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SUMMARY OF CLAUSE 52.17 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Table S1. Application requirements for a permit to remove native vegetation (Victoria Planning Provisions Clause 52.17; DELWP 2017)

No.	Application Requirement	Response
	Application requirements under the Intermediate Assessment Pat	thway
1	 Information about the native vegetation to be removed, including: The assessment pathway and reason for the assessment pathway; A description of the native vegetation to be removed; Maps showing the native vegetation and property in context; and The offset requirement that will apply if the native vegetation is approved to be removed. 	Refer to Section 3.1, Section 3.3 and Appendix 3 (NVR Report)
2	Topographic and land information relating to the native vegetation to be removed, showing ridges, crests and hilltops, wetlands and waterways, slopes of more than 20 percent, drainage lines, low lying areas, saline discharge areas, and areas of existing erosion, as appropriate.	Refer to Section 1.2 and Figure 1
3	Recent dated photographs of the native vegetation to be removed.	Refer to Section 3.1
4	Details of any other native vegetation that was permitted to be removed on the same property with the same ownership as the native vegetation to be removed, where the removal occurred in the five year period before the application to remove native vegetation is lodged.	No removal of native vegetation has been removed by the proponent within the property within the past five years.
5	An avoid and minimise statement. The statement describes any efforts to avoid the removal of and minimise the impacts on the biodiversity and other values of native vegetation, and how these efforts focussed on areas of native vegetation that have the most value.	Refer to Section 5.1
6	A copy of any Property Vegetation Plan contained within an agreement made pursuant to section 69 of the <i>Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987</i> that applies to the native vegetation to be removed.	Not applicable
7	Where the removal of native vegetation is to create defendable space, a written statement explaining why the removal of native vegetation is necessary. This statement must have regard to other available bushfire risk mitigation measures. This statement is not required when the creation of defendable space is in conjunction with an application under the Bushfire Management Overlay.	Not applicable as the vegetation clearance is not for defendable space
8	If the application is under Clause 52.16, a statement that explains how the proposal responds to the Native Vegetation Precinct Plan considerations at decision guideline 8.	Not applicable as the application responds to Clause 52.17
9	An offset statement providing evidence that an offset that meets the offset requirements for the native vegetation to be removed has been identified and can be secured in accordance with the Guidelines.	Refer to Section 5.3

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Ecology and Heritage Partners Pty Ltd was commissioned by Sterling Global to undertake a Flora and Fauna Assessment at 1221-1249 Centre Road, Oakleigh South, Victoria.

We understand that this report will form part of a Planning Scheme Amendment application to facilitate future residential development of the site. An Ecological Assessment of the study area was undertaken in 2014 (Ecology and Heritage Partners 2014a), however due to changes in legislation and the native vegetation assessment methodology since then, an updated field assessment and report has been prepared.

The purpose of this assessment was to identify the extent and type of native vegetation present within the study area and to determine the likely presence of significant flora and fauna species and/or ecological communities. This report presents the results of the assessment and discusses the potential ecological and legislative implications associated with the proposed action.

1.2 Study Area

The study area is located at 1221-1249 Centre Road, Oakleigh South and is approximately 17.5 kilometres south-east of Melbourne's CBD (Figure 1). The study area covers approximately 18.8 hectares and is bound by a Council park and residential dwellings to the north, residential dwellings to the east, a Council park and residential units blocks to the south and Huntingdale Road to the west.

The study area was previously a quarry but is now vacant and not used for any purpose. The water-filled, former quarry void and associated flat area next to it is located in the south-western section of the study area, which is surrounded by moderate to steep slopes. This area sits approximately 15 metres below the natural ground level. The perimeter of the remaining of the study area land (approximately 10-20 metres wide) is at natural ground level, with the remaining internal area generally at a higher elevation by between approximately three and 10 metres through the stockpiling of soil within this area.

According to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) NatureKit Map (DELWP 2021a), the study area is located within the Gippsland Plain bioregion, Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority (CMA) and Monash City Council.



2 METHODS

2.1 Desktop Assessment

Relevant literature, online-resources and databases were reviewed to provide an assessment of flora and fauna values associated with the study area. The following information sources were reviewed:

- The DELWP NatureKit Map (DELWP 2021a) and Native Vegetation Information Management (NVIM) Tool (DELWP 2021b) for:
 - Modelled data for location risk, native vegetation patches, scattered trees and habitat for rare or threatened species; and,
 - The extent of historic and current Ecological Vegetation Classes (EVCs).
- EVC benchmarks (DELWP 2021c) for descriptions of EVCs within the relevant bioregion;
- The Victorian Biodiversity Atlas (VBA) for previously documented flora and fauna records within the project locality (DELWP 2020);
- The Illustrated Flora Information System of Victoria (IFLISV) (Gullan 2017) and Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) (ALA 2021) for assistance with the distribution and identification of flora species.
- The Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST) for matters of National Environmental Significance (NES) protected under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) (DAWE 2021);
- Relevant listings under the Victorian *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* (FFG Act), including the latest Threatened (DELWP 2019a) and Protected (DELWP 2019b) Lists;
- The online VicPlan Map (DELWP 2021d) to ascertain current zoning and environmental overlays in the study area;
- Aerial photography of the study area; and
- Previous ecological assessments relevant to the study area; including;
 - Ecological Assessment at 1221-1249 Centre Road, Oakleigh South, Victoria. Ecology and Heritage Partners 2014.
 - Targeted Growling Grass Frog *Litoris raniformis* surveys at 1221-1249 Centre Road, Oakleigh South, Victoria. Ecology and Heritage Partners 2014.

2.2 Field Assessment

A field assessment was undertaken on 25 August 2021 to obtain information on flora and fauna values within the study area. The study area was walked, with all commonly observed vascular flora and fauna species recorded, significant records mapped and the overall condition of vegetation and habitats noted. Ecological Vegetation Classes (EVCs) were determined with reference to DELWP pre-1750 and extant EVC mapping (DELWP 2021a) and their published descriptions (DELWP 2021c).



2.3 Removal, Destruction or Lopping of Native Vegetation (the Guidelines)

Under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987,* Clause 52.17 of the Monash Planning Scheme requires a planning permit to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation. The assessment process for the clearing of vegetation follows the '*Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation*' (the Guidelines) (DELWP 2017). The '*Assessor's handbook: Applications to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation*' (Assessor's handbook) (DELWP 2018) provides clarification regarding the application of the Guidelines (DELWP 2017).

2.3.1 Assessment Pathway

The Guidelines manage the impacts on biodiversity from native vegetation removal using an assessment-based approach. Two factors – extent risk and location category – are used to determine the risk associated with an application for a permit to remove native vegetation. The location category (1, 2 or 3) has been determined for all areas in Victoria and is available on DELWP's NVIM Tool (DELWP 2021b). Determination of assessment pathway is summarised in Table 1.

 Table 1. Assessment pathways for applications to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation (DELWP 2017).

	Extent		Location	
	Extent	1		3
	Less than 0.5 hectares and not including any large trees	Basic	Intermediate	Detailed
Native Vegetation	Less than 0.5 hectares and including one or more large trees	Intermediate	Intermediate	Detailed
3	0.5 hectares or more	Detailed	Detailed	Detailed

Notes: For the purpose of determining the assessment pathway of an application to remove native vegetation the extent includes any other native vegetation that was permitted to be removed on the same contiguous parcel of land with the same ownership as the native vegetation to be removed, where the removal occurred in the five year period before an application to remove native vegetation is lodged.

2.3.2 Vegetation Assessment

Native vegetation (as defined in Table 2) is assessed using two key parameters: extent (in hectares) and condition. For the purposes of this assessment, both condition and extent were determined as part of the habitat hectare assessment.



Table 2. Determination of a patch of native vegetation (DELWP 2017).

Category	Definition	Extent	Condition
Patch of native vegetation	 An area of vegetation where at least 25 per cent of the total perennial understorey plant cover is native; OR An area with three or more native canopy trees where the drip line of each tree touches the drip line of at least one other tree, forming a continuous canopy; OR any mapped wetland included in the <i>Current Wetlands map</i>, available in DELWP systems and tools. 	Measured in hectares. Based on hectare area of the native patch.	Vegetation Quality Assessment Manual (DSE 2004). Modelled condition for <i>Current Wetlands</i> .
Scattered tree	A native canopy tree that does not form part of a native patch.	Measured in hectares. Each Large scattered tree is assigned an extent of 0.071 hectares (15m radius). Each Small scattered tree is assigned a default extent of 0.031 hectares (10 metre radius)	Scattered trees are assigned a default condition score of 0.2 (outside a patch).

Notes: Native vegetation is defined in the Victoria Planning Provisions as 'plants that are indigenous to Victoria, including trees, shrubs, herbs and grasses'.

2.3.3 Current Wetlands (DELWP)

Wetlands can be difficult to map and assess accurately as they respond quite quickly to changes in environmental condition, especially rainfall. After a period of no or low rainfall they can disappear or appear very degraded. They do, however, recover rapidly after periods of increased rainfall. As a result, under the Guidelines (DELWP 2017) all mapped wetlands (based on 'Current Wetlands' layer in the DELWP NatureKit Map) that are to be impacted must be included as native vegetation, with the modelled condition score assigned to them (DELWP 2021b).

Note that mapped wetlands do not apply if they are covered by a hardened, man-made surface, for example, a roadway. If covered by any vegetation including crops, bare soil, a mapped wetland must be treated as a native patch.

2.3.4 Impact Avoidance and Minimisation

All applications to remove native vegetation must demonstrate the three-step approach of avoid, minimise and offset. This is a precautionary approach that aims to ensure that the removal of native vegetation is restricted to what is reasonably necessary, and that biodiversity is appropriately compensated for any native vegetation removal that is approved.



2.3.5 Offsets

Biodiversity offsets are required to compensate for the permitted removal of native vegetation. Offset obligations and offset site criteria are determined in accordance with the Guidelines (DELWP 2017) and are divided into two categories, being General Habitat Units and Species Habitat Units.

The offset requirements for native vegetation removal are calculated by DELWP and presented in a Native Vegetation Removal (NVR) Report (Appendix 3), which are based on the vegetation condition scores determined during the biodiversity assessment.

2.4 Assessment Qualifications and Limitations

This report has been written based on the quality and extent of the ecological values and habitat considered to be present or absent at the time of the desktop and/or field assessments being undertaken.

The 'snapshot' nature of a standard biodiversity assessment meant that migratory, transitory or uncommon fauna species may have been absent from typically occupied habitats at the time of the field assessment. In addition, annual or cryptic flora species such as those that persist via underground tubers may also be absent.

A comprehensive list of all terrestrial flora and fauna present within the study area was not undertaken as this was not the objective of the assessment. Rather a list of commonly observed species was recorded to assist in determining the broader biodiversity values present within the study area.

Ecological values identified within the study area were recorded using a hand-held GPS or tablet with an accuracy of +/-3 metres. This level of accuracy is considered to provide an accurate assessment of the ecological values present within the study area; however, this data should not be used for detailed surveying purposes.

The terrestrial flora and fauna data collected during the field assessment and information obtained from relevant desktop sources is considered to adequately inform an accurate assessment of the ecological values present within the study area.



3 RESULTS

3.1 Vegetation Condition

Two patches of native vegetation and native trees were recorded within the study area. The remainder of the study area comprised introduced and planted vegetation, present as exotic grass, shrubs and planted eucalypts. DELWP's Current Wetlands layer shows a mapped wetland in the south-east of the study area, this is no longer acting as a wetland at the time of the field assessment as it has been used to stockpile dirt during geotechnical trials.

A total of 84 flora species were observed within the study area, including nine indigenous and 75 nonindigenous species. A list of all flora species recorded during the field assessment are provided in Appendix 1.1.

3.1.1 Patches of Native Vegetation

Native vegetation in the study area is representative of two EVCs, being Heathy Woodland (EVC 48) and Swampy Woodland (EVC 937). Heathy Woodland is modelled to occur 70 metres north-east of the patch (DELWP 2021b) but is not modelled to occur within the patch location. Heathy Woodland EVC was selected because the native eucalypt present in this patch is a characteristic species for this EVC (DELWP 2021c). The Swampy Woodland was broadly representative of the EVC modelled to occur within the study area (DELWP 2021c).

Heathy Woodland

Heathy Woodland is characterised by eucalypt-dominated low woodland to 10 metres tall. It typically contains a shrubby understorey with geophytes and annuals also present, however the groundcover is normally sparse (DELWP 2021c).

One patch of Heathy Woodland was present in the north-eastern corner of the study area and contained three Coast Manna-gum *Eucalyptus viminalis* subsp. *pryoriana* (Plate 1). The understorey was entirely composed of weeds dominated by Sweet Pittosporum *Pittosporum undulatum* and Kikuyu *Cenchrus clandestinus*.

Swampy Woodland

Swampy Woodland is characterised by open eucalypt woodland to 15 metres tall. It is typically dominated by tussock grasses and/or sedges (DELWP 2021c).

One patch of Swampy Woodland was present towards the southern end of the study area along the existing sealed road and contained Coast Tea-tree *Leptospermum* (Plate 2).





Plate 1. A patch of Heathy Woodland with two Large Trees within it at the study area's north-eastern corner (Ecology and Heritage Partners Pty Ltd 25/08/2021).



Plate 2. A patch of Swampy Woodland towards the southern end of the study area (Ecology and Heritage Partners Pty Ltd 25/08/2021).

3.1.2 Large Trees in Patches

A total of two Large Trees in Heathy Woodland patches were present (Figure 2), which consisted of Coast Manna-gum. (Plate 1; Appendix 1.2).

3.1.3 Scattered Trees

Four scattered trees (Coast Manna-gum) were recorded along the study area's eastern boundary, which consisted of one small (Plate 3) and three large (Plate 4; Plate 5; Plate 6) scattered trees (Figure 2; Appendix 1.2). These trees would have once formed part of the Heathy Woodland EVC; however, the understorey vegetation contained predominantly introduced species (mainly exotic pasture grasses) and the trees no longer formed a patch of native vegetation (Plate 7; Plate 8).





Plate 3. A small scattered Coast Manna-gum between to other eucalypts along the study area's eastern boundary (Tree 3 on Figure 3) (Ecology and Heritage Partners Pty Ltd 25/08/2021).



Plate 4. A large eucalypt dead stag along the study area's eastern boundary (Tree 4 on Figure 3) (Ecology and Heritage Partners Pty Ltd 25/08/2021).



Plate 5. A large Coast Manna-gum along the study area's eastern boundary (Tree 5 on Figure 3) (Ecology and Heritage Partners Pty Ltd 25/08/2021).



Plate 6. A large Coast Manna-gum along the study area's eastern boundary (Tree 6 on Figure 3) (Ecology and Heritage Partners Pty Ltd 25/08/2021).

3.1.4 Introduced and Planted Vegetation

A high proportion of the study area consisted of exotic grass and shrub species. Kikuyu dominated the groundcover, along with Couch *Cynodon dactylon*, Cocksfoot *Dactylis glomerata* and Panic Veldt-grass *Ehrharta erecta* var. *erecta* (Plate 7). A variety of planted Australian (both Victorian and non-Victorian) gum trees and shrubs lined the study area boundary, including Mugga *Eucalyptus sideroxylon* subsp. *sideroxylon*, Southern Mahogany *Eucalyptus botyroides*, Eurabbie *Eucalyptus globulus* subsp. *bicostata*, Smooth-barked Apple *Angophora costata* subsp. *costata* and Giant Honey-myrtle *Melaleuca armillaris* subsp. *armillaris* (Plate 8).



Indigenous, Australian and exotic (currently sapling) trees and shrubs have also self-seeded throughout the study area, particularly in the south-western corner within the lake area and its slopes (Plate 9). The indigenous species that have self-seeded include River Red-gum *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*, Sallow Wattle *Acacia longifolia* subsp. *longifolia*, Pale Rush *Juncus pallidus* and Slender Wallaby-grass *Rytidosperma racemosum* var. *racemosum*, however these did not have the required 25% relative cover to be considered a patch (Plate 10).

Ten noxious weeds, as defined under the CaLP Act, were present within the study area, with Gorse *Ulex europaeus* (Plate 11) and Flax-leaf Broom *Genista linifolia* the dominant shrubs within the study area, particularly where they have formed a dense thicket within the lake area (Plate 9). The other noxious weeds present within the study area include Boneseed *Chrysanthemoides monilifera*, Spear Thistle *Cirsium vulgare*, Artichoke Thistle *Cynara cardunculus* subsp. *flavescens*, Fennel *Foeniculum vulgare*, Montpellier Broom *Genista monspessulana*, Soursob *Oxalis pes-caprae*, Sweet Brier *Rosa rubiginosa*, and Blackberry *Rubus fruticosus* spp. agg.

In addition to a stand of Common Prickly-pear *Opuntia stricta* observed along the study area's eastern boundary (Plate 12), Boneseed, Montpellier Broom, Blackberry and Gorse are also all Weeds of National Significance (WoNS).



Plate 7. Study area largely dominated by Kikuyu (Ecology and Heritage Partners Pty Ltd 25/08/2021).



Plate 8. A planted Smooth-barked Apple along the study area's eastern boundary (Ecology and Heritage Partners Pty Ltd 25/08/2021).





Plate 9. Dense stand of Flax-leaf Broom within the lake area towards the south-western end of the study area (Ecology and Heritage Partners Pty Ltd 25/08/2021).



Plate 11. Gorse within the study area (Ecology and Heritage Partners Pty Ltd 25/08/2021).



Plate 10. A Slender Wallaby-grass plant amongst weeds within the study area large (Ecology and Heritage Partners Pty Ltd 25/08/2021).



Plate 12. Common Prickly-pear along the study area's eastern boundary (Ecology and Heritage Partners Pty Ltd 25/08/2021).

3.2 Fauna Habitat

Most of the study area consisted of open grasslands which contained exotic grass, likely to be used as a foraging resource by common generalist bird species which are tolerant of modified open areas. Fauna observed using this habitat included the Australian Magpie *Cracticus tibicen*, Welcome Swallow *Hirundo neoxena* and Australian Raven *Corvus coronoides*.

Woodland (composed of native and non-native species, including those planted individuals) and scattered native and planted trees occurred within the study area around its periphery, which provides an important resource for arboreal fauna. Most of the eucalypts were mature, providing opportunities for shelter, foraging, roosting and nesting by a range of fauna including parrots, microbats, possums, gliders and owls. Scattered trees provide habitat for more mobile fauna species, vantage points and nesting areas for diurnal and nocturnal birds, as well as stepping-stones for more mobile fauna moving through the study area, enhancing landscape permeability for native fauna. Fauna observed using this habitat included the Red Wattlebird



Anthochaera carunculata, Spotted Pardalote Pardalotus punctatus and Rainbow Lorikeet Trichoglossus moluccanus.

The water in the former quarry area provides habitat for aquatic and water-dwelling species. Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio*, Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra* and Australian Wood Duck *Chenonetta jubata* were observed using the lake, while the Eastern Banjo Frog *Limnodynastes dumerilii* and Eastern Common Froglet *Crinia signifera* were heard calling from shallow fringing vegetation.

3.3 Removal, Destruction or Lopping of Native Vegetation (the Guidelines)

The below clearing scenario is based on the removal of two patches (including two Large Trees in one of these patches) and four scattered trees, which are all within the development footprint, including along a road, in a lot or in a managed parkland.

3.3.1 Vegetation proposed to be removed

The study area is within Location 1, with 0.256 hectares of native vegetation proposed to be removed. As such, the permit application falls under the Intermediate assessment pathway (Table 3).

Condition scores for vegetation proposed to be removed are based on modelled scores available in the NVIM system (DELWP 2021b).

Assessment pathway	Intermediate
Location Category	1
Total Extent (past and proposed) (ha)	0.256
Extent of past removal (ha)	0.000
Extent of proposed removal (ha)	0.256
Large Trees (scattered and in patches) to be removed (no.)	5
Small scattered trees to be removed (no.)	1
EVC Conservation Status of vegetation to be removed	Least Concern (Heathy Woodland) and Endangered (Swamp Woodland)

Table 3. Removal of Native Vegetation (the Guidelines) (DELWP 2017).

3.3.2 Offset Targets

The offset requirement for native vegetation removal is 0.035 General Habitat Units and 5 Large Trees.

A summary of proposed vegetation losses and associated offset requirements is presented in Table 4 and the Native Vegetation Removal (NVR) report is presented in Appendix 3.



Table 4. Offset Targets.

General Offsets Required	0.035 General Habitat Units
Large Trees	5
Vicinity (catchment/council)	Port Phillip and Westernport CMA / Monash City Council
Minimum Strategic Biodiversity Value*	0.114

*The minimum Strategic Biodiversity Value is 80% of the weighted average score across habitat zones where a General offset is required.

3.4 Significance Assessment

3.4.1 Flora

The VBA contains records of 9 nationally significant and 48 State significant flora species previously recorded within 10 kilometres of the study area (DELWP 2020) (Figure 3). The PMST nominated an additional 9 nationally significant species which have not been previously recorded but have the potential to occur in the locality (DAWE 2021) (Appendix 1.3).

No national or State significant flora were recorded during the site assessment. Most of the species on Figure 3 are identified because they are significant in the location they grow naturally, i.e. they are depleted and/or rare. However, these plants are not indigenous to the Greater Melbourne region (e.g. Spotted Gum *Corymbia maculata*, Giant Honey-myrtle, Rough-barked Apple) and would therefore be planted or have grown from a parent planted plant. Based on the modified nature of the study area, landscape context and the proximity of previous records, significant flora species indigenous to the study area are considered unlikely to occur within the study area due to the and high levels of disturbance and absence of suitable habitat.

3.4.2 Fauna

The VBA contains records of 25 nationally significant and 43 State significant fauna species previously recorded within 10 kilometres of the study area (DELWP 2020) (Figure 4). The PMST nominated an additional 27 nationally significant species which have not been previously recorded but have the potential to occur in the locality (DAWE 2021) (Figure 4; Appendix 2.1).

Of these species, there is suitable habitat within the study area for one nationally significant species, Growling Grass Frog *Litoria raniformis* and 11 State significant species, all of which rely of wetland or aquatic habitat. The former quarry void which is currently filled in with water is the most significant fauna habitat feature present within the study area and provides potentially suitable habitat to for significant fauna species (Appendix 2.1).

3.4.3 Ecological Communities

Three nationally listed ecological communities are predicted to occur within 10 kilometres of the study area (DAWE 2021):

- Natural Damp Grassland of the Victorian Coastal Plains;
- Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains; and



• White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland.

Vegetation present within the study area did not meet the condition thresholds that define any national or State-significant communities due to the absence of key indicator species, the low diversity of native flora and high cover of exotic vegetation.



4 LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth)

The EPBC Act establishes a Commonwealth process for the assessment of proposed actions likely to have a significant impact on any matters of National Environment Significance (NES). There is suitable habitat within the study area for one fauna species (Growling Grass Frog) listed under the EPBC Act. Pending the outcome of targeted surveys for the species, a referral to the Commonwealth Environment Minister may be required if the site is proposed to be developed.

4.2 Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 (Victoria)

The FFG Act is the primary legislation dealing with biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of native flora and fauna in Victoria. Proponents are required to apply for an FFG Act Permit to 'take' threatened and/or protected flora species, listed vegetation communities and listed fish species in areas of public land (e.g. within road reserves, drainage lines and public reserves/parks). An FFG Act permit is generally not required for removal of species or communities on private land, or for the removal of habitat for a listed terrestrial fauna species.

There are confirmed records of two species (Sallow Wattle, Hop Wattle) listed as protected under the FFG Act. However, the study area is privately owned, and as such a permit under the FFG Act is not required.

4.3 Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Victoria)

The *Planning and Environment Act 1987* outlines the legislative framework for planning in Victoria and for the development and administration of planning schemes. All planning schemes contain native vegetation provisions at Clause 52.17, which requires a planning permit from the relevant local Council to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation, unless an exemption at Clause 52.17-7 of the Victoria Planning Provisions applies.

As part of Clause 52.17, all native vegetation is considered lost as part of a subdivision development where the lots are 0.4 hectares or less in area, which must be offset at the time of subdivision.

4.3.1 Local Planning Scheme

The study area is located within the Monash City Council. The following zoning and overlays apply (DELWP 2021d):

- General Residential Zone Schedule 3 (GRZ3)
- Special Use Zone Schedule 3 (SUZ3)
- Environmental Audit Overlay (EAO)



4.3.2 The Guidelines

The State Planning Policy Framework and the decision guidelines at Clause 12.01 Biodiversity and Clause 52.17 Native Vegetation require Planning and Responsible Authorities to have regard for the Guidelines (DELWP 2017).

4.3.3 Implications

The study area is within Location 1, with 0.256 hectares of native vegetation proposed to be removed. As such, the permit application falls under the Intermediate assessment pathway.

The offset requirement for native vegetation removal is 0.035 General Habitat Units and 5 Large Trees.

A planning permit from the Monash City Council is required to remove, destroy or lop any native vegetation under Clause 52.17 of the Planning Scheme. In this instance, the application is not required to be referred to DELWP.

4.4 Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994 (Victoria)

Ten weeds listed as noxious under the CaLP Act were recorded during the assessment (Gorse, Flax-leaf Broom, Boneseed, Spear Thistle, Artichoke Thistle, Fennel, Montpellier Broom, Soursob, Sweet Brier, Blackberry). Listed noxious weeds should be appropriately controlled throughout the study area.

4.5 Wildlife Act 1975 and Wildlife Regulations 2013 (Victoria)

The Wildlife Act 1975 (and associated Wildlife Regulations 2013) is the primary legislation in Victoria providing for protection and management of wildlife. Authorisation for habitat removal may be obtained under the Wildlife Act 1975 through a licence granted under the Forests Act 1958, or under any other Act such as the Planning and Environment Act 1987. Any persons engaged to remove, salvage, hold or relocate native fauna during construction must hold a current Management Authorisation under the Wildlife Act 1975, issued by DELWP.



5 MITIGATION MEASURES

5.1 Avoid and Minimise Statement

The current proposal considers all patches and scattered trees on Figure 2 as being lost. This is due to the need to undertake major earthworks at the former quarry section of the site to prepare it for the proposed residential development. Through the development of the site the former quarry void is proposed to be converted into a series of wetlands which will provide habitat for waterbirds, frogs and other dependent species.

The proponent does not intend to remove any trees unless necessary and has taken a precautionary approach by assuming that these patches and scattered trees are lost.

In the context of the development, the small extent, highly modified condition and lack of connectivity of and native vegetation proposed to be impacted within the study area, it is considered that avoidance was not possible without compromising the purpose of the development.

5.2 Best Practice Mitigation Measures

Recommended measures to mitigate impacts upon terrestrial and aquatic values present within the study area may include:

- Minimise impacts to native vegetation and habitats through construction and micro-siting techniques, including fencing retained areas of native vegetation. If indeed necessary, trees should be lopped or trimmed rather than removed. Similarly, soil disturbance and sedimentation within wetlands should be avoided or kept to a minimum, to avoid, or minimise impacts to fauna habitats;
- All contractors should be aware of ecologically sensitive areas to minimise the likelihood of inadvertent disturbance to areas marked for retention. Native vegetation (areas of sensitivity) should be included as a mapping overlay on any construction plans;
- Tree Protection Zones (TPZs) should be implemented to prevent indirect losses of native vegetation during construction activities (DSE 2011). A TPZ applies to a tree and is a specific area above and below the ground, with a radius 12 x the Diameter at Breast Height (DBH). At a minimum standard a TPZ should consider the following:
 - A TPZ of trees should be a radius no less than two metres or greater than 15 metres;
 - Construction, related activities and encroachment (i.e. earthworks such as trenching that disturb the root zone) should be excluded from the TPZ;
 - Where encroachment is 10% or more of the total area of the TPZ, the tree should be considered as lost and offset accordingly (unless an arboricultural report specifies otherwise);
 - Directional drilling may be used for works within the TPZ without being considered encroachment. The directional bore should be at least 600 millimetres deep;



- The above guidelines may be varied if a qualified arborist confirms the works will not significantly damage the tree (including stags / dead trees). In this case the tree would be retained, and no offset would be required; and,
- Where the minimum standard for a TPZ has not been met an offset may be required.
- Removal of any habitat trees or shrubs (particularly hollow-bearing trees or trees/shrubs with nests) should be undertaken between February and September to avoid the breeding season for most fauna species. If any habitat trees or shrubs are proposed to be removed, this should be undertaken under the supervision of an appropriately qualified zoologist to salvage and translocate any displaced fauna. A Fauna Management Plan may be required to guide the salvage and translocation process;
- Where possible, construction stockpiles, machinery, roads, and other infrastructure should be placed away from areas supporting native vegetation, Large Trees and/or wetlands;
- Ensure that best practice sedimentation and pollution control measures are undertaken at all times, in accordance with Environment Protection Authority guidelines (EPA 1991; EPA 1996; Victorian Stormwater Committee 1999) to prevent offsite impacts to waterways and wetlands; and,
- As indigenous flora provides valuable habitat for indigenous fauna, it is recommended that any landscape plantings that are undertaken as part of the proposed works are conducted using indigenous species sourced from a local provenance, rather than exotic deciduous trees and shrubs.

5.3 Offset Impacts and Strategy

According to DELWPs Native Vegetation Offset Register (DELWP 2021e), there are 24 offset sites within the Port Phillip and Westernport CMA or Monash City Council region that can be used to satisfy the General Habitat Unit and Large tree offset requirements.

An offset register search statement identifying the relevant offsite sites is provided in Appendix 4.



6 FURTHER REQUIREMENTS

Further requirements associated with development of the study area, as well as additional studies or reporting that may be required, are provided in Table 5.

Table 5. Further requirements associated with development of the study area.

Relevant Legislation	Implications	Further Action
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999	The EPBC Act establishes a Commonwealth process for the assessment of proposed actions likely to have a significant impact on any matters of National Environment Significance (NES). There is suitable habitat within the study area for one fauna species (Growling Grass Frog) listed under the EPBC Act. Pending the outcome of targeted surveys for the species, a referral to the Commonwealth Environment Minister may be required if the site is proposed to be developed.	Conduct targeted surveys for the Growling Grass Frog, which is listed under the EPBC Act (Section 4.1).
Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988	There are confirmed records of two species (Sallow Wattle, Hop Wattle) listed as protected under the FFG Act. However, the study area is privately owned, and as such a permit under the FFG Act is not required.	No further action required.
Planning and Environment Act 1987	The study area is within Location 1, with 0.256 hectares of native vegetation proposed to be removed. As such, the permit application falls under the Intermediate assessment pathway. The offset requirement for native vegetation removal is 0.035 General Habitat Units and 5 Large Trees. A planning permit from the Monash City Council is required to remove, destroy or lop any native vegetation under Clause 52.17 of the Planning Scheme. In this instance, the application is not required to be	Prepare and submit a Planning Permit application.
Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994	referred to DELWP. Ten weeds listed as noxious under the CaLP Act were recorded during the assessment (Gorse, Flax-leaf Broom, Boneseed, Spear Thistle, Artichoke Thistle, Fennel, Montpellier Broom, Soursob, Sweet Brier, Blackberry). Listed noxious weeds should be appropriately controlled throughout the study area.	Listed noxious weeds should be appropriately controlled throughout the study area
Wildlife Act 1975	Any persons engaged to conduct salvage and translocation or general handling of terrestrial fauna species must hold a current Management Authorisation.	Ensure wildlife specialists hold a current Management Authorisation.



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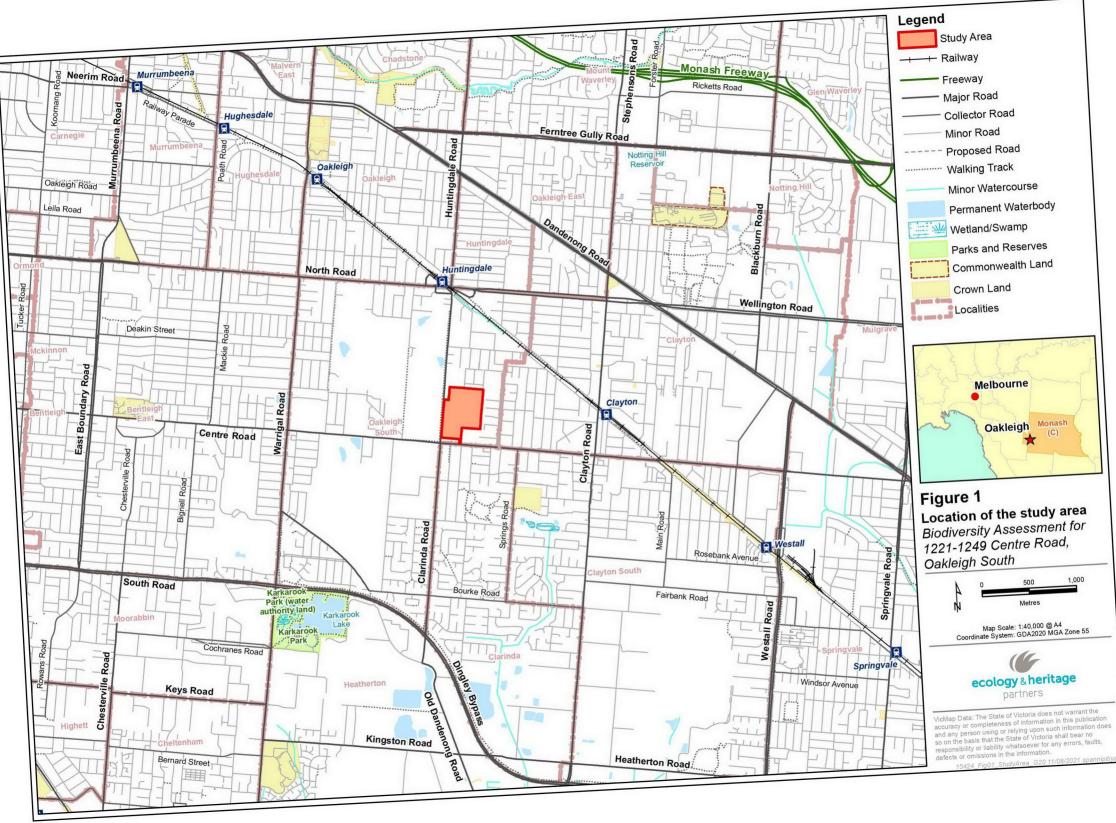




Figure 2 Ecological features Biodiversity Assessment for 1221-1249 Centre Road, Oakleigh South



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Ecological Vegetation Class

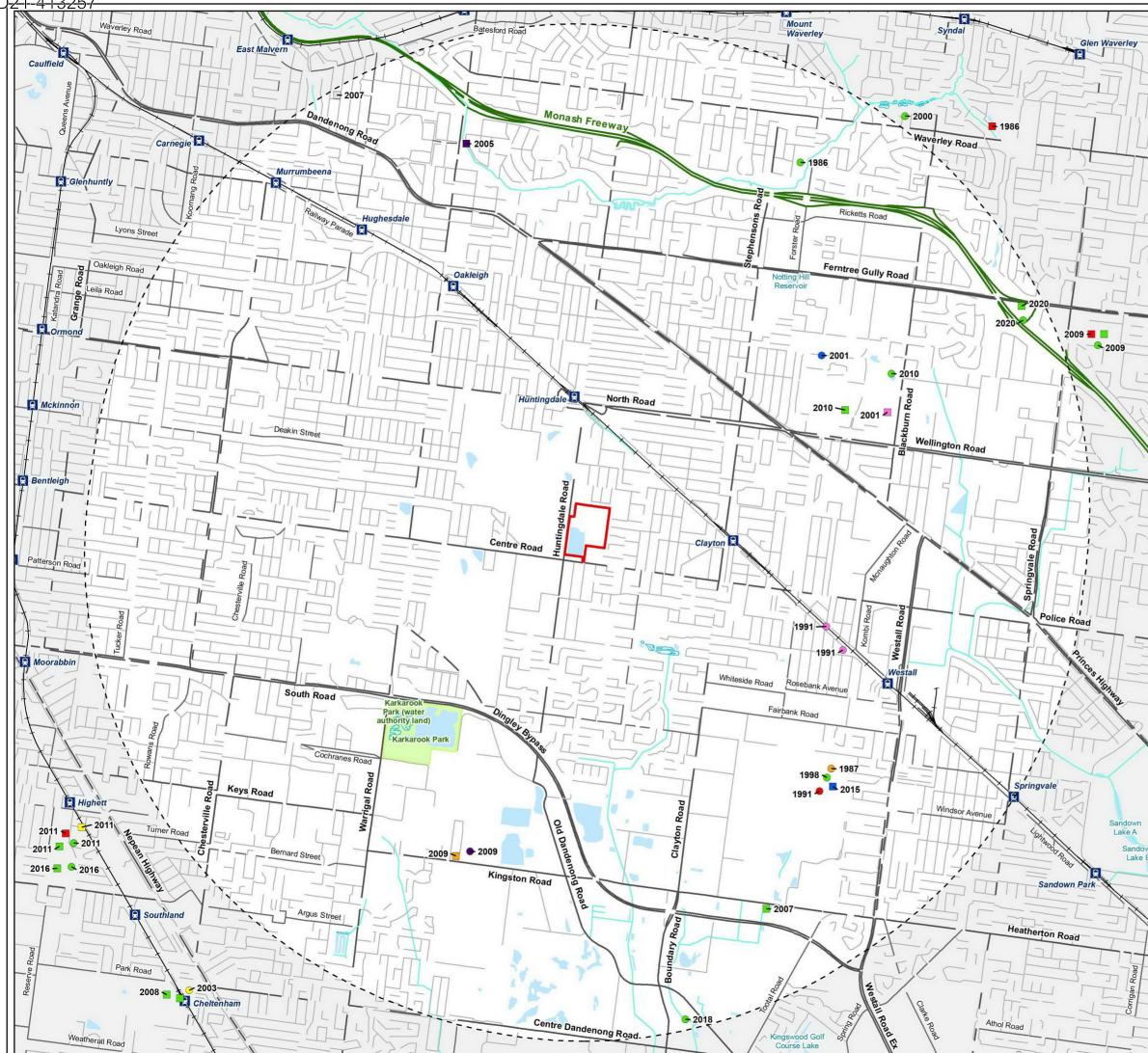






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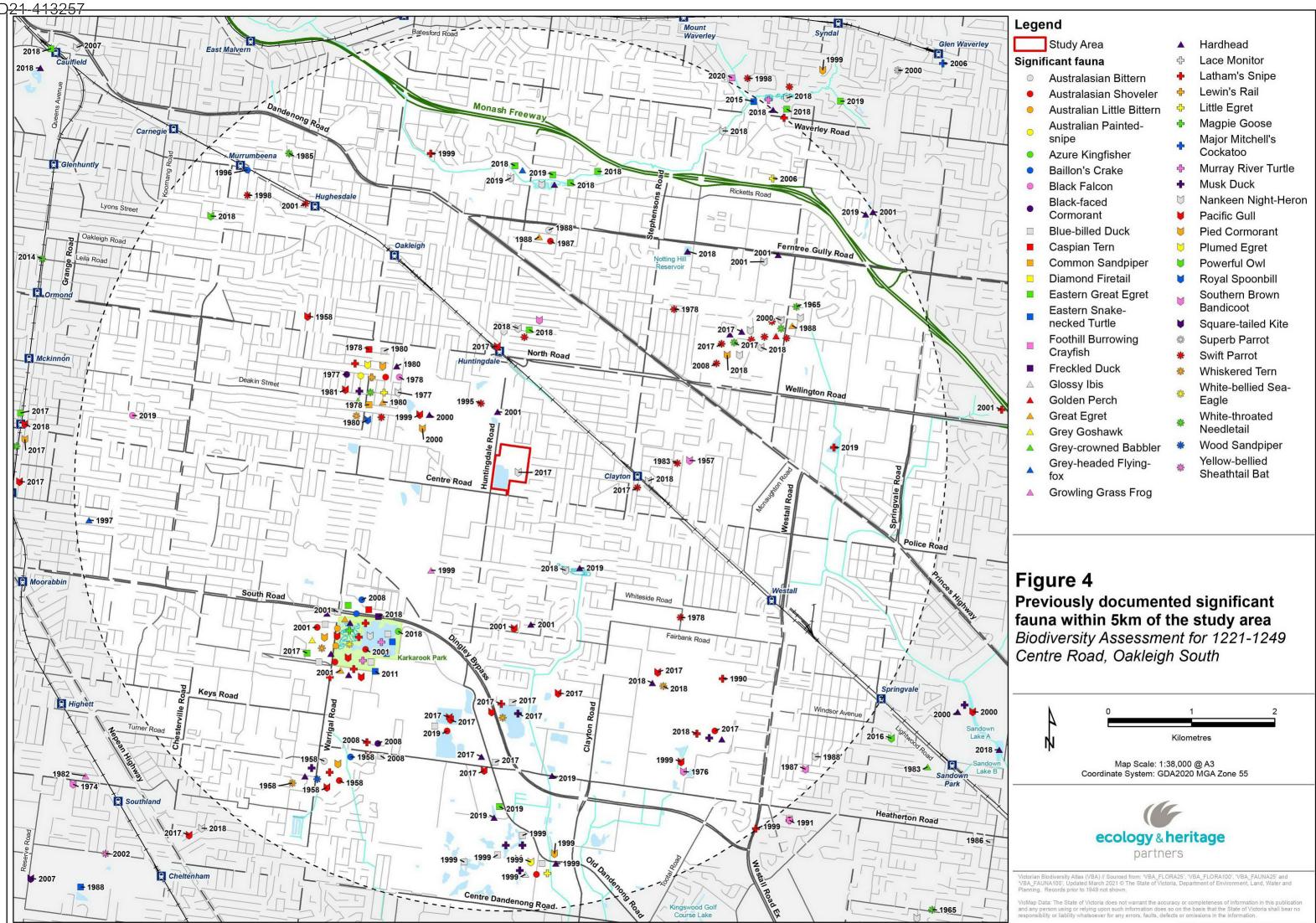




Figure 3

Previously documented significant flora within 5km of the study area Biodiversity Assessment for 1221-1249 Centre Road, Oakleigh South





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APPENDIX 1 FLORA

Appendix 1.1 Flora Results

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I Protected under the FFG Act (DELWP 2019b);

* Listed as a noxious weed under the CaLP Act;

****** Planted indigenous species in the study area;

+ Planted indigenous species that also occur in native vegetation in the study area;

w Weed of National Significance;

Planted Victorian and non-Victorian species.

Table A1.1. Flora within the study area.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Notes
IND	IGENOUS SPECIES	
Acacia longifolia subsp. longifolia	Sallow Wattle	1
Acacia stricta	Hop Wattle	1
Allocasuarina spp.	Sheoak	
Eucalyptus camaldulensis	River Red-gum	+
Eucalyptus viminalis subsp. pryoriana	Coast Manna-gum	
Juncus pallidus	Pale Rush	
Kunzea leptospermoides	Burgan	**
Leptospermum laevigatum	Coast Tea-tree	
Rytidosperma racemosum var. racemosum	Slender Wallaby-grass	
NON-INDIGENO	OUS OR INTRODUCED SPECIES	
Acacia baileyana	Cootamundra Wattle	
Acacia elata	Cedar Wattle	
Acacia floribunda	White Sallow-wattle	
Acacia saligna	Golden Wreath Wattle	
Acanthus mollis	Bear's Breach	
Agapanthus praecox subsp. orientalis	Agapanthus	
Aizoon pubescens	Galenia	
Allium triquetrum	Angled Onion	
Angophora costata subsp. costata	Smooth-barked Apple	#
Anthoxanthum aristatum	Annual Vernal-grass	
Arctotheca calendula	Cape weed	
Avena fatua	Wild Oat	



Scientific Name	Common Name	Notes
Brassica X napus	Canola	-
Bromus catharticus	Prairie Grass	
Cenchrus clandestinus	Kikuyu	
Chrysanthemoides monilifera	Boneseed	* w
Cirsium vulgare	Spear Thistle	*
Conyza bonariensis	Flaxleaf Fleabane	
Coprosma repens	Mirror Bush	
Cortaderia selloana	Pampas Grass	
Corymbia citriodora subsp. citriodora	Lemon-scented Gum	#
Corymbia ficifolia	Flowering Gum	#
Corymbia maculata	Spotted Gum	#
Cotoneaster glaucophyllus var. serotinus	Large-leaf Cotoneaster	
Crocosmia X crocosmiiflora	Montbretia	
Cynara cardunculus subsp. flavescens	Artichoke Thistle	*
Cynodon dactylon	Couch	
Cyperus eragrostis	Drain Flat-sedge	
Cytisus multiflorus	White Spanish Broom	
Dactylis glomerata	Cocksfoot	
Echium candicans	Pride of Madeira	
Ehrharta erecta var. erecta	Panic Veldt-grass	
Ehrharta longiflora	Annual Veldt-grass	
Eucalyptus botryoides	Southern Mahogany	#
Eucalyptus cladocalyx 'Nana'	Bushy Sugar Gum	#
Eucalyptus globulus subsp. bicostata	Eurabbie	#
Eucalyptus globulus subsp. globulus	Southern Blue-gum	#
Eucalyptus robusta	Swamp Mahogany	#
Eucalyptus saligna	Sydney Blue-gum	#
Eucalyptus sideroxylon subsp. sideroxylon	Mugga	#
Foeniculum vulgare	Fennel	*
Fraxinus spp.	Ash	
Fumaria bastardii	Bastard's Fumitory	
Gallium aparine	Cleaver	
Genista linifolia	Flax-leaf Broom	*
Genista monspessulana	Montpellier Broom	* w



Scientific Name	Common Name	Notes	
Hedera helix	English Ivy		
Helminthotheca echioides	Ox-tongue		
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire Fog		
Hypochaeris glabra	Smooth Cat's-ear		
Jacaranda mimosifolia	Jacaranda		
Ligustrum lucidum	Large-leaf Privet		
Malva spp.	Mallow		
Medicago truncatula	Barrel Medic		
Melaleuca armillaris subsp. armillaris	Giant Honey-myrtle	#	
Melaleuca styphelioides	Prickly Paperbark	#	
Opuntia stricta	Common Prickly-pear	w	
Oxalis pes-caprae	Soursob	*	
Paraserianthes lophantha subsp. lophantha	Cape Wattle		
Phytolacca octandra	Red-ink Weed		
Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum		
Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort		
Rosa rubiginosa	Sweet Briar	*	
<i>Rosa</i> spp.	Rose		
Rubus fruticosus spp. agg.	Blackberry	* w	
Solanum nigrum s.l.	Black Nightshade		
Syzygium smithii	Lilly Pilly	#	
Tecoma capensis	Cape Honeysuckle		
Tradescantia fluminensis	Wandering Trad		
Trifolium dubium	Suckling Clover		
Trifolium fragiferum var. fragiferum	Strawberry Clover		
Trifolium repens var. repens	White Clover		
Ulex europaeus	Gorse	* w	
Vicia sativa	Common Vetch		
Vinca major	Blue Periwinkle		



Appendix 1.2 Scattered Trees and Large Trees in Patches

Table A1.3. Scattered Trees and Large Trees in Patches.

Tree # (Figure 2)	Species Name	Common Name	DBH (cm)	Size Class	Scattered / Parch	Status
1	Eucalyptus viminalis subsp. pryoriana	Coast Manna-Gum	62	Large	Patch	Removed
2	Eucalyptus viminalis subsp. pryoriana	Coast Manna-Gum	59	Large	Patch	Removed
3	Eucalyptus viminalis subsp. pryoriana	Coast Manna-Gum	26	Small	Scattered	Removed
4	Eucalyptus spp.	Dead stag	71	Large	Scattered	Removed
5	Eucalyptus viminalis subsp. pryoriana	Coast Manna-Gum	78	Large	Scattered	Removed
6	Eucalyptus viminalis subsp. pryoriana	Coast Manna-Gum	68	Large	Scattered	Removed



Appendix 1.3 Significant Flora Species

Significant flora within 10 kilometres of the study area is provided in the Table A1.3.3 at the end of this section, with Tables A1.3.1 and A1.3.2 below providing the background context for the values in Table 1.3.3.

Table A1.3.1 Conservation status of each species for each Act/policy. The values in this table correspond to Columns 5 to 7 in Table A1.3.3.

EPBC (Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999):	FFG (Flo	ra and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988):	
EX	Extinct			
CR	Critically endangered	EX	Extinct	
EN	Endangered	CR	Critically endangered	
VU	Vulnerable	EN	Endangered	
#	Listed on the Protected Matters Search Tool	VU	Vulnerable	

Table A1.3.2 Likelihood of occurrence rankings: Habitat characteristics assessment of significant flora species previously recorded within 10 kilometres of the study area, or that may potentially occur within the study area to determine their likelihood of occurrence. The values in this table correspond to Column 8 in Table A1.3.3.

1	Known Occurrence	Recorded within the study area recently (i.e. within ten years).
2	High Likelihood	 Previous records of the species in the local vicinity; and/or, The study area contains areas of high-quality habitat.
3	Moderate Likelihood	 Limited previous records of the species in the local vicinity; and/or The study area contains poor or limited habitat.
4	Low Likelihood	• Poor or limited habitat for the species, however other evidence (such as lack of records or environmental factors) indicates there is a very low likelihood of presence.
5	Unlikely	No suitable habitat and/or outside the species range.



Table A1.3.3 Significant flora recorded within 10 kilometres of the study area.

Scientific name	Common name	Last documented record	Total # of documented records	ЕРВС	FFG	Likely occurrence in study area	Rationale for likelihood of occurrence
NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE							
Amphibromus fluitans #	River Swamp Wallaby-grass	1993	1	VU	=	4	No suitable habitat or recent records.
Caladenia robinsonii	Frankston Spider-orchid	1929	3	EN	cr	4	No suitable habitat or recent records.
Dianella amoena #	Matted Flax-lily			EN	cr	4	No suitable habitat or recent records.
Eucalyptus crenulata	Buxton Gum	2003	1	EN	en	4	No suitable habitat or recent records.
Euphrasia collina subsp. muelleri	Purple Eyebright	1900	2	EN	en	4	No suitable habitat or recent records.
Glycine latrobeana #	Clover Glycine	1852	1	VU	vu	4	No suitable habitat or recent records.
Lachnagrostis adamsonii #	Adamson's Blown Grass		-	EN	en	5	No suitable habitat or recent records.
Lepidium hyssopifolium s.s. #	Basalt Peppercress	1977	2	EN	en	5	No suitable habitat or recent records.
Pimelea spinescens subsp. spinescens #	Spiny Rice Flower	-	-	CR	cr	5	No suitable habitat or recent records.
Prasophyllum frenchii #	Maroon Leek Orchid	-	-	EN	en	5	No suitable habitat or recent records.
Pterostylis chlorogramma #	Green-striped Greenhood	-	-	VU	en	5	No suitable habitat or recent records.
Pterostylis cucullata #	Leafy Greenhood	-	-	VU	en	5	No suitable habitat or recent records.
Senecio macrocarpus #	Large-fruit Fireweed		-	VU	cr	5	No suitable habitat or recent records.
Senecio psilocarpus #	Swamp Fireweed	-	-	VU	-	5	No suitable habitat or recent records.



Syzygium paniculatum	Magenta Cherry	2009	1	VU		5	No suitable habitat.
Thelymitra epipactoides	Metallic Sun-orchid	1933	5	EN	en	5	No suitable habitat or recent records.
Thesium australe	Austral Toad-flax	1913	1	VU	en	5	No suitable habitat or recent records.
Xerochrysum plaustre #	Swamp Everlasting	-		VU	cr	5	No suitable habitat or recent records.
STATE SIGNIFICANCE							
Acacia boormanii	Snowy River Wattle	2019	1	-	en	3	Recent record however the study area contains poor habitat for the species.
Acacia howittii	Sticky Wattle	2015	5	-	vu	3	Recent record however the study area contains poor habitat for the species.
Angophora floribunda	Rough-barked Apple	2009	1	-	en		
Austrostipa rudis subsp. australis	Veined Spear-grass	1985	1	-	en	5	No recent records.
Banksia saxicola	Rock Banksia	1991	3	-	en		
Billardiera scandens s.s.	Velvet Apple-berry	2008	7	-	en	3	Recent record however the study area contains poor habitat for the species.
Burnettia cuneata	Lizard Orchid	1887	1	-	en	5	No recent records.
Caladenia flavovirens	Christmas Spider-orchid	2011	1	-	cr	4	No suitable habitat present.
Caladenia oenochila	Wine-lipped Spider-orchid	1916	3	-	cr	5	No recent records.
Caladenia reticulata s.s.	Veined Spider-orchid	1924	1	-	en	5	No recent records.
Caladenia venusta	Large White Spider-orchid	1941	12		en	5	No recent records.
Callitriche umbonata	Winged Water-starwort	1910	2		en	5	No recent records.
Coronidium gunnianum	Pale Swamp Everlasting	1999	2	-	cr	4	No suitable habitat.
Correa alba var. pannosa	Velvet White Correa	1904	1	-	en	5	No recent records.
Corunastylis pumila	Green Midge-orchid	1892	1	-	en	5	No recent records.
Corybas fimbriatus	Fringed Helmet-orchid	1900	2		en	5	No recent records.



Corymbia maculata	Spotted Gum	2020	21	-	vu	2	Outside of species native range. Any occurrence is likely a planted individual.
Craspedia canens	Grey Billy-buttons	1991	2	-	cr	4	No suitable habitat.
Deschampsia cespitosa	Tufted Hair-grass	1998	1		en	4	No suitable habitat.
Diuris behrii	Golden Cowslips	1916	2	-	en	5	No recent records.
Diuris punctata var. punctata	Purple Diuris	1998	4	28	en	4	No suitable habitat.
Diuris X palachila	Broad-lip Diuris	1920	1		en	4	No suitable habitat.
Eucalyptus bosistoana	Coast Grey-box	2013	2	-	en	4	No suitable habitat.
Eucalyptus fulgens	Green Scentbark	2008	1	-	en	4	No suitable habitat.
Eucalyptus globulus subsp. globulus	Southern Blue-gum	2011	4		en	4	No suitable habitat.
Eucalyptus leucoxylon subsp. connata	Melbourne Yellow-gum	2007	3	-	en	4	No suitable habitat.
Eucalyptus leucoxylon subsp. megalocarpa	Large-fruit Yellow-gum	2013	1	-	cr	4	No suitable habitat.
Eucalyptus phenax subsp. phenax	Green-leaf Mallee	2001	1		en	4	No suitable habitat.
Eucalyptus sideroxylon subsp. sideroxylon	Mugga	2017	1	-	en	2	Species may occur as a planted tree. Outside of natural distribution.
Eucalyptus X studleyensis	Studley Park Gum	2017	2	-	cr	4	No suitable habitat.
Eucalyptus yarraensis	Yarra Gum	2007	7	-	cr	4	No suitable habitat.
Geranium solanderi var. solanderi s.s.	Austral Crane's-bill	1900	1		en	4	No suitable habitat.
Goodia medicaginea	Western Golden-tip	2010	1	-	en	4	No suitable habitat.
Heterozostera nigricaulis	Australian Grass-wrack	2007	1	-	en	4	No suitable habitat.
Isolepis gaudichaudiana	Benambra Club-sedge	1991	1	-	vu	4	No suitable habitat.
Lachnagrostis semibarbata var. filifolia	Purple Blown-grass	1999	5		en	4	No suitable habitat.
Melaleuca armillaris subsp. armillaris	Giant Honey-myrtle	2020	54	-	en	1	Outside of native range. Planted species.
Microtis orbicularis	Swamp Onion-orchid	1992	1		en	5	No recent records.
Philydrum lanuginosum	Woolly Waterlily	1907	2	-	en	5	No recent records.



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Prostanthera nivea var. nivea	Snowy Mint-bush	2009	6	-	vu	4	No suitable habitat.
Pterostylis pedoglossa	Prawn Greenhood	1934	10	-	en	5	No recent records.
Pterostylis X ingens	Sharp Greenhood	1910	1	-	vu	5	No recent records.
Pterostylis X toveyana	Mentone Greenhood	1919	11	-	en	5	No recent records.
Salsola tragus subsp. pontica	Coast Saltwort	1938	2	-	en	5	No recent records.
Senecio glomeratus subsp. longifructus	Annual Fireweed	2003	1		vu	4	No suitable habitat.
Thryptomene calycina	Grampians Thryptomene	1987	1	=	en	4	No suitable habitat.
Triglochin minutissima	Tiny Arrowgrass	1852	1	-	en	4	No suitable habitat.
Xanthosia tasmanica	Southern Xanthosia	1942	1		en	4	No suitable habitat.

Data Sources: Victorian Biodiversity Atlas (DELWP 2020); Protected Matters Search Tool (DAWE 2021)



APPENDIX 2 FAUNA

Appendix 2.1 Significant Fauna Species

Significant fauna within 10 kilometres of the study area is provided in the Table A2.1.3 at the end of this section, with Tables A2.1.1 and A2.1.2 below providing the background context for the values in Table 2.1.3.

Table A2.1.1 Conservation status of each species for each Act/policy. The values in this table correspond to Columns 5 to 8 in Table A2.1.3.

EPBC (Env	EPBC (Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999):		a and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988):
EX	Extinct		Extinct
CR	Critically endangered	CR	Critically endangered
EN	Endangered	EN	Endangered
VU	Vulnerable	VU	Vulnerable
CD	Conservation dependent	CD	Conservation dependent
#	Listed on the Protected Matters Search Tool		

Table A2.1.2 Likelihood of occurrence rankings: Habitat characteristics assessment of significant fauna species previously recorded within 10 kilometres of the study area, or that may potentially occur within the study area to determine their likelihood of occurrence. The values in this table correspond to Column 9 in Table A2.1.3.

1	High Likelihood	 Known resident in the study area based on site observations, database records, or expert advice; and/or, Recent records (i.e. within five years) of the species in the local area (DELWP 2018); and/or, The study area contains the species' preferred habitat.
2	Moderate Likelihood	 The species is likely to visit the study area regularly (i.e. at least seasonally); and/or, Previous records of the species in the local area (DELWP 2018); and/or, The study area contains some characteristics of the species' preferred habitat.
3	Low Likelihood	 The species is likely to visit the study area occasionally or opportunistically whilst en route to more suitable sites; and/or, There are only limited or historical records of the species in the local area (i.e. more than 20 years old); and/or,



	The study area contains few or no characteristics of the species' preferred habitat.	
4 Unlikely	 No previous records of the species in the local area; and/or, The species may fly over the study area when moving between areas of more suitable habitat; and/or, Out of the species' range; and/or, No suitable habitat present. 	



Table A2.1.3. Significant fauna within 10 kilometres of the study area.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Last Documented Record (VBA)	# Records (VBA)	EPBC Act	FFG ACT	Likelihood	Rationale for likelihood of occurrence
NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE							
Antechinus minimus maritimus #	Swamp Antechinus		×	VU	vu	4	No previous records nearby the stud area and poor quality habitat present
Anthochaera phrygia #	Regent Honeyeater	1993	19	CR	cr	4	Outside species primary habitat range. Poor quality habitat present within the study area.
Bettongia gaimardi gaimardi	Eastern Bettong	1869	2	EX	ex	4	Species is considered extinct.
Botaurus poiciloptilus	Australasian Bittern	2019	52	EN	cr	3	Poor quality habitat present within the study area
Calidris canutus #	Red Knot		-	EN	en	4	No previous records nearby the stud area and poor quality habitat present
Calidris ferruginea	Curlew Sandpiper	1988	1	CR	vu	4	Poor quality habitat present within the study area
Caretta caretta #	Loggerhead Turtle	-		EN	en	4	Outside species marine habitat range
Chelonia mydas #	Green Turtle			VU	en	4	Outside species marine habitat range
Dasyurus maculatus maculatus #	Spot-tailed Quoll	1886	1	EN	en	4	No recent records of the species. No suitable habitat present .
Dasyurus viverrinus	Eastern Quoll	1880	1	EN	en-x	4	Species is extinct in the wild on mainland Australia.
Delma impar #	Striped Legless Lizard	-		VU	en	4	No previous records nearby the stud area and poor quality habitat present
Dermochelys coriacea	Leathery Turtle	-		EN	vu	4	Outside species marine habitat range
Diomedea antipodensis #	Antipodean Albatross	-	-	VU	-	4	No previous records nearby the stud- area and poor quality habitat present



Diomedea antipodensis gibsoni #	Gibson's Albatross	-	-	VU	-	4	No previous records nearby the study area and poor quality habitat present.
Diomedea epomophora #	Southern Royal Albatross	-	-	VU	cr	4	No previous records nearby the study area and poor quality habitat present.
Diomedea exulans #	Wandering Albatross	-	-	VU	-	4	No previous records nearby the study area and poor quality habitat present.
Diomedea sanfordi #	Northern Royal Albatross	-		EN	-	4	No previous records nearby the study area and poor quality habitat present.
Eubalaena australis #	Southern Right Whale	=		EN	en	4	Outside species marine habitat range.
Falco hypoleucos #	Grey Falcon	-		VU	vu	4	
Galaxiella pusilla #	Dwarf Galaxias	2009	8	VU	en	3	Species is unlikely to occur within the study area. Aquatic habitat present is not connected to other suitable aquatic habitat.
Grantiella picta #	Painted Honeyeater	1800	1	VU	vu	4	Historic records only. Outside species primary habitat range. Poor quality habitat present withinthe study area.
Hirundapus caudacutus #	White-throated Needletail	2020	78	VU	vu	3	Species unlikely to use terrestrial habitat features within the study area
Isoodon obesulus obesulus	Southern Brown Bandicoot	1990	34	EN	en	3	No recent records of the species. No suitable habitat present.
Lathamus discolor	Swift Parrot	2019	66	CR	cr	3	Few food trees present within the study area. No primary suitable habitat present.
Limosa lapponica baueri #	Bar-tailed Godwit	-	-	VU	vu	4	No previous records nearby the study area and poor quality habitat present.
Litoria raniformis	Growling Grass Frog	1999	16	VU	vu	2	Some suitable freshwater habitat if present within the study area.
Macronectes giganteus #	Southern Giant-Petrel	2007	2	EN	en	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Macronectes halli	Northern Giant-Petrel	1976	1	VU	en	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.



Megaptera novaeangliae australis	Southern Humpback Whale	1980	1	VU	cr	4	Outside species marine habitat range.
Mirounga leonina	Southern Elephant Seal	2006	2	VU		4	Outside species marine habitat range.
Nannoperca obscura #	Yarra Pygmy Perch	-	-	VU	vu	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Numenius madagascariensis	Eastern Curlew	2001	1	CR	cr	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Pachyptila turtur subantarctica	Fairy Prion (southern)	-	-	VU	-	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Pedionomus torquatus	Plains-wanderer	1972	5	CR	cr	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Petauroides volans #	Southern Greater Glider	-	-	VU	vu	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Phoebetria fusca	Sooty Albatross	-	-	VU	-	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Polytelis swainsonii	Superb Parrot	2000	3	VU	en	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Potorous tridactylus trisulcatus #	Long-nosed Potoroo	-	-	VU	vu	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Prototroctes maraena #	Australian Grayling	π	-	VU	en	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Pterodroma leucoptera	Gould's Petrel	=	-	EN		4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Pteropus poliocephalus	Grey-headed Flying-fox	2017	26	VU	vu	3	Species may flyover on nightly search for food or ocassionaly feed from flowering trees on site. Study area dopes not contain a colony or features suitable to sustain a colony.
Rostratula australis #	Australian Painted-snipe	1986	2	EN	cr	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Sternula nereis	Fairy Tern	2017	2	VU	cr	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.



Synemon plana #	Golden Sun Moth	-	-	CR	cr	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Thalassarche bulleri #	Buller's Albatross	-	-	VU	en	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Thalassarche carteri #	Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross	-	-	VU	en	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Thalassarche cauta #	Shy Albatross	1980	1	VU	en	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Thalassarche chrysostoma #	Grey-headed Albatross	=		EN	en	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Thalassarche melanophris #	Black-browed Albatross	2010	2	VU	-	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Thalassarche salvini #	Salvin's Albatross		-	VU		4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Thalassarche steadi #	White-capped Albatross	-	-	VU	-	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Thinornis cucullatus #	Hooded Plover	1873	1	VU	vu	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
STATE SIGNIFICANCE							
Accipiter novaehollandiae	Grey Goshawk	2019	28	-	en	2	Species may use the area and neighbouring golf course for foraging.
Acrodipsas brisbanensis	Large Ant Blue Butterfly	1907	1	-	en	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Actitis hypoleucos	Common Sandpiper	1977	4	-	vu	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Anseranas semipalmata	Magpie Goose	2019	65	-	vu	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Arctophoca forsteri	Long-nosed Fur Seal	2020	2	-	vu	4	Outside species marine habitat range.
Ardea alba modesta	Eastern Great Egret	2019	1079	-	vu	2	Moderately suitable wetland habitat present within the disused quarry void in the study area.



Ardea intermedia plumifera	Plumed Egret	2001	10	-	cr	3	Moderately suitable wetland habitat present within the disused quarry void in the study area.
Arenaria interpres	Ruddy Turnstone	1999	2		en	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Aythya australis	Hardhead	2019	1116	-	vu	2	Moderately suitable wetland habitat present within the disused quarry void in the study area.
Biziura lobata	Musk Duck	2019	90		vu	2	Moderately suitable wetland habitat present within the disused quarry void in the study area.
Egretta garzetta	Little Egret	2019	34	~	en	2	Moderately suitable wetland habitat present within the disused quarry void in the study area.
Emydura macquarii	Murray River Turtle	2015	11		cr	4	Moderately suitable wetland habitat present within the disused quarry void in the study area.
Engaeus victoriensis	Foothill Burrowing Crayfish	2020	1	-	en	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Falco subniger	Black Falcon	2019	4	-	cr	3	Outside of species primary habitat range. If present, the species may use the area and neighbouring golf course for foraging.
Haliaeetus leucogaster	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	2019	28		en	3	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Hieraaetus morphnoides	Little Eagle	2008	16	-	en	3	Outside of species primary habitat range. If present, the species may use the area and neighbouring golf course for foraging.
Hydroprogne caspia	Caspian Tern	2019	13	-	vu	3	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Hypochrysops ignitus ignitus	Fiery Jewel Butterfly	1988	6		en	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.



Ixobrychus dubius	Australian Little Bittern	2017	61		en	4	Moderately suitable wetland habitat present within the disused quarry void in the study area.
Lewinia pectoralis	Lewin's Rail	2017	4	-	vu	3	Moderately suitable wetland habitat present within the disused quarry void in the study area.
Lophochroa leadbeateri	Major Mitchell's Cockatoo	2006	3		cr	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Lophoictinia isura	Square-tailed Kite	2007	2	-	vu	3	Outside of species primary habitat range. If present, the species may use the area and neighbouring golf course for foraging.
Melanodryas cucullata	Hooded Robin	1899	2	-	vu	4	Outside of species primary habitat range
Ninox strenua	Powerful Owl	2019	437		vu	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Ornithorhynchus anatinus	Platypus	1997	4	-	vu	4	Aquatic habitat present within the study area is not suitable habitat.
Oxyura australis	Blue-billed Duck	2019	712	-	vu	3	Moderately suitable wetland habitat present within the disused quarry void in the study area.
Pelagodroma marina	White-faced Storm-Petrel	1980	1	-	en	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Pomatostomus temporalis	Grey-crowned Babbler	2002	46	-	vu	4	No recent records. Limited suitable habitat present
Pseudophryne semimarmorata	Southern Toadlet	1991	4	-	en	3	No recent records. Limited suitable habitat present
Pyrrholaemus sagittatus	Speckled Warbler	1897	3	-	en	4	No recent records. Limited suitable habitat present
Saccolaimus flaviventris	Yellow-bellied Sheathtail Bat	2002	3	-	vu	3	No recent records. Limited suitable habitat present



Spatula rhynchotis	Australasian Shoveler	2019	561	-	vu	3	Moderately suitable wetland habitat present within the disused quarry void in the study area.
Stagonopleura guttata	Diamond Firetail	1990	3		vu	3	No recent records. Limited suitable habitat present
Sternula albifrons	Little Tern	1975	1		cr	3	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Stictonetta naevosa	Freckled Duck	2019	431		en	2	Moderately suitable wetland habitat present within the disused quarry void in the study area.
Tringa glareola	Wood Sandpiper	2019	16	-	en	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Tringa nebularia	Common Greenshank	1999	6	-	en	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Tringa stagnatilis	Marsh Sandpiper	2018	5	=	en	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Tursiops australis	Burrunan Dolphin	2018	6		cr	4	Outside species marine habitat range.
Tyto tenebricosa	Sooty Owl	2008	1	-	en	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.
Varanus varius	Lace Monitor	1977	1	-	en	4	No suitable habitat present within the study area.



APPENDIX 3 NATIVE VEGETATION REMOVAL REPORT

Native vegetation removal report

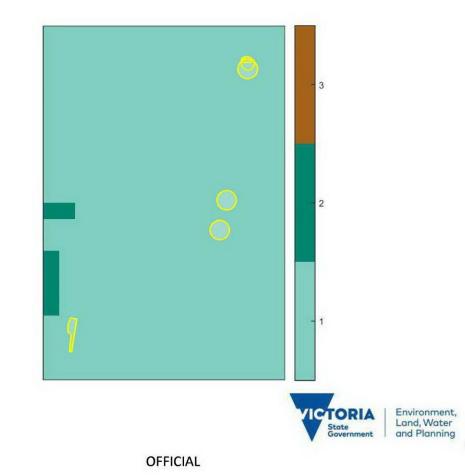
This report provides information to support an application to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation in accordance with the *Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation*. The report **is not an assessment by DELWP** of the proposed native vegetation removal. Native vegetation information and offset requirements have been determined using spatial data provided by the applicant or their consultant.

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Assessment pathway

Assessment pathway	Intermediate Assessment Pathway
Extent including past and proposed	0.256 ha
Extent of past removal	0.000 ha
Extent of proposed removal	0.256 ha
No. Large trees proposed to be removed	5
Location category of proposed removal	Location 1 The native vegetation is not in an area mapped as an endangered Ecological Vegetation Class (as per the statewide EVC map), sensitive wetland or coastal area. Removal of less than 0.5 hectares in this location will not have a significant impact on any habitat for a rare or threatened species

1. Location map



Offset requirements if a permit is granted

Any approval granted will include a condition to obtain an offset that meets the following requirements:

General offset amount ¹	0.035 general habitat units
Vicinity	Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority (CMA) or Monash City Council
Minimum strategic biodiversity value score ²	0.114
Large trees	5 large trees

NB: values within tables in this document may not add to the totals shown above due to rounding

Appendix 1 includes information about the native vegetation to be removed

Appendix 2 includes information about the rare or threatened species mapped at the site.

Appendix 3 includes maps showing native vegetation to be removed and extracts of relevant species habitat importance maps

¹ The general offset amount required is the sum of all general habitat units in Appendix 1.

² Minimum strategic biodiversity score is 80 per cent of the weighted average score across habitat zones where a general offset is required

Next steps

Any proposal to remove native vegetation must meet the application requirements of the Intermediate Assessment Pathway and it will be assessed under the Intermediate Assessment Pathway.

If you wish to remove the mapped native vegetation you are required to apply for a permit from your local council. Council will refer your application to DELWP for assessment, as required. This report is not a referral assessment by DELWP.

This *Native vegetation removal report* must be submitted with your application for a permit to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation.

Refer to the *Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native* vegetation (the Guidelines) for a full list of application requirements This report provides information that meets the following application requirements:

- The assessment pathway and reason for the assessment pathway
- A description of the native vegetation to be removed (met unless you wish to include a site assessment)
- · Maps showing the native vegetation and property
- The offset requirements determined in accordance with section 5 of the Guidelines that apply if approval is granted to remove native vegetation.

Additional application requirements must be met including:

- Topographical and land information
- Recent dated photographs
- Details of past native vegetation removal
- An avoid and minimise statement
- A copy of any Property Vegetation Plan that applies
- A defendable space statement as applicable
- A statement about the Native Vegetation Precinct Plan as applicable
- An offset statement that explains that an offset has been identified and how it will be secured.

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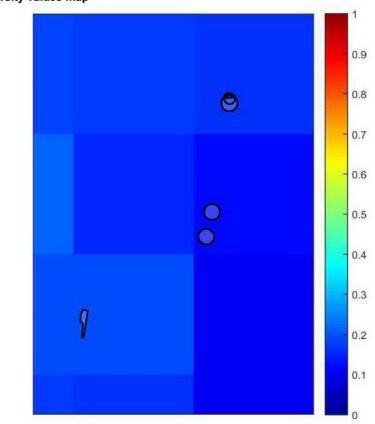
All zones require a general offset, the general habitat units each zone is calculated by the following equation in accordance with the Guidelines:

General habitat units = extent x condition x general landscape factor x 1.5, where the general landscape factor = 0.5 + (strategic biodiversity value score/2) The general offset amount required is the sum of all general habitat units per zone.

Native vegetation to be removed

l by EnSym	Offset type	General	General	General	General	General	General
Information calculated by EnSym	Habitat units	0.000	0.000	0.011	0.012	0.012	0.000
Informat	HI score						
	SBV score	0.160	0.160	0.160	0.120	0.120	0.190
	Extent without overlap	0.012	0.001	0.065	0.070	0.070	0.038
	Polygon Extent	0.012	0.031	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.038
file	Condition score	0.000	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.000
	Partial removal	ou	ou	ou	Q	ou	оп
e applicar	Large tree(s)	2	0	-	÷	÷	0
Information provided by or on behalf of the applicant in a GIS	BioEVC conservation status	Least Concern	Least Concern	Least Concern	Least Concern	Least Concern	Endangered
on provided by	BioEVC	gipp0048	gipp0048	gipp0048	gipp0048	gipp0048	gipp0937
Informati	Type	Patch	Scattered Tree	Scattered Tree	Scattered Tree	Scattered Tree	Patch
	Zone	1-A	3-T	4-T	5-T	6-T	2-B

Appendix 2: Information about impacts to rare or threatened species' habitats on site This is not applicable in the Intermediate Assessment Pathway.

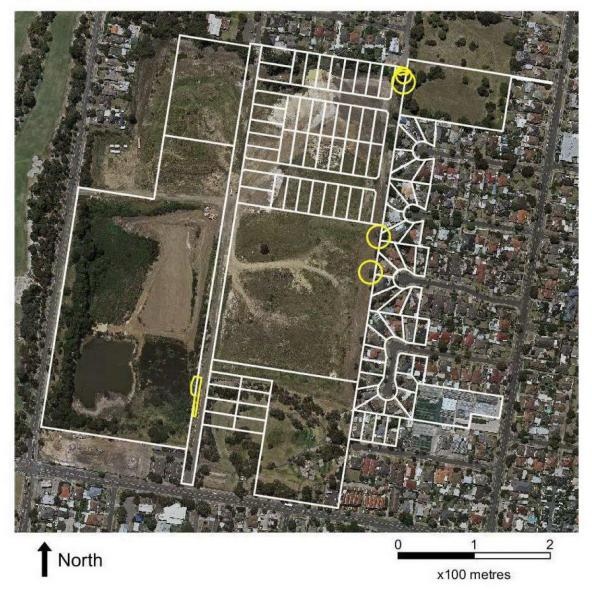


Appendix 3 – Images of mapped native vegetation 2. Strategic biodiversity values map

3. Aerial photograph showing mapped native vegetation



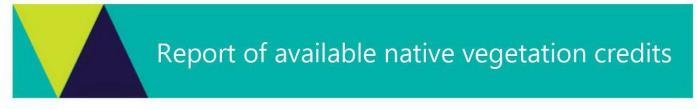
4. Map of the property in context



Yellow boundaries denote areas of proposed native vegetation removal.



APPENDIX 4 AVAILABLE NATIVE VEGETATION CREDITS



This report lists native vegetation credits available to purchase through the Native Vegetation Credit Register.

This report is **not evidence** that an offset has been secured. An offset is only secured when the units have been purchased and allocated to a permit or other approval and an allocated credit extract is provided by the Native Vegetation Credit Register.

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What was searched for?

General offset

General habitat units	Strategic biodiversity value	Large trees	Vicinity (cinity (Catchment Management Authority or Municipal district)			
0.035	0.114	5	CMA	Port Phillip and Westernport			
			or LGA	Monash City			

Details of available native vegetation credits on 22 September 2021 07:41

Credit Site ID	GHU	LT	СМА	LGA	Land owner	Trader	Fixed price	Broker(s)
BBA-0277	8.016	464	Port Phillip and Westernport	Mornington Peninsula Shire	No	Yes	No	Abezco, Ethos, VegLink
BBA-0670	18.338	151	Port Phillip and Westernport	Cardinia Shire	No	Yes	No	Abezco, VegLink
BBA-0677	17.824	1527	Port Phillip and Westernport	Whittlesea City	No	Yes	No	Abezco, VegLink
BBA-0678	48.314	2637	Port Phillip and Westernport	Nillumbik Shire	No	Yes	No	VegLink
BBA-0678_2	0.388	59	Port Phillip and Westernport	Nillumbik Shire	No	Yes	No	VegLink
BBA-2789	1.317	14	Port Phillip and Westernport	Baw Baw Shire	Yes	Yes	No	Contact NVOR
BBA-2790	2.911	116	Port Phillip and Westernport	Baw Baw Shire	Yes	Yes	No	Contact NVOR
BBA-2870	2.544	431	Port Phillip and Westernport	Yarra Ranges Shire	Yes	Yes	No	Contact NVOR
BBA-2871	16.335	1668	Port Phillip and Westernport	Yarra Ranges Shire	Yes	Yes	No	Contact NVOR
BBA-3013	0.106	139	Port Phillip and Westernport	Moorabool Shire	Yes	Yes	No	VegLink
BBA-3045	0.121	8	Port Phillip and Westernport	Melton City	Yes	Yes	No	Bio Offsets
TFN-C1636	1.835	149	Port Phillip and Westernport	Yarra Ranges Shire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yarra Ranges SC
TFN-C1650	0.182	20	Port Phillip and Westernport	Yarra Ranges Shire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yarra Ranges SC

These sites meet your requirements for general offsets.

TFN-C1663	0.109	27	Port Phillip and Westernport	Yarra Ranges Shire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yarra Ranges SC
TFN-C1667	0.447	9	Port Phillip and Westernport	Yarra Ranges Shire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yarra Ranges SC
TFN-C1750	1.753	11	Port Phillip and Westernport	Cardinia Shire	Yes	Yes	No	Bio Offsets
TFN-C1962	0.532	18	Goulburn Broken, Port Phillip and Westernport	Macedon Ranges Shire	No	Yes	No	Contact NVOR
VC_CFL- 0838_01	0.214	716	Port Phillip And Westernport	Yarra Ranges Shire	Yes	Yes	No	VegLink
VC_CFL- 3084_01	0.924	637	Port Phillip And Westernport	Cardinia Shire	Yes	Yes	No	VegLink
VC_CFL- 3687_01	1.559	116	Port Phillip And Westernport	Baw Baw Shire	Yes	Yes	No	Baw Baw SC
VC_CFL- 3705_01	0.167	19	Port Phillip And Westernport	Melton City	Yes	Yes	No	VegLink
VC_CFL- 3708_01	0.218	517	Port Phillip And Westernport	Yarra Ranges Shire	Yes	Yes	No	VegLink
VC_CFL- 3709_01	0.390	404	Port Phillip And Westernport	Yarra Ranges Shire	Yes	Yes	No	VegLink
VC_CFL- 3729_01	6.100	15	Port Phillip And Westernport	Melton City	Yes	Yes	No	VegLink

These sites meet your requirements using alternative arrangements for general offsets.

Credit Site ID	GHU	LT CMA	LGA	Land	Trader	Fixed	Broker(s)
				owner		price	

There are no sites listed in the Native Vegetation Credit Register that meet your offset requirements when applying the alternative arrangements as listed in section 11.2 of the Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation.

These potential sites are not yet available, land owners may finalise them once a buyer is confirmed.

Credit Site ID	GHU	LŦ	СМА	LGA	Land owner	Trader	Fixed price	Broker(s)
VC_CFL- 3744_01	3.717	384	Port Phillip And Westernport	Macedon Ranges Shire	Yes	Yes	No	VegLink
LT - Large Trees		CMA	A - Catchment Managemer	nt Authority	LGA - Munie	cipal Distric	t or Local	Government Authority

Next steps

If applying for approval to remove native vegetation

Attach this report to an application to remove native vegetation as evidence that your offset requirement is currently available.

If you have approval to remove native vegetation

Below are the contact details for all brokers. Contact the broker(s) listed for the credit site(s) that meet your offset requirements. These are shown in the above tables. If more than one broker or site is listed, you should get more than one quote before deciding which offset to secure.

Broker contact details

Broker Abbreviation	Broker Name	Phone	Email	Website
Abezco	Abzeco Pty. Ltd.	(03) 9431 5444	offsets@abzeco.com.au	www.abzeco.com.au
Baw Baw SC	Baw Baw Shire Council	(03) 5624 2411	bawbaw@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au	www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au
Bio Offsets	Biodiversity Offsets Victoria	0452 161 013	info@offsetsvictoria.com.au	www.offsetsvictoria.com.au
Contact NVOR	Native Vegetation Offset Register	136 186	nativevegetation.offsetregister@d elwp.vic.gov.au	www.environment.vic.gov.au/nativ e-vegetation
Ecocentric	Ecocentric Environmental Consulting	0410 564 139	ecocentric@me.com	Not avaliable
Ethos	Ethos NRM Pty Ltd	(03) 5153 0037	offsets@ethosnrm.com.au	www.ethosnrm.com.au
Nillumbik SC	Nillumbik Shire Council	(03) 9433 3316	offsets@nillumbik.vic.gov.au	www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au
TFN	Trust for Nature	8631 5888	offsets@tfn.org.au	www.trustfornature.org.au
VegLink	Vegetation Link Pty Ltd	(03) 8578 4250 or 1300 834 546	offsets@vegetationlink.com.au	www.vegetationlink.com.au
Yarra Ranges SC	Yarra Ranges Shire Council	1300 368 333	biodiversityoffsets@yarraranges.vi c.gov.au	www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au

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For more information contact the DELWP Customer Service Centre 136 186 or the Native Vegetation Credit Register at nativevegetation.offsetregister@delwp.vic.gov.au

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