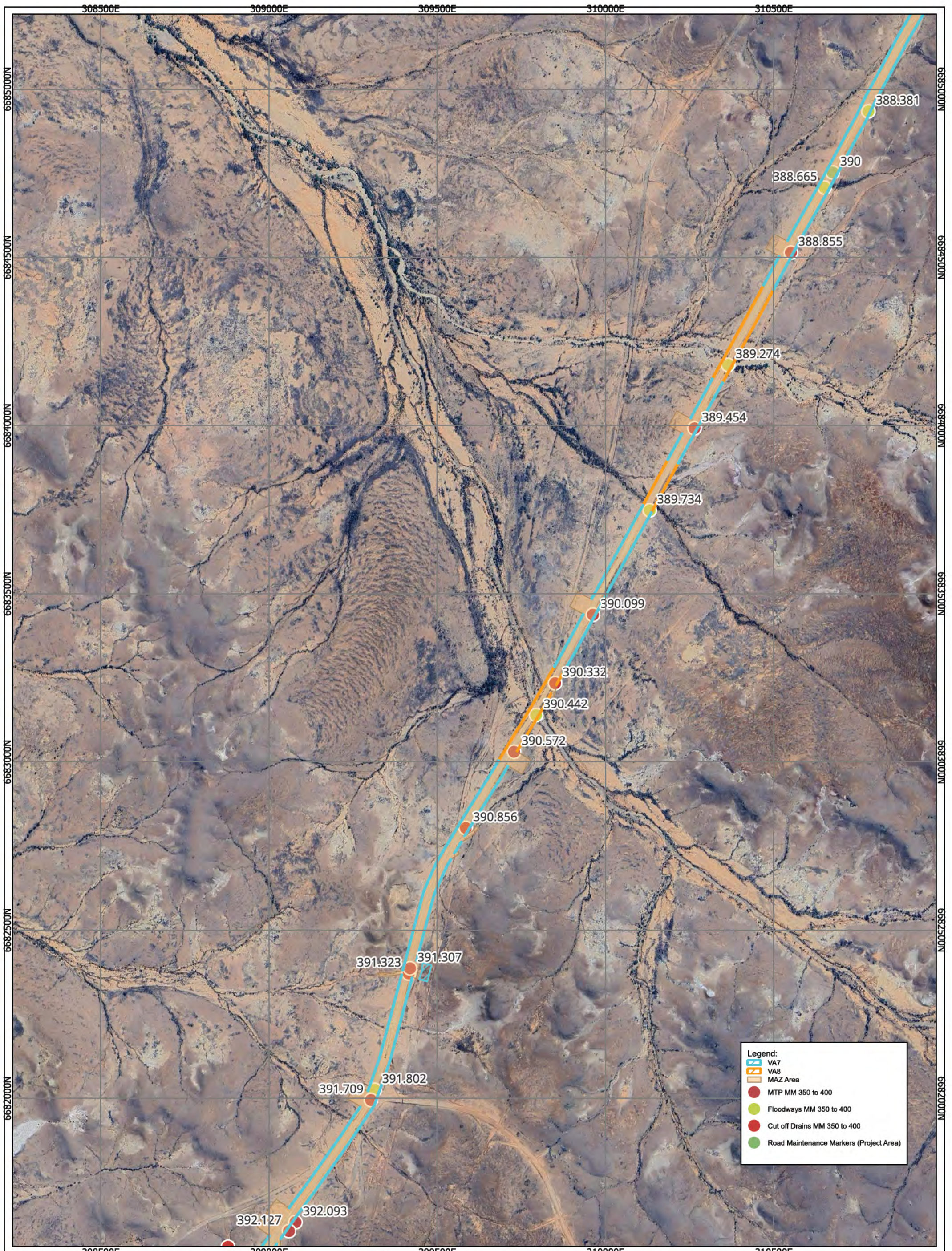
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PROJECT: Strzelecki Track Upgrade MM 367-369
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1

Rangeland Assessment Scoresheets

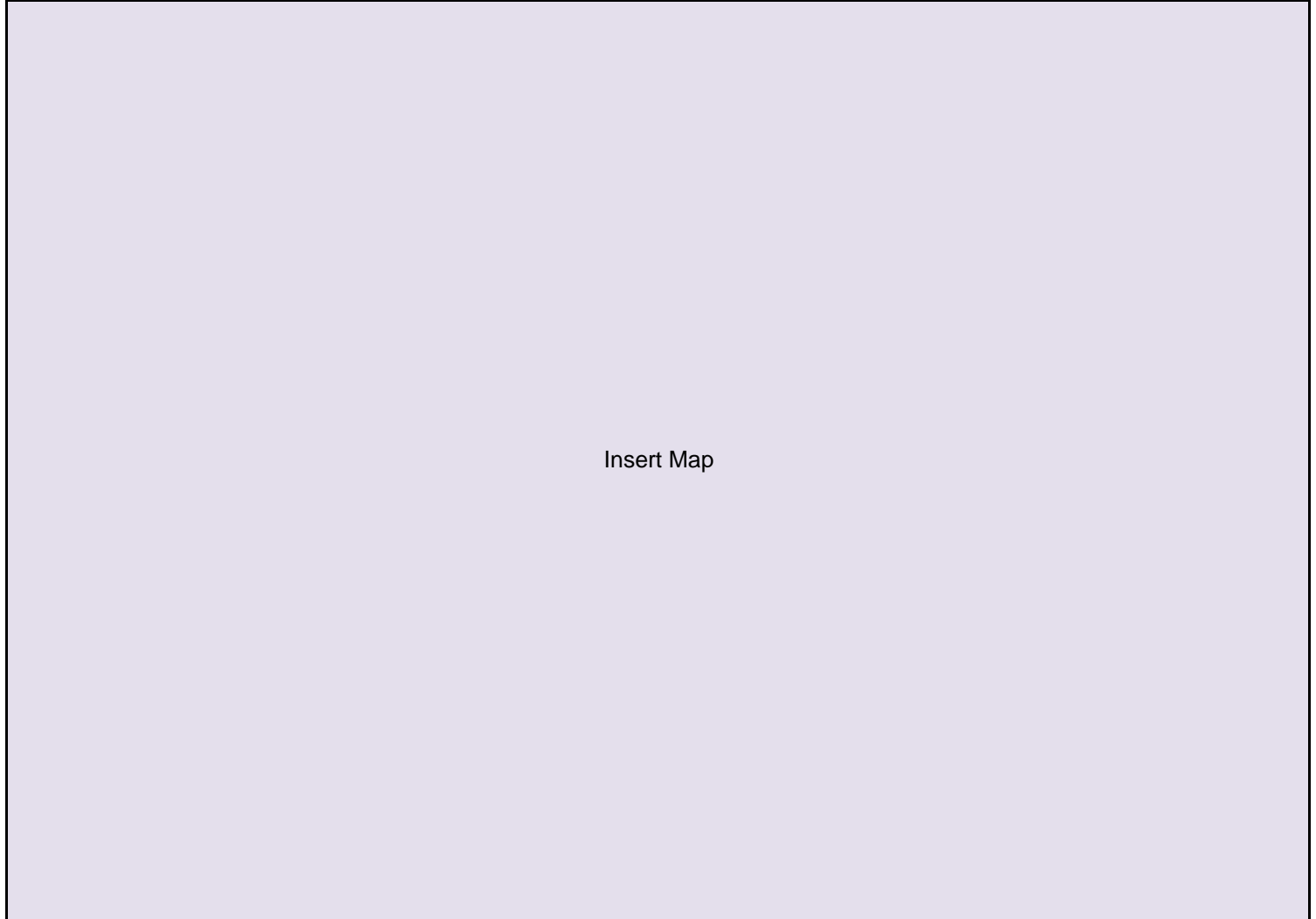
Rangelands Assessment Scoresheet

(Version - 1 Sept 2024)

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IBRA Sub Region	Murnpeowie
Property Name	DIT

ASSESSOR(S)	LJ
DATE OF ASSESSMENT	03-06 Dec 2024

Map of the Block (Including the Sites)



Landscape Context Scores

Number of Landform Features within Block	5
1 = 0.01pts, 2 = 0.03pts, >2 = 0.06pts	0.06

Size of the Block	
<10ha = 0; 10 - <100ha = 0.01pts; 100 - <500ha = 0.02pts; 500 - <1000ha = 0.03pts; 1000 - <2000ha = 0.04pts; 2000 - 5000 = 0.05pts; >5000pts = 0.06pts	0

% native veg. protected in IBRA Sub region	1
0-2% = 0.05 pts; >2-5% = 0.04 pts; >5-10% = 0.03 pts; >10-25% = 0.02 pt; >25% = 0.01 pt	0.05

Wetland or Riparian Habitat present	
Does the block contain a wetland feature (Yes/No)	
Permanent or semi permanent = 0.08 pt	<input type="button" value="No"/>
Contains water for at least 6 months of the year	
Occasionally contains water = 0.05 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 5 years	
Very occasionally contains water = 0.02 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 20 years	
Score	0.05

Note; Blocks will score a minimum Landscape Context Score of 1

LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE (max 1.25)	1.16
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Vegetation Condition Scores

SITE (name):	VA1	SIZE OF SITE (Ha)	8.54
VEGETATION ASSOCIATION DESCRIPTION	Sclerolaena spp +/- Dissocarpus paradoxa low very open shrub		
LANDSCAPE TYPE	Plain – level		
SURFACE CHARACTER	Dominant	Stony	Minor

Biotic Disturbance Indicators	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Sites with trees and large shrubs only (select one tickbox for each row)				
Presence of palatable shrubs or perennial grasses under the canopy of tree/shrub >3m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Presence of mostly intact litter mats under canopy of tree/shrub >3m tall (>50% of tree canopy area has intertwined litter or shrub cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)				5

Physical Disturbance Indicators	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Prevalence of large patches of bare soil (> 5m x 5m) that shows no signs of productive capacity (ie ephemeral plant litter, stems etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Evidence of animal tracks, vehicle tracks or other physical disturbance to the natural land surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Destabilised creek channel banks (if present), characterised by no vegetation or stabilizing roots, deflation and bank erosion. Inspect banks on both sides of channels.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Total Score (Max 18 - weighted by 3)				9

Vegetation Stratum (tick the <u>Present</u> box for all stratum that are present or tick for <u>Absent</u> box of any stratum that should be present but have been removed)	Present	Absent	<i>Note; don't tick either box if stratum was likely never present - e.g. Trees stratum in a low shrubland</i>
Trees/shrubs >3m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shrubs 1- 3m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Low shrubs <1m & hummock grasses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Perennial tussock grasses with basal areas >30mm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Score (Max 16 - weighted by 4)			6.0

Introduced Plant Species	Select	Score
Declared species present?	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Introduced species dominate (>50% of vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Moderate invasion of introduced species (5 to 50% of the vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Very sparse to nil introduced species present (<5% of vegetation cover)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)		10

Vegetation Utilisation Score	Total Score (Max 26)	11.40
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Vegetation Condition Score Calculation

VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE	41.40
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Conservation Significance Score

Is the vegetation association considered a Threatened Ecological community or Ecosystem?	Tick if Yes
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Rare community (0.1 pt)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Vulnerable community (0.2 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Endangered community (0.3 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nationally (EPBC Act) Vulnerable community (0.35 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contains a Nationally (EPBC Act) Endangered or Critically Endangered community (0.4 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Note; all sites will score a minimum Conservation Significance Score of 1</i>	Score 1

Number of Threatened Plant Species recorded for within the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species recorded (1 pt each)	0
State Vulnerable species recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered recorded (5 pts each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species recorded (10 pts each)	0
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species recorded (20 pts each)	0
0 = 0 pts; <2 = 0.04 pts; 2 - <5 = 0.08 pts; 5 - <10 = 0.12 pts; 10 - <20 = 0.16 pts; 20 or > = 0.2 pts	Score 0

Potential habitat for Threatened Animal Species (number observed or recorded) for the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species observed or locally recorded (1 pt each)	2
State Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered species observed or locally recorded (5 pt each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (10 pts each)	2
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species observed or locally recorded (20 pts each)	0
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CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE 1.1

Total Scores for the Site		Vegetation Condition x Landscape Context x Conservation Significance =	
LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE	1.16	UNIT BIODIVERSITY SCORE	52.83
VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE	41.40	Total Biodiversity Score	451.17
CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE	1.10	(Biodiversity Score x hectares)	

Photo Point and Vegetation Survey Location	Direction of the Photo
Insert Photopoint Photo	GPS Reference
	Datum
	Zone (52, 53 or 54)
	Easting (6 digits)
	Northing (7 digits)
	Description

SEB Offset Calculations (when assessing a proposed clearance site)

SEB Points Required	
Loss Factor	1.0
Loadings for clearance of protected areas	
Reductions for rehabilitation of impact site	
SEB Uplift Factor	1.10
Total SEB Points Required	496.29

SEB - Payment	
SEB points of gain/ha Factor	7.5
Approximate SEB hectares required	66.17
Management Cost (\$/ha)	\$24,764
Economies of Scale Factor	0.11
Mean Annual rainfall for the site (mm)	186
Payment into the Fund (GST exclusive)	\$33,527.46
Administration fee (GST inclusive)	\$1,844.01
Total Payment Required	\$35,371.47

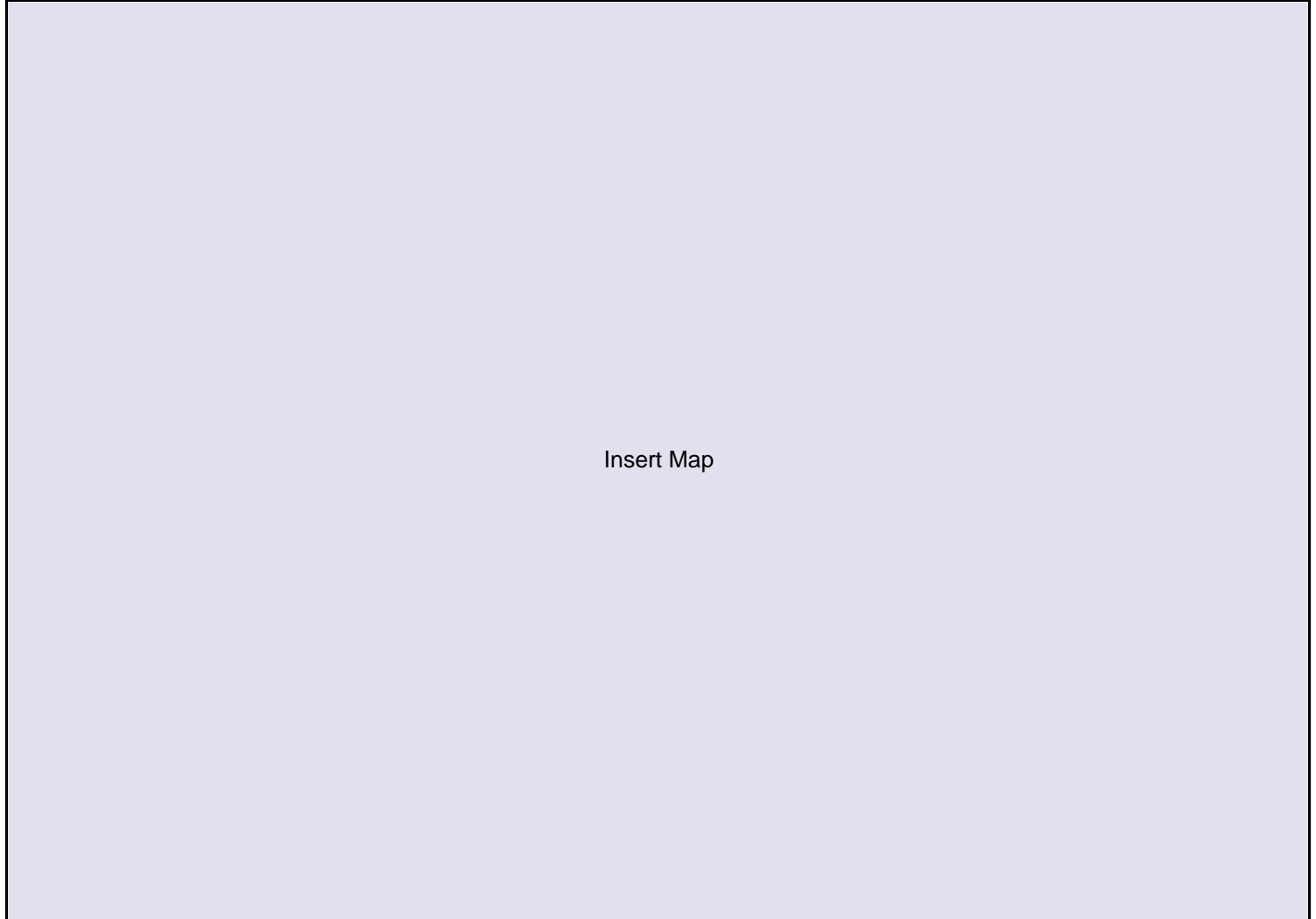
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% native veg. protected in IBRA Sub region	1
0-2% = 0.05 pts; >2-5% = 0.04 pts; >5-10% = 0.03 pts; >10-25% = 0.02 pt; >25% = 0.01 pt	0.05

Wetland or Riparian Habitat present	
Does the block contain a wetland feature (Yes/No)	
Permanent or semi permanent = 0.08 pt	<input type="button" value="No"/>
Contains water for at least 6 months of the year	
Occasionally contains water = 0.05 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 5 years	
Very occasionally contains water = 0.02 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 20 years	
Score	0.05

Note; Blocks will score a minimum Landscape Context Score of 1

LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE (max 1.25)	1.16
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Vegetation Condition Scores

SITE (name):	VA2	SIZE OF SITE (Ha)	0.04
VEGETATION ASSOCIATION DESCRIPTION	Eremophila longifolia +/- Acacia spp. +/- Santalum lanceolatur		
LANDSCAPE TYPE	Drainage lines / floodouts		
SURFACE CHARACTER	Dominant	Minor	Stony
	Cracking		

Biotic Disturbance Indicators	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Sites with trees and large shrubs only (select one tickbox for each row)				
Presence of palatable shrubs or perennial grasses under the canopy of tree/shrub >3m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Presence of mostly intact litter mats under canopy of tree/shrub >3m tall (>50% of tree canopy area has intertwined litter or shrub cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)				5

Physical Disturbance Indicators	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Prevalence of large patches of bare soil (> 5m x 5m) that shows no signs of productive capacity (ie ephemeral plant litter, stems etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Evidence of animal tracks, vehicle tracks or other physical disturbance to the natural land surface	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0
Destabilised creek channel banks (if present), characterised by no vegetation or stabilizing roots, deflation and bank erosion. Inspect banks on both sides of channels.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0
Total Score (Max 18 - weighted by 3)				3

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Shrubs 1- 3m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Low shrubs <1m & hummock grasses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Perennial tussock grasses with basal areas >30mm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Score (Max 16 - weighted by 4)			16.0

Introduced Plant Species	Select	Score
Declared species present?	Yes	0
Introduced species dominate (>50% of vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Moderate invasion of introduced species (5 to 50% of the vegetation cover)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Very sparse to nil introduced species present (<5% of vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)		2.5

Vegetation Utilisation Score	Total Score (Max 26)	13.13
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Vegetation Condition Score Calculation

VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE	39.63
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Conservation Significance Score

Is the vegetation association considered a Threatened Ecological community or Ecosystem?	Tick if Yes
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Contains a Nationally (EPBC Act) Endangered or Critically Endangered community (0.4 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Number of Threatened Plant Species recorded for within the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species recorded (1 pt each)	0
State Vulnerable species recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered recorded (5 pts each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species recorded (10 pts each)	0
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species recorded (20 pts each)	0
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Potential habitat for Threatened Animal Species (number observed or recorded) for the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species observed or locally recorded (1 pt each)	2
State Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered species observed or locally recorded (5 pt each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (10 pts each)	2
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species observed or locally recorded (20 pts each)	0
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CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE 1.1

Total Scores for the Site		Vegetation Condition x Landscape Context x Conservation Significance =	
LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE	1.16	UNIT BIODIVERSITY SCORE	50.57
VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE	39.63	Total Biodiversity Score	
CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE	1.10	(Biodiversity Score x hectares)	2.02

Photo Point and Vegetation Survey Location	Direction of the Photo
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	Northing (7 digits)
	Description

<p>SEB Offset Calculations (when assessing a proposed clearance site)</p>
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SEB Points Required	
Loss Factor	1.0
Loadings for clearance of protected areas	
Reductions for rehabilitation of impact site	
SEB Uplift Factor	1.10
Total SEB Points Required	2.22

SEB - Payment	
SEB points of gain/ha Factor	7.5
Approximate SEB hectares required	0.30
Management Cost (\$/ha)	\$24,764
Economies of Scale Factor	0.11
Mean Annual rainfall for the site (mm)	186
Payment into the Fund (GST exclusive)	\$149.97
Administration fee (GST inclusive)	\$8.25
Total Payment Required	\$158.22

SEB Points Provided Calculations

Answer these questions when assessing a site within a proposed SEB area

Refer to the SEB Guide (section on 'Adjust the SEB Points of Gain') for more information

Assessment of SEB site - On ground	
What is the risk of decline or loss of vegetation in the next 20 years?	
Has stock grazing been absent from the site for 10 or more years (and cannot be introduced without approval from the NVC)?	
Is the land subject to zoning or a dedication that is generally restrictive of development activities (e.g. conservation zone, recreation or open space zoning or crown land dedication)?	
There are no, or only very minimal, threats identified that would result in the decline of the vegetation condition (excluding threats beyond the control of the SEB offset provider such as climate change).	
Is the land subject to legally binding obligations (contractual or legislated) that provide an existing level of protection for the native vegetation (e.g. restricts the use of the land or prevents the vegetation from being harmed) that is additional to the protections provided by the Native Vegetation Act 1991?	
Likely % Loss	0.04 Standard
Will the proposed SEB area be subject to management actions that are clearly and significantly in excess of the standard requirements as set out in the SEB Policy?	
Will a very high standard of revegetation be conducted, including the establishment of a very high proportion of the species diversity which would be expected within the relevant vegetation community, and all strata (which should be present) represented including grasses, sedges, herbs and ground cover plants?	
Will fencing be installed (in excess of the standard stock exclusion fencing) in order to exclude introduced species or excessive herbivory by native and introduced fauna?	
Will intensive and substantial management of threatened flora or fauna be undertaken which is not required in association with the proposed clearance for which the SEB is being provided?	
Are the proposed management actions and their scale of impact already required by duty of care or legislation?	
Only minimal management actions have been committed to in the proposed SEB management plan, such as minimal control of species declared for control under the <i>Landscapes SA Act 2019</i> .	
Are the management interventions practically difficult to achieve or is the recovery of the vegetation likely to be inhibited in some way?	
Are there management issues, beyond the control of the SEB offset provider, that are technically or practically difficult to address preventing them from being managed to their fullest possible extent (e.g. weed infestations within difficult to access terrain)?	
Are there physical or environmental constraints which are likely to significantly impede the rehabilitation of vegetation and slow the rate of recovery? This may include compacted soils or altered soil chemistry (e.g. high nutrients/salinity issues) where the issue will continue or increase, significant erosion that cannot be controlled without impacting native vegetation or extensive die-back or plant diseases.	
Likely Improvement Due to Management	8.07 Standard
In relation to sites requiring substantial revegetation, is it highly likely that a good outcome will be achieved?	
Does the applicant (or site manager/contractor) have significant experience and capability with sufficient resources in delivering habitat reconstruction (revegetation) projects?	
Are there other risk factors which make the outcome uncertain? <i>NVB assessment only</i>	
Is the applicant proposing novel management actions and the outcomes are uncertain? Are there other issues that pose serious risks to the delivery of the offset that are not already addressed by the above questions?	
Likelihood of Achieving the Outcome	0.50 Standard
Future Negative UBS Score	48.55
Future Positive UBS Score	55.72
UBS Gain Score	7.17
Estimate of SEB Points provided	0.29
<i>This is an estimate only and will be subject to review and verification by the Native Vegetation Council.</i>	
<i>If you answered 'yes' to any question, provide justification in the Data Report</i>	

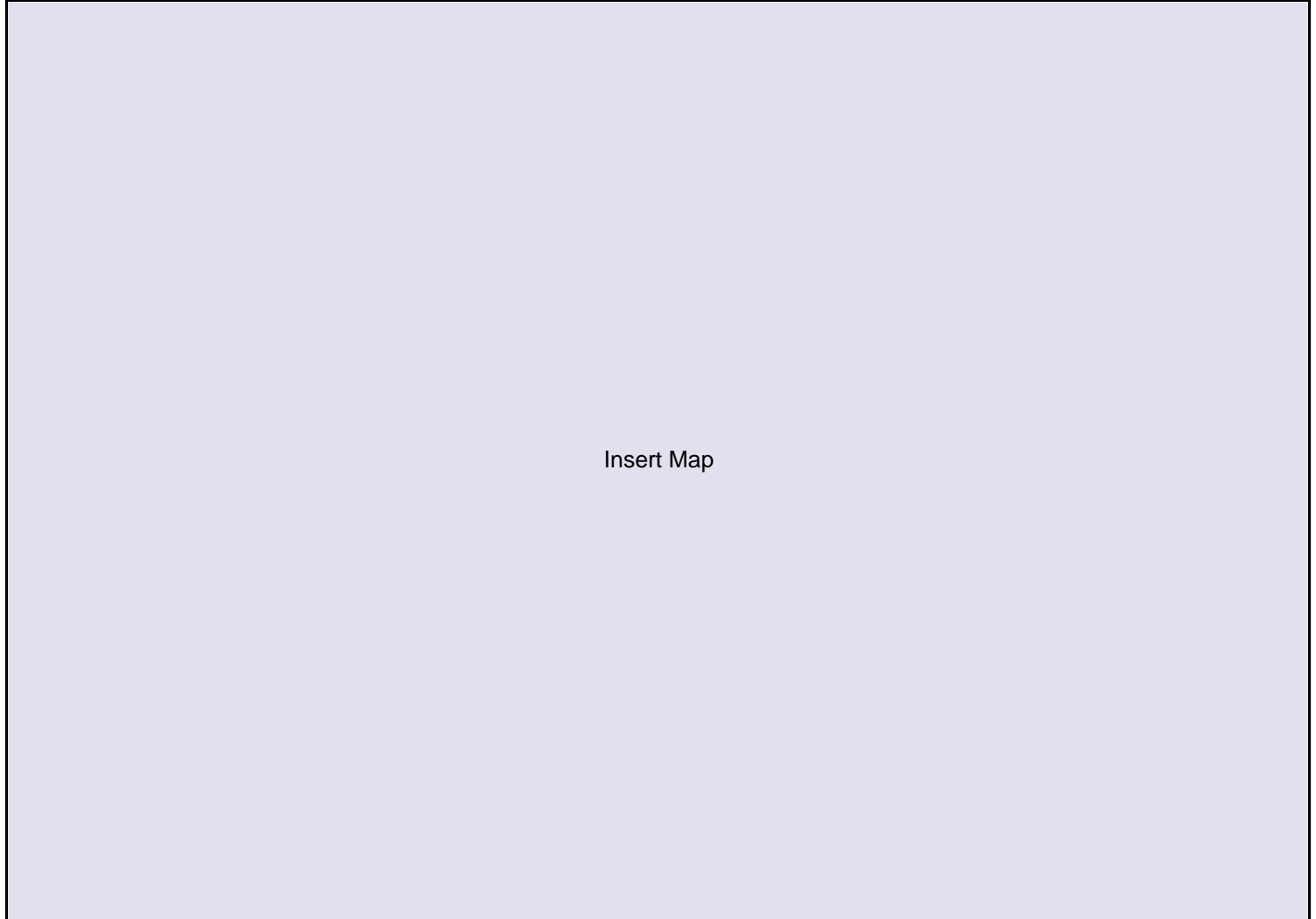
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Insert Map

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% native veg. protected in IBRA Sub region	1
0-2% = 0.05 pts; >2-5% = 0.04 pts; >5-10% = 0.03 pts; >10-25% = 0.02 pt; >25% = 0.01 pt	0.05

Wetland or Riparian Habitat present	
Does the block contain a wetland feature (Yes/No)	
Permanent or semi permanent = 0.08 pt	<input type="button" value="No"/>
Contains water for at least 6 months of the year	
Occasionally contains water = 0.05 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 5 years	
Very occasionally contains water = 0.02 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 20 years	
Score	0.05

Note; Blocks will score a minimum Landscape Context Score of 1

LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE (max 1.25)	1.16
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Vegetation Condition Scores

SITE (name):	VA3	SIZE OF SITE (Ha)	0.09	
VEGETATION ASSOCIATION DESCRIPTION	Acacia victoriae +/- Eremophila duttonii open shrubland			
LANDSCAPE TYPE	Drainage lines / floodouts			
SURFACE CHARACTER	Dominant	Cracking	Minor Stony	
Biotic Disturbance Indicators				
Sites with trees and large shrubs only (select one tickbox for each row)	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Presence of palatable shrubs or perennial grasses under the canopy of tree/shrub >3m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Presence of mostly intact litter mats under canopy of tree/shrub >3m tall (>50% of tree canopy area has intertwined litter or shrub cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)			5	
Physical Disturbance Indicators				
	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Prevalence of large patches of bare soil (> 5m x 5m) that shows no signs of productive capacity (ie ephemeral plant litter, stems etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Evidence of animal tracks, vehicle tracks or other physical disturbance to the natural land surface	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0
Destabilised creek channel banks (if present), characterised by no vegetation or stabilizing roots, deflation and bank erosion. Inspect banks on both sides of channels.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Total Score (Max 18 - weighted by 3)			6	
Vegetation Stratum (tick the <u>Present</u> box for all stratum that are present or tick for <u>Absent</u> box of any stratum that should be present but have been removed)	Present	Absent	<i>Note; don't tick either box if stratum was likely never present - e.g. Trees stratum in a low shrubland</i>	
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Shrubs 1- 3m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Low shrubs <1m & hummock grasses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Perennial tussock grasses with basal areas >30mm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Total Score (Max 16 - weighted by 4)			6.0	
Introduced Plant Species				
	Select	Score		
Declared species present?	No	2		
Introduced species dominate (>50% of vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1		
Moderate invasion of introduced species (5 to 50% of the vegetation cover)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Very sparse to nil introduced species present (<5% of vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)			7.5	
Vegetation Utilisation Score				
Total Score (Max 26)			10.22	

Vegetation Condition Score Calculation

VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE **34.72**



Conservation Significance Score

Is the vegetation association considered a Threatened Ecological community or Ecosystem?	Tick if Yes
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Rare community (0.1 pt)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Vulnerable community (0.2 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Endangered community (0.3 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nationally (EPBC Act) Vulnerable community (0.35 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contains a Nationally (EPBC Act) Endangered or Critically Endangered community (0.4 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Note; all sites will score a minimum Conservation Significance Score of 1</i>	Score 1

Number of Threatened Plant Species recorded for within the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species recorded (1 pt each)	0
State Vulnerable species recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered recorded (5 pts each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species recorded (10 pts each)	0
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species recorded (20 pts each)	0
0 = 0 pts; <2 = 0.04 pts; 2 - <5 = 0.08 pts; 5 - <10 = 0.12 pts; 10 - <20 = 0.16 pts; 20 or > = 0.2 pts	Score 0

Potential habitat for Threatened Animal Species (number observed or recorded) for the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species observed or locally recorded (1 pt each)	2
State Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered species observed or locally recorded (5 pt each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (10 pts each)	2
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species observed or locally recorded (20 pts each)	0
0 = 0 pts; <2 = 0.02 pts; 2 - <5 = 0.04 pts; 5 - <10 = 0.06 pts; 10 - <20 = 0.08pts; 20 or > = 0.1 pts	Score 0.1

CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE 1.1

Total Scores for the Site		Vegetation Condition x Landscape Context x Conservation Significance =	
LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE	1.16	UNIT BIODIVERSITY SCORE	44.30
VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE	34.72	Total Biodiversity Score	
CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE	1.10	(Biodiversity Score x hectares)	3.99

Photo Point and Vegetation Survey Location	Direction of the Photo
Insert Photopoint Photo	GPS Reference
	Datum
	Zone (52, 53 or 54)
	Easting (6 digits)
	Northing (7 digits)
	Description

SEB Offset Calculations (when assessing a proposed clearance site)

SEB Points Required	
Loss Factor	1.0
Loadings for clearance of protected areas	
Reductions for rehabilitation of impact site	
SEB Uplift Factor	1.10
Total SEB Points Required	4.39

SEB - Payment	
SEB points of gain/ha Factor	7.5
Approximate SEB hectares required	0.59
Management Cost (\$/ha)	\$24,764
Economies of Scale Factor	0.11
Mean Annual rainfall for the site (mm)	186
Payment into the Fund (GST exclusive)	\$296.57
Administration fee (GST inclusive)	\$16.31
Total Payment Required	\$312.88

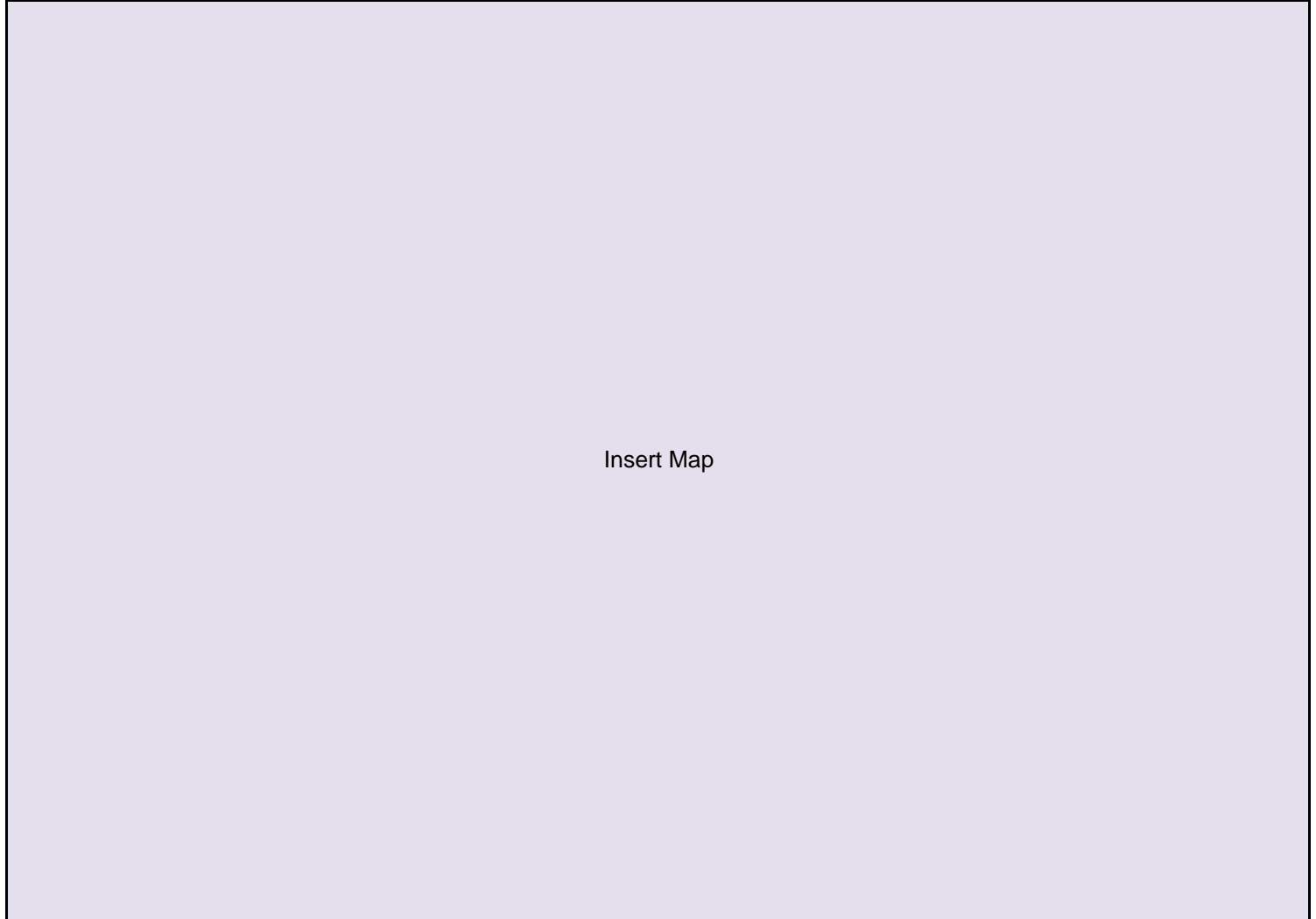
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(Version - 1 Sept 2024)

Block (name)	Strzelecki Track
Landscapes Region	South Australian Arid Lands
IBRA Sub Region	Murnpeowie
Property Name	DIT

ASSESSOR(S)	LJ
DATE OF ASSESSMENT	03-06 Dec 2024

Map of the Block (Including the Sites)



Insert Map

Landscape Context Scores

Number of Landform Features within Block	5
1 = 0.01pts, 2 = 0.03pts, >2 = 0.06pts	0.06

Size of the Block	
<10ha = 0; 10 - <100ha = 0.01pts; 100 - <500ha = 0.02pts; 500 - <1000ha = 0.03pts; 1000 - <2000ha = 0.04pts; 2000 - 5000 = 0.05pts; >5000pts = 0.06pts	0

% native veg. protected in IBRA Sub region	1
0-2% = 0.05 pts; >2-5% = 0.04 pts; >5-10% = 0.03 pts; >10-25% = 0.02 pt; >25% = 0.01 pt	0.05

Wetland or Riparian Habitat present	
Does the block contain a wetland feature (Yes/No)	
Permanent or semi permanent = 0.08 pt	<input type="button" value="No"/>
Contains water for at least 6 months of the year	
Occasionally contains water = 0.05 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 5 years	
Very occasionally contains water = 0.02 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 20 years	
Score	0.05

Note; Blocks will score a minimum Landscape Context Score of 1

LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE (max 1.25)	1.16
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Vegetation Condition Scores

SITE (name):	VA4	SIZE OF SITE (Ha)	2.23
VEGETATION ASSOCIATION DESCRIPTION	Acacia victoriae open shrubland		
LANDSCAPE TYPE	Drainage lines / floodouts		
SURFACE CHARACTER	Dominant	Minor	Stony
	Cracking		

Biotic Disturbance Indicators	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Sites with trees and large shrubs only (select one tickbox for each row)				
Presence of palatable shrubs or perennial grasses under the canopy of tree/shrub >3m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Presence of mostly intact litter mats under canopy of tree/shrub >3m tall (>50% of tree canopy area has intertwined litter or shrub cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)				5

Physical Disturbance Indicators	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Prevalence of large patches of bare soil (> 5m x 5m) that shows no signs of productive capacity (ie ephemeral plant litter, stems etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Evidence of animal tracks, vehicle tracks or other physical disturbance to the natural land surface	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0
Destabilised creek channel banks (if present), characterised by no vegetation or stabilizing roots, deflation and bank erosion. Inspect banks on both sides of channels.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Total Score (Max 18 - weighted by 3)				6

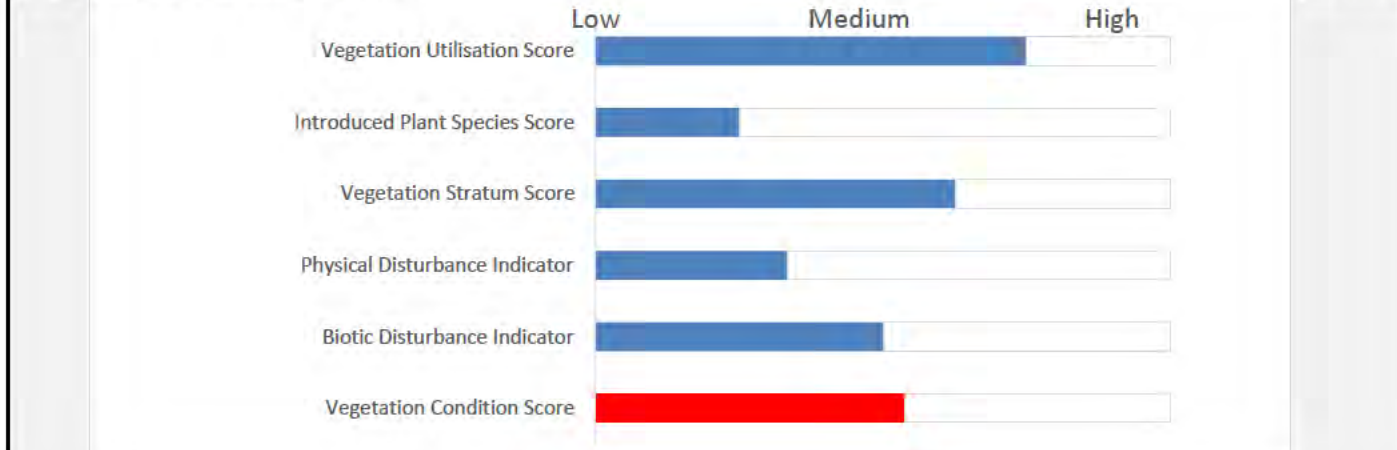
Vegetation Stratum (tick the <u>Present</u> box for all stratum that are present or tick for <u>Absent</u> box of any stratum that should be present but have been removed)	Present	Absent	<i>Note; don't tick either box if stratum was likely never present - e.g. Trees stratum in a low shrubland</i>
Trees/shrubs >3m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shrubs 1- 3m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Low shrubs <1m & hummock grasses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Perennial tussock grasses with basal areas >30mm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Total Score (Max 16 - weighted by 4)			10.0

Introduced Plant Species	Select	Score
Declared species present?	Yes	0
Introduced species dominate (>50% of vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Moderate invasion of introduced species (5 to 50% of the vegetation cover)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Very sparse to nil introduced species present (<5% of vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)		2.5

Vegetation Utilisation Score	Total Score (Max 26)	19.50
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Vegetation Condition Score Calculation

VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE **43.00**



Conservation Significance Score

Is the vegetation association considered a Threatened Ecological community or Ecosystem?	Tick if Yes
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Rare community (0.1 pt)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Vulnerable community (0.2 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Endangered community (0.3 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nationally (EPBC Act) Vulnerable community (0.35 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contains a Nationally (EPBC Act) Endangered or Critically Endangered community (0.4 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Note; all sites will score a minimum Conservation Significance Score of 1</i>	Score 1

Number of Threatened Plant Species recorded for within the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species recorded (1 pt each)	0
State Vulnerable species recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered recorded (5 pts each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species recorded (10 pts each)	0
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species recorded (20 pts each)	0
0 = 0 pts; <2 = 0.04 pts; 2 - <5 = 0.08 pts; 5 - <10 = 0.12 pts; 10 - <20 = 0.16 pts; 20 or > = 0.2 pts	Score 0

Potential habitat for Threatened Animal Species (number observed or recorded) for the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species observed or locally recorded (1 pt each)	2
State Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered species observed or locally recorded (5 pt each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (10 pts each)	2
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species observed or locally recorded (20 pts each)	0
0 = 0 pts; <2 = 0.02 pts; 2 - <5 = 0.04 pts; 5 - <10 = 0.06 pts; 10 - <20 = 0.08pts; 20 or > = 0.1 pts	Score 0.1

CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE 1.1

Total Scores for the Site		Vegetation Condition x Landscape Context x Conservation Significance =	
LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE	1.16	UNIT BIODIVERSITY SCORE	54.87
VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE	43.00	Total Biodiversity Score	122.36
CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE	1.10	(Biodiversity Score x hectares)	

Photo Point and Vegetation Survey Location	Direction of the Photo
Insert Photopoint Photo	GPS Reference
	Datum
	Zone (52, 53 or 54)
	Easting (6 digits)
	Northing (7 digits)
	Description

<p>SEB Offset Calculations (when assessing a proposed clearance site)</p>
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SEB Points Required	
Loss Factor	1.0
Loadings for clearance of protected areas	
Reductions for rehabilitation of impact site	
SEB Uplift Factor	1.10
Total SEB Points Required	134.60

SEB - Payment	
SEB points of gain/ha Factor	7.5
Approximate SEB hectares required	17.95
Management Cost (\$/ha)	\$24,764
Economies of Scale Factor	0.065
Mean Annual rainfall for the site (mm)	186
Payment into the Fund (GST exclusive)	\$5,373.17
Administration fee (GST inclusive)	\$295.52
Total Payment Required	\$5,668.69

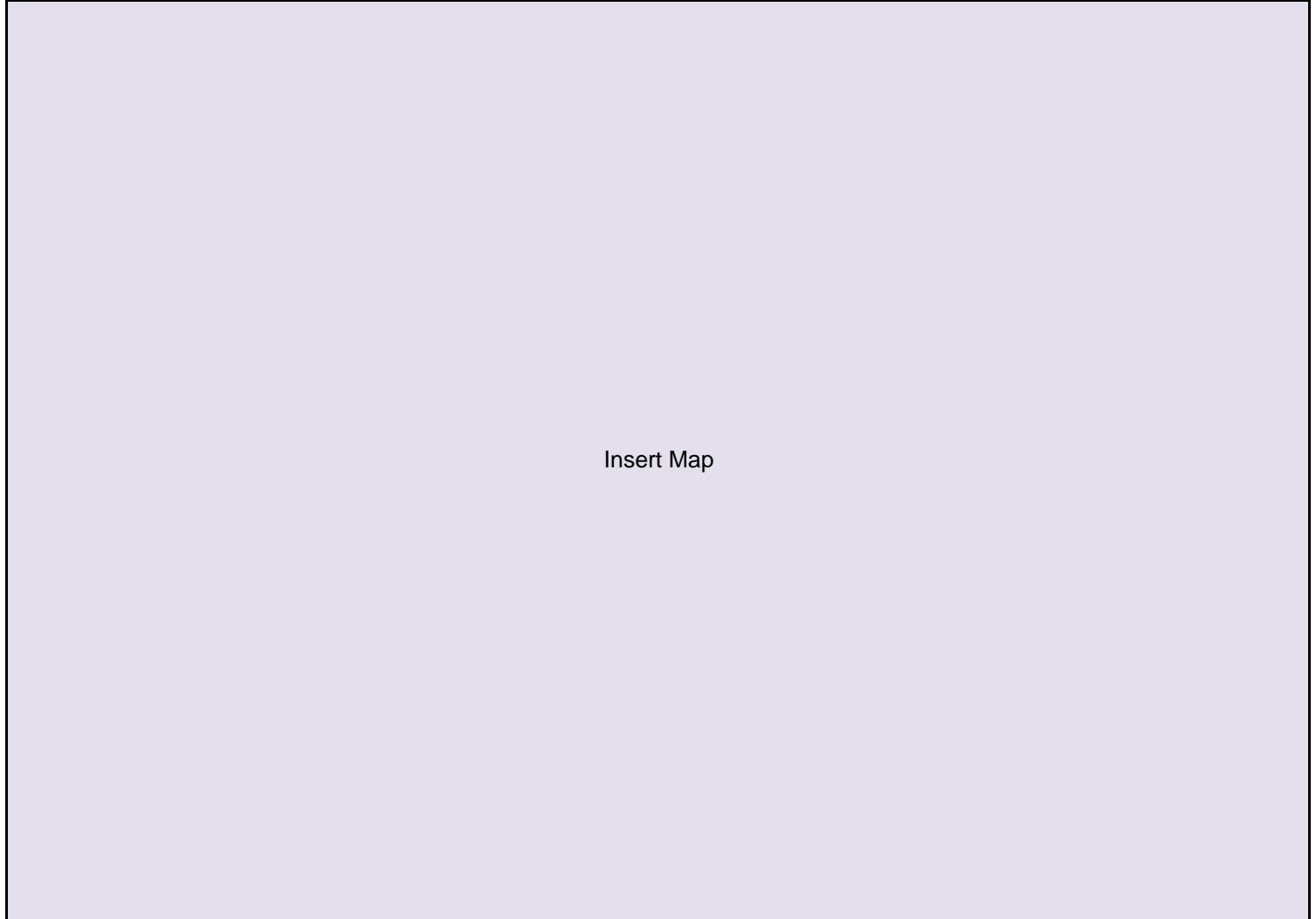
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ASSESSOR(S)	LJ
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Map of the Block (Including the Sites)



Landscape Context Scores

Number of Landform Features within Block	5
1 = 0.01pts, 2 = 0.03pts, >2 = 0.06pts	0.06

Size of the Block	
<10ha = 0; 10 - <100ha = 0.01pts; 100 - <500ha = 0.02pts; 500 - <1000ha = 0.03pts; 1000 - <2000ha = 0.04pts; 2000 - 5000 = 0.05pts; >5000pts = 0.06pts	0

% native veg. protected in IBRA Sub region	1
0-2% = 0.05 pts; >2-5% = 0.04 pts; >5-10% = 0.03 pts; >10-25% = 0.02 pt; >25% = 0.01 pt	0.05

Wetland or Riparian Habitat present	
Does the block contain a wetland feature (Yes/No)	
Permanent or semi permanent = 0.08 pt	<input type="button" value="No"/>
Contains water for at least 6 months of the year	
Occasionally contains water = 0.05 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 5 years	
Very occasionally contains water = 0.02 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 20 years	
Score	0.05

Note; Blocks will score a minimum Landscape Context Score of 1

LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE (max 1.25)	1.16
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Vegetation Condition Scores

SITE (name):	VA5	SIZE OF SITE (Ha)	0.09
VEGETATION ASSOCIATION DESCRIPTION	Eucalyptus camaldulensis open forest		
LANDSCAPE TYPE	Drainage lines / floodouts		
SURFACE CHARACTER	Dominant	Stony	Minor

Biotic Disturbance Indicators	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Sites with trees and large shrubs only (select one tickbox for each row)				
Presence of palatable shrubs or perennial grasses under the canopy of tree/shrub >3m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Presence of mostly intact litter mats under canopy of tree/shrub >3m tall (>50% of tree canopy area has intertwined litter or shrub cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)				5

Physical Disturbance Indicators	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Prevalence of large patches of bare soil (> 5m x 5m) that shows no signs of productive capacity (ie ephemeral plant litter, stems etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0
Evidence of animal tracks, vehicle tracks or other physical disturbance to the natural land surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Destabilised creek channel banks (if present), characterised by no vegetation or stabilizing roots, deflation and bank erosion. Inspect banks on both sides of channels.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0
Total Score (Max 18 - weighted by 3)				3

Vegetation Stratum (tick the <u>Present</u> box for all stratum that are present or tick for <u>Absent</u> box of any stratum that should be present but have been removed)	Present	Absent	<i>Note; don't tick either box if stratum was likely never present - e.g. Trees stratum in a low shrubland</i>
Trees/shrubs >3m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shrubs 1- 3m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Low shrubs <1m & hummock grasses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Perennial tussock grasses with basal areas >30mm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Score (Max 16 - weighted by 4)			10.0

Introduced Plant Species	Select	Score
Declared species present?	No	2
Introduced species dominate (>50% of vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Moderate invasion of introduced species (5 to 50% of the vegetation cover)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Very sparse to nil introduced species present (<5% of vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)		7.5

Vegetation Utilisation Score	Total Score (Max 26)	12.08
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Vegetation Condition Score Calculation

VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE	37.58
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Conservation Significance Score

Is the vegetation association considered a Threatened Ecological community or Ecosystem?	Tick if Yes
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Rare community (0.1 pt)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Vulnerable community (0.2 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Endangered community (0.3 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nationally (EPBC Act) Vulnerable community (0.35 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contains a Nationally (EPBC Act) Endangered or Critically Endangered community (0.4 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Note; all sites will score a minimum Conservation Significance Score of 1</i>	Score 1

Number of Threatened Plant Species recorded for within the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species recorded (1 pt each)	0
State Vulnerable species recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered recorded (5 pts each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species recorded (10 pts each)	0
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species recorded (20 pts each)	0
0 = 0 pts; <2 = 0.04 pts; 2 - <5 = 0.08 pts; 5 - <10 = 0.12 pts; 10 - <20 = 0.16 pts; 20 or > = 0.2 pts	Score 0

Potential habitat for Threatened Animal Species (number observed or recorded) for the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species observed or locally recorded (1 pt each)	2
State Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered species observed or locally recorded (5 pt each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (10 pts each)	2
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species observed or locally recorded (20 pts each)	0
0 = 0 pts; <2 = 0.02 pts; 2 - <5 = 0.04 pts; 5 - <10 = 0.06 pts; 10 - <20 = 0.08pts; 20 or > = 0.1 pts	Score 0.1

CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE 1.1

Total Scores for the Site		Vegetation Condition x Landscape Context x Conservation Significance =	
LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE	1.16	UNIT BIODIVERSITY SCORE	47.95
VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE	37.58	Total Biodiversity Score	
CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE	1.10	(Biodiversity Score x hectares)	4.32

Photo Point and Vegetation Survey Location	Direction of the Photo
Insert Photopoint Photo	GPS Reference
	Datum
	Zone (52, 53 or 54)
	Easting (6 digits)
	Northing (7 digits)
	Description

SEB Offset Calculations (when assessing a proposed clearance site)

SEB Points Required	
Loss Factor	1.0
Loadings for clearance of protected areas	
Reductions for rehabilitation of impact site	
SEB Uplift Factor	1.10
Total SEB Points Required	4.75

SEB - Payment	
SEB points of gain/ha Factor	7.5
Approximate SEB hectares required	0.63
Management Cost (\$/ha)	\$24,764
Economies of Scale Factor	0.11
Mean Annual rainfall for the site (mm)	186
Payment into the Fund (GST exclusive)	\$320.89
Administration fee (GST inclusive)	\$17.65
Total Payment Required	\$338.54

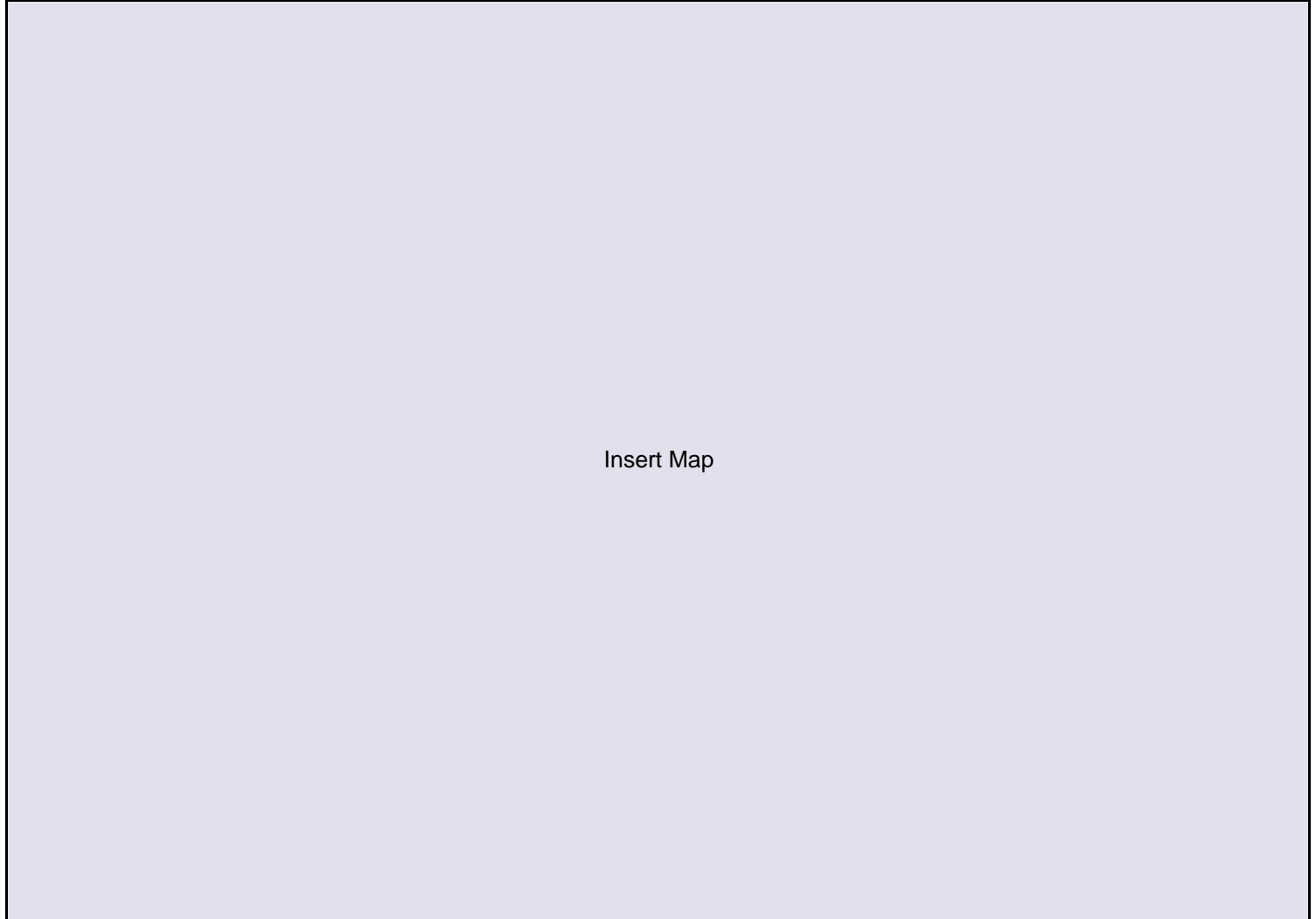
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Map of the Block (Including the Sites)



Insert Map

Landscape Context Scores

Number of Landform Features within Block	5
1 = 0.01pts, 2 = 0.03pts, >2 = 0.06pts	0.06

Size of the Block	
<10ha = 0; 10 - <100ha = 0.01pts; 100 - <500ha = 0.02pts; 500 - <1000ha = 0.03pts; 1000 - <2000ha = 0.04pts; 2000 - 5000 = 0.05pts; >5000pts = 0.06pts	0

% native veg. protected in IBRA Sub region	1
0-2% = 0.05 pts; >2-5% = 0.04 pts; >5-10% = 0.03 pts; >10-25% = 0.02 pt; >25% = 0.01 pt	0.05

Wetland or Riparian Habitat present	
Does the block contain a wetland feature (Yes/No)	
Permanent or semi permanent = 0.08 pt	<input type="button" value="No"/>
Contains water for at least 6 months of the year	
Occasionally contains water = 0.05 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 5 years	
Very occasionally contains water = 0.02 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 20 years	
Score	0.05

Note; Blocks will score a minimum Landscape Context Score of 1

LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE (max 1.25)	1.16
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Vegetation Condition Scores

SITE (name):	VA6	SIZE OF SITE (Ha)	0.56
VEGETATION ASSOCIATION DESCRIPTION	Maireana astrotricha open shrubland		
LANDSCAPE TYPE	Drainage lines / floodouts		
SURFACE CHARACTER	Dominant	Cracking	Minor

Biotic Disturbance Indicators	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Sites with trees and large shrubs only (select one tickbox for each row)				
Presence of palatable shrubs or perennial grasses under the canopy of tree/shrub >3m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Presence of mostly intact litter mats under canopy of tree/shrub >3m tall (>50% of tree canopy area has intertwined litter or shrub cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)				5

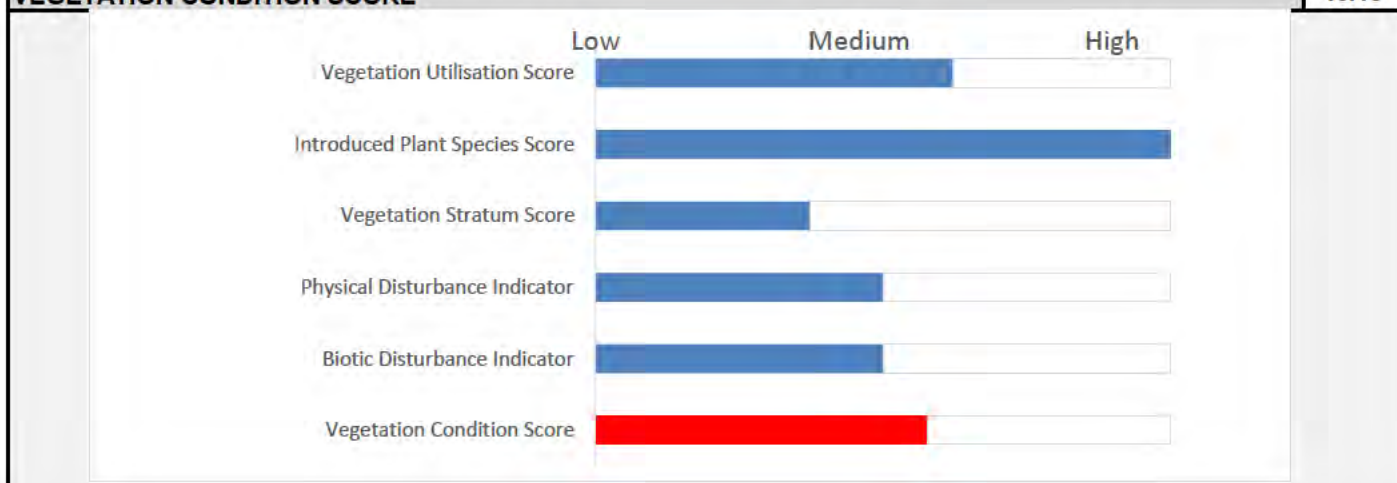
Physical Disturbance Indicators	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Prevalence of large patches of bare soil (> 5m x 5m) that shows no signs of productive capacity (ie ephemeral plant litter, stems etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Evidence of animal tracks, vehicle tracks or other physical disturbance to the natural land surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Destabilised creek channel banks (if present), characterised by no vegetation or stabilizing roots, deflation and bank erosion. Inspect banks on both sides of channels.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Total Score (Max 18 - weighted by 3)				9

Vegetation Stratum (tick the <u>Present</u> box for all stratum that are present or tick for <u>Absent</u> box of any stratum that should be present but have been removed)	Present	Absent	<i>Note; don't tick either box if stratum was likely never present - e.g. Trees stratum in a low shrubland</i>
Trees/shrubs >3m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shrubs 1- 3m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Low shrubs <1m & hummock grasses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Perennial tussock grasses with basal areas >30mm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Total Score (Max 16 - weighted by 4)			6.0

Introduced Plant Species	Select	Score
Declared species present?	No	2
Introduced species dominate (>50% of vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Moderate invasion of introduced species (5 to 50% of the vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Very sparse to nil introduced species present (<5% of vegetation cover)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)		10

Vegetation Utilisation Score	Total Score (Max 26)	16.13
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Vegetation Condition Score Calculation



Conservation Significance Score

Is the vegetation association considered a Threatened Ecological community or Ecosystem?	Tick if Yes
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Rare community (0.1 pt)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Vulnerable community (0.2 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Endangered community (0.3 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nationally (EPBC Act) Vulnerable community (0.35 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contains a Nationally (EPBC Act) Endangered or Critically Endangered community (0.4 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Note; all sites will score a minimum Conservation Significance Score of 1</i>	Score 1

Number of Threatened Plant Species recorded for within the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species recorded (1 pt each)	0
State Vulnerable species recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered recorded (5 pts each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species recorded (10 pts each)	0
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species recorded (20 pts each)	0
0 = 0 pts; <2 = 0.04 pts; 2 - <5 = 0.08 pts; 5 - <10 = 0.12 pts; 10 - <20 = 0.16 pts; 20 or > = 0.2 pts	Score 0

Potential habitat for Threatened Animal Species (number observed or recorded) for the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species observed or locally recorded (1 pt each)	2
State Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered species observed or locally recorded (5 pt each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (10 pts each)	2
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species observed or locally recorded (20 pts each)	0
0 = 0 pts; <2 = 0.02 pts; 2 - <5 = 0.04 pts; 5 - <10 = 0.06 pts; 10 - <20 = 0.08pts; 20 or > = 0.1 pts	Score 0.1

CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE 1.1

Total Scores for the Site		Vegetation Condition x Landscape Context x Conservation Significance =	
LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE	1.16	UNIT BIODIVERSITY SCORE	58.86
VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE	46.13	Total Biodiversity Score	
CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE	1.10	(Biodiversity Score x hectares)	32.96

Photo Point and Vegetation Survey Location	Direction of the Photo
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	Datum
	Zone (52, 53 or 54)
	Easting (6 digits)
	Northing (7 digits)
	Description

SEB Offset Calculations (when assessing a proposed clearance site)

SEB Points Required	
Loss Factor	1.0
Loadings for clearance of protected areas	
Reductions for rehabilitation of impact site	
SEB Uplift Factor	1.10
Total SEB Points Required	36.26

SEB - Payment	
SEB points of gain/ha Factor	7.5
Approximate SEB hectares required	4.83
Management Cost (\$/ha)	\$24,764
Economies of Scale Factor	0.11
Mean Annual rainfall for the site (mm)	186
Payment into the Fund (GST exclusive)	\$2,449.59
Administration fee (GST inclusive)	\$134.73
Total Payment Required	\$2,584.32

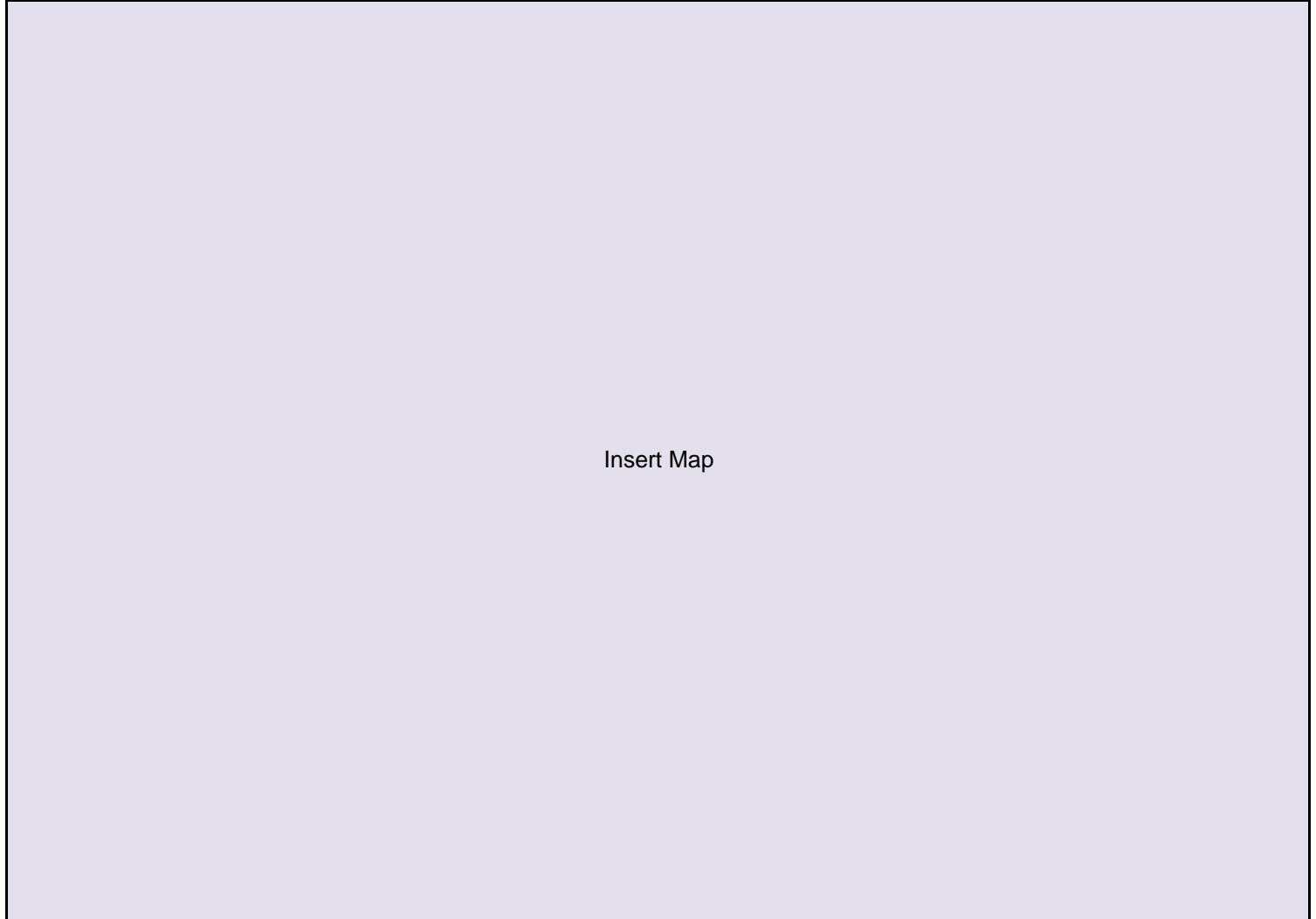
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Block (name)	Strzelecki Track
Landscapes Region	South Australian Arid Lands
IBRA Sub Region	Murnpeowie
Property Name	DIT

ASSESSOR(S)	LJ
DATE OF ASSESSMENT	03-06 Dec 2024

Map of the Block (Including the Sites)



Landscape Context Scores

Number of Landform Features within Block	5
1 = 0.01pts, 2 = 0.03pts, >2 = 0.06pts	0.06

Size of the Block	
<10ha = 0; 10 - <100ha = 0.01pts; 100 - <500ha = 0.02pts; 500 - <1000ha = 0.03pts; 1000 - <2000ha = 0.04pts; 2000 - 5000 = 0.05pts; >5000pts = 0.06pts	0

% native veg. protected in IBRA Sub region	1
0-2% = 0.05 pts; >2-5% = 0.04 pts; >5-10% = 0.03 pts; >10-25% = 0.02 pt; >25% = 0.01 pt	0.05

Wetland or Riparian Habitat present	
Does the block contain a wetland feature (Yes/No)	
Permanent or semi permanent = 0.08 pt	<input type="button" value="No"/>
Contains water for at least 6 months of the year	
Occasionally contains water = 0.05 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 5 years	
Very occasionally contains water = 0.02 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 20 years	
Score	0.05

Note; Blocks will score a minimum Landscape Context Score of 1

LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE (max 1.25)	1.16
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Vegetation Condition Scores

SITE (name):	VA7	SIZE OF SITE (Ha)	2.8
VEGETATION ASSOCIATION DESCRIPTION	Maireana pyramidata +/- Atriplex vesicaria open shrubland		
LANDSCAPE TYPE	Ranges and hill slopes		
SURFACE CHARACTER	Dominant	Stony	Minor

Biotic Disturbance Indicators	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Sites with trees and large shrubs only (select one tickbox for each row)				
Presence of palatable shrubs or perennial grasses under the canopy of tree/shrub >3m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Presence of mostly intact litter mats under canopy of tree/shrub >3m tall (>50% of tree canopy area has intertwined litter or shrub cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)				5

Physical Disturbance Indicators	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Prevalence of large patches of bare soil (> 5m x 5m) that shows no signs of productive capacity (ie ephemeral plant litter, stems etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Evidence of animal tracks, vehicle tracks or other physical disturbance to the natural land surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Destabilised creek channel banks (if present), characterised by no vegetation or stabilizing roots, deflation and bank erosion. Inspect banks on both sides of channels.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Total Score (Max 18 - weighted by 3)				9

Vegetation Stratum (tick the <u>Present</u> box for all stratum that are present or tick for <u>Absent</u> box of any stratum that should be present but have been removed)	Present	Absent	<i>Note; don't tick either box if stratum was likely never present - e.g. Trees stratum in a low shrubland</i>
Trees/shrubs >3m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shrubs 1- 3m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Low shrubs <1m & hummock grasses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Perennial tussock grasses with basal areas >30mm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Total Score (Max 16 - weighted by 4)			6.0

Introduced Plant Species	Select	Score
Declared species present?	No	2
Introduced species dominate (>50% of vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Moderate invasion of introduced species (5 to 50% of the vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Very sparse to nil introduced species present (<5% of vegetation cover)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)		10

Vegetation Utilisation Score	Total Score (Max 26)	17.58
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Vegetation Condition Score Calculation

VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE	47.58
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Conservation Significance Score

Is the vegetation association considered a Threatened Ecological community or Ecosystem?	Tick if Yes
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Rare community (0.1 pt)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Vulnerable community (0.2 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Endangered community (0.3 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nationally (EPBC Act) Vulnerable community (0.35 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contains a Nationally (EPBC Act) Endangered or Critically Endangered community (0.4 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Note; all sites will score a minimum Conservation Significance Score of 1</i>	Score 1

Number of Threatened Plant Species recorded for within the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species recorded (1 pt each)	0
State Vulnerable species recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered recorded (5 pts each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species recorded (10 pts each)	0
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species recorded (20 pts each)	0
0 = 0 pts; <2 = 0.04 pts; 2 - <5 = 0.08 pts; 5 - <10 = 0.12 pts; 10 - <20 = 0.16 pts; 20 or > = 0.2 pts	Score 0

Potential habitat for Threatened Animal Species (number observed or recorded) for the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species observed or locally recorded (1 pt each)	2
State Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered species observed or locally recorded (5 pt each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (10 pts each)	2
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species observed or locally recorded (20 pts each)	0
0 = 0 pts; <2 = 0.02 pts; 2 - <5 = 0.04 pts; 5 - <10 = 0.06 pts; 10 - <20 = 0.08pts; 20 or > = 0.1 pts	Score 0.1

CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE 1.1

Total Scores for the Site		Vegetation Condition x Landscape Context x Conservation Significance =	
LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE	1.16	UNIT BIODIVERSITY SCORE	60.71
VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE	47.58	Total Biodiversity Score	
CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE	1.10	(Biodiversity Score x hectares)	169.99

Photo Point and Vegetation Survey Location	Direction of the Photo
Insert Photopoint Photo	GPS Reference
	Datum
	Zone (52, 53 or 54)
	Easting (6 digits)
	Northing (7 digits)
	Description

<p>SEB Offset Calculations (when assessing a proposed clearance site)</p>
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SEB Points Required	
Loss Factor	1.0
Loadings for clearance of protected areas	
Reductions for rehabilitation of impact site	
SEB Uplift Factor	1.10
Total SEB Points Required	186.99

SEB - Payment	
SEB points of gain/ha Factor	7.5
Approximate SEB hectares required	24.93
Management Cost (\$/ha)	\$24,764
Economies of Scale Factor	0.11
Mean Annual rainfall for the site (mm)	186
Payment into the Fund (GST exclusive)	\$12,632.33
Administration fee (GST inclusive)	\$694.78
Total Payment Required	\$13,327.11

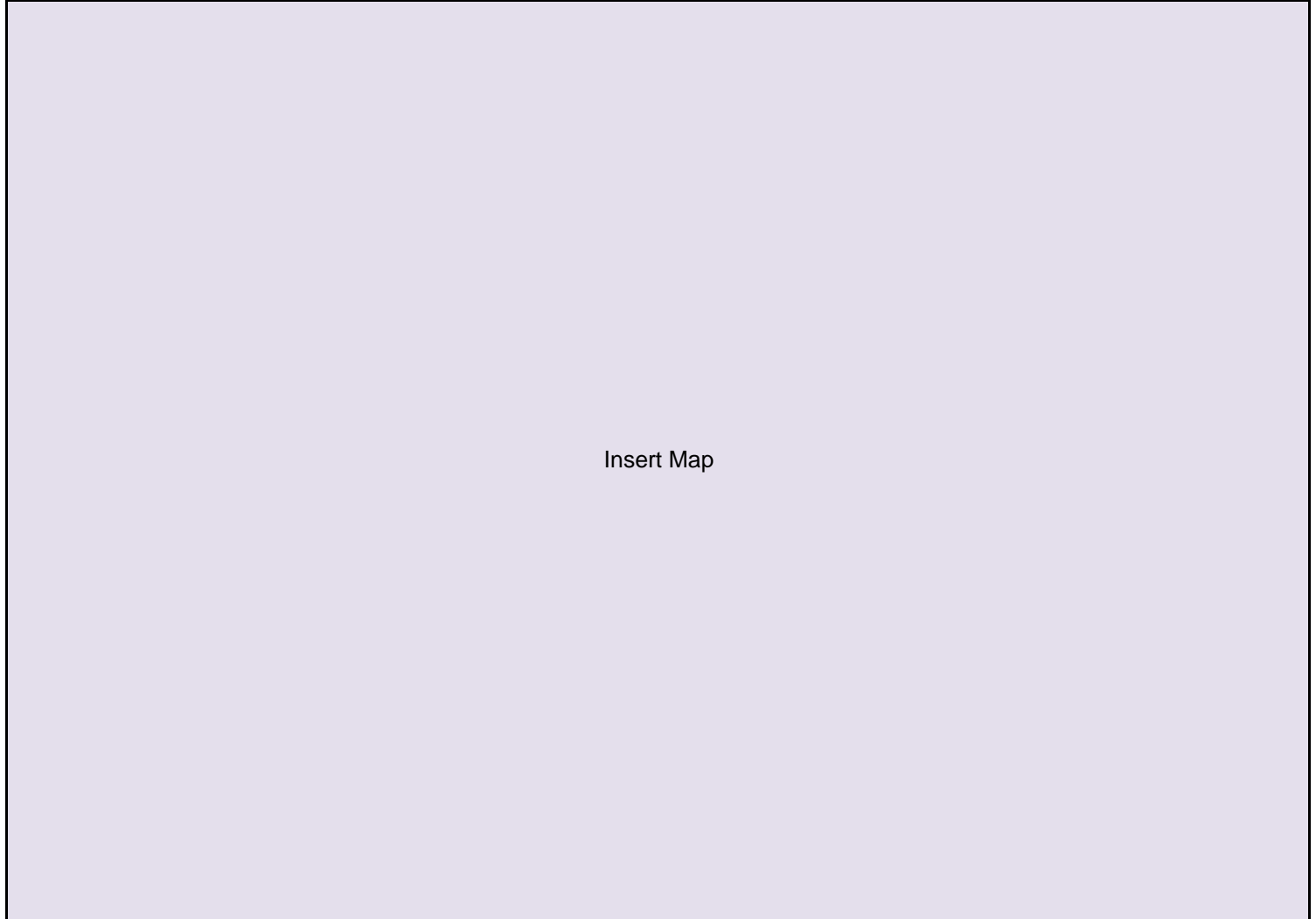
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ASSESSOR(S)	LJ
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Map of the Block (Including the Sites)



Landscape Context Scores

Number of Landform Features within Block	5
1 = 0.01pts, 2 = 0.03pts, >2 = 0.06pts	0.06

Size of the Block	
<10ha = 0; 10 - <100ha = 0.01pts; 100 - <500ha = 0.02pts; 500 - <1000ha = 0.03pts; 1000 - <2000ha = 0.04pts; 2000 - 5000 = 0.05pts; >5000pts = 0.06pts	0

% native veg. protected in IBRA Sub region	1
0-2% = 0.05 pts; >2-5% = 0.04 pts; >5-10% = 0.03 pts; >10-25% = 0.02 pt; >25% = 0.01 pt	0.05

Wetland or Riparian Habitat present	
Does the block contain a wetland feature (Yes/No)	
Permanent or semi permanent = 0.08 pt	<input type="button" value="No"/>
Contains water for at least 6 months of the year	
Occasionally contains water = 0.05 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 5 years	
Very occasionally contains water = 0.02 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 20 years	
Score	0.05

Note; Blocks will score a minimum Landscape Context Score of 1

LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE (max 1.25)	1.16
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Vegetation Condition Scores

SITE (name):	VA8	SIZE OF SITE (Ha)	2.12	
VEGETATION ASSOCIATION DESCRIPTION	Santalum lanceolata +/- Acacia victoriae tall shrubland			
LANDSCAPE TYPE	Drainage lines / floodouts			
SURFACE CHARACTER	Dominant	Minor	Cracking	
Stony				
Biotic Disturbance Indicators				
Sites with trees and large shrubs only (select one tickbox for each row)				
	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Presence of palatable shrubs or perennial grasses under the canopy of tree/shrub >3m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Presence of mostly intact litter mats under canopy of tree/shrub >3m tall (>50% of tree canopy area has intertwined litter or shrub cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)				5
Physical Disturbance Indicators				
	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Prevalence of large patches of bare soil (> 5m x 5m) that shows no signs of productive capacity (ie ephemeral plant litter, stems etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Evidence of animal tracks, vehicle tracks or other physical disturbance to the natural land surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Destabilised creek channel banks (if present), characterised by no vegetation or stabilizing roots, deflation and bank erosion. Inspect banks on both sides of channels.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0
Total Score (Max 18 - weighted by 3)				6
Vegetation Stratum (tick the <u>Present</u> box for all stratum that are present or tick for <u>Absent</u> box of any stratum that should be present but have been removed)				
	Present	Absent	<i>Note; don't tick either box if stratum was likely never present - e.g. Trees stratum in a low shrubland</i>	
Trees/shrubs >3m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Shrubs 1- 3m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Low shrubs <1m & hummock grasses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Perennial tussock grasses with basal areas >30mm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Total Score (Max 16 - weighted by 4)				16.0
Introduced Plant Species				
	Select	Score		
Declared species present?	No		2	
Introduced species dominate (>50% of vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>		2	
Moderate invasion of introduced species (5 to 50% of the vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Very sparse to nil introduced species present (<5% of vegetation cover)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)				10
Vegetation Utilisation Score				
Total Score (Max 26)				17.42

Vegetation Condition Score Calculation

VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE **54.42**



Conservation Significance Score

Is the vegetation association considered a Threatened Ecological community or Ecosystem?	Tick if Yes
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Rare community (0.1 pt)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Vulnerable community (0.2 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Endangered community (0.3 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nationally (EPBC Act) Vulnerable community (0.35 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contains a Nationally (EPBC Act) Endangered or Critically Endangered community (0.4 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Note; all sites will score a minimum Conservation Significance Score of 1</i>	Score 1

Number of Threatened Plant Species recorded for within the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species recorded (1 pt each)	0
State Vulnerable species recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered recorded (5 pts each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species recorded (10 pts each)	0
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species recorded (20 pts each)	0
0 = 0 pts; <2 = 0.04 pts; 2 - <5 = 0.08 pts; 5 - <10 = 0.12 pts; 10 - <20 = 0.16 pts; 20 or > = 0.2 pts	Score 0

Potential habitat for Threatened Animal Species (number observed or recorded) for the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species observed or locally recorded (1 pt each)	2
State Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered species observed or locally recorded (5 pt each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (10 pts each)	2
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species observed or locally recorded (20 pts each)	0
0 = 0 pts; <2 = 0.02 pts; 2 - <5 = 0.04 pts; 5 - <10 = 0.06 pts; 10 - <20 = 0.08pts; 20 or > = 0.1 pts	Score 0.1

CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE 1.1

Total Scores for the Site		Vegetation Condition x Landscape Context x Conservation Significance =	
LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE	1.16	UNIT BIODIVERSITY SCORE	69.44
VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE	54.42	Total Biodiversity Score	
CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE	1.10	(Biodiversity Score x hectares)	147.21

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	Datum
	Zone (52, 53 or 54)
	Easting (6 digits)
	Northing (7 digits)
	Description

SEB Offset Calculations (when assessing a proposed clearance site)

SEB Points Required	
Loss Factor	1.0
Loadings for clearance of protected areas	
Reductions for rehabilitation of impact site	
SEB Uplift Factor	1.10
Total SEB Points Required	161.93

SEB - Payment	
SEB points of gain/ha Factor	7.5
Approximate SEB hectares required	21.59
Management Cost (\$/ha)	\$24,764
Economies of Scale Factor	0.11
Mean Annual rainfall for the site (mm)	186
Payment into the Fund (GST exclusive)	\$10,939.37
Administration fee (GST inclusive)	\$601.67
Total Payment Required	\$11,541.04

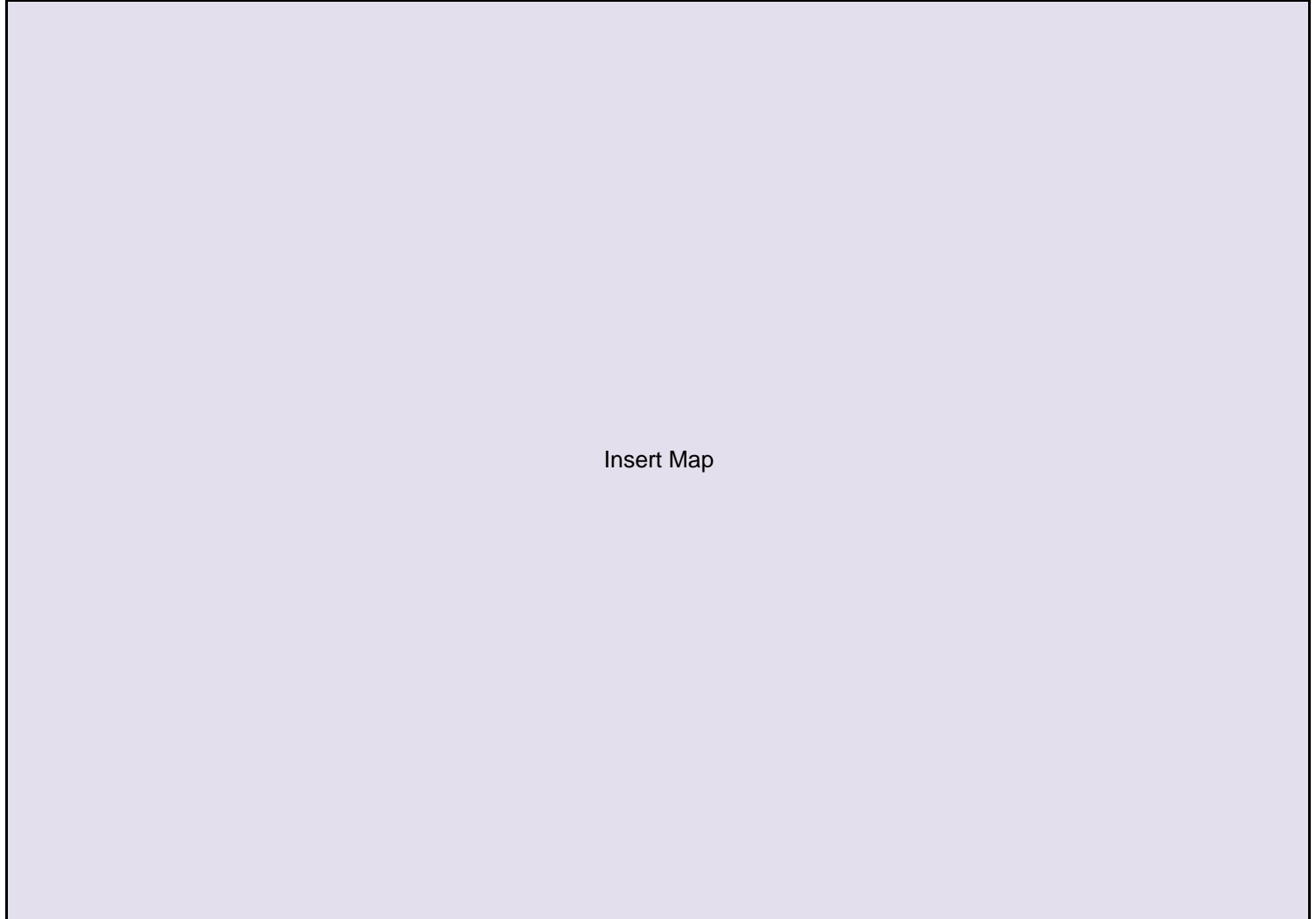
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Map of the Block (Including the Sites)



Landscape Context Scores

Number of Landform Features within Block	5
1 = 0.01pts, 2 = 0.03pts, >2 = 0.06pts	0.06

Size of the Block	
<10ha = 0; 10 - <100ha = 0.01pts; 100 - <500ha = 0.02pts; 500 - <1000ha = 0.03pts; 1000 - <2000ha = 0.04pts; 2000 - 5000 = 0.05pts; >5000pts = 0.06pts	0

% native veg. protected in IBRA Sub region	1
0-2% = 0.05 pts; >2-5% = 0.04 pts; >5-10% = 0.03 pts; >10-25% = 0.02 pt; >25% = 0.01 pt	0.05

Wetland or Riparian Habitat present	
Does the block contain a wetland feature (Yes/No)	
Permanent or semi permanent = 0.08 pt	<input type="button" value="No"/>
Contains water for at least 6 months of the year	
Occasionally contains water = 0.05 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 5 years	
Very occasionally contains water = 0.02 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 20 years	
Score	0.05

Note; Blocks will score a minimum Landscape Context Score of 1

LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE (max 1.25)	1.16
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Vegetation Condition Scores

SITE (name):	VA9	SIZE OF SITE (Ha)	1.22
VEGETATION ASSOCIATION DESCRIPTION	Sclerolaena spp. +/- Maireana pyramidata open low shrubland		
LANDSCAPE TYPE	Plain – undulating		
SURFACE CHARACTER	Dominant	Stony	Minor

Biotic Disturbance Indicators	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Sites with trees and large shrubs only (select one tickbox for each row)				
Presence of palatable shrubs or perennial grasses under the canopy of tree/shrub >3m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Presence of mostly intact litter mats under canopy of tree/shrub >3m tall (>50% of tree canopy area has intertwined litter or shrub cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)				5

Physical Disturbance Indicators	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Prevalence of large patches of bare soil (> 5m x 5m) that shows no signs of productive capacity (ie ephemeral plant litter, stems etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Evidence of animal tracks, vehicle tracks or other physical disturbance to the natural land surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Destabilised creek channel banks (if present), characterised by no vegetation or stabilizing roots, deflation and bank erosion. Inspect banks on both sides of channels.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Total Score (Max 18 - weighted by 3)				9

Vegetation Stratum (tick the <u>Present</u> box for all stratum that are present or tick for <u>Absent</u> box of any stratum that should be present but have been removed)	Present	Absent	<i>Note; don't tick either box if stratum was likely never present - e.g. Trees stratum in a low shrubland</i>
Trees/shrubs >3m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shrubs 1- 3m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Low shrubs <1m & hummock grasses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Perennial tussock grasses with basal areas >30mm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Total Score (Max 16 - weighted by 4)			6.0

Introduced Plant Species	Select	Score
Declared species present?	No	2
Introduced species dominate (>50% of vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Moderate invasion of introduced species (5 to 50% of the vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Very sparse to nil introduced species present (<5% of vegetation cover)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)		10

Vegetation Utilisation Score	Total Score (Max 26)	16.60
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Vegetation Condition Score Calculation

VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE	46.60
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Conservation Significance Score

Is the vegetation association considered a Threatened Ecological community or Ecosystem?	Tick if Yes
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Rare community (0.1 pt)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Vulnerable community (0.2 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Endangered community (0.3 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nationally (EPBC Act) Vulnerable community (0.35 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contains a Nationally (EPBC Act) Endangered or Critically Endangered community (0.4 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Note; all sites will score a minimum Conservation Significance Score of 1</i>	Score 1

Number of Threatened Plant Species recorded for within the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species recorded (1 pt each)	0
State Vulnerable species recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered recorded (5 pts each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species recorded (10 pts each)	0
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species recorded (20 pts each)	0
0 = 0 pts; <2 = 0.04 pts; 2 - <5 = 0.08 pts; 5 - <10 = 0.12 pts; 10 - <20 = 0.16 pts; 20 or > = 0.2 pts	Score 0

Potential habitat for Threatened Animal Species (number observed or recorded) for the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species observed or locally recorded (1 pt each)	2
State Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered species observed or locally recorded (5 pt each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (10 pts each)	2
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species observed or locally recorded (20 pts each)	0
0 = 0 pts; <2 = 0.02 pts; 2 - <5 = 0.04 pts; 5 - <10 = 0.06 pts; 10 - <20 = 0.08pts; 20 or > = 0.1 pts	Score 0.1

CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE 1.1

Total Scores for the Site		Vegetation Condition x Landscape Context x Conservation Significance =	
LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE	1.16	UNIT BIODIVERSITY SCORE	59.46
VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE	46.60	Total Biodiversity Score	
CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE	1.10	(Biodiversity Score x hectares)	72.54

Photo Point and Vegetation Survey Location	Direction of the Photo
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	Datum
	Zone (52, 53 or 54)
	Easting (6 digits)
	Northing (7 digits)
	Description

SEB Offset Calculations (when assessing a proposed clearance site)

SEB Points Required	
Loss Factor	1.0
Loadings for clearance of protected areas	
Reductions for rehabilitation of impact site	
SEB Uplift Factor	1.10
Total SEB Points Required	79.79

SEB - Payment	
SEB points of gain/ha Factor	7.5
Approximate SEB hectares required	10.64
Management Cost (\$/ha)	\$24,764
Economies of Scale Factor	0.11
Mean Annual rainfall for the site (mm)	186
Payment into the Fund (GST exclusive)	\$5,390.31
Administration fee (GST inclusive)	\$296.47
Total Payment Required	\$5,686.78

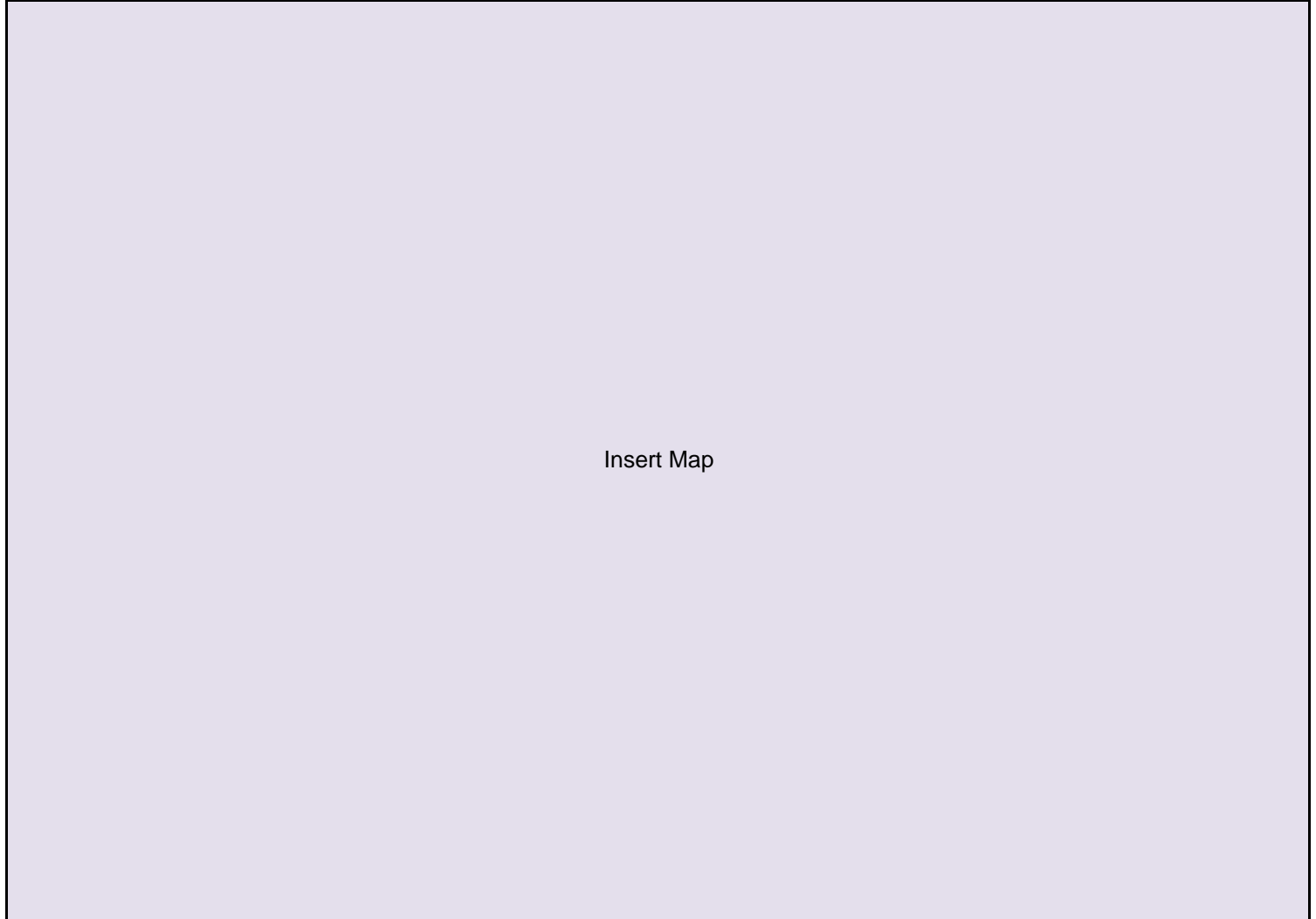
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Map of the Block (Including the Sites)



Insert Map

Landscape Context Scores

Number of Landform Features within Block	5
1 = 0.01pts, 2 = 0.03pts, >2 = 0.06pts	0.06

Size of the Block	
<10ha = 0; 10 - <100ha = 0.01pts; 100 - <500ha = 0.02pts; 500 - <1000ha = 0.03pts; 1000 - <2000ha = 0.04pts; 2000 - 5000 = 0.05pts; >5000pts = 0.06pts	0

% native veg. protected in IBRA Sub region	1
0-2% = 0.05 pts; >2-5% = 0.04 pts; >5-10% = 0.03 pts; >10-25% = 0.02 pt; >25% = 0.01 pt	0.05

Wetland or Riparian Habitat present	
Does the block contain a wetland feature (Yes/No)	
Permanent or semi permanent = 0.08 pt	<input type="button" value="No"/>
Contains water for at least 6 months of the year	
Occasionally contains water = 0.05 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 5 years	
Very occasionally contains water = 0.02 pts	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Contains water approximately once every 20 years	
Score	0.05

Note; Blocks will score a minimum Landscape Context Score of 1

LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE (max 1.25)	1.16
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Vegetation Condition Scores

SITE (name):	VA10	SIZE OF SITE (Ha)	4.37
VEGETATION ASSOCIATION DESCRIPTION	Maireana astrotricha +/- Maireana pyramidata open shrubland		
LANDSCAPE TYPE	Plain – undulating		
SURFACE CHARACTER	Dominant	Stony	Minor

Biotic Disturbance Indicators	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Sites with trees and large shrubs only (select one tickbox for each row)				
Presence of palatable shrubs or perennial grasses under the canopy of tree/shrub >3m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Presence of mostly intact litter mats under canopy of tree/shrub >3m tall (>50% of tree canopy area has intertwined litter or shrub cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)				5

Physical Disturbance Indicators	Dominant >50%	Minor <50%	None - 0	Score
Prevalence of large patches of bare soil (> 5m x 5m) that shows no signs of productive capacity (ie ephemeral plant litter, stems etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Evidence of animal tracks, vehicle tracks or other physical disturbance to the natural land surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Destabilised creek channel banks (if present), characterised by no vegetation or stabilizing roots, deflation and bank erosion. Inspect banks on both sides of channels.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Total Score (Max 18 - weighted by 3)				9

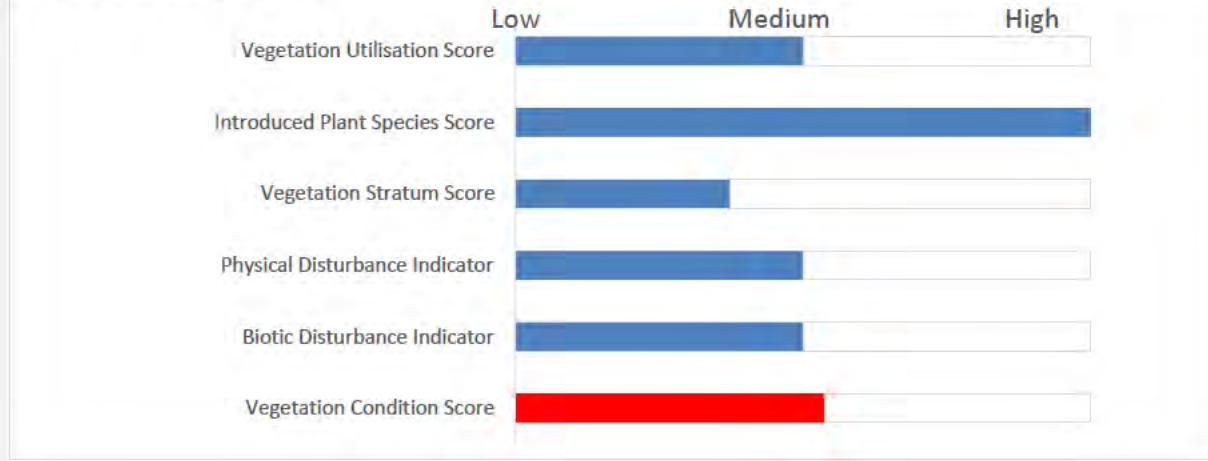
Vegetation Stratum (tick the <u>Present</u> box for all stratum that are present or tick for <u>Absent</u> box of any stratum that should be present but have been removed)	Present	Absent	<i>Note; don't tick either box if stratum was likely never present - e.g. Trees stratum in a low shrubland</i>
Trees/shrubs >3m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shrubs 1- 3m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Low shrubs <1m & hummock grasses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Perennial tussock grasses with basal areas >30mm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Total Score (Max 16 - weighted by 4)			6.0

Introduced Plant Species	Select	Score
Declared species present?	No	2
Introduced species dominate (>50% of vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Moderate invasion of introduced species (5 to 50% of the vegetation cover)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Very sparse to nil introduced species present (<5% of vegetation cover)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Total Score (Max 10 - weighted by 2.5)		10

Vegetation Utilisation Score	Total Score (Max 26)	13.05
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Vegetation Condition Score Calculation

VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE **43.05**



Conservation Significance Score

Is the vegetation association considered a Threatened Ecological community or Ecosystem?	Tick if Yes
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Rare community (0.1 pt)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Vulnerable community (0.2 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Endangered community (0.3 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nationally (EPBC Act) Vulnerable community (0.35 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contains a Nationally (EPBC Act) Endangered or Critically Endangered community (0.4 pts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Note; all sites will score a minimum Conservation Significance Score of 1</i>	Score 1

Number of Threatened Plant Species recorded for within the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species recorded (1 pt each)	0
State Vulnerable species recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered recorded (5 pts each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species recorded (10 pts each)	0
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species recorded (20 pts each)	0
0 = 0 pts; <2 = 0.04 pts; 2 - <5 = 0.08 pts; 5 - <10 = 0.12 pts; 10 - <20 = 0.16 pts; 20 or > = 0.2 pts	Score 0

Potential habitat for Threatened Animal Species (number observed or recorded) for the <u>Site</u>	Number
<i>*If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National rating.</i>	
State Rare species observed or locally recorded (1 pt each)	2
State Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (2.5 pt each)	0
State Endangered species observed or locally recorded (5 pt each)	0
Nationally Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (10 pts each)	2
Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species observed or locally recorded (20 pts each)	0
0 = 0 pts; <2 = 0.02 pts; 2 - <5 = 0.04 pts; 5 - <10 = 0.06 pts; 10 - <20 = 0.08pts; 20 or > = 0.1 pts	Score 0.1

CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE 1.1

Total Scores for the Site		Vegetation Condition x Landscape Context x Conservation Significance =	
LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE	1.16	UNIT BIODIVERSITY SCORE	54.93
VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE	43.05	Total Biodiversity Score	
CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE	1.10	(Biodiversity Score x hectares)	240.04

Photo Point and Vegetation Survey Location	Direction of the Photo
Insert Photopoint Photo	GPS Reference
	Datum
	Zone (52, 53 or 54)
	Easting (6 digits)
	Northing (7 digits)
	Description

SEB Offset Calculations (when assessing a proposed clearance site)

SEB Points Required	
Loss Factor	1.0
Loadings for clearance of protected areas	
Reductions for rehabilitation of impact site	
SEB Uplift Factor	1.10
Total SEB Points Required	264.04

SEB - Payment	
SEB points of gain/ha Factor	7.5
Approximate SEB hectares required	35.21
Management Cost (\$/ha)	\$24,764
Economies of Scale Factor	0.11
Mean Annual rainfall for the site (mm)	186
Payment into the Fund (GST exclusive)	\$17,837.54
Administration fee (GST inclusive)	\$981.06
Total Payment Required	\$18,818.60

Attachment 2

Plant Species Recorded (Native and Introduced)

Plant Species Recorded (Native and Introduced)

Species	Common Name	EPBC Act	NP&W Act	Introduced	VA1	VA2	VA3	VA4	VA5	VA6	VA7	VA8	VA9	VA10
<i>Abutilon halophilum</i>	Plains Lantern-bush				✓		✓						✓	
<i>Abutilon leucopetalum</i>	Desert Lantern-bush					✓								
<i>Acacia salicina</i>	Willow Wattle					✓		✓	✓			✓		
<i>Acacia tetragonophylla</i>	Dead Finish					✓	✓	✓				✓		
<i>Acacia victoriae</i> ssp.	Elegant Wattle					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
<i>Amyema</i> sp.	Mistletoe					✓								
<i>Arabidella glaucescens</i>					✓					✓				
<i>Argemone ochroleuca</i> ssp. <i>ochroleuca</i>	Mexican Poppy			*					✓					
<i>Aristida</i> sp.	Three-awn/Wire-grass										✓			
<i>Astrebala pectinata</i>	Barley Mitchell-grass				✓		✓				✓		✓	
<i>Atriplex holocarpa</i>	Pop Saltbush				✓	✓		✓		✓				
<i>Atriplex lindleyi</i> ssp.	Baldoo												✓	✓
<i>Atriplex vesicaria</i>	Bladder Saltbush										✓	✓	✓	
<i>Carrichtera annua</i>	Ward's Weed			*		✓	✓	✓						
<i>Convolvulus</i> sp.	Bindweed						✓							
<i>Cucumis argenteus</i>	Snake Vine							✓						
<i>Cucumis myriocarpus</i> ssp. <i>myriocarpus</i>	Paddy Melon			*				✓						

Cymbopogon ambiguus	Lemon-grass					✓			✓			✓		
Cynodon dactylon var.	Couch					✓			✓					
Dissocarpus paradoxus	Ball Bindyi				✓									
Einadia nutans ssp.	Climbing Saltbush					✓								
Enchylaena tomentosa var.	Ruby Saltbush							✓						
Enneapogon avenaceus	Common Bottle-washers													
Eragrostis dielsii	Mulka				✓									
Eragrostis sp.	Love-grass					✓	✓						✓	
Eremophila duttonii	Harlequin Emubush						✓							✓
Eremophila freelingii	Rock Emubush													
Eremophila longifolia	Weeping Emubush					✓								
Eucalyptus camaldulensis ssp.	River Red Gum								✓					
Gramineae sp.	Grass Family									✓		✓		
Lycium australe	Australian Boxthorn					✓	✓		✓					
Maireana astrotricha	Low Bluebush				✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maireana coronata	Crown Fissure-plant										✓	✓	✓	
Maireana pyramidata	Black Bluebush									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Malvastrum americanum var. americanum	Malvastrum													
Melaleuca glomerata	Inland Paper-bark								✓					

Sida sp.						✓								
Sisymbrium erysimoides	Smooth Mustard			*		✓						✓		
Tribulus terrestris	Caltrop			*		✓		✓						
Vittadinia sp.	New Holland Daisy								✓					✓
Wahlenbergia sp.	Native Bluebell					✓								

Attachment 3

Environmental Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act
1999 Protected Matters Report



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water

EPBC Act Protected Matters Report

This report provides general guidance on matters of national environmental significance and other matters protected by the EPBC Act in the area you have selected. Please see the caveat for interpretation of information provided here.

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Summary

Matters of National Environment Significance

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

World Heritage Properties:	None
National Heritage Places:	None
Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar)	None
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	None
Commonwealth Marine Area:	None
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:	1
Listed Threatened Species:	29
Listed Migratory Species:	9

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

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

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

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

Commonwealth Lands:	None
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Listed Marine Species:	15
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	None
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:	None
Australian Marine Parks:	None
Habitat Critical to the Survival of Marine Turtles:	None

Extra Information

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

State and Territory Reserves:	1
Regional Forest Agreements:	None
Nationally Important Wetlands:	1
EPBC Act Referrals:	6
Key Ecological Features (Marine):	None
Biologically Important Areas:	None
Bioregional Assessments:	None
Geological and Bioregional Assessments:	None

Details

Matters of National Environmental Significance

Listed Threatened Ecological Communities

[\[Resource Information \]](#)

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

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

Community Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
The community of native species dependent on natural discharge of groundwater from the Great Artesian Basin	Endangered	Community likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

Listed Threatened Species

[\[Resource Information \]](#)

Status of Conservation Dependent and Extinct are not MNES under the EPBC Act.

Number is the current name ID.

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
BIRD			
Amytornis merrotsyi merrotsyi Short-tailed Grasswren (Flinders Ranges) [86269]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Amytornis modestus Thick-billed Grasswren [84121]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Aphelocephala leucopsis Southern Whiteface [529]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Falco hypoleucos Grey Falcon [929]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Grantiella picta Painted Honeyeater [470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Melanodryas cucullata cucullata South-eastern Hooded Robin, Hooded Robin (south-eastern) [67093]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Neophema chrysostoma Blue-winged Parrot [726]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Pedionomus torquatus Plains-wanderer [906]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Pezoporus occidentalis Night Parrot [59350]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Polytelis alexandrae Princess Parrot, Alexandra's Parrot [758]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Stagonopleura guttata Diamond Firetail [59398]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
FISH			
Mogurnda clivicola Flinders Ranges Mogurnda, Flinders Ranges Purple-spotted Gudgeon [66693]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

MAMMAL

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Notomys fuscus Dusky Hopping-mouse, Wilkiniti [125]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Petrogale xanthopus xanthopus Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby (SA and NSW) [66646]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Pseudomys australis Plains Rat, Palyoora, Plains Mouse [108]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
PLANT			
Acacia araneosa Spidery Wattle, Balcanoona Wattle [20767]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Acacia carneorum Needle Wattle, Dead Finish, Purple-wood Wattle [66685]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Acacia menzeli Menzel's Wattle [9218]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Codonocarpus pyramidalis Slender Bell-fruit, Camel Poison [19507]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Eriocaulon carsonii Salt Pipewort, Button Grass [10584]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
Frankenia plicata [4225]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Pterostylis xerophila Desert Greenhood [7997]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Swainsona murrayana Slender Darling-pea, Slender Swainson, Murray Swainson-pea [6765]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Xerothamnella parvifolia [3141]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area

REPTILE

Aprasia pseudopulchella Flinders Ranges Worm-lizard [1666]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
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Listed Migratory Species

[[Resource Information](#)]

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
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Migratory Marine Birds

Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
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Migratory Terrestrial Species

Motacilla cinerea Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
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[Motacilla flava](#)

Yellow Wagtail [644]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
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Migratory Wetlands Species

Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
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[Calidris acuminata](#)

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
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[Calidris ferruginea](#)

Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
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[Calidris melanotos](#)

Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
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[Charadrius veredus](#)

Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
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Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Listed Marine Species			[Resource Information]
Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Bird			
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Bubulcus ibis as Ardea ibis Cattle Egret [66521]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Chalcites osculans as Chrysococcyx osculans Black-eared Cuckoo [83425]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Charadrius veredus Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In buffer area only
Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Haliaeetus leucogaster White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Motacilla cinerea Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Motacilla flava Yellow Wagtail [644]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Neophema chrysostoma Blue-winged Parrot [726]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Rostratula australis as Rostratula benghalensis (sensu lato) Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area

Extra Information

State and Territory Reserves				[Resource Information]
Protected Area Name	Reserve Type	State	Buffer Status	
Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges	National Park	SA	In buffer area only	

Nationally Important Wetlands				[Resource Information]
Wetland Name		State	Buffer Status	
Lake Eyre Mound Springs		SA	In buffer area only	

EPBC Act Referrals					[Resource Information]
Title of referral	Reference	Referral Outcome	Assessment Status	Buffer Status	
Controlled action					
Expansion of the Olympic Dam copper, uranium, gold and silver mine, processing plant and associated	2005/2270	Controlled Action	Post-Approval	In feature area	
Four Mile Extension to the Beverley Uranium Mine	2008/4252	Controlled Action	Post-Approval	In buffer area only	
Mt Gee Uranium Mining	2007/3716	Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only	
Prominent Hill Copper-Gold Project	2005/2040	Controlled Action	Post-Approval	In feature area	
Not controlled action					
Improving rabbit biocontrol: releasing another strain of RHDV, sthrn two thirds of Australia	2015/7522	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In feature area	
Referral decision					
Four Mile Extension to the Beverley Uranium Mine	2008/4231	Referral Decision	Completed	In buffer area only	

Caveat

1 PURPOSE

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

The report contains the mapped locations of:

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

2 DISCLAIMER

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

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

3 DATA SOURCES

Threatened ecological communities

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

Threatened, migratory and marine species

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

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

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

4 LIMITATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Acknowledgements

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- [-Office of Environment and Heritage, New South Wales](#)
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Attachment 4

Threatened Species Summary

Table 1 – Threatened Flora Observations

Species Scientific Name	Common Name	NP&W Act	EPBC Act	Data Source	Date of Last Record	Species Known Habitat Preferences	Likelihood of Use for Habitat - Comments
PLANTS							
<i>Maireana melanocarpa</i>	Black-fruit Bluebush	R		NatureMaps (2024)	02-Jan-2023	Found on sandy rises around salt lakes. SA: LE FR EA (eFlora SA 2007).	Excluded. One (1) observation present 50 km from Project Area. There are no salt lakes present within proximity to the Project Area.
<i>Eriocaulon carsonii ssp. carsonii</i>	Salt Pipewort	E	EN	Nature Maps (2024) Protected Matters Search (2024)	11-Jun-2015	Currently inhabits nine spring complexes in South Australia, twelve in Queensland and one in New South Wales. Occurs in the Bourke, Lake Frome, Lake Eyre and Springvale spring super groups (DCCEEW n.d).	Unlikely. 69 observations within approximately 35 - 45 km from the Project Area. This species requires water. While some ephemeral watercourses are present, due to the age of the last recorded observation is it unlikely that this species will be observed.
<i>Acacia araneosa</i>	Spidery Wattle	E	VU	Nature Maps (2024) Protected Matters Search (2024)	29-Apr-2009	Endemic to SA. The species is restricted to a small area of northern Flinders Ranges in the Vulkathunha–Gammon Ranges National Park and the adjacent Arkaroola Sanctuary. The population is known from approximately 1000 individuals (DSEWPcb, 2013). Preferred habitat is calcareous soil on hillsides	Excluded. Two (2) observations approximately 50 km from the Project Area. Distribution is restricted to a small region within protected area.

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						and ridges, associated with dry open woodland of <i>Eucalyptus gillii</i> (Curly Mallee) and <i>Triodia irritans</i> (Spinifex) (Orchard & Wilson 2001). The annual rainfall average is about 200 mm.	
<i>Acacia confluens</i>	Arkaroola Wattle	V		NatureMaps (2024)	18-Sep-2024	Endemic to South Australia occurring in the Northern part of the Flinders Ranges from Mount Lyndhurst eastwards through Arkaroola, Paralana Springs area to the western side of Moolawatana, just into the Lake Eyre region (eFloraSA n.d.). LE, FR and EA regions.	Unlikely. 14 observations occur approximately 50 km from the Project Area. All observations are restricted to habitat noticeably different in structure to the Project Area.
<i>Daviesia stricta</i>	Flinders Ranges Bitter-pea	R		NatureMaps (2024)	25-May-2012	Distribution: S.Aust: FR, EA, endemic to inland areas of South Australia (eFlora SA 2007). Grows in shrubland on ridge-tops in the Flinders Ranges of South Australia (Atlas of Living Australia n.d.).	Unlikely. One (1) observation is present approximately 40 km from the Project Area. Species is associated with ridge-tops, inconsistent with the topography within the Project Area.
<i>Swainsona leeana</i>	Lee's Swainson-pea	R		NatureMaps (2024)	10-Oct-2010	South Australia regions in LE, FR, and EP (eFloraSA n.d.). Grows in stony soil or clay-loam in dry water courses in scattered locations in the	Unlikely. One (1) observation is present approximately 35 km from the Project Area. The species is associated with dry

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						Flinders Ranges and Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre regions of SA (Atlas of Living Australia n.d.).	watercourses, of which there are multiple with the Project Ara. However due to the distance and the age of the last known observation it is unlikely to occur.
<i>Goodenia saccata</i>	Flinders Ranges Goodenia	R		NatureMaps (2024)	21-Sep-2015	Distribution: On stony slopes and creek beds, S.Aust: FR (eFlora SA 2007). Also found in the ranges of the Lake Torrens basin (Atlas of Living Australia n.d.).	Unlikely. Three (3) observations are present approximately 45 km from the Project Area. The species is associated with stony slopes and creek beds, of which are present within the Project Area. However, due to the distance of observations it is unlikely this species would occur.
<i>Codonocarpus pyramidalis</i>	Slender Bell-fruit	E	VU	Nature Maps (2024) Protected Matters Search (2024)	11-Jul-2019	Occurs as scattered individuals across areas of the Flinders Ranges, Northern Lofty Ranges and the eastern regions of South Australia such as within the Murray Darling Basin, Eyre Peninsula, Yorke and Adelaide (DCCEW n.d.). Grows along the crests of hills and ridges, slopes and along creeks, where the soil is either a loamy sand or	Unlikely. 91 observations are present approximately 50 km from the Project Area. Due to the distance of observations it is unlikely this species would occur.

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						sandy clay loam with the pH between 8.5-9 (Davies 1995a).	
<i>Abutilon oxycarpum</i> ssp. <i>Prostrate</i>	Flannel Weed – unspecified sub-species		R	NatureMaps (2024)	18-Sep-2024	<i>Abutilon oxycarpum</i> is found naturally on rocky hill slopes, creek banks in dry sclerophyll, and sometimes rainforest, in all Australian states with the exception of Tasmania (Australian Plants Society NSW 2020). Two varieties are known, however habitat requirements for these subspecies is largely undocumented.	One (1) observation is present approximately 50 km from the Project Area. Due to the number and distance of observations it is unlikely this species would occur.
<i>Potamogeton ochreatus</i>	Blunt Pondweed	R		NatureMaps (2024)	23-May-2012	Occurs in still or flowing water to 4.5 m deep. SA: GT FR EA EP MU SL KI SE. Also from all States. New Zealand (eFlora SA 2007).	Excluded. One (1) observation is present approximately 40 km from the Project Area. Excluded due to species requirement for still or flowing deep water which is not present.
<i>Philothea angustifolia</i> ssp. <i>angustifolia</i>	Narrow-leaf Wax-flower	R		NatureMaps (2024)	22-May-2012	Grows in open woodland and mallee in central Victoria and in south-eastern South Australia (iNaturalist n.d.). Occurs in the FR, EP, NL, MU, YP, SL, KI & SE regions of SA On the EP, associated with the Cleve	Unlikely. One (1) observation is present approximately 40 km from the Project Area. Due to the distance of observations from and the lack of suitable

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						Hills and the Koppio Hills Woodland environments.	habitat type it is unlikely this species would occur.
<i>Santalum spicatum</i>	Sandalwood	V		NatureMaps (2024)	23-Jun-2016	Once found across the southwest of Australia and inland regions of low rainfall prior to over-harvesting and land-clearing reducing the range and population (Atlas of Living Australia n.d.). This species grows on loam and among rocks in woodland and tall shrubland. It occurs mostly in the southern half of Western Australia and in South Australia (Australian Plants Online, 2003)	Unlikely. One (1) observation is present approximately 50 km from the Project Area. Due to the number and distance of observations it is unlikely this species would occur.
<i>Frankenia plicata</i>	Sea Heath		EN	Protected Matters Search (2024)	Unknown (Species or species habitat known to occur within feature area)	Occurs in South Australia from north of Port Augusta to the Northern Territory border, and from Port Augusta north-east to Maree. Grows in a range of habitats including on small hillside channels, swales of loamy sands to clay. Found in a wide range of vegetation communities that have good drainage (DCCEEW 2008).	Unlikely. NatureMaps records exist around MM 320 along the Strzelecki Track, approximately 49 km from the current Project Area. These records are dated from 1994. No other more recent records exist within proximity to the Project Area, therefore the likelihood of occurrence is considered 'unlikely'.

Table 2 – Threatened Fauna Observations

Species Scientific Name	Common Name	NP&W Act	EPBC Act	Data Source	Date of Last Record	Species Known Habitat Preferences	Likelihood of Use for Habitat - Comments
BIRDS							
<i>Amytornis merrotsyi</i>	Short-tailed Grasswren	ssp	ssp	NatureMaps (2024)	19-Sep-2024	Inhabit rocky hillsides and gullies, stony rises and ridge-crests covered with mature spinifex <i>Triodia ssp.</i> grassland, scattered low shrubs and open overstorey of low trees (Christidis et al. 2008 in BirdLife International 2024). Patchily distributed across Southern South Australia.	Unlikely. Nine (9) observations present approximately 40 – 50 km from the Project Area. Despite the recent observation, this species is unlikely to be observed due to the distance of the most recent observation.
<i>Amytornis merrotsyi ssp. merrotsyi</i>	Flinders Ranges Short-tailed Grasswren	V	VU	NatureMaps (2024) Protected Matters Search (2024)	19-Sep-2024	Flinders Ranges subspecies have been reported occurring at approximately 10 sites across their range and there are four main subpopulations: north of Quorn between Dutchman’s Stern and Buckaringa and formerly extending to the Ragless Range, in and adjacent to the south-east corner of Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park; between Black Range and Belton; and in the Gammon Ranges and north of	Unlikely. Seven (7) observations are present approximately 40 – 50 km from the Project Area. Known population is restricted to approximately ten (10) sites. Despite the recent observation, this species is unlikely to be observed due to limited distribution.

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						Arkaroola (Landscape South Australia 2022).	
<i>Amytornis modestus</i>	Thick-billed Grasswren		VU	NatureMaps (2024) Protected Matters Search (2024)	28-Aug-2016	The eastern subspecies of the Thick-billed Grasswren occurs in chenopod shrublands (which occur in the arid and semi-arid zones), especially in shrublands dominated by saltbush <i>Atriplex spp.</i> and bluebush <i>Maireana spp.</i> , sometimes with widely scattered trees. The eastern subspecies is widespread from the Lake Frome basin, west to the eastern Lake Torrens basin, Northwest to near Leigh Creek and Marree, and along the southern and western fringes of the Lake Eyre Basin, and West to the Coober Pedy region. It has also been recently recorded at two sites northwest of Lake Eyre.	Possible. Six (6) observations are present approximately 10 - 20 km from the Project Area, on the roadside. The associated habitat of this species is consistent with the surrounding area. A search of the Atlas of Living Australia identified the presence of <i>Atriplex</i> and <i>Maireana</i> species within the 50 km buffer, and this was confirmed within the field assessment.
<i>Aphelocephala leucopsis leucopsis</i>	Southern Whiteface		sp	NatureMaps (2024) Protected Matters Search (2024)	10-Nov-2023	Inhabits open woodlands from near arid habitats, such as Acacia scrub and hummock grassland, through to the wetter grassy woodlands of SE Australia	Possible. Two (2) observations are present approximately 45 km from the Project Area. Given that the most recent observation was in 2023 and

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						where Eucalyptus dominates (Department for Environment and Heritage 2008). Occurs across southern and central Australia across most of SA, VIC, and NSW, generally avoiding coastal areas in higher rainfall zones (Department for Environment and Heritage 2008).	the Project Area contains some suitable habitat, it is possible that this species may be encountered.
<i>Emblema pictum</i>	Painted Finch	R		NatureMaps (2024)	22-Sep-2024	Found in arid and semi-arid zones, in rocky areas with spinifex grass cover (Elliott and Christie 2010). Distributed across northern and central Australia.	Unlikely. A single observation is present approximately 45 km from the Project Area. The field assessment did not find habitat consistent with the preferences of the species.
<i>Falco peregrinus macropus</i>	Peregrine Falcon	R		NatureMaps (2024)	23-Sep-2009	Found in most habitats, rainforests to arid zones, and at most altitudes. Sparsely distributed in SA, with most records in Red Gum woodlands (especially near water), in gorges with rock faces along coastal cliffs (Department for Environment and Water 2008).	Unlikely. A single observation is present approximately 45 km from the Project Area. The field assessment confirmed a small amount of Red Gum Woodland, isolated to creek crossings, although none were present in gorges with rock faces.

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<i>Falco subniger</i>	Black Falcon	R		NatureMaps (2024)	15-Aug-2010	This species is found along tree-lined watercourses and in isolated woodlands, mainly in arid and semi-arid areas (BirdLife Australia, n.d.).	Possible. One (1) observation of this species is located 20 km from the Project Area. The field assessment confirmed the presence of some tree-lined watercourses that would provide suitable habitat for the species.
<i>Neophema elegans elegans</i>	Elegant Parrot	R		NatureMaps (2024)	27-Aug-2016	Lives in two separate areas: One in the southwest corner of WA and the other in southern Australia from the Flinders Ranges to just over the NSW and Victorian Borders. Lives in open forests, woodlands, mallee, mulga, salt marsh (Birds in Backyards n.d.).	Likely. Three (3) observations are present within 10 – 40 km of the Project Area. The most recent is located on the roadside within 10 km. The presence of the observations on the roadside together with some suitable habitat means that the presence of this species is likely.
<i>Phaps histrionica</i>	Flock Bronzewing	R		NatureMaps (2024)	16-Aug-2013	The Flock Bronzewing is endemic to Australia, occurring mostly in arid, tropical inland areas. The species has a patchy distribution through north-western WA, central-southern Northern Territory, western Queensland, north-eastern South Australia and	Unlikely. Two (2) observations approximately 45 km from the Project Area. Preferred habitat type is not thoroughly documented, but the description of arid inland habitat is consistent the environment within the Project Area. However, given

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						north-western NSW (National Parks and Wildlife Services 1999).	the age of the last observation and its distance, it is unlikely that this species will be encountered.
<i>Falco hypoleucos</i>	Grey Falcon		VU	Protected Matters Search (2024)	Unknown (Species or Species habitat known to occur within feature area)	The species frequents timbered lowland plains, particularly acacia shrublands that are crossed by tree-lined water courses. The species has been observed hunting in treeless areas and frequents tussock grassland and open woodland, especially in winter (DCCEEW 2022)	Unlikely. Dates of the last known (if any) observation are not available, as the species was not identified through <i>NatureMaps</i> . The habitat present within the Project Area may be suitable for the species, however, given the lack of observations, it is unlikely to be present.
<i>Neophema chrysostoma</i>	Blue-winged Parrot	V	VU	Protected Matters Search (2024)	Unknown (Species or species habitat known to occur within feature area and within area overfly marine area)	This species mainly occurs in Tasmania and Victoria, particularly in southern Victoria and the midlands and eastern areas of Tasmania however sparser populations are also found in western New South Wales and eastern South Australia, extending to south-west Queensland and occasionally into the Northern Territory. Prefers grasslands and grassy woodlands but will inhabit a range of habitats from	Unlikely. <i>NatureMaps</i> shows the species has scattered observations throughout the North East Pastoral region, with the closest record being approximately 60 km south east, recorded in 2021. Given the distance to any previous records, it is unlikely to occur.

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						coastal, sub-coastal and inland areas, right through to semi-arid zones (Birdlife Australia n.d.).	
MAMMALS							
<i>Macrotis lagotis</i>	Greater Bilby (Bilby)	V	VU	NatureMaps (2024)	12-Dec-2017	Found in a range of habitats from arid rocky soils with little ground cover to semi-arid shrublands and woodlands. They are also known to inhabit spinifex and tussock grassland regions. Once common throughout the arid and semi-arid regions of the Australian mainland, however European settlement brought about changes to habitat. Populations are now found within the Tanami Desert of the Northern Territory; in the Great Sandy and Gibson Deserts; parts of the Pilbara and Kimberley (near Broome) regions of western Australia; and the clayey and stony soils of the Mitchell grasslands of southwest Queensland (The Australian Museum 2022).	Unlikely. One (1) observation is present approximately 45 km from the Project Area, however, no suitable habitat within the Project Area.

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<i>Notomys fuscus</i>	Dusky Hopping-mouse	V	VU	Nature Maps (2024) Protected Matters Search (2024)	07-Aug-2011	Patchy distribution in the arid areas of south-west Queensland, southern NT, north-east SAS and western NSW. Extensive surveys of suitable habitat (e.g., in the Strzelecki dunefields) confirmed that the species is patchily distributed and highly fragmented. There is a band of suitable habitat between Sturt Desert National Park (NP) through to Strzelecki Regional Reserve (RR) and Cobbler Dunes (DCCEEW n.d.).	Unlikely. No suitable habitat within Project Area.
<i>Petrogale xanthopus xanthopus</i>	Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby	SP	VU	Nature Maps (2024) Protected Matters Search (2024)	02-Jan-2023	In South Australia, colonies persist in the Gawler Ranges, Flinders Ranges and Olary Hills. At least 24 colonies are known to have become extinct in South Australia. Most of these represent at least half of the known colonies in the Olary Hills and Gawler Ranges regions. The main locations in which the Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby currently exists are Flinders Ranges (North, including	Unlikely. 203 observations are present between 20-50 km from the Project Area, mainly restricted to the mountainous area to the south. Considered unlikely to occur due to unsuitable habitat.

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						Flinders Range National Park), Flinders Ranges (Central), Gawler Ranges, Olary Ranges (DCCEEW n.d.).	
<i>Pseudomys australis</i>	Plains Rat		VU	Protected Matters Search (2024)	Unknown (Species or species habitat known to occur within feature area)	Habitat that is critical to the survival of the species include large open gypseous cracking clay areas with minor drainage features and depressions within stony gibber plains. Plains mice have also been largely associated with vegetation communities that include, Eucalyptus coolabah (Coolibah) low woodland, Atriplex nummularia (Oldman Saltbush), Maireana aphylla (Cottonbush) / Eragrostis setifolia (Bristly Love-grass) / Astrebla pectinata (Barley Mitchell-grass) / Atriplex vesicaria (Bladder Saltbush) Low Very Open Shrubland and Sclerolaena divaricata (Tangled Bindyi) / Eragrostis Setifolia / Atriplex vesicaria Low Open Shrubland (Brandle 1998).	Unlikely. Closest known records are approximately 55 km from the Project Area, within the Gammon Ranges. Unlikely to occur within the Project Area due to proximity of records.
REPTILES							

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<i>Morelia spilota</i>	Carpet Python	R		NatureMaps (2024)	29-Sep-2005	Found throughout mainland Australia with the exception of the arid centre and western regions. Widely distributed throughout the forest regions of Southwest Australia. Occurs in a wide variety of habitats, including River Red Gum/Riverbox woodlands of the Murray and Darling Rivers, temperate grasslands with hot, dry weather, and often found near human habitation.	Unlikely. One (1) observation is present approximately 50km from the Project Area. Due to the distance and age of the last known observation it is unlikely this species would occur.

Table 3 – Species Rating Terms

National Parks and Wildlife Act (NP&W Act)	
<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
R	Rare
V	Vulnerable
E	Endangered
ssp	Sub-species
sp	Unspecified species

Environmental Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act)	
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VU	Vulnerable
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