Native Vegetation Clearance Data Report

Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication

Clearance under the Native Vegetation Regulations 2017

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Cover photograph: Atriplex paludosa ssp. cordata (Marsh Saltbush) coastal plain shrubland.

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1. Application information

Application Details

Applicant:	CPB Contractors					
	CPB Contractors is the Head Contractor and member of the Port Wakefield to Port					
	Augusta Alliance, which is contracted by the Commissioner of Highways for the					
	construction of the Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication.					
Key contact:	Dylan Gordge Ph: 0419 421 867 Email: Dylan.Gordge@pw2pa.com.au					
Landowner:	The Commissioner of Highways.					
	Note: The Commissioner is in the process of finalising acquisition of the land for the project.					
Site Address:	The project footprint impacts the road corridors of Princes Highway, Balaklava Road and Copper Coast Highway in the vicinity of Port Wakefield. Multiple properties adjacent to these roads will also be impacted during the project.					
	For the purpose of this application, the project site is divided into two Parts:					
	• Part A – South of Ketch Road. Information for this area is based on final survey results.					
	 Part B – North of Ketch Road (not yet acquired). Information for this area is based on preliminary survey, supplementary desktop assessment and roadside observations, and will be ground-truthed once the land is acquired. 					
	Native vegetation areas within Part B are identified as such within this Data Report.					
	NV Permit Land Part B NV Permit Land Part A					

Local Government	Wakefield Regional Council	Hundred:	Inkerman and Goyder		
Area:					
Title ID:	CT/6237/336	Parcel ID	D123098 A180		
	CT/6237/550		D123342 A315		
	CT/6238/117		D123712 A320		
* land not yet acquired	CT/6238/113		D123712 A69		
(within Part B)	CT/6238/118		D123713 A325		
	CT/6236/635*		D123225 A330		
	CT/6236/634*		D50244 A53		
	CT/6236/633*		D50244 Q52		
	CT/6236/637*		F213117 A92		
	CT/6236/630*		F216746 Q98		
	CT/6236/633*		D50244 Q51		
	CT/6236/636*		D123225 A340		
	Road reserves along Princes Highway, Balaklava Road and Copper Coast Highway.				

Summary of proposed clearance

Purpose of clearance	Clearance required for the construction of a highway, associated stormwater infrastructure, borrow pit, laydown area and site office compound.				
Native Vegetation Regulation	Regulation 12(32) – Works on behalf of Commissioner of Highways				
Description of the vegetation under application	 0.169 ha of <i>Eucalyptus phenax ssp. phenax</i> (White Mallee) mallee in moderate condition. 0.52 ha of <i>Acacia ligulata</i> (Umbrella Bush) tall coastal plain shrubland in moderate condition. 2.89 ha of <i>Nitraria billardierei</i> (Nitre-bush) +/- <i>Rhagodia candolleana ssp.</i> (Sea-berry Saltbush) +/- <i>Atriplex paludosa ssp. cordata</i> (Marsh Saltbush) cordata open coastal plain shrubland in moderate condition. 0.99 ha of <i>Nitraria billardierei</i> (Nitre-bush) +/- <i>Atriplex paludosa ssp. cordata</i> (Marsh Saltbush) cordata open coastal plain shrubland in moderate condition. 0.99 ha of <i>Nitraria billardierei</i> (Nitre-bush) +/- <i>Atriplex paludosa ssp. cordata</i> (Marsh Saltbush) cordata open coastal plain shrubland in poor condition. 0.29 ha of <i>Tecticornia halocnemoides</i> ssp. (Grey Samphire) +/- <i>Tecticornia indica</i> ssp. (Brown-head samphire) shrubland with infrequent inundation in moderate condition. 0.36 ha of <i>Myoporum platycarpum</i> ssp. (False Sandalwood) coastal plain shrubland in poor condition. 0.35 ha of <i>Myoporum platycarpum</i> ssp. (False Sandalwood) coastal plain shrubland in poor condition. 0.25 ha of <i>Maireana brevifolia</i> (Short-leaf Bluebush) very open coastal plain shrubland in moderate condition. 0.25 ha of <i>Maireana brevifolia</i> (Short-leaf Bluebush) very open coastal plain shrubland in moderate condition. 6.54 ha of <i>Maireana brevifolia</i> (Short-leaf Bluebush) +/- <i>Atriplex paludosa ssp. cordata</i> (Marsh Saltbush) coastal plain shrubland in moderate condition. 4 medium healthy <i>Eucalyptus porosa</i> (Mallee Box) trees. Descriptions of the vegetation within Part B of the land are subject to confirmation after acquisition. All areas of land for each vegetation type are subject to confirmation (refer below). 				
Total proposed clearance - area (ha) and number of trees	A maximum of 35.839 ha and 4 scattered trees are proposed to be cleared. To be amended once project design and construction impact footprint are finalised.				

Level of	of clearance
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2. Purpose of clearance

2.1 Description

Jeremy Tiller was engaged by the Port Wakefield to Port Augusta Alliance (PW2PA) to conduct a native vegetation clearance assessment for the development of the Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication (PWOHD) project in Port Wakefield, South Australia, and to assess the proposed clearance envelopes against the Clearance Requirements of the *Native Vegetation Act 1991* and *Native Vegetation Regulations 2017*.

As stated on the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure's (DPTI) project website:

'The Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication Project is a joint initiative of the Australian and South Australian Governments.

Port Wakefield Road typically carries 8,800 vehicles per day, however, this can increase to around 16,000 during holiday peak periods. As a result of high holiday traffic volumes and conflicting traffic movements at the intersection with the Copper Coast Highway, lengthy queues have been experienced causing substantial delays. The Augusta Highway and Copper Coast Highway intersection north of Port Wakefield is one of the State's busiest regional road intersections being a national and regional link between Adelaide, Port Augusta and the Yorke Peninsula.

The project will improve traffic flow and reduce congestion for all road users, particularly during peak travel times and public holidays, and improve safety and freight productivity along the National Land Transport Network (DPTI 2020¹)'.

2.2 Background

The project is located within the Kallora and Mallala IBRA Associations of South Australia.

The landform in the Kallora IBRA Association is described as undulating calcrete plains with widespread dunes and occasional salt lakes. The association is dominated by grasslands and open parklands with sown pastures and cereal crops. Approximately 3% of the Kallora IBRA Association is mapped as remnant native vegetation, of which 1% is protected.

The landform in the Mallala IBRA Association is described as undulating plains with occasional dunes. The association is dominated by grasslands of sown pastures and cereal crops. Approximately 3% of the Mallala IBRA Association is mapped as remnant native vegetation, of which 2% is protected.

Current land uses of the properties to be impacted by the project includes roads and highways, livestock grazing, commercial and residential properties, and other agricultural purposes. Adjacent land uses to the project includes commercial, residential, rural residential and vacant residential properties, livestock grazing, mining quarry, and other agricultural purposes (accessed from NatureMaps, 2020).

2.3 Details of the proposal

As discussed above, the PWOHD design includes (refer to Appendix 1 for the Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication design plans and project layout – North and South):

- two lanes in each direction through the Port Wakefield township with provisions for safe U-turn movements;
- a realigned dual carriageway through the Port Wakefield township, allowing for increased parking and landscaping opportunities, as well as safer vehicle and pedestrian movements. This will make it safer to build and reduce disruption to motorists during construction;
- a realigned Balaklava Road intersection with the Princes Highway, allowing for safer turn movements;
- new bridges across the Wakefield River;
- a new two-lane overpass for traffic travelling southbound from the Copper Coast Highway to Port Wakefield, and for traffic travelling south along the Princes Highway to the Copper Coast Highway;

¹ DPTI 2020, SA Government, accessed 29 June 2020,

https://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/infrastructure/road projects/port wakefield overpass and township duplication

2.4 General location map



- the new overpass will remove all hazardous at-grade turn movements at the intersection of the Princes Highway, Copper Coast Highway and Augusta Highway (DPTI 2020); and
- associated stormwater infrastructure.

In addition, the construction phase of the project will require clearance for a temporary laydown area, site office compound and borrow pit. Once the required material has been extracted, the borrow pit will be developed into a stormwater catchment basin and landscaped with appropriate native species. The applicant has also advised that the temporary laydown and site office compound areas will be rehabilitated once construction is completed with similar native flora species currently found at these sites.

At present, the design and construction impact footprint for the PWOHD project is in draft form and yet to be finalised. It is anticipated that the total clearance area of 35.839 ha and 4 scattered trees discussed in this data report may need to be adjusted once the final design has been confirmed. Once confirmed, this data report will be amended to reflect these changes and the Total Biodiversity Scores and SEB offset requirements adjusted accordingly. Therefore, the applicant is requesting the NVC to consider providing 'in principle consent to clear' for 35.839 ha of native vegetation and 4 scattered trees.

2.5 Approvals required or obtained

Native Vegetation Act 1991

Consent to clear native vegetation under the *Native Vegetation Act 1991* is subject to this application and data report.

One previous clearance application is located within the PWOHD project area (Map 2). Evidence gathered during the site assessment concluded that Clearance Application 2015_3088 was lodged to clear 1.39 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of constructing an underground water pipe within the Princes Highway road reserve.

Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016

No Development Approval is required for the PWOHD project. The project was approved by the Parliamentary Public Works Committee.

Water Resources Act 1997

No current water licences exist for the project, although the project may explore the option of utilising groundwater for construction purposes.

Landscapes SA

An application for a water affecting activity permit is currently sitting with the Northern & Yorke Landscape Board; this covers the Wakefield River works and adjacent culvert crossings.

Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988

DPTI are currently seeking a Section 23 approval under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* for the project. An outcome is expected in July.

2.6 Native Vegetation Regulation

Regulation 12(32) – Works on behalf of Commissioner of Highways



3. Method

Prior to the site survey the following desktop assessments were conducted:

- Review of the Atlas of Living Australia and *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act* 1999 Protected Matter search tools within 5km of the proposed clearance areas to determine the likelihood of any National and State listed fauna species that may utilise the vegetation under application.
- Review of the Atlas of Living Australia and *EPBC Act 1999* Protected Matter search tools within 5km of the proposed clearance areas to determine the likelihood of any National and State listed flora species and/or habitats of conservation significance that may be present on the subject land.

3.1 Flora assessment

The project site was surveyed on 23 and 24 June 2020. The site survey was undertaken in accordance with the Native Vegetation Council (NVC) Bushland Assessment Manual 2019 and DPTI Vegetation Removal Policy (2018). The aim of the site survey was to:

- record the vegetation association and flora species present;
- record the condition of the vegetation present;
- record the attributes of the native trees present;
- record any threatened flora species, if present; and
- to assess the proposed clearance against the Requirements and Regulations of the *Native Vegetation Act* 1991 and *Native Vegetation Regulations 2017*.

It is noted that site access was restricted at various locations during the assessment. Due to PW2PA safety policies and procedures, site personnel undertaking the assessment were prohibited from encroaching within 15m of Princes Highway, Balaklava Road and Copper Coast Highway. Field data was collected in adjoining areas of similar vegetation type and from sight into the 15m safety exclusion zone. Due to these access restrictions, this report assumes that the data collected in the adjoining areas contains the same species composition, habitat value and vegetation condition.

Furthermore, site access was restricted to private lands containing Sites I4, J1 and L1 (within Part B of the land). With the aim of establishing the Total Biodiversity Scores and Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) offset requirements for these sites, the data collected within Site I1 was applied to estimate the potential impacts to native vegetation. Nevertheless, after studying aerial images of Sites I4, J1 and L1 and viewing the vegetation from property boundaries it is likely that the Unit Biodiversity Scores for these sites will be lower than Site I1 due to poorer vegetation conditions, sparser native vegetation cover and greater introduced species cover. Once site access is granted, these areas will be assessed in accordance with the NVC assessment manuals to finalise the Total Biodiversity Scores and SEB offset requirements accordingly. Consequently, the applicant is requesting the NVC to consider providing 'in principle consent to clear' for Sites I4, J1 and L1 as part of this clearance application.

Lastly, a preliminary field assessment was undertaken on 13 June 2019 by a Jacobs Ecologist. Ecological information was collected according to the DPTI Vegetation Removal Policy (2018) and NVC Bushland and Scattered Tree Assessment Manuals 2019. All vegetation under application in this report was reassessed during the site visit on 23 and 24 June 2020, except for Site K1 and scattered Trees 1-4 (both within Part B of the land) due to site access restrictions. For the purpose of this data report and application, the data collected by the Jacobs ecologist was applied to determine the Total Biodiversity Score and SEB Offset requirements. Once site access is granted, Site K1 and scattered Trees 1-4 will be reviewed in accordance with the NVC assessment manuals to finalise and adjust the Total Biodiversity Scores and SEB offset requirements, the applicant is requesting the NVC to consider providing 'in principle consent to clear' for Site K1 and Trees 1-4 as part of this clearance application.

With respect to the individual spatial areas nominated for clearance, the applicant advises that these are conservative estimates and that there will be every effort to minimise any clearance additional to the footprint that is required for the design alone.

3.2 Fauna assessment

Methodology involved active physical searching of the survey sites (excluding Site F3 and I3) and surrounding areas, and investigating any potential shelter and habitat for the following five threatened terrestrial fauna species that have been recorded in the area or are known to occur in the area:

- Elegant Parrot (Neophema elegans) SA: Rare
- Letter-Winged Kite (Elanus scriptus) SA: Rare
- Orange-bellied Parrot (Neophema chrysogaster) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA: Endangered
- Peregrine Falcon (Falco peregrinus) SA: Rare
- Plains-wanderer (Pedionomus torquatus) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA: Endangered

Monitoring was conducted between 11:00 and 17:00 on 23 June and 07:30 and 14:00 on 24 June 2020. The time spent surveying each site ranged between 30 minutes to 1.5 hours depending on the size of the area. The survey efforts returned no sightings of the species listed above. Of the habitat observed, only the Elegant Parrot (*Neophema elegans*) may potentially utilise the chenopod shrublands and small areas of mallee communities located within the proposed clearance areas (excluding Site F3 and I3).

In addition to the above methodology, acoustic monitoring was conducted to determine the presence of the Gulf St Vincent Slender-billed Thornbill (*Acanthiza iredalei rosinae*), previously sighted in the local area and listed as Vulnerable in the EPBC Protected Matters Search Tool, in the vicinity of the Samphire shrubland along Wakefield River. The method involved playing a recorded 60 second 'Gulf St Vincent Slender-billed Thornbill' call in the area and checking if there was a response or sightings. This was undertaken in four localities approximately 50-100 m apart and monitored for 5 minutes to see if there was a response. The monitoring was conducted between 07:30 and 14:00 on 24 June 2020. The above methodology was recommended by Graham Carpenter from the Native Vegetation Branch (NVB) via personal communication on 15 June 2020. The survey efforts returned no sightings or acoustic response of the Gulf St Vincent Slender-billed Thornbill. In addition, the Gulf St Vincent Slender-billed Thornbill mainly inhabits intertidal samphire flats dominated by *Tecticornia arbuscula* (Shrubby Samphire), which was not recorded in the proposed clearance areas at Site F2 and I3. As such, the species is unlikely to occur in Site F2 and I3 (personal communication with Graham Carpenter on 15 June 2020).

4. Assessment Outcomes

4.1 Vegetation Assessment

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

As discussed above, the project is located within the Kallora and Mallala IBRA Associations of South Australia. The landform in the Kallora IBRA Association is described as undulating calcrete plains with widespread dunes and occasional salt lakes. The landform in the Mallala IBRA Association is described as undulating plains with occasional dunes. The project traverses the Wakefield River approximately 200m north of the Port Wakefield township limits.

The soil type south of Port Wakefield is described as shallow calcareous loam on calcrete. Approximately 700m south of Port Wakefield an intermittent salt lake is located adjacent to the proposed project boundary which contains calcareous saline soils. The soils north of Port Wakefield are mapped as loam over pedaric red clay and calcareous loam (NatureMaps, 2020).

The Kallora and Mallala IBRA Associations have been heavily cleared in the past with approximately 3% of the regions containing remnant vegetation. However, remnant native vegetation within a 5km radius of the project area represents approximately 33-40% cover.

The project is located approximately 700m to the east of Clinton Conservation Park and Clinton Wetlands, which is listed as a listed Wetland of National Importance. No Heritage Agreements are near the proposed development, with the closest being approximately 9km to the north (HA1114).

The native vegetation under application contains nine different vegetation associations ranging from poor to moderate condition. All associations are dominated with chenopod shrubs and have a similar species composition, except for the two samphire shrublands recorded at Sites F2 and I3. In addition, 4 scattered moderately healthy *Eucalyptus porosa* (Mallee Box) are under application.

Details of the vegetation associates/scattered trees proposed to be impacted

Site A1, B1 and C1 (Map 3)

Vegetation Association	<i>Eucalyptus phenax ssp. phenax</i> (White Mallee) mallee over open chenopod and sclerophyll shrubs
	south from mid-section of Site A1
Photo 2: viewing	south into Site B1

General description	Dominant understorey species include <i>Acacia ligulata</i> (Umbrella Bush), <i>Nitraria billardierei</i> (Nitre-Bush), <i>Enchylaena tomentosa</i> (Ruby Saltbush), <i>Atriplex paludosa</i> ssp. <i>cordata</i> (Marsh Saltbush) and <i>Rytidosperma caespitosum</i> (Common Wallaby-grass). The full flora species list recorded during the survey in Site A1, B1 and C1 is shown in Appendix 3.						
	The regeneration of native flora species in Site A1, B1 and C1 was moderate with three species recorded as regenerating. Tree canopy cover in the site was approximately 20%. The trees were observed to be in moderate health with approximately 30% die-back of their canopies. No hollow or nest were recorded. The site contained fallen branch sized logs and no leaf litter. The understorey in Site A1, B1 and C1 contains approximately 10% native species cover and is dominated by introduced species.						
	Dominant introduced species include <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> (Soursob) and <i>Carrichtera annua</i> (Ward's Weed). Two declared plant species listed under the <i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019</i> were recorded in Site A1, B1 and C1. They include <i>Asparagus asparagoides f. asparagoides</i> (Bridal Creeper) and <i>Echium plantagineum</i> (Salvation Jane).						
	Site A1, B1 and C1 are located adjacent to a rehabilitated hardstand area (Map 3) which has been revegetated with local and non-local native species via direct seeding and planting methods. Planted native species include, but not limited to, <i>Rytidosperma</i> sp., <i>Enneapogon</i> sp., <i>Chloris truncata, Maireana</i> sp., <i>Dodonaea lobulata, Senna</i> sp., <i>Atriplex</i> sp., <i>Eucalyptus</i> sp., <i>Allocasuarina</i> sp. and <i>Enchylaena tomentosa</i> . Introduced species include <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> (Soursob) and <i>Carrichtera annua</i> (Ward's Weed), <i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i> (Onion Weed), <i>Echium</i> <i>plantagineum</i> (Salvation Jane) and <i>Marrubium vulgare</i> (Horehound). The southern site compound will be located within the revegetation area to avoid clearance to native vegetation protected under the <i>Native Vegetation Act 1991</i> .						
	Rabbit (<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>) scats and scratching's were observed in Site A1. (<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>) scats and scratching's were observed in Site A1, B1 and C1.						
Threatened species or community	community were en recorded in the : angered; SA:						
	 Peregrine Falcon (<i>Falco peregrinus</i>) SA: Rare Plains-wanderer (<i>Pedionomus torquatus</i>) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA: Endangered 						
Landscape context score	1.14	Vegetation Condition Score	24.98	Conservation significance score	1.10		
Unit biodiversity Score	31.33	Area (ha)	0.169	Total biodiversity Score	5.29		



Site D1 (Map 4)



General description	Dominant native species include <i>Enchylaena tomentosa</i> (Ruby Saltbush), <i>Nitraria billardierei</i> (Nitre-Bush), <i>Atriplex paludosa</i> ssp. <i>cordata</i> (Marsh Saltbush), <i>Rhagodia crassifolia</i> (Fleshy Saltbush), <i>Rhagodia candolleana</i> (Sea-berry Saltbush) and <i>Maireana brevifolia</i> (Short-leaf Bluebush). The full flora species list recorded during the survey in Site D1 is shown in Appendix 3.				
	 Site D1 was assessed as a naturally treeless vegetation community. The regeneration of native flora species in Site D1 was moderate to high with four species recorded as regenerating. The understorey in Site D1 contains approximately 10% native species cover and is dominated by introduced species. Dominant introduced species include <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> (Soursob) and <i>Carrichtera annua</i> (Ward's Weed). Two declared plant species listed under the <i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019</i> were recorded in Site D1. They include <i>Lycium ferocissimum</i> (African Boxthorn) and <i>Echium plantagineum</i> (Salvation Jane). 				
Threatened	Rabbit (Oryctolagus cuniculus) scats and scratching's were observed in Site D1.No threatened flora under the NP&W Act or EPBC Act listed flora species or community were				
species or community	 recorded in Site D1. Search results registered the following terrestrial fauna species that have been recorded in the vicinity of Site D1 (for further information see Section 4.2 below): Elegant Parrot (<i>Neophema elegans</i>) SA: Rare Letter-Winged Kite (<i>Elanus scriptus</i>) SA: Rare Orange-bellied Parrot (<i>Neophema chrysogaster</i>) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA: Endangered Peregrine Falcon (<i>Falco peregrinus</i>) SA: Rare Plains-wanderer (<i>Pedionomus torquatus</i>) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA: Endangered 				
Landscape context score	1.16	Vegetation Condition Score	34.67	Conservation significance score	1.10
Unit biodiversity Score	44.24	Area (ha)	0.52	Total biodiversity Score	23.00



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Site D2 (Map 4)





Photo 7: viewing south from mid-section of Site D2 with planted vegetation overstorey



General description	Dominant native species include <i>Enchylaena tomentosa</i> (Ruby Saltbush), <i>Nitraria billardierei</i> (Nitre-Bush), <i>Atriplex paludosa</i> ssp. <i>cordata</i> (Marsh Saltbush), <i>Rhagodia crassifolia</i> (Fleshy Saltbush), <i>Rhagodia candolleana</i> (Sea-berry Saltbush), <i>Maireana erioclada</i> (Rosy Bluebush) and <i>Maireana brevifolia</i> (Short-leaf Bluebush). The full flora species list recorded during the survey in Site D2 is shown in Appendix 3.
	Site D2 was assessed as a naturally treeless vegetation community. The regeneration of native flora species in Site D2 was moderate to high with four species recorded as regenerating. The understorey in Site D2 contains approximately 10-20% native species cover and is dominated by introduced species.
	While Site D2 is considered a naturally treeless vegetation community the area contains planted local and non-local native tree and tall shrub species. Planted native species include, but not limited to, <i>Eucalyptus</i> sp., <i>Allocasuarina</i> sp., <i>Acacia</i> sp., <i>Senna</i> sp. and <i>Melaleuca lanceolata</i> .
	Dominant introduced species include <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> (Soursob) and <i>Carrichtera annua</i> (Ward's Weed). One declared plant species listed under the <i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019, Lycium ferocissimum</i> (African Boxthorn), was recorded in Site D2. Rabbit (<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>) scats and scratching's were observed in Site D2.
Threatened species or	No threatened flora under the NP&W Act or EPBC Act listed flora species or community were recorded in Site D2.
community	 Search results registered the following terrestrial fauna species that have been recorded in the vicinity of Site D2 (for further information see Section 4.2 below): Elegant Parrot (<i>Neophema elegans</i>) SA: Rare Letter-Winged Kite (<i>Elanus scriptus</i>) SA: Rare

	 Orange-bellied Parrot (<i>Neophema chrysogaster</i>) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA: Endangered Peregrine Falcon (<i>Falco peregrinus</i>) SA: Rare Plains-wanderer (<i>Pedionomus torquatus</i>) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA: Endangered 				
Landscape context score	1.16	Vegetation Condition Score	30.43	Conservation significance score	1.10
Unit biodiversity Score	38.83	Area (ha)	1.95	Total biodiversity Score	75.71

<u>Site E1</u> (Map 5)

Vegetation Association	Nitraria billardierei (Nitre-bush) +/- Atriplex paludosa ssp. cordata (Marsh Saltbush) open
	coastal plain shrubland under a planted overstorey g north west from southern section of Site E1with planted overstorey
General description	Dominant native species include <i>Nitraria billardierei</i> (Nitre-Bush), <i>Atriplex paludosa</i> ssp. <i>cordata</i> (Marsh Saltbush), <i>Rhagodia crassifolia</i> (Fleshy Saltbush), <i>Rhagodia candolleana</i> (Sea- berry Saltbush) and <i>Enchylaena tomentosa (Ruby Saltbush)</i> . The full flora species list recorded during the survey in Site E1 is shown in Appendix 3.

	Site E1 was assessed as a naturally treeless vegetation community. The regeneration of native flora species in Site E1 was low with no species recorded as regenerating. The understorey in Site E1 contains approximately 10-15% native species cover and is dominated by introduced species.					
	While Site E1 is considered a naturally treeless vegetation community the area contains planted overstorey of <i>Eucalyptus salubris</i> (Gimlet) which is a native species endemic to Western Australia.					
	Dominant introduced species include <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> (Soursob) and <i>Carrichtera annua</i> (Ward's Weed). Two declared plant species listed under the <i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019</i> were recorded in Site E1. They include <i>Lycium ferocissimum</i> (African Boxthorn) and <i>Echium plantagineum</i> (Salvation Jane).					
Threatened species or community	 No threatened flora under the NP&W Act or EPBC Act listed flora species or community were recorded in Site E1. Search results registered the following terrestrial fauna species that have been recorded in the vicinity of Site E1 (for further information see Section 4.2 below): Elegant Parrot (<i>Neophema elegans</i>) SA: Rare Letter-Winged Kite (<i>Elanus scriptus</i>) SA: Rare Orange-bellied Parrot (<i>Neophema chrysogaster</i>) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA: Endangered Peregrine Falcon (<i>Falco peregrinus</i>) SA: Rare Plains-wanderer (<i>Pedionomus torquatus</i>) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA: Endangered 					
Landscape context score	1.14	Vegetation Condition Score	17.36	Conservation significance score	1.10	
Unit biodiversity Score	21.77	Area (ha)	0.06	Total biodiversity Score	1.31	

Site F1 (Map 5)

Vegetation Association	Nitraria billardierei (Nitre-bush) +/- Rhagodia candolleana ssp. (Sea-berry Saltbush) +/- Atriplex paludosa ssp. cordata (Marsh Saltbush) coastal plain shrubland
Photo 9: viewing	g north west from southern section of Site F1
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General description	Dominant native species include <i>Enchylaena tomentosa</i> (Ruby Saltbush), <i>Nitraria billardierei</i> (Nitre-Bush), <i>Atriplex paludosa</i> ssp. <i>cordata</i> (Marsh Saltbush), <i>Rhagodia crassifolia</i> (Fleshy Saltbush), <i>Rhagodia candolleana</i> (Sea-berry Saltbush) and <i>Maireana brevifolia</i> (Short-leaf Bluebush). The full flora species list recorded during the survey in Site F1 is shown in Appendix 3.
	The regeneration of native flora species in Site F1 was low consisting of scattered juvenile plants of a limited number of species. The understorey in Site F1 contains approximately 30-50% native species cover.
	Dominant introduced species include <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> (Soursob), <i>Lycium ferocissimum</i> (African Boxthorn) and <i>Carrichtera annua</i> (Ward's Weed). Two declared plant species listed under the <i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019</i> were recorded in Site F1. They include <i>Lycium ferocissimum</i> (African Boxthorn) and <i>Echium plantagineum</i> (Salvation Jane).
	Rabbit (Oryctolagus cuniculus) scats and scratching's were observed in Site F1.
Threatened species or community	 No threatened flora under the NP&W Act or EPBC Act listed flora species or community were recorded in Site F1. Search results registered the following terrestrial fauna species that have been recorded in the vicinity of Site F1 (for further information see Section 4.2 below): Elegant Parrot (<i>Neophema elegans</i>) SA: Rare Letter-Winged Kite (<i>Elanus scriptus</i>) SA: Rare Orange-bellied Parrot (<i>Neophema chrysogaster</i>) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA: Endangered

	Plains-w	anderer (<i>Pedionom</i>	us torquatus) EPBC:	Critically Endangered	; SA: Endangered
Landscape	1.17	Vegetation	40.73	Conservation	1.10
context score		Condition Score		significance score	
Unit biodiversity	52.42	Area (ha)	0.48	Total biodiversity	25.16
Score				Score	

Site F2 (Map 5)

VegetationTecticornia halocnemoides ssp. (Grey Samphire) +/- Tecticornia indica ssp. (Brown-headAssociationsamphire) shrubland with infrequent inundation

Photo 10: viewing south east from northern section. Site F2 is situated left of the photo with of Site F1 in the foreground



<u>Site F3</u> (Map 5)

Vegetation	Myoporum platycarpum ssp. (False Sandalwood) coastal plain shrubland
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Photo 11: viewin	ng south east from southern section of Site F3
General description	Dominant species include <i>Enchylaena tomentosa</i> (Ruby Saltbush), <i>Nitraria billardierei</i> (Nitre- Bush), <i>Atriplex paludosa</i> ssp. <i>cordata</i> (Marsh Saltbush), <i>Rhagodia crassifolia</i> (Fleshy Saltbush), <i>Rhagodia candolleana</i> (Sea-berry Saltbush) and <i>Maireana brevifolia</i> (Short-leaf Bluebush). The full flora species list recorded during the survey in Site F2 is shown in Appendix 3. The regeneration of native flora species in Site F2 was moderate consisting of multiple juvenile plants of a limited number of species. The understorey in Site F2 contains
	approximately 10-30% native species cover.
	Dominant introduced species include <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> (Soursob), <i>Lycium ferocissimum</i> (African Boxthorn) and <i>Carrichtera annua</i> (Ward's Weed). Two declared plant species listed under the <i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019</i> were recorded in Site F2. They include <i>Lycium ferocissimum</i> (African Boxthorn) and <i>Echium plantagineum</i> (Salvation Jane).
	Rabbit (Oryctolagus cuniculus) scats and scratching's were observed in Site F2.
Threatened species or community	 No threatened flora under the NP&W Act or EPBC Act listed flora species or community were recorded in Site F3. Search results registered the following terrestrial fauna species that have been recorded in the vicinity of Site F3 (for further information see Section 4.2 below): Elegant Parrot (<i>Neophema elegans</i>) SA: Rare Letter-Winged Kite (<i>Elanus scriptus</i>) SA: Rare
	 Orange-bellied Parrot (<i>Neophema chrysogaster</i>) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA: Endangered Peregrine Falcon (<i>Falco peregrinus</i>) SA: Rare Plains-wanderer (<i>Pedionomus torquatus</i>) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA: Endangered

Landscape context score	1.17	Vegetation Condition Score	40.50	Conservation significance score	1.10
Unit biodiversity Score	52.13	Area (ha)	0.36	Total biodiversity Score	18.77

Site F4 (Map 5)

<image/>	Vegetation Association	Degraded Myoporum platycarpum ssp. (False Sandalwood) coastal plain shrubland
	Photo 12: viewin	g North west from southern section of Site F4 with Allepo Pine to right of photo
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Photo 13: Old sto	ockpiles located in Site F4
General description	Dominant species include <i>Enchylaena tomentosa</i> (Ruby Saltbush), <i>Nitraria billardierei</i> (Nitre- Bush) and <i>Maireana brevifolia</i> (Short-leaf Bluebush). The full flora species list recorded during the survey in Site F4 is shown in Appendix 3.
	The regeneration of native flora species in Site F2 was moderate consisting of multiple juvenile plants of a limited number of species. The understorey in Site F2 contains approximately 10-30% native species cover. The majority of Site F4 consist of old soil stockpiles with both native and introduced species established on the surface.
	Dominant introduced species include <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> (Soursob) and <i>Carrichtera annua</i> (Ward's Weed). Three declared plant species listed under the <i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019</i> were recorded in Site F3. They include <i>Lycium ferocissimum</i> (African Boxthorn), <i>Asparagus asparagoides f.</i> (Bridal Creeper) and <i>Pinus halepensis</i> (Allepo Pine).
	Rabbit (Oryctolagus cuniculus) scats and scratching's were observed in Site F4.
Threatened species or community	No threatened flora under the NP&W Act or EPBC Act listed flora species or community were recorded in Site F4.
	 Search results registered the following terrestrial fauna species that have been recorded in the vicinity of Site F4 (for further information see Section 4.2 below): Elegant Parrot (<i>Neophema elegans</i>) SA: Rare Letter-Winged Kite (<i>Elanus scriptus</i>) SA: Rare Orange-bellied Parrot (<i>Neophema chrysogaster</i>) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA: Endangered Peregrine Falcon (<i>Falco peregrinus</i>) SA: Rare Plains-wanderer (<i>Pedionomus torquatus</i>) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA: Endangered
Landscape	1.17 Vegetation 22.57 Conservation 1.10



Site G1 (Map 6)

VegetationNitraria billardierei (Nitre-bush) +/- Rhagodia candolleana ssp. (Sea-berry Saltbush) +/-AssociationAtriplex paludosa ssp. cordata (Marsh Saltbush) coastal plain shrublandPhoto 14: viewing south east from mid-section of Site G1



Photo 15: viewing north east section of Site G1 into low lying area with denser Samphire cover and planted *Acacia* sp. and *Casuarina glauca* (Swamp Oak) around the perimeter



General description	(Nitre-Bush), Atr berry Saltbush), (Brown-head sa	<i>iplex paludosa</i> ssp. <i>Tecticornia halocne</i> mphire). The full flo dix 3. The road sho	cordata (Marsh Salt moides ssp. (Grey Sa ra species list record	a (Ruby Saltbush), <i>Niti</i> bush), <i>Rhagodia cand</i> amphire) and <i>Tecticor</i> ded during the survey s Highway contains se	olleana (Sea- nia indica ssp. r in Site F2 is		
	Site G1 contains a man-made land depression in the northern section of the site. <i>Tecticornia halocnemoides</i> ssp. (Grey Samphire) and <i>Tecticornia indica</i> ssp. (Brown-head samphire) cover is greater in this area compared to the rest of the site on higher ground. In addition, the northern section of Site G1 contains planted non-local native species, including <i>Acacia</i> sp. and <i>Casuarina glauca</i> (Swamp Oak).						
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	Dominant introduced species include <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> (Soursob), <i>Lycium ferocissimum</i> (African Boxthorn) and <i>Romulea</i> sp. (Onion Grass). Three declared plant species listed under the <i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019</i> were recorded in Site G1. They include <i>Lycium ferocissimum</i> (African Boxthorn), <i>Opuntia stricta</i> (Prickly Pear) and <i>Casuarina glauca</i> (Swamp Oak).						
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Landscape	1.14	Vegetation	33.57	Conservation	1.10		
context score		Condition Score		significance score			
Unit biodiversity	42.57	Area (ha)	0.46	Total biodiversity	19.58		
Score				Score			



Site H1 (Map 7)

Vegetation Association	Maireana brevifolia (Short-leaf Bluebush) very open coastal plain shrubland
	ing south from mid-section of Site H1



Photo 17: Two *Dodonaea subglandulifera* (Peep Hill Hop-bush) within enclosed fenced area. This species will not be impacted during the proposed project development and are not part of this application.



General description	<i>nigricans</i> (Black- <i>sp</i> . (Spear-grass)	head grass), <i>Rytidos</i>	sperma caespitosum ta (Windmill Grass).	(Ruby Saltbush), Enr (Common Wallaby- The full flora species	grass), Austrostipa	
	 The road shoulder along Princess Highway contains several scattered Acacia ligulata (Umbrella Bush) which will not be impacted. The road reserve adjacent to contains three Dodonaea subglandulifera (Peep Hill Hop-bush) which is an Endangered species listed under the EPBC Act 1999 (Map 7). The proposed development will not impact these species and therefore not included as part of this application. The regeneration of native flora species in Site H1 was low consisting of scattered juvenile plants of a limited number of species. The understorey in Site G1 contains approximately 40-60% native species cover. 					
	Dominant introduced species include <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> (Soursob) and <i>Avena barbata</i> (Bearded Oat). Three declared plant species listed under the <i>Landscape South Australia Act</i> 2019 were recorded in Site H1. They include <i>Lycium ferocissimum</i> (African Boxthorn), <i>Solanum elaeagnifolium (S</i> ilverleaf Nightshade) and <i>Marrubium vulgare</i> (Horehound).					
Threatened	No threatened f	lora under the NP&	-	ere observed in Site H listed flora species or		
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Landscape	1.14	Vegetation	16.93	Conservation	1.10	
context score		Condition Score		significance score		
Unit biodiversity Score	21.23	Area (ha)	0.25	Total biodiversity Score	5.31	



<u>Site I1</u> (Map 8)

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Photo 20: viewing south, south of Wakefield River within Site I1a showing shrubs in poor health with die-back approximately 40-50% with many dead plants.



Photo 21: viewing south, north of Wakefield River, within Site I2b showing shrubs in poor health with die-back approximately 40-50% with many dead plants.



General description	<i>billardierei</i> (Nitre berry Saltbush),	e-Bush), Rhagodia c Enchylaena tomente	rassifolia (Fleshy Sal osa (Ruby Saltbush)	<i>cordata</i> (Marsh Saltbi tbush), <i>Rhagodia can</i> and <i>Maireana brevifc</i> e survey in Site F1 is s	<i>dolleana</i> (Sea- olia (Short-leaf
	as regenerating. section of I1a. Pl with many dead	The health of shrul ant health deteriora plants present and	os ranges between 2 ates in the northern die-back averaging	noderate with three s 20-50% die-back in th section of 11a and th approximately 40-50 ve species cover due	ne southern e entirety of I2b 1%. The
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Landscape	1.20	Vegetation	32.90	Conservation	1.10
context score		Condition Score		significance score	
Unit biodiversity Score	43.42	Area (ha)	3.86	Total biodiversity Score	167.61

Site I2 (Map 8)

Vegetation	Nitraria billardierei (Nitre-bush) +/- Atriplex paludosa ssp. cordata (Marsh Saltbush) open
Association	coastal plain shrubland
Photo 22: view	ing south, directly south of Wakefield River within Site 12
General description	 Dominant native species include Atriplex paludosa ssp. cordata (Marsh Saltbush), Nitraria billardierei (Nitre-Bush), Maireana brevifolia (Short-leaf Bluebush) and Disphyma crassifolium ssp. clavellatum (Round-leaf Pigface). The full flora species list recorded during the survey in Site 12 is shown in Appendix 3. The regeneration of native flora species in Site 12 was low with only one species recorded as regenerating. The understorey in Site 12 contains approximately 25% native species cover. Dominant introduced species include Oxalis pes-caprae (Soursob) and Echium plantagineum (Salvation Jane). Two declared plant species listed under the Landscape South Australia Act 2019 were recorded in Site 12. They include Lycium ferocissimum (African Boxthorn) and Echium plantagineum (Salvation Jane). Inland Thornbill's (Acanthiza apicalis) were sighted during the field assessment and Feral Pigeon's (Columba livia) wereobserved nesting under the Princess Highway bridge which crosses the Wakefield River. Rabbit (Oryctolagus cuniculus) scats and scratching's were also
Threatened species or community	 recorded in Site I2. No threatened flora under the NP&W Act or EPBC Act listed flora species or community were recorded in Site I2. Search results registered the following terrestrial fauna species that have been recorded in the vicinity of Site I2 (for further information see Section 4.2 below): Elegant Parrot (<i>Neophema elegans</i>) SA: Rare Letter-Winged Kite (<i>Elanus scriptus</i>) SA: Rare Orange-bellied Parrot (<i>Neophema chrysogaster</i>) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA: Endangered Peregrine Falcon (<i>Falco peregrinus</i>) SA: Rare Plains-wanderer (<i>Pedionomus torquatus</i>) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA: Endangered

Landscape context score	1.20	Vegetation Condition Score	15.96	Conservation significance score	1.10
Unit biodiversity Score	21.07	Area (ha)	0.93	Total biodiversity Score	19.60

<u>Site I3</u> (Map 8)

<u>Site I3</u> (Map 8) Vegetation	Tecticornia halocnemoides ssp. (Grey Samphire) +/- Tecticornia indica ssp. (Brown-head
Association	samphire) shrubland with infrequent inundation
Photo 23: viewir	ng south across Wakefield River
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description	Native species observed was limited to <i>Tecticornia halocnemoides</i> ssp. (Grey Samphire) and
	<i>Tecticornia indica</i> ssp. (Brown-head samphire). The full flora species list recorded during the survey in Site I3 is shown in Appendix 3.
	The regeneration of native flora species in Site I3 was moderate three species recorded as
	regenerating. The understorey in Site I3 contains approximately 70% native species cover. No
	introduced species were recoded.
	Dominant introduced species include Oxalis pes-caprae (Soursob), Brassica sp. (Wild Turnip)
	and Lycium ferocissimum (African Boxthorn) which were mostly observed on the banks of
	Wakefield River. One declared plant species listed under the Landscape South Australia Act
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	 Wakefield River. One declared plant species listed under the Landscape South Australia Act 2019, Lycium ferocissimum (African Boxthorn), was recorded in Site 13. Inland Thornbill's (Acanthiza apicalis) were sighted during the field assessment and Feral
Threatened	 Wakefield River. One declared plant species listed under the <i>Landscape South Australia Act</i> 2019, Lycium ferocissimum (African Boxthorn), was recorded in Site I3. Inland Thornbill's (<i>Acanthiza apicalis</i>) were sighted during the field assessment and Feral Pigeon's (<i>Columba livia</i>) were observed nesting under the Princess Highway bridge which crosses the Wakefield River.
Threatened species or	 Wakefield River. One declared plant species listed under the Landscape South Australia Act 2019, Lycium ferocissimum (African Boxthorn), was recorded in Site I3. Inland Thornbill's (Acanthiza apicalis) were sighted during the field assessment and Feral Pigeon's (Columba livia) were observed nesting under the Princess Highway bridge which
	 Wakefield River. One declared plant species listed under the <i>Landscape South Australia Act</i> 2019, Lycium ferocissimum (African Boxthorn), was recorded in Site 13. Inland Thornbill's (<i>Acanthiza apicalis</i>) were sighted during the field assessment and Feral Pigeon's (<i>Columba livia</i>) were observed nesting under the Princess Highway bridge which crosses the Wakefield River. The vegetation in Site 13 may be considered a Temperate Coastal Saltmarsh ecological

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Landscape	1.18	Vegetation	45.26	Conservation	1.43
context score		Condition Score		significance score	
Unit biodiversity	76.37	Area (ha)	0.27	Total biodiversity	20.62
Score				Score	

Site 14 (Map 9) – Included in Part B of the land

Note: Due to site access restrictions Site I4 was inaccessible to undertake a site assessment. With the aim of establishing the Total Biodiversity Score and Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) offset requirements for Site I4, the baseline data collected within Site I1 was applied to estimate the proposed impacts. However, after studying aerial images of Sites I4, and viewing the vegetation from property boundaries it is likely that the Unit Biodiversity Scores for these sites will be lower than Site I1 due to poorer vegetation conditions, sparser native vegetation cover and greater introduced species cover. Once site access is granted, Site I4 will be assessed in accordance with the NVC assessment manuals. When completed this data report will be amended accordingly to adjust and finalise Site I4 Total Biodiversity Scores and SEB offset requirements.

 Vegetation
 Assumed Atriplex paludosa ssp. cordata (Marsh Saltbush) coastal plain shrubland

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Photo 24: North section of Site I1b directly south of Site I4. No photo of Site I4 available at present due to sun glare reducing photo quality



General description

See description for Site I1.

As shown on Map 9, Site I4 will contain a borrow pit and a connecting haul road that will be used to transport extracted material from the site. The position of the haul road is yet to be

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Threatened species or community	vicinity of Site I4 Elegant Letter-V Orange Endang Peregrin	egistered the followi 4 (for further informa Parrot (<i>Neophema e</i> Vinged Kite (<i>Elanus</i> -bellied Parrot (<i>Neo</i> pered ne Falcon (<i>Falco pere</i>	ation see Section 4. elegans) SA: Rare scriptus) SA: Rare phema chrysogaster egrinus) SA: Rare	species that have bee 2 below):) EPBC: Critically Enda Critically Endangered	angered; SA:
Landscape context score	1.20	Vegetation Condition Score	32.90	Conservation significance score	1.10
Unit biodiversity Score	43.42	Area (ha)	17.35	Total biodiversity Score	753.36

<u>Site I5</u> (Map 8)

Vegetation Association	Atriplex paludosa ssp. cordata (Marsh Saltbush) open coastal plain shrubland
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Photo 26: viewing north from Ketch Road



General description	<i>billardierei</i> (Nitre	e-Bush), <i>Enchylaena</i>	tomentosa (Ruby S	<i>cordata</i> (Marsh Saltbo altbush) and <i>Mairean</i> d during the survey in	a brevifolia
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community	vicinity of Site I5 Elegant Letter-W Orange- Endange Peregrin	(for further inform Parrot (<i>Neophema</i> /inged Kite (<i>Elanus</i> bellied Parrot (<i>Neo</i> ered le Falcon (<i>Falco per</i> e	ation see Section 4. elegans) SA: Rare scriptus) SA: Rare phema chrysogaster egrinus) SA: Rare	species that have bee 2 below):) EPBC: Critically Enda Critically Endangered	angered; SA:
Landscape	1.18	Vegetation	37.56	Conservation	1.10
context score		Condition Score		significance score	
Unit biodiversity Score	48.76	Area (ha)	0.48	Total biodiversity Score	23.40





Site J1 (Map 10) – Included in Part B of the land

Note: Due to site access restrictions Site J1 was inaccessible to undertake a site assessment. With the aim of establishing the Total Biodiversity Score and Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) offset requirements for Site J1, the baseline data collected within Site I1 was applied to estimate the proposed impacts. However, after studying aerial images of Sites J1 and viewing the vegetation from property boundaries it is likely that the Unit Biodiversity Scores for these sites will be lower than Site I1 due to poorer vegetation conditions, sparser native vegetation cover and greater introduced species cover. Once site access is granted, Site J1 will be assessed in accordance with the NVC assessment manuals. When completed this data report will be amended accordingly to adjust and finalise Site J1 Total Biodiversity Scores and SEB offset requirements.

Vegetation Association	Assumed <i>Maireana brevifolia</i> (Short-leaf Bluebush) +/- <i>Atriplex paludosa ssp. cordata</i> (Marsh Saltbush) open coastal plain shrubland
Photo 27: viewin	g north west from Copper Coast Highway
General description	See description for Site I1.
Threatened	Not available at present.
species or community	 Search results registered the following terrestrial fauna species that have been recorded in the vicinity of Site J1 (for further information see Section 4.2 below): Elegant Parrot (<i>Neophema elegans</i>) SA: Rare Letter-Winged Kite (<i>Elanus scriptus</i>) SA: Rare

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٠	Orange-bellied Parrot (Neophema chrysogaster) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA:
	Endangered

• Peregrine Falcon (Falco peregrinus) SA: Rare

	 Plains-w 	anderer (Pedionom	us torquatus) EPBC:	Critically Endangered	; SA: Endangered
Landscape	1.20	Vegetation	32.90	Conservation	1.10
context score		Condition Score		significance score	
Unit biodiversity	42.34	Area (ha)	6.54	Total biodiversity	276.88
Score				Score	

Site K1 (Map 10) – Included in Part B of the land

Note: A preliminary field assessment was undertaken at Site K1 on 13 June 2019 by a Jacobs Ecologist. Ecological information was collected according to the DPTI Vegetation Removal Policy (2018) and NVC Bushland Assessment Manual 2019. For the purpose of this report and application, the data collected by the Jacobs ecologist was used to estimate the Total Biodiversity Scores and SEB offset requirements for the proposed impacts in Site K1. Once site access is granted, Site K1 will be in accordance with the NVC Bushland Assessment Manual. When completed this data report will be amended accordingly to adjust and finalise Site K1 Total Biodiversity Scores and SEB offset requirements.

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Site L1 (Map 10) – Included in Part B of the land

Note: Due to site access restrictions Site L1 was inaccessible to undertake a site assessment. With the aim of establishing the Total Biodiversity Score and Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) offset requirements for Site L1, the baseline data collected within Site L1 was applied to estimate the proposed impacts. However, after studying aerial images of Sites I1 and viewing the vegetation from property boundaries it is likely that the Unit Biodiversity Scores for these sites will be lower than Site I1 due to poorer vegetation conditions, sparser native vegetation cover and greater introduced species cover. Once site access is granted, Site L1 will be assessed in accordance with the NVC assessment manuals. When completed this data report will be amended accordingly to adjust and finalise Site L1 Total Biodiversity Scores and SEB offset requirements.

Vegetation	Assumed Atriple	x paludosa ssp. cora	<i>lata</i> (Marsh Saltbus	h) coastal plain shrub	land						
Association											
Photo not availab	ole										
General description	See description	See description for Site I1.									
Threatened	Not available at	present.									
species or community	vicinity of Site L ² Elegant Letter-W Orange- Endange Peregrin	I (for further inform Parrot (<i>Neophema e</i> Vinged Kite (<i>Elanus :</i> bellied Parrot (<i>Neo</i>) ered he Falcon (<i>Falco pere</i>	ation see Section 4 elegans) SA: Rare scriptus) SA: Rare phema chrysogaster egrinus) SA: Rare	species that have be 2 below):) EPBC: Critically Enda <u>Critically Endangerec</u>	angered; SA:						
Landscape	1.16	Vegetation	32.90	Conservation	1.10						
context score	Condition Score significance score										
Unit biodiversity	41.97	Area (ha)	0.77	Total biodiversity	32.32						
Score				Score							



Scattered Trees 1-4 (Map 11) – Included in Part B of the land

Elegant Parrot.

Note: A preliminary field assessment of Trees 1-4 was undertaken on 13 June 2019 by a Jacobs Ecologist. Ecological information was collected according to the DPTI Vegetation Removal Policy (2018) and NVC Scattered Tree Assessment Manual 2019. For the purpose of this report and application, the data collected by the Jacobs ecologist was used to estimate the Total Biodiversity Scores and SEB offset requirements for the proposed impacts to Trees 1-4. Once site access is granted, Trees 1-4 will be reassessed in accordance with the NVC Scattered Tree Assessment Manual. When completed this data report will be amended accordingly to adjust and finalise Trees 1-4 Total Biodiversity Scores and SEB offset requirements.

Tree ID – Tree 1	Photo 29: viewing south. Photo taken by Jacobs ecologist. Photo of entire tree
Eucalyptus porosa (Mallee Box)	will be taken and included in the amended report once site access has been gained.
Number of trees – 1	
Height (m) – 6	
Hollows – Nil	
Diameter (cm) – 20	
Canopy dieback (%) – 20	
Total Biodiversity Score – 0.59	
	e Elegant Parrot (<i>Neophema elegans</i>) which is rated as Rare under the <i>NPW Act.</i> ty to an existing major transport route, it is unlikely to be used as habitat by the

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Tree 2 may provide habitat for the Elegant Parrot (*Neophema elegans*) which is rated as Rare under the *NPW Act*. However, due to Tree 2's proximity to an existing major transport route, it is unlikely to be used as habitat by the Elegant Parrot.



Elegant Parrot.



Elegant Parrot.



4.2 Threatened Species assessment

No species of conservation significance at the national or state level were recorded during the site assessment. Only one native bird species was observed in Site I2 and I3, being the Inland Thornbill (*Acanthiza apicalis*). Also sighted in Site I2 and I3 was the introduced feral Pigeon (*Columba livia*). In addition, European Rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) scats and scratching where observed across most of the proposed clearance areas.

Species observed on site, or recorded within 5km 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
<i>Acanthiza iredalei rosinae</i> (Gulf St Vincent Slender-billed Thornbill)	V	VU	2 & 5	2007	Mainly inhabits intertidal samphire flats dominated by <i>Tecticornia arbuscula</i> (Shrubby Samphire).	Possible in Site F2 & I3 – No sighting during targeted survey. Preferred habitat not present. However, the Gulf St Vincent Slender-billed Thornbill mainly inhabits intertidal samphire flats dominated by <i>Tecticornia arbuscula</i> (Shrubby Samphire), which was not recorded in the proposed clearance area along Wakefield River. As such, the species <u>unlikely</u> to occur in these areas (personal communication with Graham Carpenter on 15 June 2020).
Actitis hypoleucos (Common Sandpiper)		R	2	2018	Utilises coastal wetlands and some inland wetlands.	Possible in habitat in Site F2 & I3. Not sighted during site assessment.
Anas rhynchotis (Australasian Shoveler)		R	2	2017	Prefers large undisturbed heavily vegetated freshwater swamps. It is also found on open waters and occasionally along the coast.	Possible as recorded within the previous 20 years - Preferred habitat not present.
<i>Biziura lobata</i> (Musk Duck)		R	2	2018	Found in deep freshwater lagoons, with dense reed beds.	Possible as recorded within the previous 20 years - Preferred habitat not present.
Calidris canutus (Red Knot)	EN		5	No records	Coast in sandy estuaries with tidal mudflats.	Unlikely - Preferred habitat not present.
<i>Calidris ferruginea</i> (Curlew Sandpiper)	CR		5	No records	Intertidal mudflats of estuaries, lagoons, mangroves, as well as	Unlikely - Preferred habitat not present.

Calidris tenuirostris (Great Knot)	CE	R	5	No records	beaches, rocky shores and around lakes, dams and floodwaters. Inhabit intertidal mudflats and sandflats in sheltered	Unlikely - Preferred habitat not present.
<i>Charadrius leschenaultia</i> (Greater Sand Plover)	VU	R	5	No records	Coasts. Open grasslands in arid and semi-arid zones.	Unlikely - Preferred habitat not present.
<i>Charadrius mongolus</i> (Lesser Sand Plover)	EN	R	5	No records	Open grasslands in arid and semi-arid zones.	Unlikely - Preferred habitat not present.
Cladorhynchus leucocephalus (Banded Stilt)		V	2	2013	Found mainly in saline and hypersaline waters of the inland and coast, typically large, open and shallow.	Possible as recorded within the previous 20 years - Preferred habitat not present.
<i>Egretta garzetta</i> (Little Egret)		R	2	2018	Tidal mudflats, saltwater and freshwater wetlands, and mangroves.	Possible as recorded within the previous 20 years - Preferred habitat not present.
<i>Elanus scriptus</i> (Letter-Winged Kite)		R	2	2013	Open country and grasslands where there are tree-lined streams or water courses.	Possible in all sites, except F2 & I3, as recorded within the previous 20 years - Preferred habitat not present. Not sighted during site assessment.
<i>Falco peregrinus</i> (Peregrine Falcon)		R	2	2017	Prefers coastal and inland cliffs or open woodlands near water.	Possible in all sites, except F2 & I3, as recorded within the previous 20 years - Preferred habitat not present. Not sighted during site assessment.
<i>Limosa lapponica baueri</i> (Bar- tailed Godwit)	VU		5	No records	Inhabit estuarine mudflats, beaches and mangroves	Unlikely - Preferred habitat not present.
Neophema elegans (Elegant Parrot)		R	2	2017	Open habitats including grasslands, shrublands, mallee, woodlands and thickets, bluebush plains, heathlands, saltmarsh and farmland.	Possible, except F2 & I3, as recorded within the previous 20 years. However, given the sites proximity to an existing major transport route, the NVC may consider it unlikely that the Elegant Parrot would utilises these areas as suitable habitat. Not sighted during site assessment.
Neophema chrysogaster (Orange- bellied Parrot)	CR	E	5	No records	Has limited distribution in SA, prefers coastal	Unlikely - Preferred habitat not present.

					habitats, saltmarsh, dunes.	
<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i> (Far Eastern Curlew)	CR	V	5	No records	Found on intertidal mudflats and sandflats.	Unlikely - Preferred habitat not present.
Oxyura australis (Blue-Billed Duck)		R	2	2017	Almost wholly aquatic on large, deep open freshwater dams.	Possible as recorded within the previous 20 years - Preferred habitat not present.
<i>Pedionomus Torquatus</i> (Plains- wanderer)	CR	E	5	No records	Lives on open, sparse swards and grasslands.	Unlikely - Preferred habitat not present.
<i>Pezoporus occidentalis</i> (Night Parrot)	EN	E	5	No records	Inhabit arid or semi- arid grasslands that are dominated by spinifex.	Unlikely - Preferred habitat not present.
Plegadis falcinellus (Glossy Ibis)		R	2	2017	Requires shallow water and mudflats.	Possible as recorded within the previous 20 years - Preferred habitat not present.
Porzana tabuensis (Spotless Crake)		R	2	2017	Well-vegetated edges of wetlands.	Possible as recorded within the previous 20 years - Preferred habitat not present
<i>Rostratula australis</i> (Australian Painted Snipe)	EN	V	5	No records	Inhabits shallow, brackish or freshwater terrestrial wetlands.	Unlikely - Preferred habitat not present.
<i>Sternula nereis</i> (Fairy Tern)	VU	E	5	No records	Found on coastal beaches, inshore and offshore islands, sheltered inlets, sewage farms, harbours, estuaries and lagoons.	Unlikely - Preferred habitat not present.
<i>Stictonetta naevosa</i> (Freckled Duck)		V	2	2018	Prefers permanent freshwater swamps and creeks with heavy growth of cumbungi (bullrushes), lignum or tea-tree.	Possible as recorded within the previous 20 years - Preferred habitat not present
<i>Thincornis cucullatus</i> (Hooded Plover)	VU	V	5	No records	Found on sandy beaches.	Unlikely - Preferred habitat not present.
Tringa brevipes (Grey-Tailed Tattler) Source; 1- BDBSA, 2 - AoLA, 3 – Nat		R	2	2014	Usually seen in small flocks on sheltered coasts with reefs and rock platforms or with intertidal mudflats.	Possible as recorded within the previous 20 years - Preferred habitat not present

Source; 1- BDBSA, 2 - AoLA, 3 – NatueMaps 4 – Observed/recorded in the field, 5 - Protected matters search tool, 6 – others NP&W Act; E= Endangered, V = Vulnerable, R= Rare

EPBC Act; Ex = Extinct, CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered; VU = Vulnerable

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

Likelihood	Criteria
Highly Likely/Known	Recorded in the last 10 years, the species does not have highly specific niche requirements, the habitat is 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 does not provide 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 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.

Direct Impacts

The direct impacts to native vegetation of the proposed development are discussed above in Section 4.1. Clearance is required for the construction of a highway, associated stormwater infrastructure, borrow pit, laydown area and site office compound.

Indirect Impacts

No indirect impacts are foreseen for the proposed development. The PWOHD project will avoid indirect impacts to native vegetation by implement an environmental management protection system during construction, such as establishing vegetation protection zones, educating site staff, suppressing dust, designating site access routes and managing the spread and introduction of weed species.

Cumulative Impacts

There are no additional clearances associated with this development and 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 design of the PWOHD project has been chosen to predominantly run adjacent of the existing highway. This allows the project to utilise the pre-existing roads and limits the encroachment of new infrastructure into neighbouring properties, and thus, impacts to native vegetation. The new south bound lane is to diverge around the eastern side of the township to minimise impact to local businesses and ensure ongoing access to the township for road network users. The overpass to be constructed at the intersection of the Princess highway and Copper Coast Highway has been chosen to alleviate impacts to road users during construction and allow effective movement for all road network users. Impacts to native vegetation were further avoided by steepening batters to reduce encroachment into adjoining areas and minimising the additional footprint required for constructability (PW2PA, personal communication 3 July 2020). In addition, the southern compound was originally located within a patch of remnant revegetation immediately north of the intersection of Shrike Road and the Princess Highway. The compound would have impacted approximately 0.13ha of protected native vegetation. Following the site assessment and recommendations, the applicant moved the southern compound site further north to a rehabilitated hardstand area which has been revegetated with local and non-local native species to further avoid impacts to native vegetation protected under the Native Vegetation Act 1991. An existing vehicle track leads to the proposed compound site from Shrike Road adjacent to neighbouring property which will be utilised during construction (see Map. 3).

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).

Where clearance cannot be avoided all reasonable measures will be taken to minimise further impacts to native vegetation during construction activities. Such measures include; delineating native vegetation with exclusion zone fencing, use of non-destructive excavation techniques where practical, education and training of site staff regarding native vegetation protection, strict use of designated access points/routes etc, engagement of

suitably qualified consultants (ecologist, arborists, fauna spotter-catchers etc), ongoing weed management to avoid the introduction and spread of weed species and effective dust mitigation by ongoing dust suppression and revegetation of disturbed areas (PW2PA, personal communication 3 July 2020).

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 areas of roadside native vegetation impacted during construction activities will be rehabilitated via hydroseed treatments. The final details of the hydroseed treatment methodology are still in development via consultation with hydroseeding contractors, but the intent is as follows:

- place 100mm layer of site won topsoil ameliorated with compost and gypsum;
- hydroseed with native hydroseed mix similar to the vegetation species composition found on site.
 Where appropriate, and aligned with construction program, local sourced seed will be utilised. Final species mixes will be developed in consultation with hydroseeding contractors and local seed suppliers (PW2PA, personal communication 3 July 2020).

In addition, the construction phase of the project will require clearance for a temporary laydown area, site office compound and borrow pit. Once the required material has been extracted, the borrow pit will be developed into a stormwater catchment basin and landscaped with appropriate native species. Furthermore, the temporary laydown and site office compound areas will be rehabilitated once construction is completed with similar native flora species currently found at these sites.

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.

As stated below in Section 6, PW2PA has requested preference to provide the Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) through payment into the NVC 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.

Principle of clearance	Relevant information	Assessment against the principles	Moderating factors that may be considered by the NVC
Principle 1b - significance as a habitat for wildlife	 No threatened species were recorded during the site assessment. Search results registered the following terrestrial fauna species that have been recorded in the vicinity of all sites (not including wetland communities at Sites F2 & I3): Elegant Parrot (Neophema elegans) SA: Rare Letter-Winged Kite (Elanus scriptus) SA: Rare Orange-bellied Parrot (Neophema chrysogaster) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA: Endangered Peregrine Falcon (Falco peregrinus) SA: Rare Plains-wanderer (Pedionomus torquatus) EPBC: Critically Endangered; SA: Endangered 	Seriously at Variance All sites under application. <u>At Variance</u> – Trees 1-4.	The vegetation under application may not be regarded as essential habitat for the fauna species included in this report. If the NVC determine that the listed species would not utilise the vegetation under application as essential habitat this principle of clearance may be reduced to 'at variance' or 'not at variance'. In addition, given the sites proximity to an existing major transport route, the NVC may consider it unlikely that the list species would utilises these areas as suitable habitat.

Principle 1c - plants of a rare, vulnerable or endangered species Principle 1d - the vegetation comprises the whole or part of a plant community that is Rare, Vulnerable or endangered:	No threatened species recorded within the proposed clearance areas. Threatened Flora Scores: All sites scored 0.00. The vegetation in Site 13 <u>may</u> be considered a Temperate Coastal Saltmarsh ecological community which are listed as vulnerable under the EPBC Act 1999. Threatened Community Score: Site 13 scored 1.35.	Not at Variance <u>Seriously at Variance</u> - Site 13: <i>Tecticornia</i> <i>halocnemoides</i> ssp. (Grey Samphire) +/- <i>Tecticornia indica</i> ssp. (Brown-head samphire) shrubland (Temperate Coastal Saltmarsh)	Due to the small size of Site I3 (0.27ha) and that similar ecological communities are well represented in the northern section of St. Vincent Gulf coastal area; clearance of Site I3 will not significantly reduce the overall extent of Temperate Coastal Saltmarshes in the region or lead to a long-term adverse effect in their regional cover.
	 Search results registered the following wetland fauna species that have been recorded in the vicinity of Sites F2 & I3: Gulf St Vincent Slender-billed Thornbill (Acanthiza iredalei rosinae) EPBC: Vulnerable; SA: Vulnerable Common Sandpiper (Actitis hypoleucos) SA: Rare However, Graham Carpenter from the NVB advised that the Gulf St Vincent Slender-billed Thornbill mainly inhabits intertidal samphire flats dominated by <i>Tecticornia arbuscula</i> (Shrubby Samphire), which was not recorded in Site F2 and I3. As such, the species is unlikely to occur in these areas (personal communication on 15 June 2020). In addition, targeted surveying efforts during the site assessment failed to record the presence of the Gulf St Vincent Slender-billed Thornbill. <u>Patches:</u> Threatened Fauna Score: All Sites scored 0.1, except for Site F2 and I3 which scored 0.08. Unit biodiversity Score: Site I3 scored 76.37. <u>Trees:</u> Trees 1-4 may provide habitat for one Rare bird species, the Elegant Parrot, listed under the <i>NPW Act</i> 		

4.6 Risk Assessment

Total	No. of trees	4			
clearance	Area (ha)	35.839			
	Total biodiversity Score	1526.61			
Seriously at va 1(b), 1(c) or 1	ariance with principle (d)	1(b) – all sites & 1 (d) – Site I3			
Risk assessme	nt outcome	Level 4			

5. Clearance summary

Clearance Areas 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
А	A1	9	1	0	0.1	31.33	0.056	1.75	1	0	0	1.84	785.71	43.21
В	B1	9	1	0	0.1	31.33	0.043	1.35	1	0	0	1.41	603.32	33.18
С	C1	9	1	0	0.1	31.33	0.07	2.19	1	0	0	2.30	979.15	53.85
D	D1	18	1	0	0.1	44.24	0.52	23.00	1	0	0	24.15	10,238.75	563.13
D	D2	16	1	0	0.1	38.83	1.95	75.71	1	0	0	79.50	33,595.21	1,847.74
Е	E1	12	1	0	0.1	21.77	0.06	1.31	1	0	0	1.37	577.80	31.78
F	F1	21	1	0	0.1	52.16	0.48	25.16	1	0	0	26.42	11,097.28	610.35
F	F2	6	1	0	0.08	33.61	0.02	0.67	1	0	0	0.71	296.43	16.30
F	F3	21	1	0	0.1	52.13	0.36	18.77	1	0	0	19.70	8,275.45	455.15
F	F4	15	1	0	0.1	29.05	0.35	10.17	1	0	0	10.67	4,483.11	246.57
G	G1	15	1	0	0.1	42.57	0.46	19.58	1	0	0	20.56	8,608.43	473.46
н	H1	15	1	0	0.1	21.23	0.25	5.31	1	0	0	5.57	2,376.31	130.70
I	11	20	1	0	0.1	43.42	3.86	167.61	1	0	0	175.99	73,457.00	4,040.14
I	12	6	1	0	0.1	21.07	0.93	19.60	1	0	0	20.58	8,588.83	472.39
I	13	18	1.35	0	0.08	76.37	0.27	20.62	1	0	0	21.65	9,037.29	497.05
I	14*	20	1	0	0.1	43.42	17.35	753.36	1	0	0	791.03	331,204.49	18,216.25
I	15	15	1	0	0.1	48.76	0.48	23.40	1	0	0	24.57	10,257.29	564.15
J	J1*	20	1	0	0.1	42.34	6.54	276.88	1	0	0	290.72	121,724.81	6,694.86
к	K1	10	1	0	0.1	46.91	1.02	47.85	1	0	0	50.24	21,036.73	1,157.02
L	L* 1*	20	1	0	0.1	41.97	0.77	32.32	1	0	0	33.94	14,209.02	781.50
						Total	35.839	1526.61				1602.92	\$671,432.41	\$36,928.78

* Included in Part B of the land

Scattered trees Summary table

Tree								
or		Fauna						
Cluster	Number	Habitat	Threatened	Biodiversity	Loss	SEB Points	SEB	
ID	of trees	score	flora score	score	factor	required	Payment	Admin Fee
1	1	1	0	0.59	1	0.62	\$258.94	\$12.95
2	1	1	0	0.99	1	1.04	\$436.60	\$21.83
3	1	1	0	0.50	1	0.52	\$218.65	\$10.93
4	1	1	0	0.99	1	1.04	\$436.60	\$21.83
Total	4			3.07		3.22	\$1,351.08	\$67.54

Totals summary table

	Total Biodiversity score	Total SEB points required	SEB Payment	Admin Fee	Total Payment
Application	1,529.68	1,606.14	\$672,783.49	\$36,996.32	\$709,779.81

Economies of Scale Factor	0.5
Rainfall (mm)	323-328

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:

- Establish a new SEB Area on land owned by the proponent.
- Use SEB Credit that the proponent has established.
- Apply to have SEB Credit assigned from another person or body.
- Apply to have an SEB to be delivered by a Third Party.
- Pay into the Native Vegetation Fund.

PAYMENT SEB

• Total SEB Amount: \$709,779.81

Payment Staging Plan

SEB payments have been proposed to be paid one month prior to clearance within each area of the project. The tables below display the current program dates for clearance of each site with a provision for SEB payment to be made one month in advance. The Project proposes 5 payment checkpoints based on the staging of construction, areas referred to in the table are shown on the map below.

Block	Site	Area (ha)	SEB Points required	SEB payment	Admin Fee	Area	Proposed clearance date	Proposed Payment Date
А	A1	0.056	1.84	785.71	43.21	South of Township	12/10/2020	12/09/2020
В	B1	0.043	1.41	603.32	33.18	South of Township	12/10/2020	12/09/2020
С	C1	0.07	2.3	979.15	53.85	South of Township	12/10/2020	12/09/2020
D	D1	0.52	24.15	10,238.75	563.13	South of Township	12/10/2020	12/09/2020
D	D2	1.95	79.5	33,595.21	1,847.74	South of Township	12/10/2020	12/09/2020
E	E1	0.06	1.37	577.8	31.78	South of Township	12/10/2020	12/09/2020
F	F1	0.48	26.42	11,097.28	610.35	South of Township	12/10/2020	12/09/2020
F	F2	0.02	0.71	296.43	16.3	South of Township	12/10/2020	12/09/2020
F	F3	0.36	19.7	8,275.45	455.15	South of Township	12/10/2020	12/09/2020
F	F4	0.35	10.67	4,483.11	246.57	South of Township	12/10/2020	12/09/2020
G	G1	0.46	20.56	8,608.43	473.46	South of Township	12/10/2020	12/09/2020
Н	H1	0.25	5.57	2,376.31	130.7	South of Township	12/10/2020	12/09/2020
I	11	3.86	175.99	73,457.00	4,040.14	Bypass/Site Compound	1/09/2020	1/08/2020
I	12	0.93	20.58	8,588.83	472.39	Wakefield River	11/11/2020	11/10/2020
I	13	0.27	21.65	9,037.29	497.05	Wakefield River	11/11/2020	11/10/2020
I	14*	17.35	791.03	331,204.49	18,216.25	Pt Wakefield Sthbound/Borrow Pit/Interchange East	11/11/2020	11/10/2020
I	15	0.48	24.57	10,257.29	564.15	Pt Wakfield Highway Northbound	10/08/2021	10/07/2021
J	J1*	6.54	290.72	121,724.81	6,694.86	Interchange West	11/11/2020	11/10/2020
К	K1	1.02	50.24	21,036.73	1,157.02	Northbound Highway	2/02/2021	2/01/2021
L	L*1*	0.77	33.94	14,209.02	781.5	Pt Wakefield Sthbound/Borrow Pit/Interchange East	11/11/2020	11/10/2020
	Total	35.839	1602.92	\$671,432.41	\$36,928.78			

Payment Checkpoints	Area Description
1/08/2020	Bypass/Site Compound
12/09/2020	South of Township
11/10/2020	Wakefield River Pt Wakefield Sthbound/Borrow Pit/Interchange East Interchange West
2/01/2021	Copper Coast Highway Northbound
10/07/2021	Port Wakefield Highway Northbound



7. Appendices

Appendix 1. Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication design plans and project layout – North and South (also submitted in PDF format)





Appendix 2. Bushland, Rangeland and Scattered Tree Vegetation Assessment Scoresheets associated with the proposed clearance (submitted in Excel format)

Scientific Name	Common Name	A1	B1	C1	D1	D2	E1	F1	F2	F3	F4	G1	H1	11	12	13	14	15	J1	K1	L1
Acacia hakeoides	Hakea Wattle																				
Acacia ligulata	Umbrella Bush	√	√	√	√R							√									
Ariplex paludosa ssp. cordata	Marsh Saltbush				V	V	V	V		V				√R	V		√R	V	√R	√R	√R
Atriplex stipitata	Bitter Saltbush				√			√		V				√			V	V	V	√R	V
Austrostipa elegantissima	Feather Spear- grass													V			V		V		V
Austrostipa sp.	Spear-grass												√								
Chloris truncata	Windmill Grass												√								
Disphyma crassifolium ssp. clavellatum	Round-leaf Pigface					√R															
Duma florulenta	Lignum															√					
Einadia nutans ssp.	Climbing Saltbush												V	V			V		V		V
Enchylaena tomentosa var.	Ruby Saltbush	√R	√R	√R	√R	√R	V	V		V	V	V		√R			√R	√R	√R		√R
Enneapogon nigricans	Black-head Grass												√								
Erodium crinitum	Blue Heron's-bill																				
Eucalyptus phenax ssp. phenax	White Mallee	V	V	V																	
Exocarpos aphyllus	Leafless Cherry					√	√														
Maireana brevifolia	Short-leaf Bluebush	V	V	V	V	√R		V		V	V		V	V	V		V	√R	V	√R	V
Maireana erioclada	Rosy Bluebush	√R	√R	√R	√R	√R		√		√	√										
Melaleuca lanceolata	Dryland Tea-tree																				
Myoporum platycarpum ssp.	False Sandalwood									√R	V										
Nitraria billardierei	Nitre-bush	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	V	√R	√

Appendix 3. Flora Species List

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Scientific Name	Common Name	A1	B1	C1	D1	D2	E1	F1	F2	F3	F4	G1	H1	-11	12	13	14	15	J1	K1	L1
Osteocarpum acropterum var.	Bonefruit																			V	
Pittosporum angustifolium	Native Apricot																				
Rhagodia candolleana ssp.	Sea-berry Saltbush	V	V	V	V	V	V	V		V				V			V		V		V
Rhagodia crassifolia	Fleshy Saltbush				√	√		√		√		√		V			V		V		V
Rhagodia spinescens	Spiny Saltbush													√			V		√		V
Rytidosperma caespitosum	Common Wallaby-grass				V	V							√R								
Senna artemisioides ssp.	Desert Senna																				
Suaeda australis	Austral Seablite					√						√				√					
Tecticornia halocnemoides ssp.	Grey Samphire					V		√	V	V	V	V				V		V			
Tecticornia indica ssp.	Brown-head Samphire					V		√	V	V	V	V				√		V			
Tetragonia implexicoma	Bower Spinach	V	√	√	√R		√							√			√		√		√
Threlkeldia diffusa	Coast Bonefruit					√		√		√			√					√			
Zygophyllaceae sp.	Twinleaf Family																				
Asparagus asparagoides f.*+	Bridal Creeper	~	V	V							V										
Asphodelus fistulosus*	Onion Weed																				
Avena barbata*	Bearded Oat	√	√	√	√	√		√		√	√	√	√	√			V	√	√		V
Brassica sp.*		√	√	√										√		√	V		V		V
Briza sp.*	Quaking Grass		1	1										V			V		V		V
Bromus sp.*	Brome		1	1									√								
Carrichtera annua*	Ward's Weed	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√		√	√			√	V	√		V
Casuarina glauca*+	Grey Buloak							1				√									

Scientific Name	Common Name	A1	B1	C1	D1	D2	E1	F1	F2	F3	F4	G1	H1	-11	12	13	14	15	J1	K1	L1
Cynodon sp.*	Couch							√		V											
Echium plantagineum*+	Salvation Jane	√	√	√	√		√	√		√					√						
Eucalyptus spathulata ssp. spathulata*	Swamp Mallet																	V			
Galenia pubescens var. pubescens*	Coastal Galenia										V			V			V		V		V
Lycium ferocissimum*+	African Boxthorn				√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	V	√	√		√
Malva sp.*	Mallow										√		√	√			V	√	√		√
Marrubium vulgare*+	Horehound												√								
Mesembryanthemum sp.*	lceplant						V														
Oncosiphon suffruticosum*+	Calomba Daisy													V			V		V		V
Opuntia stricta*+	Erect Prickly Pear											√									
Oxalis pes-caprae*	Soursob	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
Pinus halepensis*+	Aleppo Pine																				
Piptatherum miliaceum*	Rice Millet							√		√											
Raphanus sp.*	Radish												√								
Ricinus communis*	Castor Oil Plant															√					
Romulea sp.*	Onion-grass	√	√	√	√	√		√				√	√	√			V	√	V		√
Salvia verbenaca var.*	Wild Sage												√								
Sichinus mole*	Pepper-tree									√	√										
Sisymbrium sp.*	Wild Mustard									√	√		√	√			V		V		√
Solanum elaeagnifolium*+	Silver-leaf Nightshade												V								
Sonchus oleraceus*	Common Sow- thistle	V	V	V																	
Trifolium sp.*	Clover				√	√															

Scientific Name	Common Name	A1	B1	C1	D1	D2	E1	F1	F2	F3	F4	G1	H1	11	12	13	14	15	J1	К1	L1
Vicia sp.*	Vetch													√			√		√		√

*Introduced species, +Declared plant, R: Regenerating