

Annual Compliance Report 2024 / 25

Ginninderry Project

Final Version | **29 August 2025**

Report prepared for the Australian Government pursuant to the approval conditions of the West Belconnen Strategic Assessment (EPBC Ref: SA024) for the period of 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025



Key Contact:

Matthew Frawley
Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd
1 McClymont Way
Strathnairn ACT 2615
matthew@ginninderry.com



ACT
Government

Suburban Land
Agency



Riverview
Developments

Table of Contents

1.	Declaration of Accuracy	3
2.	Version Control	3
3.	Approval Holder Details	3
4.	List of Abbreviations.....	4
5.	Executive Summary.....	5
6.	Introduction.....	5
7.	Background	6
8.	Description of Activities.....	9
9.	Approval Conditions.....	24
10.	Correcting non-compliances	37
11.	New Environmental Risks	42
12.	Appendix 1- Description of Activities in the GCC.....	44
13.	Appendix 2- Weed Management in the GCC 2024/2025	45
14.	Appendix 3 - Ginninderry Defined Process Strategy Advice and DCCEEWW Clarification Letter	46
15.	Appendix 4 - Offset Management Area	47
16.	Appendix 5- Variation Notification and Variation of Approval	48

1. Declaration of Accuracy

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed:



Full name: David Maxwell

Position: Managing Director

Organisation: Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd

ABN: 30 165 870 539

Date: 29 August 2025

2. Version Control

Rev No.	Description	Author	Reviewed	Date
1	Draft for review	VM - GCT	MF – RP AC - GCT	11.8.25
2	Final Draft	VM - GCT	MF – RP AC – GCT JA - Speargrass	28.8.25
3	Final Draft for DCCEEW review	VM - GCT	MF – RP AC – GCT	29.8.25

3. Approval Holder Details

EPBC Number: SA024

Project Name: West Belconnen Strategic Assessment – Ginninderry Project

Approval Holder: Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd

Approval Holder ABN: 30 165 870 539

Address: 1 McClymont Way, Strathnairn ACT 2615

Reporting Period: 1 September 2024 – 31 August 2025

Report Preparation: August 2025

4. List of Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
ALG	African Lovegrass
BGW	White Box – Yellow Box – Blakely’s Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland
CEMP	Construction Environment Management Plan
DCCEEW or referred to as the ‘Department’	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (formally Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)
DPS	Defined Process Strategy
EMF	Ecological Monitoring Framework
EMT (now referred to as GCT)	Environmental Management Trust
EPBC Act	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwth)</i>
FOG	Friends of Grasslands
GA	Greening Australia
GCC	Ginninderry Conservation Corridor
GCCMP or (also referred to as RMP)	Ginninderry Conservation Corridor Management Plan 2018-2023
GCT (also referred to as EMT)	Ginninderry Conservation Trust
GJV	Ginninderry Joint Venture – the partnership between the ACT Government and Riverview Projects (ACT) to deliver the Ginninderry Development program
GSM	Golden Sun Moth (<i>Synemon plana</i>)
MNES	Matters of National Environmental Significance
NC Act	<i>Nature Conservation Act 2014</i>
NSW	New South Wales
NTG-SEH or NTG	Natural Temperate Grassland of the South Eastern Highlands
OMP	Offset Management Plan
PCS	ACT Parks and Conservation Service
PTWL	Pink-tailed Worm-lizard (<i>Aprasia parapulchella</i>)
RMP	Reserve Management Plan (now referred to as the GCCMP)
RP	Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd
TAMS	Territory and Municipal Services of the ACT Government (now City and Environment Directorate – CED)
WSUD	Water Sensitive Urban Design
YLEP	Yass Valley Shire Local Environment Plan
YVC	Yass Valley Council

5. Executive Summary

This Annual Report is prepared in accordance with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) Annual Compliance Report Guidelines – Reporting under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

During the reporting period, the Ginninderry Conservation Trust (GCT) has engaged in outreach, research and partnerships that enable it to protect and restore biodiversity, safeguard ecological integrity and build a legacy of conservation excellence. The targeted activities and achievements of the GCT have been detailed in Section 8 and grouped into 2 main areas of endeavour, namely:

- Protection & Restoration of Biodiversity.
- Safeguarding Ecological Integrity.

As required by the approval conditions, a range of activities have been undertaken during the reporting period to satisfy the Conservation Outcomes and Actions identified in Table 4 of Section 5 of the Program Report by AT Adams Consulting in April 2017. These activities are detailed in Section 8.

This report does not identify any new non-compliance issues as outlined in Section 9.

The non-compliance issues notified in 2022 have been progressed and / or resolved during the last 12 months, except for the rezoning of Lot 2 Wallaroo Rd. To address this issue, during the reporting period, a rezoning application was made and a program to achieve the rezoning has been established by Yass Valley Council (YVC) and the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. This rezoning is expected to be in place by June 2026. The correction of non-compliances is detailed in Section 10.

Finally, 2 new environmental risks have been identified in this reporting period that have the potential to impact the required conservation outcomes within the Ginninderry Conservation Corridor (GCC). The new risks identified include:

- An increase in the rabbit population.
- Climate change.

6. Introduction

This Annual Report is prepared in accordance with the commitments and outcomes of the Strategic Assessment and Endorsement (2017), for ‘Urban development at West Belconnen’ (EPBC SA024).

The information provided is directly assessed against the EPBC Act Approval conditions, Program Report and Ginninderry Conservation Corridor Management Plan 2018-2023 (GCCMP) for the 2024 / 2025 financial year. Performance against the Program Report is reported in Table 1 and performance against the EPBC Approval conditions is reported in Table 2.

The purpose of this Annual Report is to demonstrate that Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd (RP), as the EPBC Act Approval holder on behalf of the Ginninderry Joint Venture (GJV), is fulfilling the conservation commitments and outcomes required by the EPBC Act Approval.

This Annual Report is prepared in accordance with the DCCEEW Annual Compliance Report Guidelines – Reporting under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

7. Background

The EPBC Act Approval for the Ginninderry Project includes a raft of commitments to protect, enhance, and offset the natural values in the locality. The approved Program Report (AT Adams Consulting 18 April 2017) outlines and provides details for urban development and conservation at West Belconnen, including:

- Construction and operation of residential, commercial, community, light industrial and open space land uses, and related urban development and infrastructure, including the completion of Ginninderra Drive (refer to Section 3.2.1), within the district of Belconnen in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and the Shire of Yass in New South Wales (NSW) over the next 40 years subject to approval under the ACT Planning and Development Act 2007 and the Yass Valley Shire Local Environment Plan (YLEP).
- Variation to the Territory Plan and an amendment to the National Capital Plan to reflect changes in land use in the ACT identified in this document.
- Rezoning of land by way of an amendment to the YLEP, to reflect changes in land use in NSW identified in this document.
- A biodiversity offsets package for Golden Sun Moth (GSM) which will place an additional 86.8 hectare site (lot 2 Wallaroo Road NSW) supporting threatened species into protected areas. The site includes 11.9 ha of land currently occupied by GSM and 19.4 ha suitable for GSM, currently unoccupied.
- Construction of Ginninderra Drive extension.
- Offsite road improvement works on local and arterial roads within the existing Western Belconnen urban area including:
 - Southern Cross Drive.
 - The existing portion of Ginninderra Drive.
 - Local streets.
 - Widening of Drake Brockman Drive to create a dual carriageway road between the project area and William Hovell Drive.
- The creation of a Conservation Corridor along the Murrumbidgee River and Ginninderra Creek totalling 549.9 ha encompassing Pink-tailed Worm-lizard (PTWL) habitat and an area of Box Gum Woodland (BGW). Works will occur within this Corridor in locations that will be specified progressively as development applications for works are lodged and approved over the course of the project development phase, including

- Construction of a sewer tunnel within the river corridor by direct drilling so as to pass beneath PTWL and BGW habitat and involve limited surface works outside but close to PTWL habitat, refer to (refer to Section 3.2.2).
- Recreation and tourist facilities including buildings picnic areas, carparking and access roads and walking and cycling tracks.
- Bushfire and maintenance management access tracks.
- Bushfire management measures including vegetation management by way of slashing, controlled burning and livestock, including access tracks.

The GCC will incorporate 100% of the BGW that is within the project area, and 145.8 ha of PTWL habitat. The status of the land will be upgraded to “nature reserve” ensuring the long-term protection of Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES). This together with enhancements to the connectivity between PTWL areas and an increase in overall area of PTWL habitat will offset the loss of 16.4 ha of disaggregated patches of PTWL habitat that will be subsumed with in the urban development area.

The project is located at West Belconnen, in the north-west of the Canberra metropolitan area, generally to the west of the suburbs of Holt and Macgregor, and extending into NSW, as shown on Figure 1.

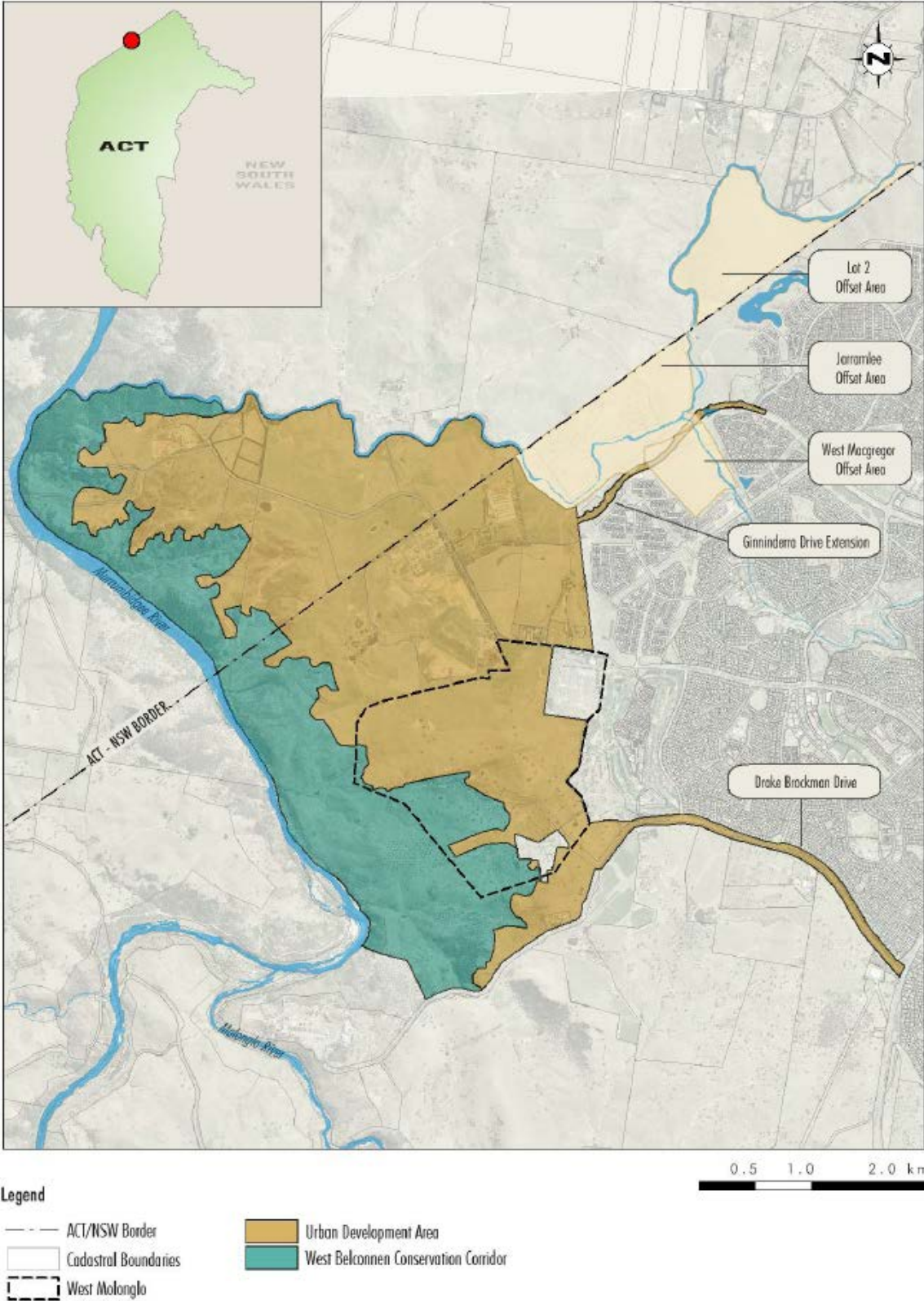


Figure 1: Ginninderry Project Area

8. Description of Activities

The GCT has been established to unify nature, culture and community in its management of the GCC. In accordance with the GCCMP, it seeks to achieve the required management goals through outreach, research and partnerships that will enable it to protect and restore biodiversity, safeguard ecological integrity and build a legacy of conservation excellence. The targeted activities and achievements of the GCT during this reporting period include:

Protection & Restoration of Biodiversity

- Ginninderry Conservation Corridor Biomass Monitoring Report – Cumulative – May 2025. Link: [Biomass+Monitoring+Report_Final.pdf](#).
- Research to investigate the translocation of GSM and the desired approach to restoration of habitat – ongoing project.
- Riparian restoration along the Murrumbidgee River and tributaries – ongoing work.
- BGW restoration work including weed control, addition of coarse woody debris and supplementary planting – ongoing work.
- Feral animal control programme targeting deer, foxes, rabbits and cats – ongoing work.
- Kangaroo surveys to establish impacts on the vegetation cover – ongoing work.
- Weekly track audits to establish, litter levels, erosion, fallen trees and safety concerns – ongoing work.
- Extension of the Natural Temperate Grassland (NTG) restoration site with ongoing monitoring and management in partnership with Friends of Grassland (FOG) – ongoing work.
- Weed control across 250ha of land under management – ongoing work.

Safeguarding Ecological Integrity

- Ginninderry Conservation Corridor Management Plan 2023-2033 (submitted for DCCEEW Approval – May 2025).
- Ginninderry Conservation Corridor – Murrumbidgee Riparian Zone and Environs Management Plan – September 2024. Link: [Ginninderry+Riparian+Management+Plan_Final_September+2024.pdf](#).
- Research to investigate aspects of taste aversion, diet and population dynamics of foxes with ANU – Ongoing project.
- Research to investigate human-ecological interactions and experiences with brown snakes in the face of urban expansion – ongoing project.
- GCT is trialling a rapid assessment of BGW to allow annual monitoring to be undertaken – ongoing work.

Table 1 contains responses to the outcomes and commitments for MNES (refer to Table 4 in Section 5) of the endorsed Program Report including relevant documents related to the GCC. This includes details of the current activities undertaken during the reporting period.

Table 1: Outcomes and Commitments for MNES of the Endorsed Program Report Example

Conservation Outcomes	Action		Responsibility	Timing	Details of Current Activities
Previously unidentified MNES					
Protection of MNES that are identified in pre-construction surveys for permitted construction work in the GCC.	1	Prior to development of GCC infrastructure, site surveys of threatened flora and fauna species will be conducted, and populations of threatened flora and fauna species will be avoided or impacts managed in accord with the Reserve Management Plan (RMP) and EPBC Act.	Riverview Group Environmental Management Trust	Ongoing. The survey of PTWL and NTG will occur within 12 months of Ministerial endorsement of the Program and will be made public.	As previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report. As urban development at Ginninderry progresses, so do the actions and responses to conservation matters in accordance with the Program Report.
Golden Sun Moth					
Protection and enhancement of habitat whilst allowing for the intrusion of the Ginninderra drive alignment. (refer to (ACT Government, 2013) (David Hogg Pty Ltd, 2011).	2	Vary the Territory Plan to establish conservation reserves at the Jarramlee and West Macgregor offset areas, with provision for Ginninderra Drive.	Riverview Group	Prior to commencement of construction of Ginninderra Drive extension.	Addressed as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report.

Mitigation of the impact of Ginninderra Drive extension on GSM habitat in Jarramlee and West Macgregor offset areas.	3	<p>ACT Government to Purchase Lot 2 Wallaroo Road (86.8 Ha) from the Commonwealth catering for the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.8 Ha as replacement of impacted areas of occupied GSM habitat, • 11.9 Ha of occupied GSM habitat, • 19.4 Ha of unoccupied GSM habitat, and, • Implementation of GSM habitat restoration as a connectivity measure between Jarramlee and Dunlop Grasslands Reserve. 	Economic Development Directorate	Land purchase prior to commencement of construction of infrastructure to service the residential estate, habitat restoration prior to commencement of construction of Ginninderra Drive extension.	<p>Addressed as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report.</p> <p>Habitat restoration yet to commence on Lot 2 as Ginninderra Drive extension is currently not planned until 2036.</p>
	4	<p>Apply a conservation covenant requiring the long-term protection and enhancement of GSM habitat on Lot 2 Wallaroo Road.</p> <p>Whilst the covenant will provide long term protection for the Wallaroo Rd offset area, further investigations should occur for the potential to rezone the land to E3 Environmental Management.</p>	Riverview Group to request YVC to implement the statutory covenant.	To be implemented concurrently with the amendment to the Yass Valley LEP.	<p>To address the non-compliance identified in the 23/24 Annual Report, since 2024 the project has been investigating the rezoning of Lot 2 to C3 Environmental Management (previously E3) in accordance with this conservation outcome.</p> <p>A scoping submission was made in October 2024 and a final rezoning submission to YVC was made in April 2025. In August 2025, a NSW Gateway determination was issued, and the rezoning is at pre-exhibition stage.</p> <p>Based on the above, a rezoning of Lot 2 to C3 Environmental Management is expected by June 2026.</p> <p>The rezoning to C3 Environmental Management will provide for the long-term protection and enhancement of GSM habitat</p>

					<p>and is therefore considered a superior protection to that offered by a conservation covenant.</p> <p>The Project considers the rezoning will establish compliance with this conservation outcome.</p>
	5	<p>Prepare a combined Offset Management Plan (OMP) addressing the preservation and enhancement of GSM habitat in Jarramlee and West Macgregor offset areas and Lot 2.</p> <p>Actions in the OMP to include research and trials for GSM larvae translocation.</p> <p>Incorporate the management plan into the GCCMP.</p> <p>Lot 2 GSM habitat area to be increased from current 11.9 Ha to 33.1 Ha.</p>	<p>Riverview Group to prepare first draft.</p> <p>Environmental Management Trust to seek approval and implement the plan.</p> <p>Plan to be endorsed by the ACT Conservator and approved by the Minister for the Environment (ACT component) and endorsed by the ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna (NSW component) in consultation with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.</p>	<p>Plan to be finalised within 2 years of Ministerial endorsement of the Program, reviewed at intervals of no more than five years thereafter.</p> <p>GSM habitat area increase to be achieved prior to construction of Ginninderra Drive extension.</p>	<p>Addressed as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report.</p> <p>In accordance with the OMP, GSM research program has commenced, with a PhD candidate assigned to the project and licences for collection and translocation of animals/larvae in place. A nursery site has been established for larvae. Suitable translocation sites within the GCC have been identified, and capture/harvesting of animals/larvae is expected to commence this flying season (late October/November 2025).</p> <p>Ongoing research programme will be utilised to determine the approach to the restoration programme should the Ginninderra Drive extension be implemented in the future.</p>
Establishment of a governance regime for reserve land (Macgregor, Jarramlee and Lot 2).	6	Establish a West Belconnen Environmental Management Trust (EMT).	Riverview Group	Within 2 years of Ministerial endorsement of the Program and prior to construction of Ginninderra Drive extension.	As previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report.

Implementation of program for research and trials for the translocation of GSM larvae.	7	Research and trials to be undertaken to assist habitat restoration and GSM larvae translocation.	Environmental Management Trust	Research programs and trials to begin with the commencement of the OMP plus 5 years.	Addressed as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report and in Conservation Outcome 5 above.
Restoration of GSM habitat.	8	<p>Restore habitat area into which GSM larvae will be translocated, subject to concurrence by the EMT that sufficient evidence exists to ensure a successful outcome.</p> <p>May include further translocation trials of GSM subject to consultation with the Conservator of Flora and Fauna and approval by the Department of the Environment.</p> <p>Restoration may also include stream bank restoration from the Murrumbidgee River along Ginninderra Creek and along Gooromon Ponds Creek up to Wallaroo Road to improve linkages along the riparian areas.</p>	Environmental Management Trust Restoration area should be a site of importance to landscape connectivity determined in conjunction with the ACT Environment and Planning Directorate.	Completion of restoration and then monitored for 15 years.	<p>Extension of Ginninderra Drive has not yet commenced. No current action required.</p> <p>The GCT is undertaking riparian restoration along the Murrumbidgee River and its tributaries within current management area. In the reporting period, this includes stem injection of willows and surveys/removal of Moth Vine along the Murrumbidgee in collaboration with the ACT Biosecurity team.</p> <p>The remaining sites are not currently within GCT management.</p>
Translocation of GSM larvae from sites that will be impacted by construction of the Ginninderra Drive extension.	9	Translocate GSM larvae from sites that will be impacted by construction of the Ginninderra Drive extension to suitable habitat restoration sites at lot 2 Wallaroo Road using method as refined through the program of research and trials.	Environmental Management Trust Translocation research should build on existing knowledge and trials, undertaken	Approval of the OMP plus 20 years, and prior to the construction of Ginninderra Drive extension.	<p>Extension of Ginninderra Drive has not yet commenced. No action required.</p> <p>Translocation research currently underway in accordance with Conservation Outcome 5 above.</p>

			elsewhere in the ACT.		
Ongoing monitoring of impacts on habitat.	10	Adopt field data recorded by Rowell (Rowell A., 2015) as baseline data and ensure that monitoring methods are consistent with those used to measure GSM population and habitat quality and extent across the ACT.	Environmental Management Trust Monitoring to be timed so that it is consistent with GSM monitoring across the ACT.	Every two years from date of endorsement. Monitoring period to be reviewed if impacts have stabilised.	Addressed as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report. Additional monitoring to be undertaken in Spring / Summer 2025 in line with research work associated with Conservation Outcome 5 above.
Establishment of a process of independent third-party review of RMP.	11	Prepare an annual report addressing MNES outcomes achieved in the previous year; lessons learned; include a financial audit; report to be made publicly available. Report to be submitted to the ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna.	Environmental Management Trust.	Within 2 months of the end of each financial year	Since the 2019/2020 Annual Report, a report has been submitted annually in August. This is the sixth Annual report submitted to the Commonwealth. Previous reports are available on the Ginninderry website reports library . A copy of the Financial Auditor's report will be provided to the Commonwealth and published online once the auditors have signed off on the accounts. The financial reporting is always submitted after the Annual Report due to the time in preparing the financial report after the financial year.
Box Gum Woodland					
A conservation area that includes 100% of identified BGW (68.2 Ha) in conservation area.	12	Vary the Territory Plan, amend the National Capital Plan for all proposed land use changes.	Riverview Group to obtain relevant rezoning and related approvals.	Zoning to be in place prior to commencement of construction in ACT.	Addressed as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report. Mapping undertaken by Capital Ecology in 2022 provided updated information on the total amount of BGW secured in the GCC. In total, 2022 monitoring found 59.3 ha of the GCC (ACT portion) meets the EPBC Act criteria for the BGW TEC. An additional 14 ha meets

					the listing criteria for <i>Nature Conservation Act 2014</i> of the ACT Government (NC Act) BGW (total 73.3 ha). Noting the updated information from 2022, the GCT was 8.9 ha short of the approval condition, making RP non-compliant. As such, enhancement of the 14 ha of NC Act listed BGW to EPBC condition has been taking place over the last three years. This has included adding in coarse woody debris, undertaking multiple plantings of mid-storey species, weed control via manual removal and spraying.
Preservation and enhancement of woodland habitats. Actual hectares will be used in area measurements.	13	<p>Manage activities in the GCC in accordance with a RMP (now known as the GCCMP).</p> <p>A RMP is a statutory document under the provisions of the Nature Conservation Act. It will need to be determined whether to do a RMP over that area of land not already covered by the Murrumbidgee River Corridor Plan of Management, or whether one plan will be produced for the entire corridor.</p>	<p>Riverview Group to prepare first draft RMP.</p> <p>Environmental Management Trust to seek approval and implement the plan.</p> <p>Plan to be approved by the ACT Conservator and Minister for the Environment (ACT component) and endorsed by the ACT Conservator (NSW component) in consultation with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.</p>	Plan to be finalised within 2 years of Ministerial endorsement of MNES plan, reviewed at intervals of no more than five years thereafter.	<p>The updated GCCMP 2023-2033 has been approved by the ACT Conservator, ACT Minister for Environment, NSW DCCEE, and is pending EPBC approval as the final step.</p> <p>Protection and enhancement of woodland habitats are ongoing. During the reporting period, coarse woody debris was added to a BGW site, utilising trees that have been removed for the McClymont Way extension, and the pathway break around the landfill site. There are two sites within the GCC which comprise of plantings estimated to have been established in the 1980s. These sites are being enhanced with mid and ground storey plantings, as well as coarse woody debris installation.</p> <p>Other activities in the GCC managed in accordance with the GCCMP include management of feral animal species and kangaroo populations, bushfire mitigation to protect ecological values, establishing access trails, community engagement, protection of</p>

					Indigenous heritage, communication with stakeholders and community, volunteering opportunities, and research. All information on activities undertaken in the reporting period is included in Appendix 1.
Establishment of a land management governance regime.	14	Establish a West Belconnen EMT	Riverview Group	Within 2 years of Ministerial endorsement of the MNES plan and prior to commencement of construction.	Addressed as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report.
Maintenance and enhancement of connectivity between BGW habitat areas. No appreciable long term net reduction in total BGW habitat areas.	15	<p>All works that may affect BGW to be informed by relevant scientific expert advice and:-</p> <p>Roads and tracks to follow existing alignments where feasible and incorporate appropriate design techniques such as raised grating.</p> <p>Vehicle tracks max 6m wide other tracks/trails max 2.5m wide.</p> <p>Unused existing tracks to be rehabilitated.</p> <p>Picnic and other facilities involving buildings and car parking to avoid known high value habitat areas.</p>	Environmental Management Trust	Ongoing	<p>The GCT has now established over 15km of walking trails that have followed existing tracks where feasible and incorporated raised seating areas and bridges to protect sensitive areas and creek crossings. Phase 2 (the river descent tracks) of the second round of the walking track network was completed by Iconic Trails in December 2024. Wayfinding has been installed. Safety signage has been installed at the river access point below the river descent tracks.</p> <p>Weekly track audits are completed by the rangers to record litter, erosion, fallen trees and any other issues or safety concerns. Visitor numbers are also recorded. This reporting period saw approximately 33,687 people visit the GCC. See Appendix 1 for more information.</p> <p>Throughout reporting period, manual removal of grassy/herbaceous weeds along walking trails took place. The track builders (Iconic Trails) have a monthly maintenance contract which is in place for another 12 months.</p>

					<p>No new vehicle tracks have been established. The upgraded bushfire access track has been retained at 4.5m width and no walking tracks have exceeded 1.5m width during construction. Effective walking track width post establishment is less than 1m.</p> <p>All tracks in the GCC are currently in use, so there are no tracks currently under rehabilitation.</p> <p>The Riverside Park picnic area is currently under planning approval consideration by the ACT Government.</p>
Protect habitat from domestic predators.	16	Impose a cat containment policy for the entire West Belconnen development area and prohibit off-leash dogs in the GCC.	<p>Territory and Municipal Services of the ACT Government (TAMS)</p> <p>Environmental Management Trust</p>	<p>Cat containment mandated by changes to the relevant instrument under the provisions of the Domestic Animals Act prior to commencement of any works in the ACT.</p> <p>Cat containment in NSW to be implemented if suitable legislation comes into force. In the absence of specific legislation, environmental planning laws such as planning agreements and/or conditions attached to development consents will be used to impose the controls.</p> <p>Dog control regime to be established by the EMT.</p>	<p>Addressed as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report.</p> <p>Monitoring of feral cats in the GCT continues, with multiple camera traps and cat traps deployed during the reporting period. Two cats have been identified on the cameras, but none caught.</p> <p>Discussions have commenced with YVC on the implementation of a cat containment policy within the NSW side of the West Belconnen Development Area. This will be in place before development commences in NSW.</p> <p>Dogs are prohibited from entering the GCC. Signage has been installed and GCT staff patrol regularly while on site.</p>

Monitoring of impacts on habitat is ongoing Monitoring will be consistent with BGW monitoring across the ACT.	17	Adopt field data recorded by Nash & Hogg 2013 as baseline data. Periodic field research will be conducted to assess change in the extent and quality of BGW habitat.	Environmental Management Trust	Every two years from date of endorsement. Monitoring period to be reviewed if impacts have stabilised.	Addressed as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report. Previous BGW mapping was completed in 2022 and report submitted which is available on the Ginninderry website reports library . Monitoring of impacts on habitat is ongoing as per the Ecological Monitoring Framework (EMF). GCT is trailing a rapid assessment of BGW condition which will be completed annually between intensive mapping/reports. Other monitoring completed in the reporting period includes mid-storey and tree dieback surveys in a BGW restoration site. This resulted in planting eucalypts and scheduling mid-storey plantings to increase mid-storey diversity.
Establishment of a process of independent third-party review of GCCMP.	18	Prepare an annual report addressing MNES outcomes achieved in the previous year; lessons learned; include a financial audit; report to be made publicly available. Report to be submitted to the ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna.	Environmental Management Trust	Within 2 months of the end of each financial year.	Work completed as outlined in Conservation Outcome 11 above.
Pink Tailed Worm Lizard					
A conservation area that includes 90% of identified PTWL habitat (146.4 Ha).	19	Variation to the Territory Plan, amendment to the National Capital Plan and amendment to the YLEP for all proposed land use changes	Riverview Group to obtain relevant rezoning and related approvals	ACT zoning to be in place prior to commencement of construction in ACT. NSW zoning to be in place prior to commencement of construction in NSW	Addressed as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report.

Preservation and enhancement of PTWL habitats. Actual hectares will be used in area measurements.	20	Manage activities in the GCC in accordance with GCCMP.	<p>Riverview Group to prepare first draft.</p> <p>Environmental Management Trust to review the draft and adopt and implement the plan when approved by the Conservator.</p> <p>Plan to be approved by the ACT Conservator and Minister for the Environment (ACT component) and endorsed by the ACT Conservator (NSW component) in consultation with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.</p>	<p>Ongoing. An action required over the life of the program.</p> <p>Plan to be finalised within 2 years of Ministerial endorsement of the Program, reviewed at intervals of no more than five years thereafter.</p>	<p>Addressed as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report. Details of the GCCMP review process for 2025 as identified in Conservation Outcome 13 above.</p> <p>Weed control was undertaken across approximately 250ha of the GCC. See Appendix 2.</p> <p>The grassland restoration site continues to thrive and as previously mentioned, PTWL have been identified within the site. The original site was installed in May 2020 by Greening Australia (GA), and then was extended in June 2024 by GA. The site continues to be monitored in partnership with Friends of Grasslands (FOG).</p> <p>Volunteers helped disperse rock on the newer grassland restoration extension site in October 2024 to create PTWL habitat.</p> <p>Weed control of the invasive African Lovegrass (ALG) is ongoing.</p> <p>All information on activities undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with the GCCMP is included in Appendix 1.</p>
Establishment of a land management governance regime	21	Establish a West Belconnen Environmental Management Trust.	Riverview Group	Within 2 years of Ministerial endorsement of the Program and prior to commencement of construction.	Addressed as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report.
Maintenance and enhancement of connectivity	22	All works that may affect PTWL habitat to be informed by	Environmental Management Trust	Ongoing.	As previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report.

<p>between PTWL habitat areas.</p> <p>No appreciable long term net reduction in total PTWL habitat areas.</p>		<p>relevant scientific expert advice and: -</p> <p>Roads and tracks to follow existing alignments where feasible and incorporate appropriate design techniques such as raised grating.</p> <p>Vehicle tracks max 6m wide other tracks/trails max 2.5m wide.</p> <p>Unused existing tracks to be rehabilitated.</p> <p>Picnic and other facilities involving buildings and car parking to avoid known high value habitat areas.</p> <p>Active habitat restoration works will be undertaken.</p>			<p>Track outcomes in the GCC to date as per the outcomes identified in Conservation Outcome 15 above.</p> <p>All track works were undertaken in line with the GCCMP. See Appendix 1 for more information.</p> <p>Habitat restoration works that are ongoing to enhance and increase connectivity between PTWL habitat areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The grassland restoration site (both the existing and the extension). - Brick plot sites added to stage 1 of the GCC (including the grassland restoration site). - Invasive weed control in high quality areas (ongoing).
<p>PTWL protected from domestic predators</p>	23	<p>Impose a cat containment policy for the entire West Belconnen development area.</p> <p>Prohibit off-leash dogs in the GCC.</p>	<p>TAMS</p> <p>YVC</p> <p>Environmental Management Trust</p>	<p>Cat Containment in the ACT to be mandated by changes to the relevant instrument under the provisions of the Domestic Animals Act prior to commencement of any works.</p> <p>Cat containment in NSW to be implemented if suitable legislation comes into force. In the absence of specific legislation, environmental planning laws such as planning agreements and/or conditions</p>	<p>Cat containment outcomes in the GCC to date as per the outcomes identified in Conservation Outcome 16 above.</p>

				attached to development consents will be used to impose the controls. Dog control regime to be established by the EMT.	
Ongoing monitoring of impact on habitat. Monitoring will be consistent with PTWL monitoring across the ACT.	24	Adopt field data recorded by Osborne & Wong 2013 as baseline data. Conduct periodic field research to assess change in the extent and quality of PTWL habitat.	Environmental Management Trust	Every two years from date of endorsement. Ability to review monitoring period if impacts have stabilised.	Addressed as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report. PTWL habitat is surveyed and mapped every five years at the same time as the NTG survey/mapping as per the EMF. GCT is trailing a rapid assessment of NTG condition which will be completed annually between intensive mapping/reports.
Establishment of a process of independent third-party review of GCCMP.	25	Prepare an annual report addressing MNES outcomes achieved in the previous year; lessons learned; include a financial audit; report to be made publicly available Report to be submitted to the ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna	Environmental Management Trust	Within 2 months of the end of each financial year	Work completed as outlined in Conservation Outcome 11 and 18 above.
Natural Temperate Grassland					
Management Actions as prescribed in the most recent approved version of the Jarramlee OMP (ACT Government, 2013)	26	Manage Jarramlee Offset site in accord with the Jarramlee OMP	Environmental Management Trust	Ongoing.	Addressed as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report. Jarramlee is not within GCT management area and is managed by the ACT Parks & Conservation Service (PCS).

Implementation of assessment process for additional unanticipated impacts to any area dominated by native grasses that is part of a larger patch of native grassland which includes high or moderate quality PTWL habitat as mapped by Osborne and Wong (2013).	27	<p>Follow the Defined Process Strategy (DPS) (see s5.3.4 of the Program Report). When triggered the strategy involves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess the impact using data collected from site-based field verified surveys as per EPBC guidelines 2. Implement avoidance & mitigation measures where practicable 3. Determine offset requirements for any residual impacts 4. Identify an appropriate offset and establish <p>Prepare & implement an OMP to incorporate in the GCC management plan or a standalone plan.</p>	Riverview Group Environmental Management Trust	Ongoing.	<p>The DPS was triggered and applied in the construction of the Stage 2 walking tracks within the GCC with work completed at the end of 2024.</p> <p>The impacts on and offsets required for the PTWL and NTG were identified in the Ginninderry DPS advice of 8 November 2023 and confirmed in DCCEEW advice of 11 January 2024 (Appendix 3).</p> <p>Total Impacts on PTWL = 0.99ha Total Impacts on NTG = 0.30ha</p> <p>Total Required Offset for PTWL = 7.36ha Total Required Offset for NTG = 2.47ha</p> <p>The offset management areas have been established by the GCT and are shown in Appendix 4.</p>
Major Changes to Infrastructure Location (e.g. Sewer Alignment)					
Implementation of assessment process for additional unanticipated impacts to MNES within the Project Area due to major changes to infrastructure location (e.g. sewer alignment).	28	<p>Follow the DPS (see s5.3.4 of the Program Report). When triggered the strategy involves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess the impact using data collected from site-based field verified surveys as per EPBC guidelines 2. Implement avoidance & mitigation measures where practicable 3. Determine offset requirements for any residual impacts, 	Riverview Group Environmental Management Trust	Ongoing.	No changes to major infrastructure location have occurred in this reporting period.

		4. Identify an appropriate offset and establish, Prepare & implement an OMP to incorporate in the GCC management plan or a standalone plan.			
Threatened Bird Species					
Mitigate indirect impacts from urban development on threatened bird species.	29	Implementation of Construction Environment Management Plan's (CEMP), Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) principles, and the GCCMP. Replace affected farm dams with the provision of constructed wetlands where possible.	Riverview Group Environmental Management Trust	Ongoing. An action required over the life of the program.	<p>CEMP and WSUD principles are implemented as required in each development stage and as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report.</p> <p>The GCCMP is the primary management document for all activities in the GCC. Activities required by the GCCMP that have been implemented in this reporting period include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring with Canberra Birds (four times a year). - CSIRO completed monitoring of Scarlet Robins. - ACT Government and Canberra Birds monitoring of Gang Gang Cockatoos.

9. Approval Conditions

A Variation Notification and Variation of Approval (Appendix 5) was received on 15 November 2024 which included a set of varied conditions for the development. Table 2a addresses the on-going conditions which were applicable for the whole reporting period and the new/varied conditions that applied from 15 November 2024. Table 2b addresses the deleted and revoked conditions that were applicable up to 15 November 2024. Each condition is identified as either Compliant, Non-compliant or Not applicable, as per the DCCEEW Annual Compliance Report Guidelines.

Table 2a: EPBC Approval Conditions and Compliance Table - includes on-going Conditions applicable for the whole reporting period and new conditions applicable from 15 November 2024

	Condition	Compliance Designation	Evidence / Comments
5A	<p>The approval holder must not commence construction in the NSW portion of the West Belconnen site unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the land within the NSW portion of the Corridor has been rezoned in accordance with Section 3.6 of the Program or secured for conservation through a legally binding mechanism approved by the Department; b) the Minister has approved a revision of the RMP that includes the land within the NSW portion of the Corridor; c) the Minister has approved a revision of the OMP which includes offsets located within the NSW portion of the Corridor; and d) a cat containment policy has been established for the West Belconnen site in accordance with condition 13 of this approval. 	Not applicable	<p>Construction has not commenced in NSW. Commencement is currently expected to occur in 2027/28.</p> <p>RP is working proactively to ensure this condition will be met prior to construction beginning in NSW. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Requirement met. The land has been rezoned to either C2 Environmental Conservation or C3 Environmental Management under the YLEP which secures the land for conservation. b) Scheduled. The revised GCCMP was submitted to DCCEEW for Minister approval on 25 July 2025. The GCCMP will be revised in 2027 / 2028 to address NSW and local government requirements. c) Scheduled. The OMP is scheduled for review and revision in 2027, and this process will include action to meet this condition. d) Underway. Discussions have commenced with YVC Council on the implementation of a cat containment

			policy within the NSW side of the West Belconnen Development Area. This will be in place before development commences in NSW in 2027 / 2028
8A	<p>Any revision of the RMP submitted for the Minister's approval in accordance with condition 9B of this approval must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) be agreed to by the ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna and NSW DCCEEW; b) be approved by the ACT Minister for the Environment; c) provide for conservation management of the Corridor; d) be consistent with the conservation outcomes, actions, responsibilities and timings specified at Table 4: Conservation outcomes and actions for MNES of the Program; and e) at a minimum, include the management measures, monitoring programs, reporting and review requirements and frequencies, specified at Section 5.3.1 of the Program. 	Compliant	<p>Condition met. The revised GCCMP 2023-2033 revision was submitted to DCCEEW for the Minister's sign off on 25 July 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) has been agreed by the ACT Conservator and NSW DCCEEW; b) has been approved by the ACT Minister for the environment; c) provides for the conservation management of GCC; d) is consistent with Table 4 of the Program; and e) is consistent with Section 5.3.1 of the Program.
9A	<p>Any revision of the OMP submitted for the Minister's approval in accordance with condition 9B of this approval must as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) be prepared in consultation with the ACT Parks and Conservation Service; b) be approved by the NSW DCCEEW and the ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna; c) provide for the management of offset areas within the Corridor; d) be consistent with the conservation outcomes, actions, responsibilities and timings specified at Table 4: Conservation outcomes and actions for MNES of the Program; e) include the management measures, monitoring programs, reporting and review requirements and frequencies, specified at Section 5.3.1 of the Program; f) specify outcomes, specific to each protected matter and offset area, derived from measurably enhancing the natural environment within offset areas, that will be achieved and maintained; and g) detail measures to protect and enhance offset areas to achieve and maintain the specified outcomes, including for the GSM Conservation Reserves established under condition 7 of this approval. 	Not applicable	No revision of the OMP was sought during the reporting period.

9B	The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister for a variation to the RMP or OMP, by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the EPBC Act. If the Minister approves a revised version of the RMP or OMP then, from the date specified, the approval holder must implement the version of the RMP or OMP so approved by the Minister, in place of any previous version.	Not applicable	A revision to the RMP (GCCMP 2023-2033) was submitted to DCCEE for the Minister's sign off on 25 July 2025. This will be implemented following receipt of the Minister's approval.
10A	Within 15 business days of the ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna approving any revised version of the Construction Environmental Management Plan, the approval holder must notify the Department that the Construction Environmental Management Plan has been revised and provide the Department with an electronic copy of the approved revised version.	Not applicable	No revision of the CEMP occurred during the reporting period.
11	Prior to the commencement of construction (in all areas other than the area marked as stage 1 in the Program Figure 4) and within 12 months before or within 12 months after endorsement of the Program by the Department, the approval holder must engage a suitably qualified expert to survey the West Belconnen site for PTWL and NTG in accordance with the survey guidelines. The results of surveys must be submitted to the Department for acceptance within 6 months of the completion of the survey. The accepted report must be made available to the public prior to the commencement of construction.	Not applicable	Addressed as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report. Construction already commenced and Independent Audit August 2022 identified that the development is compliant with this condition.
12A	The approval holder must provide any information requested by the Department pursuant to condition 12 within 20 business days of the Department's written request.	Not applicable	No request received during the reporting period.
13A	The approval holder must ensure the cat containment policy is in place at least until the expiry of this approval and engage relevant parties within the ACT and NSW Government to implement, monitor and maintain the cat containment policy.	Compliant	The ACT Cat Containment Policy is in place being implemented by the ACT Government.
13B	The approval holder must include the results of cat containment monitoring conducted in accordance with the cat containment policy, in each compliance report.	Compliant	Monitoring of feral cats in the GCT continues, with multiple camera traps and cat traps deployed during the reporting period. Two cats have been identified on the cameras, but none caught.

14	Within ten days after the commencement of the action, the approval holder must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement.	Compliant	Actions to meet this condition were identified in the 23/24 Annual Report.
15A	If the Department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the Department within the timeframe specified in the request.	Not applicable	No request has been made to date.
15B	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data, Commonwealth of Australia 2018, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	Compliant	All mapping produced is in accordance with the Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data.
15C	The approval holder must submit all monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) electronically to the Department by 31 August of each year or in accordance with the requirements of a plan.	Compliant	All required data has been provided to the Department by 31 August 2025.
16A	The approval holder must exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from each compliance report and shapefile published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.	Not applicable	No redactions were required during the reporting period.
16B	If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from a version of a compliance report or shapefile published or otherwise provided to a member of the public, the approval holder must submit the full compliance report or shapefile to the Department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the Department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.	Not applicable	No redactions were required during the reporting period.
16C	The approval holder must notify the Department electronically, within 5 business days of each date of publication that the compliance report has been published on the website. In this notification, the approval holder must provide the Department with the web address for where the compliance report and related shapefile are published on the website.	Compliant	Notification has been provided in the past and will be provided in 24/25.
16D	The approval holder must keep each compliance report and related shapefile published on the website from the first date which that	Compliant	All information regarding reporting is published on the Ginninderry website reports library .

	compliance report must be published and until the expiry date of this approval.		
16E	The approval holder must notify the Department electronically, within 2 business days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions, the Program or commitments made in a plan.	Not applicable	<p>The approval holder did not become aware of any incidents or new non-compliance issues during the reporting period that required notification.</p> <p>Actions to address and resolve the non-compliance issues from previous reporting periods are discussed in [Section 10 – Correcting Non-compliances].</p>
16F	<p>The approval holder must specify in the notification:</p> <p>a) Any condition, part of the Program or commitment made in a plan which has been or may have been breached.</p> <p>b) A short description of the incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance.</p> <p>c) The location (including co-ordinates), date and time of the incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance.</p>	Not applicable	
16G	<p>The approval holder must provide to the Department in writing, within 10 business days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance, the details of that incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions, the Program or commitments made in a plan. The approval holder must specify:</p> <p>a) Any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken.</p> <p>b) The potential impacts of the incident and/or non-compliance.</p> <p>c) The method and timing of any corrective action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.</p>	Compliant	<p>To address non-compliances addressed in the DCCEEW Warning Letter received 15 November 2024, the Project has taken the following steps during the reporting period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commissioned an independent review of the EPBC Approval by JSA Projects; - Developed a Compliance and Risk Management Strategy with Projects JSA; - Developed a Compliance Calendar with JSA Projects; and - Developed a Monitoring Schedule for the GCC with the GCT.
18A	An independent auditor must be appointed by the approval holder in consultation with the Department.	Not applicable	<p>No current action required.</p> <p>Next audit due on 18 July 2027.</p>

18B	The approval holder must ensure the scope of each independent audit is sufficient to determine the compliance status for each condition of this approval, and each commitment made in each plan.	Not applicable	No current action required. Next audit due on 18 July 2027.
18C	The approval holder must ensure the criteria for each independent audit and the undertaking of each independent audit are consistent with the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2019.	Not applicable	No current action required. Next audit due on 18 July 2027.
18D	The approval holder must ensure each audit report is completed to the satisfaction of the Department and is consistent with the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2019.	Not applicable	No current action required. Next audit due on 18 July 2027.
18E	The approval holder must publish each audit report on the website, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, within 10 business days of the date the Department agrees to the audit report in writing.	Compliant	Independent Audit from August 2022 is published on the Ginninderry website reports library .
18F	The approval holder must notify the Department within 5 business days of the date the audit report is published on the website. In this notification, the approval holder must provide the Department with the web address for where the audit report is published on the website.	Not applicable	No current action required. Next audit due on 18 July 2027.
18G	The approval holder must keep each audit report published on the website from the first date which that audit report must be published and until the expiry date of this approval.	Compliant	Independent Audit from August 2022 is published on the Ginninderry website reports library .
19	If, at any time after five years from the date of this approval, the approval holder has not substantially commenced the action, then the approval holder must not substantially commence the action without the written agreement of the Minister.	Compliant	Addressed as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report. Independent Audit August 2022 identified that the development is compliant with this condition.

21	The approval holder must keep all plans published on the website, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, from the first date which that plan must be published and until the expiry date of this approval. This requirement applies to all current and superseded versions of plans.	Compliant	All plans are published on the Ginninderry website reports library .
----	---	-----------	--

Table 2b: EPBC Approval Conditions and Compliance Table – Deleted Conditions (applicable to 15 November 2024)

	Deleted Condition	Compliance	Evidence / Comments
1	The approval holder must ensure development actions at the West Belconnen site are undertaken in accordance with the endorsed Program - Urban Development at West Belconnen (AT Adams Consulting, April 2017).	Compliant	<p>Actions with respect to this condition are ongoing due to the development programme of the project.</p> <p>All development and construction work is undertaken in accordance with the EPBC and the local authority's approval.</p> <p>Stages of the GCC have been handed over to the GCT in accordance with the Program Report with the area under management currently totalling 282 hectares.</p>
2	<p>If the approval holder authorises, permits or requests another person to undertake any part of the action, the approval holder must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the other person:</p> <p>Is informed of any condition attached to the approval that restricts or regulates the way in which that part of the action may be taken; and complies with any such condition</p>	Compliant	<p>Actions with respect to this condition are ongoing due to the development programme of the project.</p> <p>All work is undertaken in accordance with the project conditions and CEMP and the individual project CEMPs required by the local government authority.</p>

3	The approval holder must ensure that the conservation outcomes specified in Section 5 of the Program are achieved.	Compliant	<p>DCCEEW Warning Letter received 15 November 2024 identifying non-compliance in relation to addressing Conservation Outcome 4 in the required time frame (identified in Table 1 above).</p> <p>Conservation Outcome 4 is being addressed as outlined in Table 1 above.</p> <p>All other Conservation Outcomes are either compliant or not yet applicable due to the timing of the requirement and the staging of the project – see Table 1 above.</p>
4	The approval holder must ensure that the West Belconnen Conservation Corridor is established and encompasses a minimum of 549.9 hectares as shown in Figure 2 in the Program and including the habitat of listed threatened species and ecological communities identified in the Program as occurring within the West Belconnen Conservation Corridor.	Compliant	<p>Actions with respect to this condition are ongoing due to the development programme of the project.</p> <p>The GCT currently manages approximately 282 ha of the GCC in stages that are adjacent to the urban development.</p> <p>As required by the approval, future stages of the GCC will be dedicated to the GCT as urban development adjacent to the GCC commences.</p>
5	<p>Within six months prior to the commencement of construction in the ACT portion of the site, the land within the ACT portion of the West Belconnen Conservation Corridor boundary is to be either rezoned as outlined in Section 3.6 of the Program or must be secured for conservation in perpetuity through a legally binding mechanism approved by the Department.</p> <p>For the NSW portion of the West Belconnen Conservation Corridor the approval holder must secure the land for conservation in perpetuity through a legally binding mechanism approved by the Department within two years of endorsement of the Program. The West Belconnen Conservation Corridor RMP of condition 8 will not be endorsed and approved until the land has been rezoned or secured.</p>	Compliant	<p>Notification of compliance letter from DCCEEW dated 13 September 2018 can be accessed on the Ginninderry website reports library.</p>

6	The approval holder must ensure the Environment Management Trust is established through a trust deed in accordance with the endorsed Program within two years from the date of endorsement of the Program and prior to commencement of construction (in all areas other than the area marked as stage 1 in Figure 4 of the Program Report).	Compliant	The GCT was established during earlier reporting periods.
7	Prior to the commencement of construction of the Ginninderra Drive extension, the approval holder must ensure that GSM Conservation Reserves are established for Jaramlee (52 ha) and West Macgregor (37 ha) and Lot 2 Wallaroo Road (86.8 ha) to offset impacts to GSM.	Not applicable	Construction of Ginninderra Drive was not commenced and is not expected until 2036.
8	<p>The approval holder must prepare the West Belconnen Conservation Corridor RMP to achieve at a minimum, the conservation outcomes as outlined in Section 5 of the Program.</p> <p>The plan must be prepared in consultation with the Department (regarding Protected Matters), NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (NSW portion of the site), endorsed by the ACT Conservator (for both the ACT and NSW portion of the site) and approved by the ACT Minister for the Environment (ACT portion). Endorsement and approval of the plan must be obtained within two years from the date of endorsement of the Program.</p> <p>The endorsed and approved plan must provide for an approved OMP required under condition 9 to be appended. Construction (for all areas other than the area marked as stage 1 in the Program, Figure 4) cannot commence before the plan is endorsed and approved.</p> <p>The endorsed and approved plan or a later endorsed and approved plan must be implemented and made available to the public for the life of the Program.</p>	Compliant	<p>The RMP was prepared and approved prior to this reporting period.</p> <p>Actions with respect to this condition are ongoing due to the development programme of the project.</p>
9	The approval holder must prepare the OMP to address the preservation and enhancement of offset areas, including the GSM Conservation	Compliant	The OMP was implemented and available to the public during the 24 / 25 reporting period.

	<p>Reserves required under condition 7, and to achieve at a minimum the conservation outcomes as outlined in Section 5 of the Program.</p> <p>The plan must be prepared in consultation with the Department (regarding Protected Matters), NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (regarding NSW portion of the site), endorsed by the ACT Conservator (for both the ACT and NSW portion of the site) and approved by the ACT Minister for the Environment (ACT portion). Endorsement and approval of the plan must be obtained within two years from the date of endorsement of the Program.</p> <p>Construction cannot commence before the plan is endorsed and approved (for all areas other than the area marked as stage 1 in the Program, Figure 4).</p> <p>The approved OMP must be appended to the West Belconnen Conservation Corridor RMP required under Condition 8. The endorsed and approved plan or a later endorsed and approved plan must be implemented and made available to the public for the life of the Program.</p>		
10	<p>Prior to the commencement of construction (in all areas other than the area marked as stage 1 in the Program, Figure 4), the approval holder must prepare a CEMP to mitigate impacts that may occur throughout the construction phase of the Program. The CEMP must include measures outlined in the Program.</p> <p>The plan must be prepared in consultation with the Department (regarding Protected Matters), NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (regarding NSW portion of the site), endorsed by the ACT Conservator (for both the ACT and NSW portion of the site) and approved by the ACT Minister for the Environment (ACT portion).</p> <p>The endorsed and approved plan or a later endorsed and approved plan must be implemented and made available to the public for the life of the Program.</p>	Compliant	<p>Actions with respect to this condition are ongoing due to the development programme of the project.</p> <p>All work is undertaken in accordance with the project conditions and endorsed CEMP and the individual project CEMPs required and approved by the local government authority.</p> <p>The CEMP is available on the project website.</p>

12	<p>The approval holder must consult the Department prior to taking an action when the DPS is triggered.</p> <p>The approval holder must provide the Department with any information requested on the action or proposed conservation outcomes and must implement any modification to the way the action is undertaken as requested by the Department to achieve the conservation outcomes specified in Section 5 of the Program.</p>	Not applicable	Addressed as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report.
13	<p>The approval holder must ensure that a cat containment policy (enduring in perpetuity), is established, implemented, monitored and maintained across the West Belconnen site.</p> <p>Results of monitoring must be reported in the Annual Report and reviewed as part of the five yearly Program Review Report to ensure ongoing protection of listed threatened species and ecological communities from domestic predators.</p>	Compliant	<p>The ACT Cat Containment Policy is law and operational.</p> <p>Discussions commenced with YVC on the implementation of a cat containment policy within the NSW side of the West Belconnen Development Area. This will be in place before development commences in NSW.</p>
15	<p>The approval holder must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the management plans required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the Department. Such records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the Department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.</p>	Compliant	Addressed as previously identified in the 23/24 Annual Report.
16	<p>Within two months of the end of each financial year after the commencement of the action, the approval holder must submit an Annual Report to the Department addressing compliance with the conditions of this approval over the previous 12 months, including implementation of any management plans as specified in the conditions.</p>	Compliant	<p>The required information since 2017 has been loaded on the Ginninderry website reports library.</p> <p>The Annual Report for 2023 / 24 was submitted to DCCEEW on 28 August 2024.</p>

	<p>The Annual Report must contain at a minimum the requirements outlined in Section 7.1.1 of the Program.</p> <p>Non-compliance with any of the conditions of this approval must be reported to the Department as soon as the approval holder is aware of the breach and the non-compliance must be reported in the Annual Report. The report must be made available to the public.</p>		
17	<p>Every five years and within six months from the date of endorsement of the Program, the approval holder must prepare a Program Review Report. The Program Review Report will summarise progress over the preceding five years in achieving the conservation gains as defined by the Program, referenced against the conservation outcomes in Section 5 of the Program. The preparation of the Program Review Report will follow the preparation and submission of the Annual Report for that year to allow incorporation of its findings.</p> <p>The Program Review Report will be submitted to the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage for review prior to being submitted to the ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna for endorsement. The finalised report will be submitted to the Department and made available to the public.</p>	Not applicable	Condition revoked on 15 November 2024. No action was required during the reporting period.
18	<p>Every five years or upon direction of the Minister, the approval holder must ensure that an independent audit is conducted to verify the outcomes being reported in the Annual Report and the Program Review Report. The independent auditor must be appointed by the Environmental Management Trust in consultation with the ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna and NSW Office of Environment and Heritage. The independent audit must be completed within a timeframe that enables the results to inform the Program Review Report. The audit report must be submitted to the Department and made available to the public.</p>	Compliant	<p>No current action required.</p> <p>Next audit due on 18 July 2027.</p>
20	<p>Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish all management plans and reports referred to in these conditions of approval on their website.</p>	Compliant	Each plan is published on the Ginninderry website reports library .

	Each management plan and report must be published on the website within 1 month of being endorsed and approved.		The revised GCCMP, currently under consideration by the Department, will be published on the website in accordance with the identified timing requirements.
--	---	--	---

10. Correcting non-compliances

The non-compliances identified in the reporting period of this report were identified by DCCEEW in their Warning Letter (Appendix 6) of 15 November 2024 and related to the original Conditions 3, 5, 6, 9 and 20.

Subsequent to the Warning Letter, DCCEEW issued varied conditions on 15 November 2024 (Appendix 5), which have largely addressed the non-compliance issues.

The current status of compliance with the approval conditions is detailed in Section 9 Approval Conditions in Table 2. The corrective measures taken to correct the non-compliances identified in the DCCEEW Warning Letter and related to the original Conditions 3, 5, 6, 9 and 20 are as follows:

NON-COMPLIANCE 1 – CONDITION 3

Non-compliance notification:

- Non-compliance notified on 14.7.2022.
- Email issue of Annual Audit Report from Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd to DCCEEW officer – Terri-Ann English.

Non-compliance details:

- **Condition 3** - The approval holder must ensure that the conservation outcomes specified in Section 5 of the Program are achieved.
- Non-compliance related to not achieving a conservation covenant or rezoning of Lot 2 Wallaroo Road in accordance with Conservation Outcome 4 from Table 5 of the Program Report.

Detection of Non-compliance:

- Non-compliance detailed in Annual Audit Report – Umwelt August 2022.
- Non-compliance confirmed in show cause notice – DCCEEW April 2024.

Correction of Non-Compliance:

- RP commissioned independent review of the EPBC approval and development of a compliance & risk management strategy by Projects JSA.
- RP to submit a rezoning application with YVC to rezone the land to C3 Environmental Management.

Who is Correcting Non-compliance:

- Matthew Frawley – Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd.

Dates for Corrections:

- Independent review and development of a compliance & risk management strategy.
 - o Consultant Engaged: December 2024.
 - o Status: Report complete April 2025.
- Rezoning application.

- Consultant Engaged: March 2024.
- Status: Scoping Report complete October 2024.
- Status: Rezoning application submitted April 2025.
- Status: Rezoning application endorsed by YVC June 2025
- Status: NSW Gateway Determination August 2025
- Status: Rezoning expected June 2026.

Measures to Avoid recurrence:

- The rezoning will avoid any recurrence of the non-compliance.

Status:

- Formal correction process underway.

NON-COMPLIANCE 2 – CONDITION 5

Non-compliance notification:

- Non-compliance notified on 14.7.2022.
- Email issue of Annual Audit Report from Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd to DCCEEW officer – Terri-Ann English.

Non-compliance details:

- **Condition 5** - Within six months prior to the commencement of construction in the ACT portion of the site, the land within the ACT portion of the West Belconnen Conservation Corridor boundary is to be either rezoned as outlined in Section 3.6 of the Program or must be secured for conservation in perpetuity through a legally binding mechanism approved by the Department.

For the NSW portion of the West Belconnen Conservation Corridor the approval holder must secure the land for conservation in perpetuity through a legally binding mechanism approved by the Department within two years of endorsement of the Program. The West Belconnen Conservation Corridor RMP of condition 8 will not be endorsed and approved until the land has been rezoned or secured.

- Non-compliance related to not agreeing on the legal mechanism that constituted securing the NSW land for conservation in perpetuity.

Detection of Non-compliance:

- Non-compliance detailed in Annual Audit Report – Umwelt August 2022.
- Non-compliance confirmed in show cause notice – DCCEEW April 2024.

Correction of Non-Compliance:

- The DCCEEW compliance action and subsequent issue of varied conditions closed out this non-compliance.

Who is Correcting Non-compliance:

- Matthew Frawley – Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd.

Dates for Corrections:

- DCCEEW compliance action.
 - o Compliance action commenced: April 2024.
 - o Status: Closed out November 2024.

Measures to Avoid recurrence:

- The varied conditions remove the potential for recurrence of the non-compliance by deleting this condition.

Status:

- Corrected.

NON-COMPLIANCE 3 – CONDITION 6

Non-compliance notification:

- Non-compliance notified on 14.7.2022.
- Email issue of Annual Audit Report from Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd to DCCEEW officer – Terri-Ann English.

Non-compliance details:

- **Condition 6** – The approval holder must ensure the Environment Management Trust is established through a trust deed in accordance with the endorsed Program within two years from the date of endorsement of the Program and prior to commencement of construction (in all areas other than the area marked as stage 1 in Figure 4 of the Program Report).
- Non-compliance related to RP achieving this milestone 4 days late.

Detection of Non-compliance:

- Non-compliance detailed in Annual Audit Report – Umwelt August 2022.
- Non-compliance confirmed in show cause notice – DCCEEW April 2024.

Correction of Non-Compliance:

- The DCCEEW compliance action and subsequent issue of varied conditions closed out this non-compliance.

Who is Correcting Non-compliance:

- Matthew Frawley – Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd.

Dates for Corrections:

- DCCEEW compliance action.
 - o Compliance action commenced: April 2024.
 - o Status: Closed out November 2024.

Measures to Avoid recurrence:

- The varied conditions remove the potential for recurrence of the non-compliance by deleting this condition.

Status:

- Corrected.

NON-COMPLIANCE 4 – CONDITION 9

Non-compliance notification:

- Non-compliance notified on 14.7.2022.
- Email issue of Annual Audit Report from Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd to DCCEEW officer – Terri-Ann English.

Non-compliance details:

- **Condition 9** – The approval holder must prepare the OMP to address the preservation and enhancement of offset areas, including the GSM conservation reserves required under condition 7, and to achieve at a minimum the conservation outcomes as outlined in Section 5 of the Program.
- Non-compliance related to DCCEEW stating that not all the required monitoring actions identified in the GCCMP 2018-2023 and the associated OMP had occurred.

Detection of Non-compliance:

- Non-compliance identified in DCCEEW show cause notice – DCCEEW April 2024.
- Non-compliance confirmed in Warning Letter – DCCEEW November 2024.

Correction of Non-Compliance:

- The DCCEEW compliance action and subsequent issue of varied conditions closed out this non-compliance.

Who is Correcting Non-compliance:

- Matthew Frawley – Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd.

Dates for Corrections:

- DCCEEW compliance action.
 - o Compliance action commenced: April 2024.
 - o Status: Closed out November 2024.

Measures to Avoid recurrence:

- The varied conditions remove the potential for recurrence of the non-compliance by deleting this condition.

Status:

- Corrected.

NON-COMPLIANCE 5 – CONDITION 20

Non-compliance notification:

- Non-compliance notified on 14.7.2022.
- Email issue of Annual Audit Report from Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd to DCCEEW officer – Terri-Ann English.

Non-compliance details:

- **Condition 20** – Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish all management plans and reports referred to in these conditions of approval on their website. Each management plan and report must be published on the website within 1 month of being endorsed and approved.
- Non-compliance related to not being able to confirm that reports were notified on the Ginninderry website within the required 1 month time frame.

Detection of Non-compliance:

- Non-compliance detailed in Annual Audit Report – Umwelt August 2022.
- Non-compliance confirmed in show cause notice – DCCEEW April 2024.

Correction of Non-Compliance:

- The DCCEEW compliance action and subsequent issue of varied conditions closed out this non-compliance.

Who is Correcting Non-compliance:

- Matthew Frawley – Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd.

Dates for Corrections:

- DCCEEW compliance action.
 - o Compliance action commenced: April 2024.
 - o Status: Closed out November 2024.

Measures to Avoid recurrence:

- The varied conditions remove the potential for recurrence of the non-compliance by deleting this condition.

Status:

- Corrected.

11. New Environmental Risks

The GCT has identified a series of new and emerging environmental risks during the reporting period that have the potential to impact on the conservation outcomes required for the GCC. These risks include:

ENVIRONMENTAL RISK 1 – Rabbit Population Increase

Background

Anecdotal evidence built up from weekly management activities indicates that rabbit populations may be increasing this season. Previously only minor incursions were identified, and the rabbit warrens were quickly managed. At this stage it is unclear why the population appears to have grown.

Proposed Management Approach

To address the increasing rabbit activity, in September 2025 the GCT will undertake a night survey using a thermal monocular to collect data on rabbit numbers and the primary locations. This will be followed up by implementing a control program with a feral animal control contractor. Continued monitoring of the rabbit population will occur following the completion of the control program and inform the required ongoing control works and risk assessment.

The GCT's approach to adaptive management will ensure that any potential increase in the rabbit population is assessed and management actions adapted to address the risk immediately.

Potential Impact

The impacts of rabbits on the grassy ecosystems as well as any enhancement plantings would be detrimental. An increasing rabbit population has the potential to reduce the extent of the mapped BGW and NTG through increased grazing and destruction of regrowth and rehabilitation work.

ENVIRONMENTAL RISK 2 – Climate Change

Background

The changing climate and associated variable local weather conditions have the potential to impact on the growth and diversity of understorey species across BGW and NTG. The changing climatic conditions may also limit opportunities to undertake weed management, enhancement plantings and riparian restoration activities.

Proposed Management Approach

The GCT currently undertakes extensive weed monitoring, mapping and weed management activities annually. This has included the trial of different approaches to the control of known weed species that impact on BGW and NTG. Details of targeted weed control throughout the GCC can be found in Appendix 1, noting that the main weeds targeted include ALG, Blackberry, Willows and St John's Wort.

Rehabilitation planting programs and the extension of the scrape and sow site to reestablish NTG are providing valuable information on how to manage the changing climate and support the ongoing health and expansion of the BGW and NTG.

The GCT has been successful at expanding the cultural and cool burning of areas within GCC and will continue to expand the cultural land management program and monitor its impacts on the health of the native habitats.

Potential Impact

The changing climate and the associated periods of extended dry conditions and variable rainfall have the potential to dramatically impact the growth, stability and ongoing health of BGW and grassy ecosystems of the GCC. In addition to this the impact on any enhancement plantings could also be detrimental.

The changes in climate and the associated unreliable weather patterns have the potential to reduce the extent of the mapped BGW and NTG through poor growth of the existing native habitats and potential expansive growth of weed species that appear to be more adept at acclimatising to the changing climate.

12. Appendix 1- Description of Activities in the GCC

Program Area	Activity / Action
Weed, kangaroo, grazing and habitat management and restoration	Weed control undertaken across approximately 250ha of the Corridor including: chemical and mechanical control of Blackberry and Briar Rose; manual removal of grassy/herbaceous weeds along walking tracks and in high quality habitat areas; spot spraying and manual removal of herbaceous weeds within restoration areas (ie scrape and sow); stem injection of willows in riparian zones; surveys and control of Moth Vine along the Murrumbidgee in collaboration with ACT Biosecurity team; and African Loves Grass control trialling molasses to encourage cattle grazing. Weed control map included at Figure 3.
	Kangaroo surveys were undertaken across the Ginninderry Kangaroo Management Unit (KMU) in Spring/Summer 2024. Data analysis was undertaken by the ACT Government as part of the broader ACT data set. Analysis revealed Eastern Grey Kangaroo populations across the KMU are within acceptable levels. Monitoring is scheduled for summer 2026/2027 (biennial).
	A deer management program initiated in late 2023 and has been ongoing since then. This reporting period the program has been extended to include Belconnen Farmhouse (ACT section) in collaboration with the Licensee. The Licensee has also recently commenced a deer management program for the adjoining NSW lands (owned by SLA). A total of 102 deer has been controlled since inception of the program. The aim is to reduce numbers across the Ginninderry peninsula and to add value to the ACT Parks deer control program.
	Other feral animal species: pigs have not been seen in the Corridor to date; rabbits are under survey as there appears to be a slight increase in numbers since Spring; foxes form part of the ANU research project; and cats have been identified on camera traps with a cat trapping program subsequently established (no cats caught to date).
	Grassland restoration sites (scrape and sow sites) continues to be monitored in partnership with FOG. The 2020 site is now surveyed biennially, with the next monitoring scheduled for Spring 2025. Baseline monitoring of the 2024 site was conducted in Autumn 2025 with 19 of the 26 native species sown having germinated. Rocks were added to the 2024 site in October 2024 to provide PTWL habitat with the help of volunteers from Deloitte.

	<p>Course woody debris was added to Box Gum Woodland, utilising trees that had been removed for the McCylmont Way extension, and the pathway break around the landfill site. These are being installed and spread in line with the methodology used at Mulligans Sanctuary. There are two woodland patches within the Corridor which comprise old NCDC plantings estimated to have been established in the 1980s. These sites are being enhanced with mid and ground storey plantings, as well as course woody debris installation. One site also includes Yellow Box and Stringybark plantings where eucalyptus dieback has been noted. All restoration sites are monitored. Quarterly woodland bird surveys are undertaken across six sites in partnership with Canberra Birds utilising the Canberra Birds methodology. There have been six surveys to date. Analysis and reporting will be undertaken once a suitable sized data set is available.</p>
	<p>Farm dam restoration works continue with additional terrestrial and aquatic macrophyte plantings undertaken with the help of SPARK students and community volunteers.</p>
Bushfire mitigation to protect ecological values	<p>Biomass monitoring was completed in November 2024 (spring) and April 2025 (autumn). The cumulative report can be found on the Trust website. Strategic grazing is our primary fire fuel management tool, however we are also developing a cultural burn program with the Fire Management Unit at ACT Parks. The first burn was completed in August 2024 in partnership with Ngunnawal community and ACT Parks. Four additional sites have been identified by FMU and the Trust for the 2025/26 burn program. The first of which is expected to take place in July 2025.</p>
Establishing recreational facilities and access trails for the community	<p>Phase 2 (the river descent tracks) of the second round of the walking track network was completed by Iconic Trails in December 2024. Wayfinding has been installed, maps updated (Figure 4), and interpretative signage is being manufactured with installation expected to commence the first week in July.</p>
	<p>Safety signage has been installed at the river access point below the river descent tracks. Signage is in line with other safety signage at other river access points in the Murrumbidgee River Corridor.</p>
	<p>Weekly walking track audits are undertaken by the weekend rangers to record litter, erosion, fallen trees and any other issues or safety concerns. Rangers also engage with walkers and record feedback. Audit information is captured using the ArcGIS Fieldmaps app. Any issues that can't be resolved at the time are actioned the following work day by the project team. The new tracks have been very popular, with visitor numbers increasing greatly since formally opening in May 2024. This reporting period saw approximately 33,687 people visit the Corridor.</p>

Protection of Indigenous heritage through annual maintenance and reporting of heritage sites	<p>The draft Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) was submitted to ACT heritage in 2021. In the interim, the plan has been updated and submitted to the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) and Representative Aboriginal Organisations (RAOs) for review. The plan was updated as part of the engagement process for the new Ginninderry First Nations Reference Group, which is in the establishment phase. ACT Heritage agreed that the updated plan could be submitted without losing our place in the approvals queue, which is obviously extensive. Despite the plan still pending approval, this is the guiding document in terms of how we manage and protect cultural heritage values (both tangible and intangible) within the Corridor.</p>
	<p>Relocated scar tree (RD9) was re-inspected in July 2024 by the Caring for Country Rangers. It's condition is stable and shows no evidence of deterioration since the previous annual inspection. The tree is also regularly inspected in between formal audits and biomass levels are managed to protect the tree in the event of fire.</p>
	<p>Our Caring for Country Rangers deliver, and engage in, educational activities and events and have strong partnerships with community and Indigenous enterprises across the region. This year's events include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - engaging participants of the ACT Government's KickStart program in land management and cultural activities - a tour of the Corridor with the Hawker College Indigenous Liaison Officer and teachers - participating in the Corroboree Family Culture Day run by Yerrabi Yurway Family and Community Organisation - engaging St Thomas More students in cultural education activities - participating in cultural burning workshop at Birkenburn Farm in Bungendore - attending the Ngunnawal Cultural Water Camp at ANU - attending the Indigenous Rangers Gathering at Trelawney Station, Tamworth Local Aboriginal Land Council - hosting Yerrabi Yurwang youth program participants for spear cutting activities - hosted three Indigenous work placement students

<p>Develop and provide information and communication on matters such as cat containment promotion</p>	<p>Communication with stakeholders, community and residents is undertaken via multiple means including social media, website, signage, events and face to face, including:- ranger guided walks and school fieldtrips - school holiday programs - participation in Bush on the Boundary (BoB) - seasonal macro-photography walks with Cristy Froehlich.- hosted two work placement students (from Yass Valley High and UC)- partnered with Chris Davey from Canberra Birds to deliver a bird walk - hosted “Growing a Grassland” event with FOG as part of Landcare’s Festival of Nature. - hosted a native plant use workshop with Aaron Chatfield from Dreamtime Connections- Gavin Smith of Canberra Snake Tracking Project delivered education event focussed on Eastern Brown Snakes- presented at the Ginninderry Research Showcase event- partnered with Culture on the Move to deliver a five-week traditional weaving workshop to 15 participants- supported the Ginninderry SPARK employment and training program by providing field based activities for the participants</p>
	<p>Ginninderry is a cat containment area as legislated by the ACT Government, with Domestic Animal Services being responsible for enforcement. The Ginninderry development's community engagement officers include information on cat containment in their sales information, website and in welcome packs provided to all new residents. The Trust uses social media and face to face discussions with visitors to share information about the impacts of feral cats on our native species and our cat trapping program.</p>
<p>Develop a volunteer engagement program for areas such as monitoring Pink-tailed Worm-lizards</p>	<p>The Trust utilises the ‘Better Impact’ platform to deliver our volunteer program. The year's activities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deliotte employees adding rocks to the scrape/sow site for PTWL habitat - additional 350 mid and ground storey species planted to add value to 2023 LGBTQI community planting - tracking Eastern Brown Snakes as part of the Canberra Snake Tracking Project - propagated more than 200 native plants for our restoration projects - various weeding events - clean-up Australia Day event in partnership with Ozfish Australia

<p>Undertake research related to EPBC Act commitments such as Box Gum Woodland restoration</p>	<p>Our research partnership with ANU Fenner School is ongoing. Current programs are:- understanding and managing the impacts of the Red Fox on the Box Gum Woodland ecosystem and local threatened species. PhD candidate Tim Andrewartha's thesis on taste aversion in foxes is nearing publication. Additional trials are underway utilising a synthetic lamb scent. This is due for completion in July 2025 with results to be reported expected later this year.- habitat and ecology of Eastern Brown snakes on the urban interface. PhD candidate Hannah Gerke is working with Associate Professor Gavin Smith to progress the research by increasing the sample size, undertaking behavioural assays and utilising thermo buttons to monitor body temperature. Seven snakes remain in the program, with all snakes to be recaptured mid-spring upon emerging from winter burrows, at which time Hannah's research will move into the thesis writing stage. - scat samples collected from herbivores including cattle, deer and macropods over the past two years for the grazing research program have been germinating in the lab with species being identified to determine grazing preference/availability and seed movement across the Corridor. The project is now in the thesis writing phase. - Golden Sun Moth translocation program is progressing, with licences and approvals now in place and sites approved for capture including future construction sites. A nursery has been established to monitor survivability in captured / translocated animals in a native planting scenario. Collection of animals is scheduled to commence this flying season. Suitable sites have been identified in the Corridor for translocation.</p>
	<p>The Trust also undertook the following monitoring and research during the reporting period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quarterly water monitoring across all streams including macroinvertebrate surveys - Platypus surveys at two locations of the Murrumbidgee River as part of the national Platypus surveys. Platypus were recorded at each of the survey events. - Frogwatch surveys were undertaken on two of our dams as part of the annual October Frogwatch census. We were excited to record a species of frog known only to occur at one other location in the ACT (Namadgi) – the Rocket Frog - As a result of several years of eDNA surveys, the Trust has compiled a report comparing the eDNA results undertaken by three separate suppliers: UC, EnviroDNA and ANU. The report was provided to each supplier for their information and feedback. This feedback will be included as an Addendum to the report. The report is expected to be published late 2025. This work was presented at the Ginninderry Research Showcase. - The Trust have ethics approval (UC), licencing approval from ACT Government, and received support and training from Matt Bietzel from Office of Nature Conservation to monitor Murray Crayfish populations in the Murrumbidgee River. This project provides additional data to the long-term Murray Cray surveys that ONC have been doing for decades. Monitoring has been undertaken at Shepherds Bend (x 3), Retallacks hole (x2) and the control site Casuarina Sands (x2) in the past year. Crayfish were recorded at the control site on one occasion, however no animals have been recorded at the other two sites to date. The program continues.

13. Appendix 2- Weed Management in the GCC 2024/2025

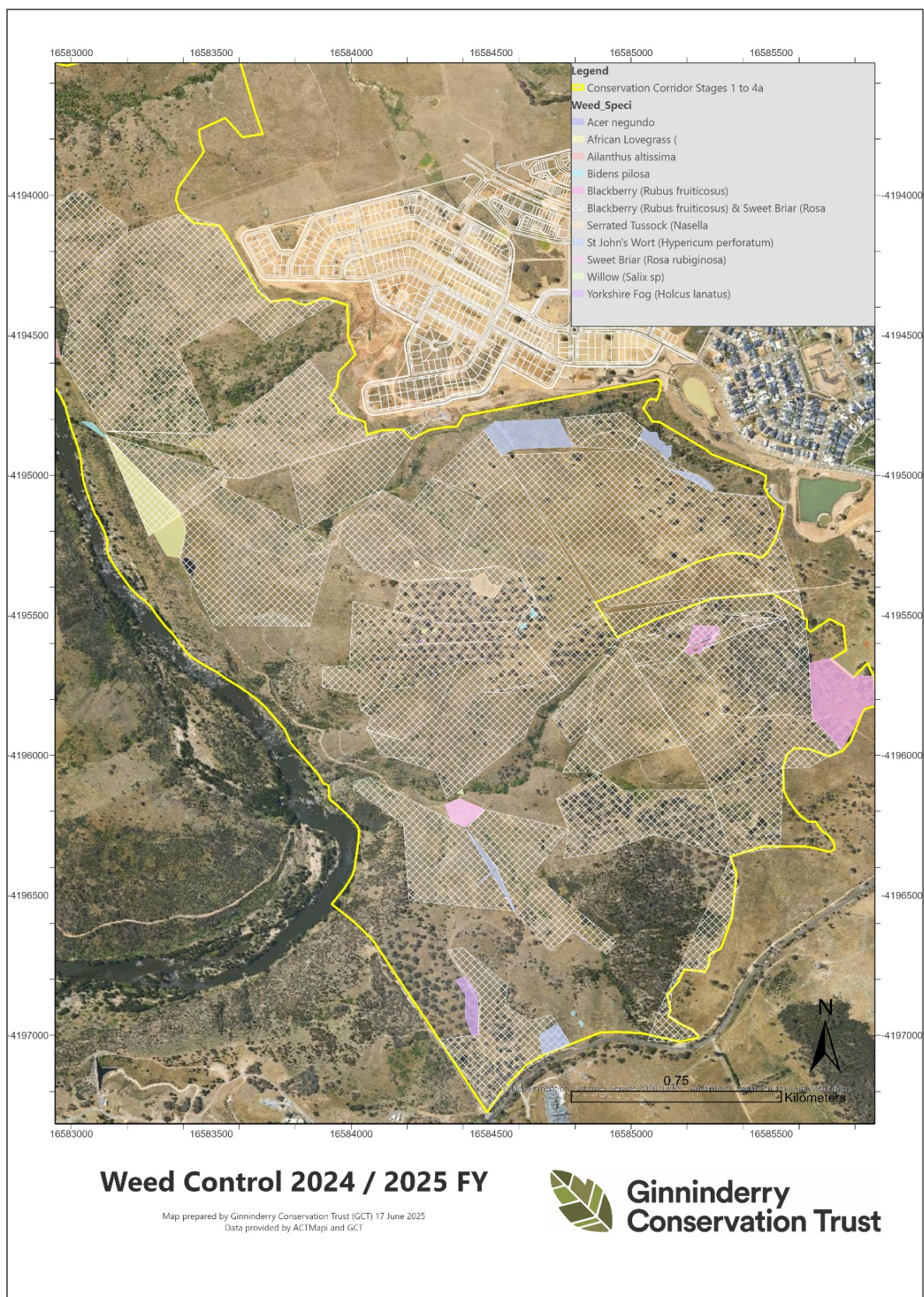


Figure 2: Weed control undertaken in the GCC in the reporting period

14. Appendix 3 - Ginninderry Defined Process Strategy Advice and
DCCEEWW Clarification Letter



Ginninderry

The Link – Sales and Information Centre
1 McClymont Way, Strathnairn ACT 2615
PO Box 484, Kippax ACT 2615
T. 1800 316 900

Ms Sarah Reachill
Director, ACT & Sydney
Assessment Section
Department of Climate Change, Energy,
The Environment and Water
John Gorton Building,
King Edward Terrace,
Parkes ACT 2600

08 November 2023

Clarification Letter – Defined Process Strategy, Ginninderry Project

Dear Sarah,

Following the ongoing meetings, liaison, and assessment of the Defined Process Strategy (DPS), the purpose of this letter is to clarify the implementation of the DPS for the Ginninderry Project in accordance with Section 5.3.4 of the Program Report.

Impacts in the Ginninderry Conservation Corridor (GCC) have been described in the Program Report (s.3.12 p11, Section 3.6 (p18), and Section 3.6.2 (pp24-25)) and visually represented in Figure 11 of the Program Report.

The Program Report acknowledges 16.4 ha of Pink Tailed Worm Lizard (PTWL) habitat and 3.8 ha of EPBC Act Box-Gum Woodland habitat are impacted by the urban development. The creation of the conservation corridor that incorporates 100% of the Project area of the box gum woodland and 145.8ha of PTWL habitat will result in enhancements in connectivity between PTWL areas and an increase in overall habitat area which will offset the loss of 16.4 ha of PTWL from the urban area (Program Report p12).

To manage the impacts on the 3.8ha Drake Brockman Drive woodland patch, the Program Report (p30) identifies that the impacts will be offset by enhanced management of the West Molonglo patch. Management of the West Molonglo patch, as described in the Program Report, will be reported on in Annual Reports.

Determination of the exact size of the offset requirements for impacts to MNES for the Ginninderry Project has been undertaken per Appendix G – Table 4 in accordance with the *Offsets Assessment Guide*, under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* for Pink-tailed Worm-lizard and Box-Gum Woodland. NTG TEC habitat quality scores for use in the Offsets Assessment Guide were determined using the methodology detailed in Section 5.2.4 of the Strategic Assessment Report (refer to Table 1 in Appendix A for further information).

Since the Strategic Assessment report, the Ginninderry Conservation Trust has actively managed the GCC. Accordingly, Table 2, Appendix B, captures the variables that are considered likely to have changed since the

Strategic Assessment was completed. These values have been used to calculate the impacts on MNES for the GCC and will be used to calculate impacts on MNES in the future.

Direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts from activities on the GCC on MNES are described in Section 4 of the Program Report and are expanded upon in Section 3 of the Program Report. The below identifies these impacts on MNES –

- NTG TEC (p27): Direct impacts to natural temperate grassland will be avoided by the Program of urban development and the alignment of Ginninderra Drive and is not discussed further in this section;
- BGW TEC (p29): Cumulative impacts to retained box gum woodland may arise from increased public access to the WBCC and the introduction of associated services and infrastructure;
- PTWL (p39): Cumulative impacts will arise from increased public access to the WBCC for recreational purposes. Disturbance to small areas (20m x 20m) to enable tunneling and shaft construction will occur.

The impacts on MNES from relevant actions identified in Figure 11 of the Program (Section 3.6.2) have been calculated using Figure 11, and the Osbourne and Wong (2013) and David Hogg Pty Ltd (2015) mapping.

The impacts are calculated per the Program Report for the following actions –

- 20m x 20m construction area for seven vertical shafts – sewer tunnel alignment (p14 & p39);
- 2.5m walking track width – walking track network (p24, p48 & p50);
- 6m vehicle track width – sealed road (p24, p48 & p50). The road is assumed to require a 20m wide disturbance corridor;
- The physical area as shown in Figure 11 calculated for Riverside Park and the Living River Discovery Centre & Conservation Corridor Headquarters.

The above actions and associated impacts on MNES have been calculated in Table 3, Appendix C.

Figure 11 (Figure 1 in (Appendix D)), of the Program Report, identifies the actions described above. Figure 2 (Appendix E) and Figure 3 (Appendix F) identify the Osbourne and Wong 2013 mapping (PTWL) and David Hogg Pty Ltd 2013 mapping (EPBC Act BGW), respectively against the actions represented in Figure 11 of the Program Report. Tables 3 & 4 (Appendix C and Appendix G) are evidence to DCEWW that the Program Report's impact budgets have been calculated in accordance with Figure 11 of the Program Report.

Actions that trigger the DPS and their associated offset requirements are identified in Table 4. Table 4 calculates the offsets required for approved or proposed actions undertaken since the Strategic Assessment. Further, Table 4 indicates that whilst the MNES impact budgets identified in Table 3 have been exceeded the overall offset impact budgets available in the corridor have not been exceeded. Future annual reporting will provide the mapping of the associated offsets attributed to the actions per Table 4 (Appendix G).

Based on the above considerations the majority of further actions taken in the GCC that impact MNES will trigger Criterion 2 of the DPS because they will impact MNES beyond what is already described in the Program.

The outcome of future actions must be considered in line with the Program Report, including Section 5.3.4, and the DPS process. Any future development will be subject to assessment against the DPS and will be reported on in the Annual Report.

Yours Sincerely,



Imogen Featherstone Development Manager (Planning)

Appendix A – Table 1. NTG-SHE Habitat Quality scores for use in the EPBC Act Calculator

Habitat Quality	NTG-SEH	
	Moderate to High Quality	High to Very High Quality
Start Habitat Quality	5	7
Future Habitat Quality (without offset)	4	6
Future Habitat Quality (with offset)	6	8

Table and calculations prepared by Capital Ecology, September 2023.

Appendix B – Table 2. EPBC Act Offset Calculator variables that are considered likely to have changed since the Strategic Assessment was completed

EPBC Act Offset Calculator variable	Previous value	Proposed value	Justification for change
Risk of loss without offset	5%	0%	As per advice from the Commonwealth, the risk of loss should be lowered to 0% as the GCC is under protection and not at risk of development.
Risk of loss with offset	5%	0%	
Confidence in result	90%	95%	The GCC has been managed by the GCT since 2019. As such, effective management processes have been established and implemented. The successful management of the GCC is supported by the proven track record of the GCT ⁸ , which shows that the targeted management actions are having the desired impact. This in turn is considered likely to reduce the expected time until ecological benefit and increase the confidence in the result for both the success of the offset and the estimated improvement in habitat quality.
Time until ecological benefit	20 years (BGW) 5 years (PTWL)	15 years (BGW) 2 years (PTWL)	
Confidence in result	90%	95%	

Table and calculations prepared by Capital Ecology, September 2023.

Appendix C – Table 3. The impact on MNES in the GCC from actions identified in Figure 11 of the Program Report (i.e. the Program Report impact budget)

Facility Type	MNES		
	Pink-tailed Worm-lizard		EPBC Act Box-Gum Woodland
	Low Quality Habitat	Mod- High Quality habitat	
Sewer Tunnel	0 ha	0.00 ha	0.02 ha
Tracks and Trails	0 ha	0.30 ha	0.85 ha
Riverside Park and Living River Discovery Centre	0 ha	0.34 ha	0.02 ha
TOTAL	0 ha	0.64 ha	0.89 ha

Table and calculations prepared by Capital Ecology, September 2023.

Legend

Actions identified in the Program Report

- Sewer tunnel access shaft (20 x 20 m)
- Trail network as shown in Program Report Figure 11
- Access Roads as shown in Program Report Figure 11
- Riverside Park and Discovery Centre

Figure 1. Actions identified in Figure 11 of the Program Report

Capital Ecology Project No: 3172
 Drawn by: S. Reid
 Date: 15 June 2023

capital ecology

Appendix E – Figure 2. The impact of actions identified in Figure 11 of the Program Report on Pink-tailed Legless Lizard

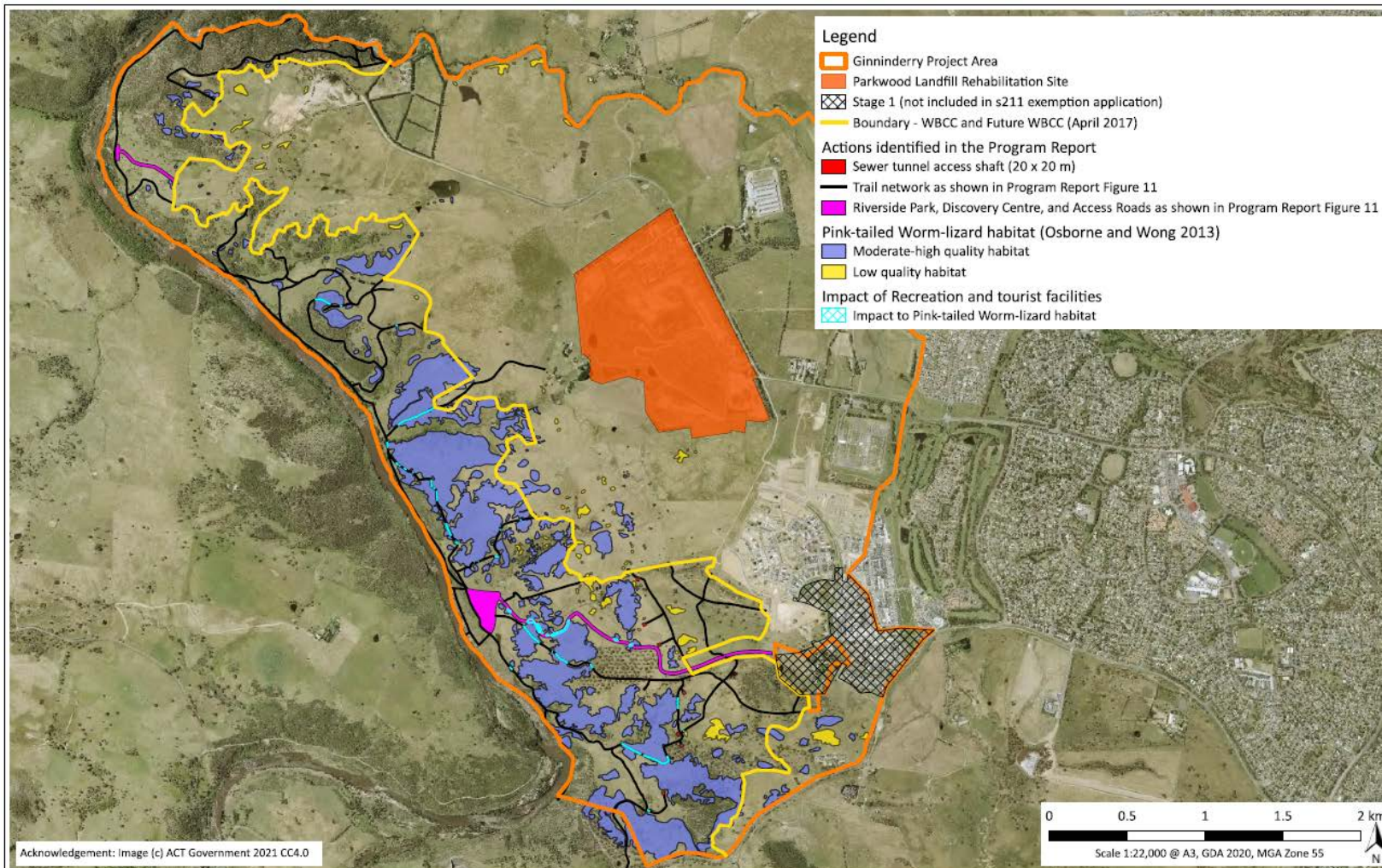


Figure 2. The impact of actions identified in Figure 11 of the Program Report on Pink-tailed Legless Lizard (Osborne and Wong 2013)

Capital Ecology Project No: 3172
 Drawn by: S. Reid
 Date: 15 June 2023



Appendix F - Figure 2. The impact of actions identified in Figure 11 of the Program Report on EPBC Act Box-Gum Woodland

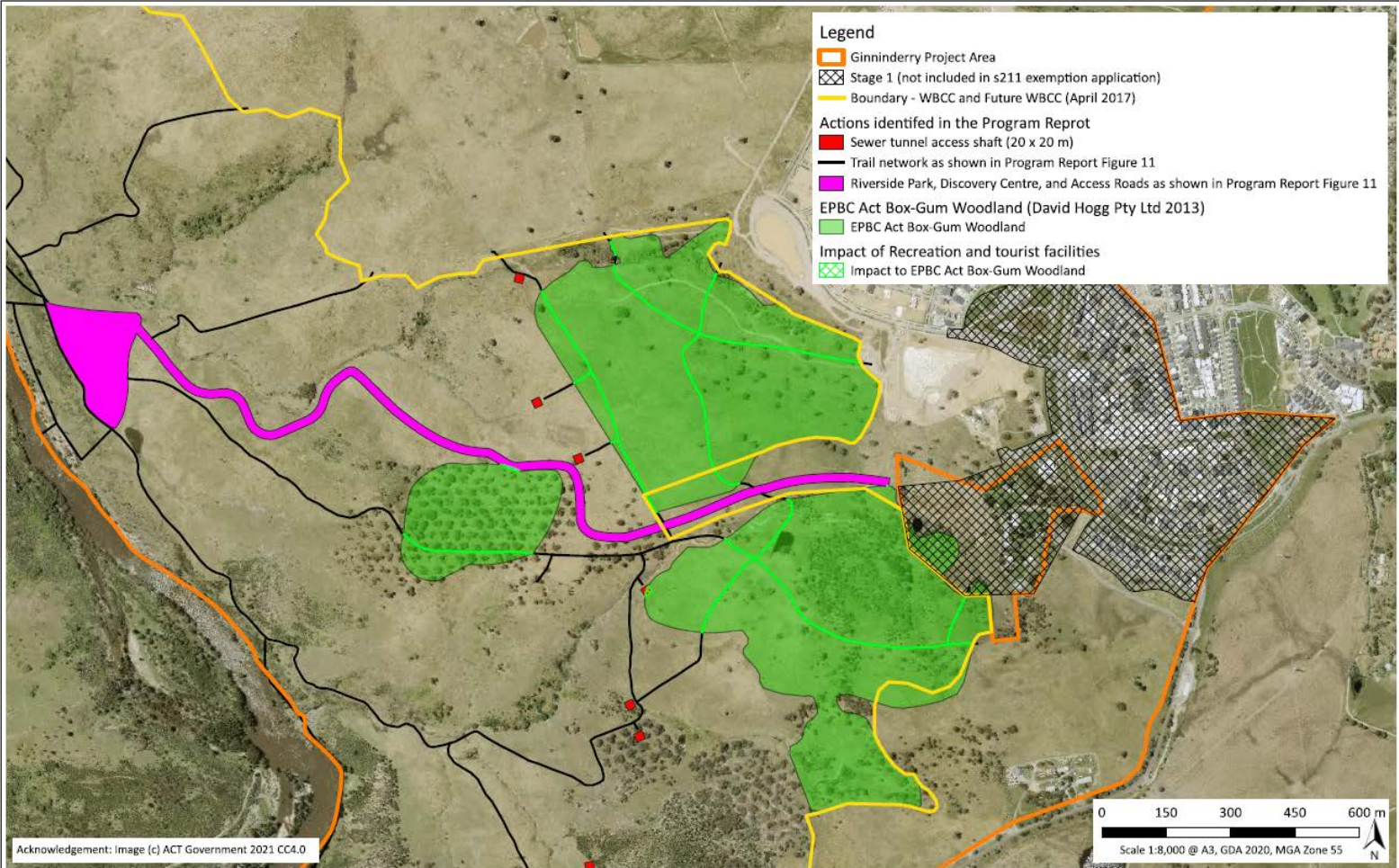


Figure 3. The impact of actions identified in Figure 11 of the Program Report on EPBC Act Box-Gum Woodland (David Hogg Pty Ltd 2013)

Capital Ecology Project No: 3172
Drawn by: S. Reid
Date: 15 June 2023



Appendix G - Table 4: The impact and associated offset for all DPS related work in the Ginninderry Project

Facility Type	MNES			
	Pink-tailed Worm-lizard	EPBC Act Box-Gum Woodland	NTG-SEH	
			Mod- High Quality	High-Very High Quality
Initial direct offsets available in the GCC	161.00 ha	60.20 ha	29.11 ha	15.36 ha
Strategic Assessment / Program Report – offset	96.90 ha	16.60 ha	0.00	0.00 ha
Murrumbidgee Trunk Sewer – impact	0.03 ha	0.17 ha	0.00 ha	0.00 ha
Murrumbidgee Trunk Sewer – offset	0.26 ha	1.28 ha	0.00 ha	0.00 ha
Strathnairn Residents Trail – impact	0.18 ha	0.24 ha	0.00 ha	0.00 ha
Strathnairn Residents Trail – offset	0.00 ha	0.00 ha	0.00 ha	0.00 ha
Ginninderry Trails Phase 2 – impact	0.99 ha	0.39 ha	0.18 ha	0.12 ha
Ginninderry Trails Phase 2 – offset	7.36 ha	0.00 ha	1.28 ha	1.19 ha
Riverside Park – impact	0.55 ha	0.18 ha	0.98 ha	0.05 ha
Riverside Park – offset	1.78 ha	1.36 ha	6.92 ha	0.50 ha
Remaining direct offsets available in the GCC	52.95 ha	39.98 ha	19.75 ha	13.50 ha

Table and calculations prepared by Capital Ecology, September 2023.



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water

EPBC Ref: SA024

Ms Imogen Featherstone
Development Manager (Planning) RPIA
Ginninderry

imogen@ginninderry.com

Dear Ms Featherstone

Thank you for your letter of 8 November 2023 clarifying the implementation of the Defined Process Strategy (DPS) for the West Belconnen (Ginninderry) Strategic Assessment in accordance with section 5.3.4 of the endorsed *Program Report - Urban Development at West Belconnen (AT Adams Consulting, April 2017)* (Program).

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (department) understands that information in your letter has been taken from Capital Ecology's *Review of impacts, offsets, and application of the Defined Process Strategy in the Ginninderry project area* (September 2023), which was provided to the department on 6 September 2023. The department acknowledges the considerable work undertaken by Capital Ecology to help clarify the implementation of the DPS.

The department has considered the information in your letter and broadly agrees with its outcomes. In particular, the department agrees that the majority of future actions proposed in the West Belconnen (Ginninderry) Conservation Corridor (GCC) that impact on relevant matters of national environmental significance (MNES) will trigger Criterion 2 of the DPS because they will impact MNES beyond what is already described in the endorsed Program. The department's understanding of the elements of your letter are outlined below.

Determination of remaining offsets for MNES in the GCC prior to the implementation of any DPS process

- Appendix G of the letter identifies that the GCC initially had 161 hectares (ha) and 60.2 ha of direct offsets available for the Pink-tailed Worm-lizard (PTWL) and EPBC Act Box-Gum Woodland threatened ecological community (BGW TEC) respectively.
- The GCC includes the offsets for the 16.4 ha impact to PTWL habitat and 3.8 ha impact to BGW TEC because of the development of the Ginninderry urban area. Appendix G of the letter identifies these offset values as 96.9 ha and 16.6 ha respectively; calculated using the approved offset process in Table 5.16 and Table 5.21 of the Strategic Assessment Report (SAR).
- Based on Appendix G of the letter, the amounts of remaining offsets in the GCC for the PTWL and BGW TEC at the implementation of the endorsed Program were 64.1 ha and 43.6 ha respectively.
- Of relevance to the implementation of the DPS, Appendix G of the letter identifies that the GCC initially had 29.11 ha of moderate/high quality EPBC Act Natural Temperate Grasslands TEC (NTG)

TEC) and 15.36 ha of high/very high quality NTG TEC. The department notes that no amount for low quality NTG TEC in the GCC has been determined.

- The NTG TEC habitat quality scores for use in the Offsets Assessment Guide (OAG) were determined using the methodology detailed in section 5.2.4 of the SAR (Appendix A).
- Appendix B of the letter states that certain values for use in the OAG have changed since the endorsement of the Program. The department agrees with these updated values and understands that the new values will be used in future Environmental Impact Assessments and DPS processes when calculating offsets for relevant MNES.

Calculation of impacts on MNES as described in section 3 (and Figure 11) and section 4 of the Program

- As noted in the letter, sections 3.1 and 3.6 (and Figure 11) of the endorsed Program outline the actions allowed to be undertaken in the GCC.
- Further, section 4 of the endorsed Program states that there will be impacts to BGW TEC (p29) and PTWL habitat (p39) in the GCC for public infrastructure, public access, recreation and sewer construction. Section 4 does not specify any impacts on NTG TEC in the GCC (p27).
- Using the Osborne and Wong (2013) and David Hogg Pty Ltd (2013) mapping that informed the endorsed Program, Ginninderry has calculated the direct impacts on PTWL and BGW TEC in the GCC from actions allowed for by the Program and identified in Figure 11 (p25) (Appendices C, E and F of the letter). These values are considered as 'impact budgets'.
- These impact budgets have been considered against Criterion 2 of the DPS for each action proposed to be undertaken in the GCC since the endorsement of the Program (Appendix G). Ginninderry have provided offsets only where the impact budgets for PTWL and BGW TEC have been exceeded, however all impacts to NTG TEC in the GCC have been offset (Appendix G).
- Due to the implementation of these DPS processes, the impact budgets for each action type have been exceeded except for 'Facility Type: Tracks and trails' for BGW TEC (Appendix G). There is 0.22 ha of impact budget remaining (out of 0.85 ha).

Future implementation of the DPS

- As stated in the letter, the department agrees that the majority of future actions proposed in the GCC that impact on relevant MNES will trigger Criterion 2 of the DPS because they will impact MNES beyond what is already described in the endorsed Program (i.e. sections 3 and 4, and Figure 11).
- As of November 2023, Appendix G of the letter identifies how much offsets are still available in the GCC for PTWL (52.95 ha), BGW TEC (39.98 ha), NTG TEC (moderate/high quality) (19.75 ha) and NTG (high/very high quality) (13.50 ha).
- The department understands that the outcomes of future DPS processes, undertaken in accordance with section 5.3.4 of the endorsed Program, will be reported on in relevant annual reports.

- As part of this annual reporting process, the department recommends that Ginninderry updates the amounts and locations of offsets for each MNES in the GCC; and updates the amounts of the remaining areas in the GCC which can be used as offsets for each MNES in the future.

Next steps

The department understands that Ginninderry intends to provide a discussion of the DPS clarification process and the future implementation of the DPS in its 2023-24 Annual Report. Further, the department understands that the 2023-24 Annual Report will clarify the existing amounts and locations of offsets for each MNES in the GCC; and confirm the amounts of the remaining areas in the GCC which can be used as offsets for each MNES in the future.

Thank you again for working collaboratively with the department on clarifying the implementation of the DPS of the endorsed Program.

Yours sincerely,



Alison Muscroft
A/g Director
Environment Assessments (NSW, ACT) Branch

11 January 2024

15. Appendix 4 - Offset Management Area

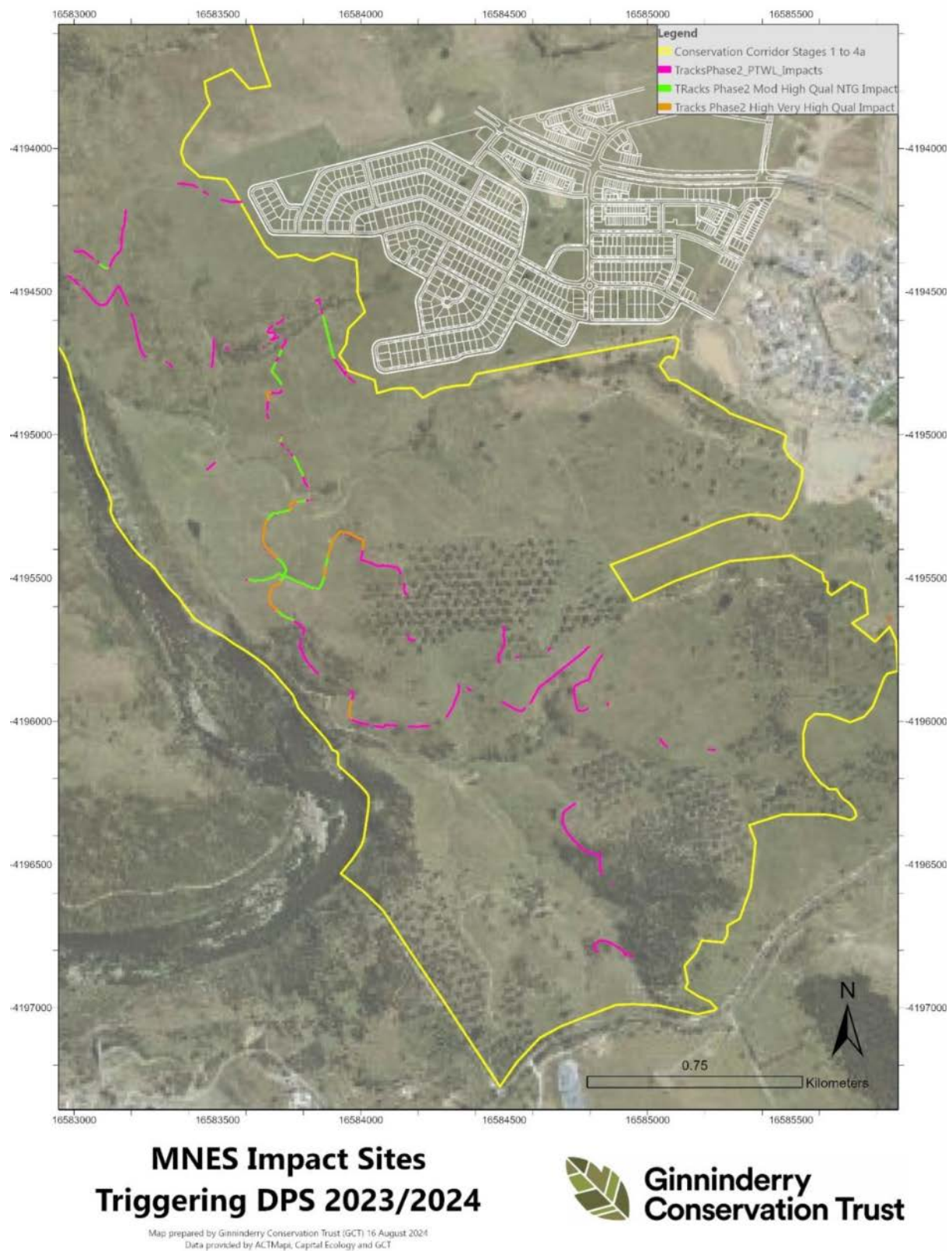


Figure 3: MNES Impacts Triggering DPS 2023/2024

16. Appendix 5- Variation Notification and Variation of Approval



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water

Mr David Maxwell
Director
Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd
PO Box 3908
MANUKA ACT 2603

**Variation to conditions attached to the approval of a class of actions taken under the endorsed
*Program Report – Urban Development at West Belconnen, April 2017***

Dear Mr Maxwell

I am writing to you regarding the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (**EPBC Act**) approval to undertake urban development and biodiversity conservation activities in accordance with the endorsed *Program Report – Urban Development at West Belconnen* (AT Adams Consulting, April 2017) (**the approval**).

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the **department**) found Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd, to have contravened conditions attached to the above approval. As part of its response to this substantiated contravention of approval conditions, the department recommended the conditions attached to the approval be varied under section 143(1)(a) of the EPBC Act.

I understand from correspondence dated 12 November 2024, that Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd, has had the opportunity to comment on the proposed conditions.

Officers of the department have advised me on proposed variation to the conditions of approval, and as delegate of the Minister I have decided to vary the conditions attached to the EPBC Act approval for the class of actions taken under the endorsed *Program Report – Urban Development at West Belconnen, April 2017* under section 143(1)(a) of the EPBC Act.

The varied conditions must now be implemented and complied with. This notice closes the matter in relation to the substantiated contravention of section 142 of the EPBC Act.

Please note, the department may publish information relating to this non-compliance on its website and may take this non-compliance into account when determining an appropriate compliance or enforcement response to any future contraventions of the EPBC Act.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Thomas Smith on 0499 732 169.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Grosse'.

Graeme Grosse
Branch Head
Compliance and Enforcement Branch
15 November 24

DCCEEW.gov.au

John Gorton Building - King Edward Terrace, Parkes ACT 2600 Australia
GPO Box 3090 Canberra ACT 2601 ABN: 63 573 932 849



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water

VARIATION OF APPROVAL FOR THE TAKING OF ACTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ENDORSED PROGRAM UNDER THE *ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT 1999* (CTH) (EPBC ACT).

Urban development and biodiversity conservation activities taken in accordance with the endorsed Program Report – Urban Development at West Belconnen (AT Adams Consulting, April 2017) (the Program).

This decision to vary conditions of approval is made under section 143(1)(a) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

approval holder	Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd ACN 165 870 539
other persons who may take the action	Any person who is authorised, permitted or requested by the approval holder, or by another person with consent or agreement of the approval holder, to take the action.
approved class of actions	All actions associated with urban development and biodiversity conservation in the West Belconnen Strategic Assessment area as described in the endorsed Program – Urban Development at West Belconnen (AT Adams Consulting, April 2017).


Variation

The variation is:

Delete conditions 1 to 10, 12, 13, 15 to 18 and 20, and the definitions for **Commencement of construction**, **Defined Process Strategy**, **Golden Sun Moth Conservation Reserves** and **West Belconnen site** attached to the approval and substitute them with the those specified in the tables below.

Add conditions 5A, 8A, 9A, 9B, 10A, 12A, 13A, 13B, 15A to 15C, 16A to 16G, 18A to 18G and 21, and definitions for **ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna**, **ACT Parks and Conservation Service**, **Annual reporting period**, **Audit report**, **Business days**, **Clearing**, **Compliance records**, **Compliance report**, **Construction**, **Construction Environmental Management Plan**, **Ginninderra Drive extension**, **Incident**, **Independent audit**, **Independent auditor**, **NSW DCCEEW**, **Offset Management Plan**, **Plan**, **Protected matters**, **Reserve Management Plan/RMP**, **Sensitive ecological data**, **Shapefile**, **The Program**, **Website** and **West Belconnen Conservation Corridor** to the approval as specified in the tables below.

Revoke condition 17 and the definitions for **Approval holder** and **Established** attached to the approval

date of effect	This variation has effect on the date this instrument is signed.
expiry date of approval	This approval has effect until 30 June 2067.
general	Further explanatory information related to this approval decision is at Annexure 2
Person authorised to make decision	
name and position	Graeme Grosse Branch Head Compliance and Enforcement Branch
signature	
date of decision	15 November 2024

Annexure 1	
date of decision	conditions attached to approval
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	1. The approval holder must ensure all activities associated with urban development and biodiversity conservation in the West Belconnen site are undertaken in accordance with the Program .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	2. The approval holder must ensure any person it authorises, permits or requests to undertake any part of the action complies with any condition attached to this approval that restricts or regulates the way in which that part of the action is taken.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	3. The approval holder must ensure that the conservation outcomes specified in Section 5.0 of the Program are achieved before the expiry date of this approval.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	4. The approval holder must rezone the West Belconnen Conservation Corridor (the Corridor) in accordance with Section 3.6 of the Program .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	5. The approval holder must not commence construction in the ACT portion of the West Belconnen site , unless the land within the ACT portion of the Corridor has been rezoned in accordance with Section 3.6 of the Program or secured for conservation through a legally binding mechanism approved by the Department .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	5A. The approval holder must not commence construction in the NSW portion of the West Belconnen site unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the land within the NSW portion of the Corridor has been rezoned in accordance with Section 3.6 of the Program or secured for conservation through a legally binding mechanism approved by the Department; b) the Minister has approved a revision of the Reserve Management Plan that includes the land within the NSW portion of the Corridor; c) the Minister has approved a revision of the Offset Management Plan which includes offsets located within the NSW portion of the Corridor; and d) a cat containment policy has been established for the West Belconnen site in accordance with condition 13 of this approval.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	6. The approval holder must not commence construction in the West Belconnen site other than the area marked as stage 1 in Figure 4 of the Program unless the Environment Management Trust required under Section 5.2 of the Program has been established through a trust deed in accordance with Section 5.2 of the Program .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	7. The approval holder must not commence construction of the Ginninderra Drive extension unless the Golden Sun Moth Conservation Reserves have been established in accordance with Section 4.2.3 and Actions 2 to 4 at Table 4 of the Program , for Jarramlee (52 ha) West Macgregor (37 ha) and Lot 2 Wallaroo Road (86.8 ha) to offset impacts to Golden Sun Moth.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	8. The approval holder must implement the Reserve Management Plan (RMP) until the expiry date of this approval.

As varied on the date
this instrument is
signed

- 8A. Any revision of the **RMP** submitted for the **Minister's** approval in accordance with condition 9B of this approval must:
- a) be agreed to by the **ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna** and **NSW DCCEEW**;
 - b) be approved by the ACT Minister for the Environment;
 - c) provide for conservation management of the **Corridor**;
 - d) be consistent with the conservation outcomes, actions, responsibilities and timings specified at *Table 4: Conservation outcomes and actions for MNES of the Program*; and
 - e) at a minimum, include the management measures, monitoring programs, reporting and review requirements and frequencies, specified at Section 5.3.1 of **the Program**.

As varied on the date
this instrument is
signed

9. The approval holder must implement the **Offset Management Plan** until the expiry date of this approval.

As varied on the date
this instrument is
signed

- 9A. Any revision of the **Offset Management Plan** submitted for the **Minister's** approval in accordance with condition 9B of this approval must as a minimum:
- a) be prepared in consultation with the **ACT Parks and Conservation Service**;
 - b) be approved by the **NSW DCCEEW** and the **ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna**;
 - c) provide for the management of offset areas within the **Corridor**;
 - d) be consistent with the conservation outcomes, actions, responsibilities and timings specified at *Table 4: Conservation outcomes and actions for MNES of the Program*;
 - e) include the management measures, monitoring programs, reporting and review requirements and frequencies, specified at Section 5.3.1 of **the Program**;
 - f) specify outcomes, specific to each **protected matter** and offset area, derived from measurably enhancing the natural environment within offset areas, that will be achieved and maintained; and
 - g) detail measures to protect and enhance offset areas to achieve and maintain the specified outcomes, including for the **Golden Sun Moth Conservation Reserves** established under condition 7 of this approval.

As varied on the date
this instrument is
signed

- 9B. The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the **Minister** for a variation to the **RMP** or **Offset Management Plan**, by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the **EPBC Act**. If the **Minister** approves a revised version of the **RMP** or **Offset Management Plan** then, from the date specified, the approval holder must implement the version of the **RMP** or **Offset Management Plan** so approved by the **Minister**, in place of any previous version.

As varied on the date
this instrument is
signed

10. The approval holder must implement the **Construction Environmental Management Plan** until the expiry date of this approval.

As varied on the date this instrument is signed	10A. Within 15 business days of the ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna approving any revised version of the Construction Environmental Management Plan , the approval holder must notify the Department that the Construction Environmental Management Plan has been revised and provide the Department with an electronic copy of the approved revised version.
Original dated 1 September 2017	11. Prior to the commencement of construction (in all areas other than the area marked as stage 1 in the Program Figure 4) and within 12 months before or within 12 months after endorsement of the Program by the Department , the approval holder must engage a suitably qualified expert to survey the West Belconnen site for Pink-tailed Worm Lizard and Natural Temperate Grassland of the South Eastern Highlands in accordance with the survey guidelines . The results of surveys must be submitted to the Department for acceptance within 6 months of the completion of the survey. The accepted report must be made available to the public prior to the commencement of construction .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	12. When the Defined Process Strategy is triggered in accordance with section 5.3.4 of the Program , the approval holder must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. notify the Department within 10 business days of the Defined Process Strategy being triggered, that the Defined Process Strategy has been triggered; b. provide the Department with any information requested by the Department regarding the activity that has triggered Defined Process Strategy; c. implement any modification to the way the activity will be undertaken as required by the Department to achieve the conservation outcomes specified in Section 5 of the Program; and d. not commence the activity until the Department has agreed in writing that the activity can commence.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	12A. The approval holder must provide any information requested by the Department pursuant to condition 12 within 20 business days of the Department's written request.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	13. The approval holder must ensure that a policy to contain domestic cats on their premises or under effective control 24 hours a day (a cat containment policy), is established for the West Belconnen site in accordance with Section 5.3.1 and Actions 16 and 23 at Table 4 of the Program .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	13A. The approval holder must ensure the cat containment policy is in place at least until the expiry of this approval and engage relevant parties within the ACT and NSW Government to implement, monitor and maintain the cat containment policy.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	13B. The approval holder must include the results of cat containment monitoring conducted in accordance with the cat containment policy, in each compliance report .
Original dated 1 September 2017	14. Within ten days after the commencement of the action, the approval holder must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement.

As varied on the date this instrument is signed	15. The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	<p>15A. If the Department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the Department within the timeframe specified in the request.</p> <p>Note: Compliance records may be subject to audit by the Department, or by an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, and/or be used to verify compliance with the conditions. Summaries of the results of an audit may be published on the Department's website or through the general media</p>
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	15B. The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the <i>Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2018, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	15C. The approval holder must submit all monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) electronically to the Department by 31 August of each year or in accordance with the requirements of a plan .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	<p>16. By 31 August of each year following 1 September 2017, the approval holder must publish on the website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a compliance report; and b. a shapefile showing all clearing of protected matters, and their habitat, undertaken during the annual reporting period.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	16A. The approval holder must exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from each compliance report and shapefile published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	16B. If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from a version of a compliance report or shapefile published or otherwise provided to a member of the public, the approval holder must submit the full compliance report or shapefile to the Department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the Department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	16C. The approval holder must notify the Department electronically, within 5 business days of each date of publication that the compliance report has been published on the website . In this notification, the approval holder must provide the Department with the web address for where the compliance report and related shapefile are published on the website .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	<p>16D. The approval holder must keep each compliance report and related shapefile published on the website from the first date which that compliance report must be published and until the expiry date of this approval.</p> <p>Note: Compliance reports may be published on the Department's website.</p>

As varied on the date this instrument is signed	16E. The approval holder must notify the Department electronically, within 2 business days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions, the Program or commitments made in a plan .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	16F. The approval holder must specify in the notification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Any condition, part of the Program or commitment made in a plan which has been or may have been breached. b) A short description of the incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance. c) The location (including co-ordinates), date and time of the incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	16G. The approval holder must provide to the Department in writing, within 10 business days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance, the details of that incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions, the Program or commitments made in a plan . The approval holder must specify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken. b) The potential impacts of the incident and/or non-compliance. c) The method and timing of any corrective action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	17. – Revoked.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	18. Every 5 year period following 1 August 2022 until the expiry date of this approval, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Department , the approval holder must ensure that an independent audit is conducted to verify the outcomes being reported in compliance reports .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	18A. An independent auditor must be appointed by the approval holder in consultation with the Department .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	18B. The approval holder must ensure the scope of each independent audit is sufficient to determine the compliance status for each condition of this approval, and each commitment made in each plan .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	18C. The approval holder must ensure the criteria for each independent audit and the undertaking of each independent audit are consistent with the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2019.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	18D. The approval holder must ensure each audit report is completed to the satisfaction of the Department and is consistent with the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2019.

As varied on the date this instrument is signed	18E. The approval holder must publish each audit report on the website , in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, within 10 business days of the date the Department agrees to the audit report in writing.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	18F. The approval holder must notify the Department within 5 business days of the date the audit report is published on the website . In this notification, the approval holder must provide the Department with the web address for where the audit report is published on the website .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	18G. The approval holder must keep each audit report published on the website from the first date which that audit report must be published and until the expiry date of this approval.
Original dated 1 September 2017	19. If, at any time after five years from the date of this approval, the approval holder has not substantially commenced the action, then the approval holder must not substantially commence the action without the written agreement of the Minister .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	20. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister , the approval holder must publish each plan on the website within the following timeframes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) By 31 December 2024. b) For any revision to the Reserve Management Plan or Offset Management Plan, within 15 business days of the Minister's written approval of the revision. c) For any revision of the Construction Environmental Management Plan, within 15 business days of the ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna's approval of the revision.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	21. The approval holder must keep all plans published on the website , in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, from the first date which that plan must be published and until the expiry date of this approval. This requirement applies to all current and superseded versions of plans .
date of decision	definitions attached to approval
In these conditions, except where contrary intention is expressed, the following definitions are used:	
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna: The office of the Conservator of Flora and Fauna established by the <i>Nature Conservation Act 2014</i> (ACT).
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	ACT Parks and Conservation Service: The ACT parks and conservation service established by the <i>Nature Conservation Act 2014</i> (ACT).
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Annual reporting period: means the 12-month period from 1 July of each calendar year following 1 September 2017 and until the expiry of this approval, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Approval holder – Revoked.

As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Audit report: means a written report of an independent audit .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Business days: means a day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday in the Australian Capital Territory.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Clearing: means the cutting down, felling, thinning, logging, removing, killing, destroying, poisoning, ringbarking, uprooting or burning of vegetation (but not including weeds - see the <i>Australian weeds strategy 2017 to 2027</i>).
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Commencement of construction or Commence construction: means the first instance of any on-site construction or clearing .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Compliance records: means all documentation or other material in whatever form required to demonstrate compliance with the conditions of approval (including compliance with commitments made in plans) in the approval holder's possession, or that are within the approval holder's power to obtain lawfully.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	<p>Compliance report: means a written report that includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> accurate and complete details of compliance and any non-compliance, during the most recent annual reporting period, with the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> each condition attached to this variation decision; all commitments made in each plan; and the Program. A schedule of all plans in existence in relation to these conditions and accurate and complete details of how each plan was implemented during the annual reporting period.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	<p>Construction means:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the erection of a building or structure that is, or is to be, fixed to the ground and wholly or partially fabricated on-site; the alteration, maintenance, repair or demolition of any building or structure; any work which involves breaking of the ground (including pile driving) or bulk earthworks; the laying of pipes and other prefabricated materials in the ground, and any associated excavation work. <p>Construction does not include the installation of temporary fences or signage.</p>
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Construction Environmental Management Plan: means the <i>Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) Framework. Prepared for: Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd. Reference No. 3002638, dated 12 October 2018</i> or a subsequent revision approved by the ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Defined Process Strategy: means the Defined Process Strategy as specified in Section 5.3.4 of the Program , which provides for the assessment, avoidance, mitigation and offset (if required) of impacts to Natural Temperate Grassland of the South Eastern Highlands and Pink Tailed Worm Lizard habitat as a result of actions under the Program and any protected matter that may be impacted due to changes in the location of infrastructure in the West Belconnen Conservation Corridor .
Original dated 1 September 2017	Department: means the Australian Government Department administering the Commonwealth EPBC Act .

Original dated 1 September 2017	EPBC Act: means the Commonwealth <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Established – Revoked.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Ginninderra Drive extension: means the Ginninderra Drive extension described in the Program .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Golden Sun Moth Conservation Reserves: means the areas represented in Figure 14 of the Program by the red-shaded polygons labelled “Lot 2 Wallaroo Road”, “Jarramlee offset” and “Macgregor offset”.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Incident: means any event which has the potential to, or does, harm any matter protected under a controlling provision in Part 3 of the EPBC Act for which this approval has effect.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Independent audit: an audit, conducted by an independent auditor , of compliance with and fulfilment of these conditions and the commitments made in plans , objectively evaluated against the audit criteria developed by the independent auditor , in accordance with the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2019.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	<p>Independent auditor: means a person, or firm, who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. does not have any individual, financial*, employment* or family affiliation or any conflicting interests with the Action, the approval holder or the approval holder’s staff, representatives, or associated persons, b. has demonstrated experience in undertaking government-regulated environmental compliance audits, and c. holds relevant professional qualifications and accreditation. <p>*Other than for the purpose of undertaking the role for which an independent person, or firm, is required.</p>
Original dated 1 September 2017	Minister: means the Minister responsible for administering the EPBC Act including any delegate of the Minister .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	NSW DCCEEW: means the NSW Government department responsible for administering the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> (NSW).
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Offset Management Plan: means the <i>Offset Management Plan, Prepared for Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd, Reference No: 3002638, dated 5 October 2018</i> , or a subsequent revised version approved by the Minister in accordance with the conditions of this approval.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Plan: means any action management plan or strategy that the approval holder is required by these conditions to implement.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Protected matters: means a matter protected under a controlling provision in Part 3 of the EPBC Act for which this approval has effect.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Reserve Management Plan or RMP: means the <i>West Belconnen Conservation Corridor Reserve Management Plan 2019-2023, dated September 2018</i> or a subsequent revised version approved by the Minister in accordance with the conditions of this approval.

As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Sensitive ecological data: means data as defined in the <i>Sensitive Ecological Data – Access and Management Policy v1.0</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2016.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	<p>Shapefile: location and attribute information about the Action provided in an Esri shapefile format containing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ‘.shp’, ‘.shx’, ‘.dbf’ files, a ‘.prj’ file which specifies the projection or geographic coordinate system used, and an ‘.xml’ metadata file that describes the shapefile for discovery and identification purposes.
Original dated 1 September 2017	Substantially commence: means to start any works required to be undertaken for the purposes of carrying out the action, including preparatory works.
Original dated 1 September 2017	Suitably qualified expert: means a real person who must be approved by the Department, and who is independent and not an employee of the approval holder, and who has relevant tertiary qualifications and a minimum of five years demonstrated experience to undertake the survey of the West Belconnen site for Pink Tailed Worm Lizard and Natural Temperate Grassland of the South Eastern Highlands.
Original dated 1 September 2017	<p>Survey guidelines: means the most recently published version of the Commonwealth survey guidelines for Pink Tailed Worm Lizard and Natural Temperate Grasslands of the South Eastern Highlands at the time the survey is undertaken. Current guidelines are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Sustainability Environment, Water, Population and Communities (2011), <i>Survey guidelines for Australia’s threatened reptiles</i>. Commonwealth of Australia, Canberra. No current survey guidelines exist for Natural Temperate Grassland of the South Eastern Highlands. Refer to the Approved Conservation Advice and Recovery Plan for this ecological community until survey guidelines are developed.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	The Program: means the program titled <i>Urban Development at West Belconnen</i> (AT Adams Consulting, April 2017) agreed to by the Minister in accordance with Part 10 of the EPBC Act .
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	Website: a set of related web pages located under a single domain name attributed to the approval holder and available to the public.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	West Belconnen Conservation Corridor or the Corridor: means the area represented in Figure 2 of the Program by the green-shaded zone identified in the legend at Figure 2 of the Program as “West Belconnen Conservation Corridor”.
As varied on the date this instrument is signed	West Belconnen site: means the area represented in Figure 2 of the Program by the brown-shaded zone identified in the legend at Figure 2 of the Program as “Urban Development Area”.

Background

This approval decision is made under section 146B of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) which provides for the Minister responsible for administering the EPBC Act (the Minister) to approve the taking of actions, or classes of actions, in accordance with an endorsed policy, plan or program. An approval under section 146B of the EPBC Act has generally the same effect as an approval given under Part 9 of the Act. Actions approved under this decision will not require separate referral, assessment or approval under the EPBC Act in order to be taken.

On 18 July 2017 the delegate for the Minister endorsed, pursuant to section 146 of the EPBC Act, the Program described in the Program Report — *Urban Development at West Belconnen* (AT Adams Consulting, April 2017). The endorsed Program includes actions associated with urban development and biodiversity conservation.

Actions covered by this approval must be taken in accordance with the endorsed Program. Actions not taken in accordance with the endorsed Program are not covered by the approval and therefore may not be taken without further approval under the EPBC Act if they have, will have or are likely to have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance (protected by a provision of Division 1 of Part 3 of the EPBC Act), subject to any other relevant exceptions applying.

Actions included in the approval

The class of actions covered by the approval are all actions associated with urban development and biodiversity conservation in the West Belconnen Strategic Assessment area as described in the Program — *Urban Development at West Belconnen* (AT Adams Consulting, April 2017).

Actions covered by this approval include:

- Construction and operation of residential, commercial, community, light industrial and open space land uses, and related urban development and infrastructure.
- Offsite road improvement works on local and arterial roads within the existing Western Belconnen urban area including:
 - Ginninderra Drive extension which will bisect the West Macgregor and Jaramlee Offset areas.
 - Southern Cross Drive
 - Widening of Drake Brockman Drive to create a dual carriageway road between the project area and William Hovell Drive
- A biodiversity offsets package for Golden Sun Moth due to impacts from the Ginninderra Drive extension, including impacts on the existing offset sites known as Jaramlee and West Macgregor for EPBC Act approved projects 2010/5549 and 2010/5520.
- The creation of the West Belconnen Conservation Corridor along the Murrumbidgee River and Ginninderra Creek encompassing a minimum of 549.9 ha including the habitat of listed threatened species and ecological communities identified in the Program as occurring within the West Belconnen Conservation Corridor.

- Works in the West Belconnen Conservation Corridor including:
 - Construction of a sewer tunnel by direct drilling so as to pass beneath Pink Tailed Worm Lizard and Box Gum Woodland habitat and involving limited surface works outside Pink Tailed Worm Lizard habitat.
 - Recreation and tourist facilities including buildings, picnic areas, car parking and access roads and walking and cycling tracks.
 - Bushfire and maintenance management access tracks.
 - Bushfire management measures including vegetation management by way of slashing, controlled burning, controlled livestock grazing, and access tracks.
 - The Defined Process Strategy outlined in the Program to be applied to assess impacts to Natural Temperate Grassland of the South Eastern Highlands and Pink Tailed Worm Lizard habitat as a result of actions under the Program and any Protected Matter that may be impacted due to changes in the location of infrastructure in the WBCC.
-

17. Appendix 6- Warning Letter



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water

David Maxwell
Director
Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd
PO Box 3908
MANUKA ACT 2603

Warning Letter

Contravention of conditions attached to the approval of a class of actions taken under the endorsed *Program Report – Urban Development at West Belconnen, April 2017*

Dear Mr Maxwell

I am writing to you regarding the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (**EPBC Act**) approval to undertake urban development and biodiversity conservation activities in accordance with the endorsed Program Report – Urban Development at West Belconnen (AT Adams Consulting, April 2017). (**the approval**).

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the **department**) found Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd, to have committed multiple offences under section 142 of the EPBC Act by contravening conditions 3, 5, 6, 9 and 20 attached to the above approval. The department has concluded based on available information and noting the Minister's recent decision to vary the approval conditions under section 143(1)(a) of the EPBC Act, that it is appropriate in this instance to issue Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd a warning for contravening these approval conditions. This letter serves as the warning notice and finalises the compliance matter relating to conditions 3, 5, 6, 9 and 20.

Please note that this matter will be recorded and considered to be part of Riverview Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd's environmental history and may be considered in any future dealings with the department in relation to the EPBC Act. Please ensure that you continue to maintain accurate records associated with, or relevant to, the conditions of the approval. Such documents and records may be used in the future to verify compliance with the conditions of the approval.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Thomas Smith on 0499 732 169.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Smith'.

Thomas Smith
Assistant Director (A/g)
Compliance and Enforcement Section
15 November 24