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Dear Ms Featherstone

**West Belconnen (Ginninderry) Strategic Assessment – Annual Report 2022-2023 (Annual Report)**

Thank you for your email of 30 August 2023 providing the Ginninderry Strategic Assessment Annual Report for the 2022-23 financial year required under the endorsed *Program Report - Urban Development at West Belconnen (2017)* (Program Report).

The department has identified several matters to address prior to the publication of the Annual Report which are summarised at Attachment A. If you have any questions on these matters, please contact the project manager, Benjamin Cosgrave, by email to [REDACTED]

I note Condition 20 of the approval requires annual reports to be published on the internet within one month of being endorsed and approved. To allow sufficient time to make changes, the department agrees that the due date to submit the final Annual Report be extended to 20 October 2023 and it be published within one month from this date. I would appreciate it if you could please provide a link to the Annual Report once it has been published.

Once again, thank you for coordinating the delivery of the annual reports and your ongoing engagement on the delivery of the Ginninderry Strategic Assessment.

Yours sincerely

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Director  
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## Attachment A

The department has reviewed the Annual Report 2022-23 and has the following comments:

Section	Comments
<b>Section 2.1</b>	<p>This section describes the land release in Strathnairn as at 31 August 2023 (page 8). The department notes that this date does not fall within the 2022-23 financial year. The content and purpose of this Annual Report is to highlight the implementation of actions and relevant conservation outcomes achieved under the Program in the 2022-23 financial year.</p> <p>Please update this section to include information relevant to the 2022-23 financial year.</p>
	<p>This section describes the land release in Macnamara as at 31 August 2022 (page 8). The department notes that the Annual Report 2021-22 also stated ‘as at 31 August 2022’ but has different information to this Annual Report.</p> <p>Please consider whether this date is incorrect and if so, update this section to include information relevant to the 2022-23 financial year.</p>
<b>Section 2.2</b>	<p>This section states that Lot 2 Wallaroo Road includes 11.9 hectares (ha) of land currently occupied by the Golden Sun Moth (GSM) and a further 19.4 ha suitable for the GSM (currently unoccupied) (page 11).</p> <p>The department notes that Table 4 (Action 5) of the Program Report states that Lot 2 Wallaroo Road also includes 1.8 ha as replacement of impacted areas of occupied GSM habitat.</p> <p>Please amend this section to align with the Program Report.</p>
	<p>This section notes that the Program Report states that 125.3 ha of high-quality/suitable Pink-tailed Worm-lizard (PTWL) habitat is committed to be secured in the Ginninderry Conservation Corridor (GCC), however a total of 125.6 ha has actually been secured (page 12).</p> <p>As noted in the department’s comments on the Program Review Report, the value of 125.3 ha is specific to the ACT portion of the GCC. Further, the department notes that Table 4 (Action 19) of the Program Report specifies a conservation outcome for a conservation area that includes 146.4 ha of identified PTWL habitat.</p> <p>Please amend this section to align with the Program Report.</p>



<b>Section 2.3</b>	<p>This section provides a high-level summary of the requirements of the Program Review Report and a status update on its publication (page 15).</p> <p>The department notes that key aspects of the Annual Report are to provide an understanding where relevant of the lessons learnt from project implementation, opportunities for improvement and findings of any internal reviews into implementation and management of the plan (Section 7.1.1).</p> <p>To recognise that the Program Review Report captures the period of 2017-2022, and the final Program Review Report was submitted to the department on 28 June 2023, please include a summary of the document in this section, particularly the key achievements, key challenges, and recommendations.</p> <hr/> <p>This section states that the department has requested Riverview to not make the Program Review Report publicly available until the department has finalised its review (page 15).</p> <p>Although it occurred partially outside of the 2022-23 financial year, the department notes that the Program Review Report process (preparation, submission and publication) has been completed. The final Program Review Report was provided to the department on 28 June 2023 and was published on Ginninderry’s website shortly thereafter.</p> <p>To reduce the potential for public confusion around the status of the final Program Review Report, please update this section to reflect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Program Review Report process was finalised on 28 June 2023 when the final document was submitted to the department in accordance with Condition 17 of the EPBC SA024 Approval.</li><li>• The department granted an extension for Ginninderry to publish the final Program Review Report by 7 August 2023.</li><li>• The final Program Review Report is available on Ginninderry’s website (include hyperlink).</li></ul>
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