

### Native Vegetation Clearance

## Piggott Range Road Upgrade Data Report

Clearance under the Native Vegetation Regulations 2017 6 October 2023

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# 1. Application information

#### **Application Details**

Applicant:	City of Onkaparinga		
Key contact:			
Landowner:	City of Onkaparinga		
Site Address:	Piggott Range Road, Chandlers Hil	l and Clarendon, vicir	nity Gunyah and Easton Roads
Local Government	City of Onkaparinga	Hundred:	Noarlunga
Area:			
Title ID:	N/A Road Reserve	Parcel ID	N/A Road Reserve

#### Summary of proposed clearance

Purpose of clearance	Clearance required to facilitate safety upgrades to Piggott Range Road including widening, curve realignment and shoulder sealing, and achievement of safe intersection sight distance.
Native Vegetation Regulation	Regulation 12, clause 34, Infrastructure
Description of the vegetation under application	<u>Size, type and general condition</u> – 0.044 ha of Grey Box/Blue Gum ( <i>E. microcarpa/E. leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon</i> ) Woodland in fair to good condition; and 92 scattered trees including 25 <i>Eucalyptus fasciculosa</i> , 21 <i>E. microcarpa</i> , 38 <i>E. leucoxylon</i> , 6 <i>E. viminalis ssp. cygnetensis</i> , 1 <i>Exocarpus cupressiformis</i> , and 1 <i>Acacia pycnantha</i> in fair to good condition.
Total proposed clearance - area (ha) and number of trees	0.044 ha and 92 scattered trees are proposed to be impacted.
Level of clearance	Level 4
Overlay (Planning and Design Code)	Native Vegetation Overlay

#### Map of proposed clearance area



Mitigation hierarchy	A significant redesign reduced impacts from 173 to 92 scattered trees, and from
	0.115 ha to 0.044 ha of bushland. Further measures to mitigate impact include
	exclusion bunting during construction; seed collection from impacted plants; and
	development of a fauna management plan.
SEB Offset proposal	Total SEB obligation value of <u>\$214,740.10</u> to be met via combined SEB Credit
	Sites and payment of outstanding offset value into the NV fund.

## 2. Purpose of clearance

#### 2.1 Description

Piggott Range Road has a history of road crashes. An S-bend on either side of Easton and Gunyah Roads is the focus of a proposed safety upgrade, to reduce vehicle accidents and improve road conditions. Pavement realignment, cut and fill batters required to facilitate curve realignment and associated improvements will impact 92 scattered trees across both sides of the road, and an area of Grey Box/Blue Gum Woodland adjacent a Heritage Agreement.

#### 2.2 Background

The site is the road reserve of Piggott Range Road. The road services rural holdings and hobby farms in the Clarendon and Chandlers Hill areas and facilitates access to Grants Gully Road and Chandlers Hill Road to the north, and Bains Road to the south. Traffic volumes peak at morning and afternoon commute times with delivery and heavier transport vehicles throughout the day. Properties surrounding the road are generally small to medium farms, many used for horse agistment.

An upgrade of the junction of Piggott Range and Bains Road is an associated stage of this project, and subject to a separate clearance assessment (complete).

#### 2.3 General location map



Figure 1. Location of the site, in blue



Figure 2. The site in context with surrounding areas

#### 2.4 Details of the proposal

Impacts are based on design plans provided on 5 October 2023 (see Appendix 3). Improvements to the section of road under assessment require vegetation clearance to facilitate curve realignment and sight distance improvements; modified or upgraded driveways; and improvements to property access. Kerb and gutter is proposed at strategic locations to improve drainage.

Where impacts were difficult to determine, exploratory investigations using hydrovaccing identified several trees that would not be impacted due to minimal or no significant roots within the works, thus reducing the overall total of trees to be cleared.

Tree protection measures and tree-sensitive methodology is proposed during construction around high value vegetation. Trees with any potential to be impacted have been included within the assessment tally, assuming worst case scenario. Ongoing efforts to reduce impact are likely to result in a further reduction in trees affected.

Mitigation strategies include seed collection from impacted (and other) vegetation, to grow seedlings to reintroduce or re-establish within nearby natural reserves; development of a fauna management plan specific to the project site; and formulation of a Native Vegetation Management Plan for another council reserve (within1.2km of the clearance site) to be designated as an SEB credit site.

#### 2.5 Approvals required or obtained

Provide details of the following approvals or applications under the follow legislation, where relevant:

- Native Vegetation Act 1991 this is in part fulfillment of the requirements under this Act
- Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016
- Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 the site is within previously disturbed road shoulder and the presence of sites
  remains or artefacts is unlikely. Council has a 'stop work' policy and should remains or objects be disturbed
  works will cease until appropriate advice is sought.

#### 2.6 Native Vegetation Regulation

Regulation 12, clause 34, Infrastructure.

#### 2.7 Development Application information (if applicable)

Zone - Rural, Public Road or other tenure; Native Vegetation Overlay.

### 3. Method

#### 3.1 Flora assessment

Following a review of background information and literature, a 12 hour field survey was undertaken on 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 by Jackie Ayre of JS Ayre & Associates. The scope of works was provided by the client and informed by NatureMaps and Google Earth street view. The survey involved a general assessment of the remnant vegetation and scattered trees on the site, including identification of possible habitat for species of conservation significance.

An online search was undertaken for Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act "Matters of Environmental Significance" and an interrogation of the Atlas of Living Australia (AoLA) and the BDBSA databases was completed as background to the field assessment. Twenty eight threatened plant species were recorded in the database search. One *- Eucalyptus fasciculosa -* was found on site, and others are considered to have potential to be present. *Austrostipa gibbosa, A. oligostachya* and *Rytidosperma tenuius* are listed; plants of these genera were observed, but species ID was not achieved due to the absence of notable features at the time of assessment. Several threatened orchid species are also listed. Orchids are present amongst the less degraded parts of the site, and in the vegetation adjacent or within the Heritage Agreement (No. 714) on the SE corner of Easton/Piggott Range Roads, but no threatened species were observed in a subsequent assessment by Council environmental staff in September 2023.

#### 3.2 Fauna assessment

A review of databases including the EPBC Act "Matters of Environmental Significance", AoLA and BDBSA was undertaken prior to the site visit to establish fauna species known, or considered likely, to occur at the site. All observations, calls and evidence of presence were recorded as field notes. Bird species were recorded when heard calling, or when observed within, adjacent to, or flying over the site. Evidence of fauna species presence was searched for and recorded when observed. If hollows were found, closer inspection with binoculars was undertaken. Twenty four listed species were recorded within 5km since 1995. Four were discounted due to habitat not being found at the site (wetland species) and 7 because the subspecies listed are not found in this part of the State. See Part 4.2 and Appendix 1 for further details.

Following the vegetation assessment, additional time was dedicated to searching for evidence of fauna. Observation of bird species amongst better areas of vegetation occurred, as did checking for faeces, scratchings, diggings and other evidence. Species observed include the Grey Currawong, Little Raven, Adelaide and Crimson Rosella, Australian Magpie, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Rainbow Lorikeet, Musk Lorikeet, Corella, Red Wattlebird, Laughing Kookaburra, Eastern Spinebill, Thornbill spp., Grey Shrike Thrush, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Crescent Honeyeater, Superb Fairy Wren, Silvereye, Noisy Miner, Common Froglet, Garden Skink (sp. NC), Western Grey Kangaroo (scats). Scratch marks on tree stems were observed, possibly from the State Rare Common Brushtail Possum, and diggings, likely Echidna, were seen. Numerous small (2-3cm dia) excavated holes were noted on both sides of the road, which

are understood to be mouse holes (a dead mouse was found at one hole). The closest record of the Southern Brown Bandicoot is 7km to the southeast in 2017. Suitable habitat exists in the Heritage Agreement adjacent the site.

Of the thirteen species listed as having potential to occur, 7 were consider highly likely to find habitat at the site, 1 is known; 4 were likely and 1 was unlikely.

### 4. Assessment Outcomes

### 4.1 Vegetation Assessment

#### General description of the vegetation, the site and matters of significance

- Landform, geography and soils
  - Moderately steep to steep low hills, on the western edge of the Mount Lofty Ranges block. The flats through which watercourses flow occupy less than 5% of the total area. Elevation ranges from 570 m in the north to 120 m. Loamy surfaced soils, usually with red or brown clayey subsoils are most common, with sandier soils on sandstones, and shallow stony profiles on steeper slopes. There are minor areas of ironstone soils and deep sandy, clay loamy and texture contrast soils on alluvium.
- Landform feature of significance (rivers, creeks, rocky outcrops, etc.) Several stream order 1 streams have their source in the vicinity of the site, none of which cross the site. There are no significant rocky outcrops or other physical features on or near the site.
- General overview of the vegetation under application as a whole (e.g. contains x number of vegetation associations / trees)

Two vegetation associations were assessed; *Eucalyptus fasciculosa* Woodland and *E. microcarpa/E. Leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon/Exocarpus cupressiformis* Woodland. The associations as represented on the road reserve are somewhat degraded, with weed infestation evident. Where roadside vegetation is adjacent the Heritage Area on the SE corner of the intersection with Easton Road, it is in better condition and exhibits greater diversity than in other sites assessed. One hundred and seventy three trees of 8 species were assessed, with 92 trees being impacted. An area of approximately 0.044 ha (440m<sup>2</sup>) is also impacted

• General description of the vegetation relating to type and condition (i.e. is the vegetation relatively homogeneous, or there significant variation)

The associations demonstrate fair consistency in their condition, density, and species diversity.

Provide a description of the landscape context for the vegetation
 The general area retains much of its original flora in roadsides and on large allotments, especially to the west
 of the assessment site. The roadside flora is consistent with the general area. A Heritage Agreement sits
 adjacent the eastern side of Piggott Range Road. The closest NPW property is Onkaparinga National Park,
 3.5km to the south.

#### Details of the vegetation association proposed to be impacted

 Vegetation
 Vegetation Association 1; Eucalyptus leucoxylon/E. microcarpa woodland.

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Photo 1. Looking SE, an area of approximately 440m<sup>2</sup> of roadside vegetation across two small sites (aggregated), may be impacted by works.

General description	The Association covers the vegetation adjacent Piggott Range Road and Easton Road. It shows reasonable diversity, but is not as complex nor as dense as the adjacent HA. <i>E. microcarpa</i> is the dominant Eucalypt. Species lists for the area show high potential annual species presence, and a revisit in September 2023 identified several of these, and other ground layer species. No threatened species were noted at the original nor later visits. Weed coverage and diversity was relatively low (annuals not evident generally). Disturbance appeared to be restricted to weed invasion and edge effects. Impact to a number of trees within this area will be availed, and the impact talk is general wast seen appeared.								
Threatened species or	E fasciculosa	SA Rare was present a	at the site: the Y	ellow-tailed Black Cockato	o (State R) was				
community	cheaned fluir	or over the site	at the site, the t	chow tanea black cockato	o (State It) Was				
community	observed fiyi	ig over the site.		1					
Landscape context	1.11	Vegetation	46.40	Conservation	1.14				
score		Condition Score		significance score					
Unit biodiversity	58.71	Area (ha)	0.044	Total biodiversity	2.58				
Score				Score					

#### Details of the scattered trees proposed to be impacted

Tree #	Tree spp.	No. of trees	Height (m)	Hollows	Diameter (cm)	Canopy dieback (%)	Biodiver sity Score	General comments	Photo #
2	Eucalyptus fasciculosa	1	7.0	0	30	5	0.57	Small tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	1
3	Eucalyptus fasciculosa	1	8.0	0	60	5	1.41	Small tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	2
6	Eucalyptus fasciculosa	3	10.0	0	20	10	1.56	Medium tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	3
8	Eucalyptus fasciculosa	1	<u>6.0</u>	0	25	10	0.45	Small tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	4
9	Eucalyptus fasciculosa	1	6.0	0	20	15	0.37	Small tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	
10	Eucalyptus fasciculosa	7	14.0	0	40	5	15.00	Medium tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	
13	Eucalyptus fasciculosa	4	8.0	0	25	10	2.05	Small tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	
14	Eucalyptus fasciculosa	4	14.0	0	70	20	10.24	Medium tree in fair condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	
15	Eucalyptus fasciculosa	1	14.0	0	45	20	2.01	Medium tree in fair condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	9
18	Eucalyptus fasciculosa	1	14.0	1s	110	10	4.81	Medium tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	10
20	Eucalyptus fasciculosa	1	12.0	0	40	20	1.28	Medium tree in fair condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	11
23	Eucalyptus porosa	1	16.0	1s	45	40	3.67	Large tree in poor condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	12
24	Eucalyptus porosa	1	10.0	0	40	30	3.28	Medium tree in fair condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	13
26	Eucalyptus microcarpa	3	12.0	1m	50	30	0 6.31 Medium tree in fair condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species		14
27	Eucalyptus porosa	4	10.0	1m	25	10	13.13	Medium tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	15

Tree #	Tree spp.	No. of trees	Height (m)	Hollows	Diameter (cm)	Canopy dieback (%)	Biodiver sity Score	General comments	Photo #
28	Eucalyptus porosa	1	10.0	0	20	10	2.07	Medium tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	16
29	Eucalyptus porosa	1	9.0	0	15	30	1.19	Small tree in fair condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	17
30	Eucalyptus porosa	1	14.0	1s	50	20	4.35	Medium tree in fair condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	18
31	Eucalyptus microcarpa	1	5.0	0	20	40	0.25	Small tree in poor condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	19
33	Eucalyptus microcarpa	1	13.0	0	30	30	1.05	Medium tree in fair condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	20
34	Eucalyptus porosa	1	16.0	0	40	20	3.51	Large tree in fair condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	
35	Exocarpus cupressiformis	1	6.0	0	45	10	2.61	Small tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	
36	Eucalyptus porosa	1	7.0	1s	50	10	3.64	Small tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	
37	Eucalyptus microcarpa	1	14.0	1s	70	20	3.81	Medium tree in fair condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	24
38	Eucalyptus microcarpa	1	10.0	0	40	20	1.15	Medium tree in fair condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	25
39	Eucalyptus microcarpa	1	7.0	0	25	10	0.47	Small tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	26
40	Eucalyptus microcarpa	1	12.0	0	20	15	0.59	Medium tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	27
49	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	14.0	0	50	5	2.11	Medium tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	28
56	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	16.0	0	45	20	2.11	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	29
57	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	16.0	0	70	10	3.38	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	30
58	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	7.0	0	30	30	0.39	Small tree in fair condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	31

Tree #	Tree spp.	No. of trees	Height (m)	Hollows	Diameter (cm)	Canopy dieback (%)	Biodiver sity Score	General comments	Photo #
60	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	14.0	0	40	20	1.27	Medium tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	32
61	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	17.0	0	40	50	1.18	Large tree in poor condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	33
65	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	18.0	0	80	10	4.05	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	34
67	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	2	20.0	1s	70	20	8.65	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	35
68	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	20.0	0	70	10	4.06	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	36
69	Eucalyptus microcarpa	1	14.0	0	30	30	1.13	Medium tree in fair condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	
73	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	16.0	0	50	10	2.25	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	
75	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	18.0	0	40	10	2.26	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	
78	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	18.0	1s	120	5	6.64	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	40
85	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	16.0	0	30	30	1.06	Large tree in fair condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	41
92	Acacia pycnantha	1	6.0	0	10	60	0.47	Small tree in poor condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	42
93	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	14.0	0	40	10	1.38	Medium tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	43
95	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	5.0	0	20	20	0.28	Small tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	44
97	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	10.0	0	30	10	0.58	Medium tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	45
98	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	12.0	0	30	5	1.03	Medium tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	46
99	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	4	11.0	1m	20	20	2.14	Medium tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	47

Tree #	Tree spp.	No. of trees	Height (m)	Hollows	Diameter (cm)	Canopy dieback (%)	Biodiver sity Score	General comments	Photo #
100	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	4	14.0	0	20	20	2.15	Medium tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	48
104	Eucalyptus viminalis ssp cygnetensis	1	16.0	0	80	25	3.94	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	49
106	Eucalyptus viminalis ssp cygnetensis	1	17.0	0	130	20	6.31	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	50
107	Eucalyptus viminalis ssp cygnetensis	3	17.0	0	60	15	11.22	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	51
108	Eucalyptus viminalis ssp cygnetensis	1	17.0	0	90	10	4.76	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	52
109	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	10.0	0	30	20	0.53	Medium tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	
112	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	15.0	0	60	10	2.35	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	
113	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	2	<b>16</b> .0	0	50	10	4.49	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	
114	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	16.0	0	70	10	3.38	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	56
115	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	11.0	0	25	20	0.50	Medium tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	57
116	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	16.0	0	30	20	1.15	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	58
118	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	16.0	0	30	30	1.06	Large tree in fair condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	59
119	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	<b>16</b> .0	0	40	10	2.04	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	60
121	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	<b>16</b> .0	0	40	10	2.04	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	61
122	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	16.0	0	40	30	1.31	Large tree in fair condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	62
123	Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp leucoxylon	1	<b>16</b> .0	0	40	20	1.42	Large tree in good condition providing habitat for a number of threatened species	63

Site maps showing scattered trees and vegetation association impacted (approximate locations)



Figure 3. Bushland area impacted (two small sites, aggregated)



Figure 4. Scattered trees impacted



Figure 5. Scattered trees impacted



Figure 6. Scattered trees impacted



Figure 7. Scattered trees impacted

### 4.2 Threatened Species assessment

Species observed on site, or recorded within 5km (50km in the arid zone) of the application area since 1995, or the vegetation is considered to provide suitable habitat

Species (common name)	NP&W Act	EPBC Act	Data source	Date of last record	Species known habitat preferences	Likelihood of use for habitat – Comments
Corcorax melanorhamphos White-winged Chough	R		3	2022	Found in open forests and woodlands, preferring the wetter areas with lots of leaf-litter for feeding, and available mud for nest building	Highly likely. Recently recorded, with suitable habitat present in the vicinity of the assessment site, especially the Heritage Agreement adjacent.
Falco hypoleucos Grey Falcon		VU	5		Shrubland, grassland, along watercourses	Unlikely, suitable habitat not present
Falco peregrinus macropus Peregrine Falcon	R		3	2014	Found in most habitats, from rainforests to the arid zone, and from coast to alpine areas. Requires abundant prey and secure nest sites, and prefers coastal and inland cliffs or open woodlands near water. May be found nesting on high city buildings	Likely. The surrounding environment provides ample habitat for perching, hunting and feeding, and the Onkaparinga River National Park provides potential cliff nesting habitat.
Hylacola pyrrhopygia parkeri Chestnut-rumped Heathwren (Mount Lofty Ranges)	E	EN	5	2021	Heath and dense undergrowth within Eucalypt forests and woodlands, especially in rocky areas. Vegetation type varies throughout their range, dense understorey appears to be a chief characteristic of habitat	Highly likely. Recently recorded, with suitable habitat present in the vicinity of the assessment site, especially the Heritage Agreement adjacent
<i>Neophema elegans elegans</i> Elegant Parrot	R		3	2021	Found in a wide variety of open habitats, including grasslands, shrublands, mallee, woodlands and thickets, bluebush plains, heathlands, saltmarsh and farmland	Highly likely. Recently recorded, with suitable habitat present in the vicinity of the assessment site, especially the Heritage Agreement adjacent
<i>Petroica boodang boodang</i> Scarlet Robin	R		3	2021	Open forests and woodlands; open habitats such as grasslands, farmland and urban parks and gardens	Highly likely. Recently recorded, with suitable habitat present in the vicinity of the assessment site, especially the Heritage Agreement adjacent

<i>Turnix varius varius</i> Painted Buttonquail	R		3	2006	A range of Eucalypt associations wherever leaf litter is prominent	Likely. The Heritage Agreement adjacent provides suitable habitat.
Zanda funerea whiteae Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo	V		4	2021	Stringybark forest and woodland, with Sheoaks, Banksias and Hakeas. Plantation Pine forests and individual Pine trees	Known, observed flying over the site during the assessment. Suitable habitat present in the vicinity of the assessment site.
<i>Isoodon obesulus obesulus</i> Southern Brown Bandicoot (SA mainland and KI)	V	EN	5	2021	Known to inhabit a variety of habitats including heathland, shrubland, sedgeland, heathy open forest and woodland and are usually associated with infertile, sandy and well drained soils, but can be found in a range of soil types	Highly likely. Recently recorded, with suitable habitat present in the vicinity of the assessment site, especially the Heritage Agreement adjacent.
Pteropus poliocephalus Grey-headed Flying-fox	R	VU	5	2020	Will feed in remnant native vegetation patches as well as in urban areas, also take advantage of new resources, including fruits of cultivated trees, especially when their preferred food resources are limited	Highly likely. Recently recorded, with suitable habitat present in the vicinity of the assessment site, especially the Heritage Agreement adjacent
<i>Trichosurus vulpecula</i> Common Brushtail Possum	R		3	2022	Found in Eucalyptus and Sheoak woodlands. Nests in tree hollows or other dark confined spaces such as hollow logs, dense vegetation roof spaces or crevices. Have adapted to life in the suburbs and enjoy eating planted gardens	Highly likely. Recently recorded, with suitable habitat present in the vicinity of the assessment site, especially the Heritage Agreement adjacent. Some tree scratchings were found.
<i>Egernia cunninghami</i> Cunningham's Skink	E		3	2008	Forests and open woodlands with rock outcrops	Likely. The assessment site and Heritage Agreement adjacent provides potentially suitable habitat.
<i>Varanus rosenbergi</i> Heath Goanna	V		3	2012	Variety of habitats from coastal and desert heaths to humid woodlands	Likely. The Heritage Agreement adjacent provides suitable habitat.
Source; 1- BDBSA, 2 - AoLA, 3 - Na NP&W Act; E= Endangered, $V = Va$ EPBC Act: Ex = Extinct, CR = Critica	atureMaps ulnerable, l Ilv endang	4 – Obsei R= Rare Jered, FN	ved/recor	ded in the field	ield, 5 - Protected matters search tool, 6 – oth	iers

Criteria for the likelihood of occurrence of species within the Study area.

Likelihood	Criteria
Highly	Recorded in the last 10 years, the species does not have highly specific niche requirements, the habitat is
Likely/Known	present and falls within the known range of the species distribution or;
	The species was recorded as part of field surveys.
Likely	Recorded within the previous 20 years, the area falls within the known distribution of the species and the
	area provides habitat or feeding resources for the species.
Possible	Recorded within the previous 20 years, the area falls inside the known distribution of the species, but the
	area provide limited habitat or feeding resources for the species.
	Recorded within 20 -40 years, survey effort is considered adequate, habitat and feeding resources present,
	and species of similar habitat needs have been recorded in the area.
Unlikely	Recorded within the previous 20 years, but the area provide no habitat or feeding resources for the species,
	including perching, roosting or nesting opportunities, corridor for movement or shelter.
	Recorded within 20 -40 years; however, suitable habitat does not occur, and species of similar habitat
	requirements have not been recorded in the area.
	No records despite adequate survey effort.

### 4.3 Cumulative impact

When exercising a power or making a decision under Division 5 of the Native Vegetation Regulations 2017, the NVC must consider the potential cumulative impact, both direct and indirect, that is reasonably likely to result from a proposed clearance activity.

- clearance directly required for the development (e.g. access, building footprints, associated infrastructure – power and water, etc.),

All associated impacts are accounted for in this assessment. Site compounds are located outside the footprint and do not have native vegetation impacts. It is not anticipated that further clearance will be required once the project is delivered.

- subsequent clearance that will be permitted or required (e.g. 10m around a building, 20m around a dwelling, clearance for fire protection),

These clauses do not apply to this type of development.

 indirect clearance that may occur as a result of the development (e.g. dust generation smoothing vegetation, altered hydrology inundating or drying vegetation, impacting on tree root zones (the application of fill) impacting on tree health),

Drainage design has considered impact to hydrology, and these are included in the vegetation assessment, as have level changes impacting tree roots. Dust suppression measures, if required, will be applied during construction.

- future stages or associated components of a development (noting, the clearance for future stages of a development does not need to be assessed as part of this application, only discussed to provide the NVC with the full context of the proposed clearance)

The upgrade of the junction of Bains Road with Piggott Range Road was recently completed and was subject to a separate clearance application.

### 4.4 Address the Mitigation Hierarchy

When exercising a power or making a decision under Division 5 of the Native Vegetation Regulations 2017, the NVC must have regard to the mitigation hierarchy. The NVC will also consider, with the aim to minimize, impacts on biological diversity, soil, water and other natural resources, threatened species or ecological communities under the EPBC Act or listed species under the NP&W Act.

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

The original design has been reviewed frequently and significant changes made in order to avoid impacting vegetation, including a reduction of impact to the adjacent Heritage Area. Level changes have been avoided or reduced and clearance reduced from 173 trees and 0.115 ha to 92 trees and 0.044 ha.

A fauna management plan is proposed which will assess the direct impact on fauna species due to clearance activities and recommend proactive measures to minimise and address fauna impacts from pre- to post construction, and to outline immediate actions to mitigate the loss of fauna habitat features.

The assessment outcome reflects worst case scenario and ongoing effort during construction is likely to result in fewer trees and a smaller area of bushland affected.

b) Minimization – if clearance cannot be avoided, outline measures taken to minimize 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).

Relocation of the project site is not an option. During construction, tree protection measures are proposed which will reduce impact to vegetation to be retained. Additionally, alternative, tree-sensitive methodology for works in proximity to vegetation is to be implemented wherever feasible. Further reductions in impact are considered possible.

Intact areas of bushland and scattered trees that won't be cleared will be protected and identified during construction through the installation of bunting and silt fencing.

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 minimized, such as allowing for the re-establishment of the vegetation. The remnant understorey vegetation that remains post clearance and project construction will continue to be managed within councils Roadside Marker System (RMS) Vegetation Management contract. Sensitive weed control will be undertaken by environmental contractors to ensure that existing and weed species stimulated by site disturbance do not impact on native vegetation condition.

As Council recognises the value of the remnant understorey at the site, seeds from this roadside will be harvested pre clearance and used to grow seedlings for reintroduction into nearby natural reserves, including the proposed McHarg Reserve, Happy Valley SEB credit site.

The offset obligation will be met via extensive ecological restoration works using existing and proposed SEB Credit sites and if these don't achieve the full offset, payment will also be made.

A broader mitigation strategy is to develop a Native Vegetation Management Plan for McHarg Reserve in Happy Valley, allowing designation of this site as another SEB offset credit area. This plan is currently in production and will be completed by December 2023.

d) Offset – any adverse impact on native vegetation that cannot be avoided or further minimized should be offset by the achievement of a significant environmental benefit that outweighs that impact. The appropriate offset will be made via a combination of utilising City of Onkaparinga Credit Sites (including the proposed McHarg Reserve, Happy Valley credit site) and, if required, payment of any outstanding offset requirements into the NV fund.

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

The Native Vegetation Council 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 Native Vegetation Council 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*.

Principle of clearance	Considerations
Principle 1a -	Relevant information
it comprises a	The number of plant species recorded (native and introduced) for each vegetation association;
high level of	67 native and 15 introduced species were recorded.
diversity of	Patches;
plant species	Bushland Plant Diversity Score - 24
	Assessment against the principles
	Seriously at Variance
	Vegetation Association 1 - SAV
	<u>At Variance</u> –
	- N/A
	Moderating factors that may be considered by the NVC
	Amount of clearance related to area of remnant – less than 25% of native vegetation within a 5km
	radius
Principle 1b -	Relevant information
significance	List of threatened species that were recorded or may use the vegetation.
as a habitat	Appendix 1 lists the threatened fauna recorded within 5km of the site. Of the 13 species with
for wildlife	potential to be present, 1 is known, 7 were considered highly likely, 4 likely and 1 unlikely.
	Detail if the vegetation supports a high diversity of animal species
	One species – Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo – was observed flying over during the assessment.
	Detail if the vegetation provides a corridor or a habitat refuge, especially in heavily cleared areas.
	The vegetation assessed exhibits a high degree of connectivity with other remnants and roadside
	vegetation. The HA adjacent provides significant refuge and part of the site adjoins this.
	Patches;
	Threatened Fauna Score – 0.1
	Unit biodiversity Score – 58.71
	Trees;
	Fauna Habitat Score – all scattered trees scored 1.8
	Biodiversity Score – ranges from 0.25 (free 31) to 6.64 (free 78), total 165.66.
	Assessment against the principles
	<u>Seriously at Variance</u>
	- VA T IS SAV (UBS > 50). All scattered trees are SAV (FHS > 1.2)
	At Variance –
	N/A

	Moderating factors that may be considered by the NVC
	Impact significance
Principle 1c -	Relevant information
plants of a	List threatened species that were recorded for the site or that may be present but undetectable at
rare,	the time of assessment (e.g. orchids) – E. fasciculosa (Pink Gum) was recorded on site, and five
vulnerable or	orchid species were listed but not observed, including Caladenia rigida, Prasophyllum pallidum,
endangered	Pterostylis foliata, Thelymitra grandiflora and T. ixioides. There is reasonable potential for their
species	presence within the Heritage Agreement adjacent, but less potential in the road reserve
	vegetation. They were not noted in a follow-up survey in September 2023.
	Identify the distribution of species within the area of impact – Pink Gum was distributed across the
	southern part of the site up to Easton Road, on both sides, but was almost absent from the
	northern section. What level of impact on the local population of the plant species? 25 individual Pipk Cums are
	proposed for clearance. The species tends to be well represented in the area. It is likely that
	impact to these individuals will not have significant negative consequences
	Number of plants likely to be impacted in the clearance area $-25$ individual trees of a threatened
	species are impacted
	Bushland Threatened Flora Score – 0.04
	Scattered Tree Threatened Flora Score(s) – 25 trees scored 0.3, the remainder scored 0
	Assessment against the principles
	Seriously at Variance
	- Impact to all <i>E. fasciculosa</i> (25 trees) is SAV
	<u>At Variance</u> –
	- Vegetation Association 1
	Moderating factors that may be considered by the NVC
	impact significance; number of plants to be cleared
Principle 1d -	Relevant information
the	Identify any threatened communities under the EPBC Act or threatened ecosystems under the
vegetation	DEW Provisional list of threatened ecosystems present?
comprises the	N/A Threatened Community Score 1
part of a	Assessment against the principles
plant	Seriously at Variance
community	N/A
that is Rare,	Moderating factors that may be considered by the NVC
Vulnerable or	N/A
endangered:	
Principle 1e -	Relevant information
	Remnancy figures for IBRA Association – 34% and IBRA Subregion – 15%
significant as	Discuss the health and likely longevity of remnants.
vegetation in	such as weed and pest control are undertaken. The provimity to the Heritage Agreement is a
an area which	benefit as any management actions applied to that site could have flow on benefits to the
has been	roadside remnant. However, the proximity to rural living blocks with urban gardens will present
extensively	ongoing threats including foreign species infiltration, and predation of fauna by domestic pets.
cleared.	Total Biodiversity Score – 2.58 + 165.66 = 168.24
	Assessment against the principles
	Seriously at Variance
	N/A
	<u>At Variance</u>
	All ST's and patch are AV

	Moderating factors that may be considered by the NVC
	N/A
Principle 1f -	Relevant information
it is arowina	The vegetation assessed is not associated with a wetland
in or in	The vegetation assessed is not associated with a weitand
association	Assessment against the principles
with a	Seriously at Variance
wetland	N/A
environment	
	At Variance –
	N/A
	Moderating factors that may be considered by the NVC $- N/A$
	inderdang decors dat may be considered by the twee in the
Principle 1g -	Relevant information
it contributes	Detail the location of trees or vegetation relative to sites frequented by the public (e.g. roads, towns,
significantly	lookout, etc.)
to the	The vegetation occurs on road reserve and the edge of a Heritage Agreement. It is a highly
amenity of	trafficked road used by commuters but not in frequent or regular use as a scenic route. The site
the area in	is not associated with any scenic stops or towns.
which it is	Provide details of cultural or historical values
growing or is	There are no known or obvious cultural or heritage values evident; however the association with
situated.	the adjacent Heritage Agreement adds value to the site.
	Discuss possible effect on landscape character
	Given the density of the vegetation surrounding the site, it is not anticipated that the impact
	proposed would have significant negative impact on landscape character.
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### 4.6 Risk Assessment

### Determine the level of risk associated with the application

Total	No. of trees	92
clearance	Area (ha)	0.044
	Total biodiversity Score	168.24
Seriously at va	ariance with principle	1(b) and 1(c)
1(b), 1(c) or 1	(d)	
Risk assessme	nt outcome	Level 4

## 5. Clearance summary

**Clearance Area Summary table** 

Block	Site	Species diversity score	Threatened Ecological community Score	Threatened plant score	Threatened fauna score	UBS	Area (ha)	Total Biodiversity score	Loss factor	Loadings	Reductions	SEB Points required	SEB payment	Admin Fee
1	VA1	24	1	0.04	0.1	58.71	0.044	2.58	1	0	0	2.71	\$3,481.54	\$191.48
						Total	0.044	2.58				2.71	\$3,481.54	\$191.48

#### Scattered trees Summary table

Tree		_						
or Cluster	Number	Fauna	Threatened	Biodiversity	Loss	SEB Points		
ID	of trees	score	flora score	score	factor	required	SFB Payment	Admin Fee
2	1	1.8	0.3	0.5679912	1	0.60	\$765.50	\$42.10
3	1	1.8	0.3	1.4104438	1	1.48	\$1.900.89	\$104.55
6	3	1.8	0.3	0.5200466	1	1.64	\$2.102.64	\$115.65
8	1	1.8	0.3	0.4459829	1	0.47	\$601.06	\$33.06
9	1	1.8	0.3	0.3705257	1	0.39	\$499.37	\$27.47
10	7	1.8	0.3	2.1428489	1	15.75	\$20,215.83	\$1,111.87
13	4	1.8	0.3	0.5134259	1	2.16	\$2,767.83	\$152.23
14	4	1.8	0.3	2.5594277	1	10.75	\$13,797.64	\$758.87
15	1	1.8	0.3	2.0147663	1	2.12	\$2,715.36	\$149.34
18	1	1.8	0.3	4.8108088	1	5.05	\$6,483.66	\$356.60
20	1	1.8	0.3	1.282367	1	1.35	\$1,728.28	\$95.06
23	1	1.8	0	2.3831597	1	2.50	\$3,211.85	\$176.65
24	1	1.8	0	1.0615835	1	1.11	\$1,430.73	\$78.69
26	3	1.8	0	2.1028324	1	6.62	\$8,502.14	\$467.62
27	4	1.8	0	1.0615835	1	4.46	\$5,722.90	\$314.76
28	1	1.8	0	0.5273693	1	0.55	\$710.75	\$39.09
29	1	1.8	0	0.3481151	1	0.37	\$469.16	\$25.80
30	1	1.8	0	2.5495474	1	2.68	\$3,436.10	\$188.99
31	1	1.8	0	0.246322	1	0.26	\$331.97	\$18.26
33	1	1.8	0	1.0512973	1	1.10	\$1,416.86	\$77.93
34	1	1.8	0	2.2726555	1	2.39	\$3,062.92	\$168.46
35	1	1.8	0	2.6058732	1	2.74	\$3,512.01	\$193.16
36	1	1.8	0	1.329717	1	1.40	\$1,792.10	\$98.57
37	1	1.8	0	3.8108449	1	4.00	\$5,135.98	\$282.48
38	1	1.8	0	1.1533406	1	1.21	\$1,554.39	\$85.49

Tree								
or Cluster	Number	Fauna	Threatened	Biodiversity	Loss	SEB Doints		
ID	of trees	score	flora score	score	factor	required	SEB Payment	Admin Fee
39	1	1.8	0	0.4700421	1	0.49	\$633.49	\$34.84
40	1	1.8	0	0.5882829	1	0.62	\$792.85	\$43.61
49	1	1.8	0	2.1056437	1	2.21	\$2,837.83	\$156.08
56	1	1.8	0	1.9873396	1	2.09	\$2,678.39	\$147.31
57	1	1.8	0	3.3830358	1	3.55	\$4,559.41	\$250.77
58	1	1.8	0	0.3948439	1	0.41	\$532.14	\$29.27
60	1	1.8	0	1.2721408	1	1.34	\$1,714.50	\$94.30
61	1	1.8	0	1.1820702	1	1.24	\$1,593.11	\$87.62
65	1	1.8	0	4.0458394	1	4.25	\$5,452.69	\$299.90
67	2	1.8	0	4.3244781	1	9.08	\$11,656.44	\$641.10
68	1	1.8	0	4.0601972	1	4.26	\$5,472.04	\$300.96
69	1	1.8	0	1.1285016	1	1.18	\$1,520.91	\$83.65
73	1	1.8	0	2.2464914	1	2.36	\$3,027.66	\$166.52
75	1	1.8	0	2.2554971	1	2.37	\$3,039.80	\$167.19
78	1	1.8	0	6.6377469	1	6.97	\$8,945.87	\$492.02
85	1	1.8	0	1.0563312	1	1.11	\$1,423.65	\$78.30
92	1	1.8	0	0.4722018	1	0.50	\$636.40	\$35.00
93	1	1.8	0	1.3754934	1	1.44	\$1,853.79	\$101.96
95	1	1.8	0	0.2840229	1	0.30	\$382.79	\$21.05
97	1	1.8	0	0.583407	1	0.61	\$786.27	\$43.25
98	1	1.8	0	1.0318181	1	1.08	\$1,390.61	\$76.48
99	4	1.8	0	0.5340218	1	2.24	\$2,878.86	\$158.34
100	4	1.8	0	0.5381412	1	2.26	\$2,901.07	\$159.56
104	1	1.8	0	3.9448424	1	4.14	\$5,316.57	\$292.41
106	1	1.8	0	6.3084927	1	6.62	\$8,502.13	\$467.62
107	3	1.8	0	3.7412479	1	11.78	\$15,126.55	\$831.96
108	1	1.8	0	4.7612432	1	5.00	\$6,416.86	\$352.93
109	1	1.8	0	0.5326534	1	0.56	\$717.87	\$39.48
112	1	1.8	0	2.3515136	1	2.47	\$3,169.20	\$174.31
113	2	1.8	0	2.2464914	1	4.72	\$6,055.32	\$333.04
114	1	1.8	0	3.3830358	1	3.55	\$4,559.41	\$250.77
115	1	1.8	0	0.5018209	1	0.53	\$67 <mark>6</mark> .32	\$37.20
116	1	1.8	0	1.1477896	1	1.21	\$1,546.91	\$85.08
118	1	1.8	0	1.0563312	1	1.11	\$1,423.65	\$78.30
119	1	1.8	0	2.0374833	1	2.14	\$2,745.97	\$151.03
121	1	1.8	0	2.0374833	1	2.14	\$2,745.97	\$151.03
122	1	1.8	0	1.3116946	1	1.38	\$1,767.81	\$97.23
123	1	1.8	0	1.4171506	1	1.49	\$1,909.93	\$105.05
Total	92			165.66		173.94	\$200,063.58	\$11,003.50

#### Totals summary table

	TotalTotal SEBBiodiversitypointsscorerequired		SEB Payment	Admin Fee	Total Payment
Application	168.24	176.65	\$203,545.12	\$11,194.98	\$214,740.10

Economies of Scale Factor	0.5
Rainfall (mm)	860

## 6. Significant Environmental Benefit

A Significant Environmental Benefit (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

Indicate how the SEB will be achieved by ticking the appropriate box and providing the associated information:

Use SEB Credit that the proponent has established. SEB Credit Ref. No. 2018\_4002, 2013\_2014 and 2007\_3109
 Note, Council intends to develop a Native Vegetation Management Plan for McHarg Reserve in Happy Valley, allowing designation of this site as an SEB offset credit area. Use of this site, subject to NVC approval, and the established credit sites is the preferred method of achieving the required offset for this project.
 If required SEB Points not met via SEB Credit Sites, pay any outstanding offset requirements (to be determined) into the Native Vegetation Fund.

#### PAYMENT SEB

NOTE, the total SEB obligation payment amount is as follows, however, the applicant intends to meet part of the SEB obligation via use of SEB Credit Sites already established and/or the proposed McHarg Reserve, Happy Valley SEB credit site (see above)), and any outstanding amount, if applicable, via payment into the fund:

• Total payment amount required (including admin. fee) \$214,740.10

## 7. Appendices

#### Appendix 1. Flora and Fauna Species Lists

					DATE OF
			NATIONAL	STATE	LAST
FAMILY NAME	SPECIES	COMMON NAME	RATING	RATING	RECORD
COMPOSITAE	Senecio pinnatifolius var. pinnatifolius			R	16-Aug-2000
CYPERACEAE	Cladium procerum	Leafy Twig-rush		R	24-Feb-2009
DENNSTAEDTIACEAE	Hypolepis rugosula	Ruddy Ground-fern		R	03-Jan-1996
DROSERACEAE	Drosera praefolia	Early Sundew		R	09-Apr-1998
EUPHORBIACEAE	Phyllanthus calycinus	Snowdrop Spurge		R	19-Oct-2020
GRAMINEAE	Austrostipa gibbosa	Swollen Spear-grass		R	01-Dec-2010
GRAMINEAE	Austrostipa oligostachya	Fine-head Spear-grass		E	01-Dec-2010
GRAMINEAE	Rytidosperma tenuius	Short-awn Wallaby-grass		R	29-May-2020
JUNCACEAE	Juncus amabilis			V	01-Apr-2003
JUNCACEAE	Juncus australis	Austral Rush		R	29-Dec-1995
LEGUMINOSAE	Acacia iteaphylla	Flinders Ranges Wattle		R	08-Jun-2017
LEGUMINOSAE	Glycine tabacina	Variable Glycine		V	12-May-2010
LEGUMINOSAE	Pultenaea graveolens	Scented Bush-pea		R	
LEGUMINOSAE	Sphaerolobium minus	Leafless Globe-pea		R	
LEGUMINOSAE	Viminaria juncea	Native Broom		R	03-Jan-1996
LOGANIACEAE	Logania saxatilis	Rock Logania		R	11-Sep-1995
MYRTACEAE	Eucalyptus fasciculosa	Pink Gum		R	19-Oct-2020
ORCHIDACEAE	Caladenia rigida	Stiff White Spider-orchid	EN	E	01-Jan-1995
ORCHIDACEAE	Prasophyllum pallidum	Pale Leek-orchid	VU	R	30-Sep-2008
ORCHIDACEAE	Prasophyllum pruinosum	Plum Leek-orchid	EN		
ORCHIDACEAE	Pterostylis foliata	Slender Greenhood		R	23-Sep-2013
ORCHIDACEAE	Pterostylis cucullatus	Leafy Greenhood	VU		
ORCHIDACEAE	Thelymitra grandiflora	Great Sun-orchid		R	19-Oct-2020
ORCHIDACEAE	Thelymitra ixioides	Spotted Sun-orchid		E*	19-Oct-2020
POTAMOGETONACEAE	Potamogeton ochreatus	Blunt Pondweed		R	29-Dec-1995
UMBELLIFERAE	Eryngium ovinum	Blue Devil		V	12-Jan-1997
	Veronica derwentiana subsp.	Mount Lofty Speedwell			
PLANTAGINACEAE	homalodonta		CE		

					DATE OF
			NATIONA	STATE	LAST
CLASS NAME	SPECIES	COMMON NAME	<b>L</b> RATING	RATING	RECORD
AVES	Acanthiza lineata	Striated Thornbill	ssp		11-Sep-2021
	Anhinga novaehollandiae				
AVES	novaehollandiae	Australasian Darter		R	26-Dec-2019
AVES	Anthochaera chrysoptera	Little Wattlebird	ssp		18-Nov-2017
AVES	Biziura lobata menziesi	Musk Duck		R	02-Jan-2022
AVES	Botaurus poiciloptilus	Australasian Bittern	EN		
AVES	Corcorax melanorhamphos	White-winged Chough		R	02-Jan-2022
AVES	Falco hypoleucos	Grey Falcon	VU		
AVES	Falco peregrinus macropus	Peregrine Falcon		R	23-Mar-2014
		Chestnut-rumped Heathwren (Mount Lofty			
AVES	Hylacola pyrrhopygia parkeri	Ranges)	EN	E	11-Sep-2021
AVES	Melithreptus brevirostris	Brown-headed Honeyeater	ssp		11-Sep-2021
AVES	Melithreptus gularis	Black-chinned Honeyeater		ssp	01-Apr-2008
AVES	Neophema elegans elegans	Elegant Parrot		R	11-Sep-2021
AVES	Petroica boodang boodang	Scarlet Robin		R	11-Sep-2021
AVES	Platycercus elegans	Crimson Rosella	ssp		02-Jan-2022
AVES	Strepera versicolor	Grey Currawong		ssp	24-Jan-2022
	Thinornis cucullatus cucullatus	Eastern Hooded Plover, Eastern Hooded Plover			
AVES			VU		
AVES	Turnix varius varius	Painted Buttonquail		R	20-Jun-2006
AVES	Zanda funerea whiteae	Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo		V	11-Sep-2021
		Southern Brown Bandicoot (SA mainland and			
MAMMALIA	Isoodon obesulus obesulus	KI)	EN	V	01-May-2021
MAMMALIA	Pteropus poliocephalus	Grey-headed Flying-fox	VU	R	17-Mar-2020
MAMMALIA	Tachyglossus aculeatus	Short-beaked Echidna	ssp	ssp	21-Sep-2021
MAMMALIA	Trichosurus vulpecula	Common Brushtail Possum		R	24-Jan-2022
REPTILIA	Egernia cunninghami	Cunningham's Skink		E	23-Nov-2008
REPTILIA	Varanus rosenbergi	Heath Goanna		V	01-Oct-2012

Highlighted species excluded - ssp not occurring in the area or no suitable habitat

#### Appendix 2. Bushland and Scattered Tree Vegetation Assessment Scoresheets

Vegetation Condition Scores				Conservation Significance Score			
SITE:	VA1			Is the vegetation association considered a Threatened Ecological community or Ecosystem?	Yes/No		
VEGETATION ASSOCIATION DESCRIPTION	Eucalyp	stus microcarpa/E. leucoxylon/Exocarpos cupressiformis	Woo	State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Rare community (0.1 pt)			
SIZE OF SITE (Ha)	0.044			State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Vulnerable community (0.2 pts)			
				State (Provisional List of Threatened Ecosystems of SA) Endangered community (0.3 pts)			
Native Plant species diversity		Regeneration		Nationally (EPBC Act) Vulnerable community (0.35 pts)			
Score the diversity of species present in the site as a	proportion	No regeneration present (0 Points)		Contains a Nationally (EPBC Act) Endangered or Critically Endangered community (0.4 pts)			
to what would be expected in a vegetation of that com very good condition (approaching a pre-European stat	munity in ()	Very low regeneration, consisting of highly scattered juvenile plants of a limited number of species (3		Note; all sites will score a minimum Conservation Significance Score of 1 Threatened CommuntiyScore			
<5% (3 Points)		points)		Number of Threatened Flora Species recorded for the site (within the site)	Number		
5-10% (6 Points)		Regeneration present, consisting of multiple		'If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National	rating.		
11 - 20% (9 Points)		individual juvinile plants but a limited number of		State Rare species recorded (1 pt each)			
21 - 30% (12 Points)		species (o ponts)		State Vulnerable species recorded (2.5 pt each)	(		
31 - 40 % (15 Points)		Multiple species regenerating, but low numbers of		State Endangered recorded (5 pts each)	0		
41 - 50% (18 Points)		juvenile plants (9 pcints)		Nationally Vulnerable species recorded (10 pts each)			
51 - 60% (21 Points)		Multiple species regenerating with multiple individual		Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species recorded (20 pts each)			
61 - 70% (24 Points)	~	juviniles present with varying age classes (12 points)	-	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			
71 - 80% (27 Points)		Regeneration Score (Max 12)	6	5 Threatened Flora Score	0.04		
>80% (30 Points) Native Plant medias diversity score (may score of	30) 24	Native Plant life form	_	Potential habitation Threatened Fauna Species (number observed or previously recorded)	Number		
Native Flatt species diversity score (max score of	30)  24	At etrate of uppetation heavily impacted and nation	-	If a species has both a State (NP&W Act) and National (EPBC Act) rating, it's only recorded for its National	rating		
Weed Scores		vegetation represented by only scattered plants (4		State Rare species observed or locally recorded (1 of each)	formg.		
Does the site contain plant species declared under th		points)		State Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (2.5 pt each)	1		
NRMAct 2004 (1.5 points)		Al strata of vegetation impacted with limited		State Endangered species observed or locally recorded (5 pt each)	3		
Cover rating for all declared weeds (max of 6)	1	structural diversity, largely uniform age classes and		Nationally Vulnerable species observed or locally recorded (10 pts each)			
Does the site contain environmental weeds (introduce	t	reduced vegetation cover (8 points)		Nationally Endangered or Critically endangered species observed or locally recorded (20 pts each)	14		
plants with the capacity to invade and exclude native		At least one strata of vegetation has been		0 = 0 pts; <2 = 0.02 pts; 2 - <5 = 0.04 pts; 5 - <10 = 0.06 pts; 10 - <20 = 0.08 pts; 20 or > = 0.1 pts	60		
species from bushland. This typically includes specie	3	impacted, with reduced structural diversity, elements		Threatened Fauna Score	0.1		
with a BCM weed threat rating of 3, 4 or 5). (1 Point)		specific structural features e.g. sedges or mid laver	1000	CONSERVATION DIGNERGANCE SCORE			
Cover rating for all environmental weeds (max of 6)	3	shrubs) and reduce vegetation cover (12 points)		CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE	1.14		
Weed Score (max score of 15)	10.5	Limited impacts on pation unsetation, with a disperitu					
	- (Š - 3	of structural features and a varied age class with		Total Scores for the Site Vegetation Condition x Landscape Co	ntext x		
Is the community naturally treeless?		only a minor loss in structurally diversity, vegetation		Score Conservation Significance =			
Mature Tree Score (max 8)	2	cover or structural elements (16 points)		LANDSCAPE CONTEXT SCORE 1.11 UNIT BIODIVERSITY SCORE	58.71		
Fallen timber/debris (max 5)	1.5	All strata of vegetation present, little or no sign of		VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE 46.40 Total Biodiversity Score			
Hollow-bearing trees Score (max 5)	1	disturbance. A variety of life forms and associated		CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE SCORE 1.14 (Biodiversity Score x hectares)	2.58		
Tree Canopy Cover Score (max 5)	4	age classes present. Vegetation cover near	1.000				
Nativasa vatia Hada miana v biamana asara (may D		complete (20 points)		Photo Point and Vegetation Survey Location Direction of the Photo	oto		
Native:exotic Understorey biomass score (max s)	4	Native Plant life form score (max 20)	10	Southeast			
Vegetation Condition Score calculation				GPS Reference			
Positive Vegetation Attributes Score = Native spec	ies diversity	+ Receneration + Native Plant Life Forms + Nature Tree	es +	Datum	WGS84		
Fallen timber/debris + Hollow-bearing trees				Zone (52, 53 or 54)	54		
If the community is naturally treeless this score is multiple	ed by 1.24		50.50	Easting (8 digits)	281351		
Negative Vegetation Attributes Score = (15 - Weeds)	+ ((10 - Bion	nass score - Tree Canopy Cover Score)exp2/2)	6.50	Northing (7 digits)	6113049		
VEGETATION CONDITION SCORE (Positive veg attr	butes x ((Ne	egative vegetation attributes + 60) / 80))	46.40	Description			
L	ow	Medium High		E. microcarpa wooda	ind over native		
Native Plant Species Diversity				the edge of shoulder	s pinnaniy on		
Weed Score							
Native Plant Life Forms				A CALL AND A			
Regeneration							
Native:exotic Understorey Biomass							
Tree Canopy Gover Score							
Matura Teos Graza	-			Assessment for Clearance	0.3		
TYPELLE # LTHE STORE				Approximate rectares required	0.3		
Tion Molecure	Tree Hollows			Loss Eactor 10 Economies of Casta factor	e factor 0.50		
Tree Hollows				Loss Factor 1.0 Economies of Scale factor Loadings for clearance of protected areas Mean Appual rainfall for the site (mm)	0.50		
Tree Hollows Fallen tinber				Loss Factor 1.0 Loadings for clearance of protected areas Mean Annual rainfail for the site (mm) Reductions for rehabilitation of impact site Payment into the fund (GST Exclusive)	\$3,481.5		

SEB Required for Scatter	ed Tree	S			(Version - 28	July 2023)			
Landscapes Region	GA			Total Biod	iversity Score	165.66		Surveyors	J Ayre
Mean Annual Raintall (mm)	860			Total SEB	Points required	173.94		Survey Date	22/05/2022
Economies of Scale factor	0.5			Payment \$	6 (GST exclusive	\$223,258.95		Datum	WGS84
				Admin fee	(GST inclusive)	\$12,279.24			
IBRA Association	Clarendon			Total SEB	\$ required	\$235,538.19			
Tree Species	Number of Trees (total)	Number of trees (proposed removed)	Number of trees (proposed pruning)	Total SEB Points required	Payment in NV Fund (GST Exclusive)	Administration fee (GST Inclusive)	Total		
Eucalyptus fasciculosa	25	25	0	41.74	\$53,578.07	\$2,946.79	\$56,524.87	j	
Eucalyptus microcarpa	21	21	0	30.95	\$39,725.09	\$2,184.88	\$41,909.97		
Exocarpus cupressiformis	1	1	0	2.74	\$3,512.01	\$193.16	\$3,705.17	]	
Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp. leucoxylon	38	38	0	70.46	\$90,445.27	\$4,974.49	\$95,419.76		
Acacia pycnantha	1	1	0	0.50	\$636.40	\$35.00	\$671.40	]	
Eucalyptus viminalis ssp. cygnetensis	6	6	0	27.55	\$35,362.11	\$1,944.92	\$37,307.02		
0	0	0	0	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		



Appendix 3. Design Plans (provided 5 October 2023). Note tree numbers do not match assessment tree numbers – see Figures 3-7 for plans of these





Appendix 4. Photographs



Photo 1 Tree 2

Photo 2 Tree 3





Photo 3 Tree 6

Photo 4 Tree 8



Photo 5 Tree 9

Photo 6 Tree 10



Photo 7 Tree 13



Photo 8 Tree 14



Photo 9 Tree 15

Photo 10 Tree 18



Photo 11 Tree 20



Photo 12 Tree 23



Photo 13 Tree 24

Photo 14 Tree 26



Photo 15 Tree 27



Photo 16 Tree 28



Photo 17 Tree 29

Photo 18 Tree 30



Photo 19 Tree 31

Photo 20 Tree 33



Photo 21 Tree 34

Photo 22 Tree 35



Photo 23 Tree 36



Photo 24 Tree 37



Photo 25 Tree 38

Photo 26 Tree 39



Photo 27 Tree 40

Photo 28 Tree 49



Photo 29 Tree 56

Photo 30 Tree 57





Photo 31 Tree 58

Photo 32 Tree 60



Photo 33 Tree 61

Photo 34 Tree 65



Photo 35 Tree 67



Photo 36 Tree 68



Photo 37 Tree 69

Photo 38 Tree 73



Photo 39 Tree 75



Photo 40 Tree 78



Photo 41 Tree 85

Photo 43 Tree 93

Photo 42 Tree 92



Photo 44 Tree 95



Photo 45 Tree 97

Photo 46 Tree 98



Photo 47 Tree 99



Photo 48 Tree 100



Photo 49 Tree 104

Photo 50 Tree 106



Photo 51 Tree 107



Photo 52 Tree 108



Photo 53 Tree 109

Photo 54 Tree 112



Photo 55 Tree 113



Photo 56 Tree 114



Photo 57 Tree 115

Photo 58 Tree 116



Photo 59 Tree 118



Photo 60 Tree 119





Photo 62 Tree 122



Photo 63 Tree 123