

Native Vegetation Clearing Permit
Application Supporting Documentation –
Hawkins Road Sand Mine – Mining Lease
70/1284





We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community.

We pay respect to Elders past and present and in the spirit of reconciliation, we commit to working together for our shared future.





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Abbreviations

Term	Definition
CPS	Clearing Permit System
DBCA	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
DMIRS	Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety
DMP	Department of Mines and Petroleum
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
EP Act	Environmental Protection Act 1986
ESA	Environmentally Sensitive Area
FPC	Forest Products Commission
IBRA	Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia
LGA	Local Government Area
NVCP	Native Vegetation Clearing Permit Application
PEC	Priority Ecological Community
PMST	Protected Matters Search Tool
TEC	Threatened Ecological Community



Executive Summary

Urban Resources Pty Ltd (hereafter referred to as Urban Resources) operates the Hawkins Road Sand Mine, located on Mining Lease 70/1284 in the Gnangara Pine Plantation in the locality of Mariginiup. The Project was approved by the former Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) via a Mining Proposal in February 2016. The approved mining operation involves extraction of approximately 255,000 tonnes of sand annually over a 9-year mine life (EnviroWorks Consulting, 2013). M70/1284 was viewed as 'Stage 2' of the Project, with 'Stage 1' operations commencing on adjacent Mining Lease 70/1283 several years earlier.

This clearing permit application is required to ensure Urban Resources' future sand mining operations on Mining Lease 70/1284 remain compliant with the native vegetation clearing provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) and associated Regulations.

The application area has been subject to numerous disturbance events, including:

- Clearing;
- Planting of pines;
- Thinning/Pruning/Coppicing of pines;
- Harvesting of pines; and
- Grubbing of stumps.

Consequently, the application area is in a Completely Degraded condition, consisting of minimal native vegetation regrowth and a number of weed species that have established since pine plantation harvesting was progressively undertaken between 2007 and 2010, and since previous operator Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd cleared and mined in the area between 2019 and 2022. The area is of negligible significance for flora, fauna or ecological communities and the proposed clearing will not adversely affect surface water or groundwater resources, or adversely impact conservation values. This permit application has been made as the limited re-growth vegetation present in the proposed sand mining area technically constitutes 'native vegetation' as defined in the EP Act and no known clearing exemptions apply.

1. Purpose

Urban Resources engaged the services of JBS&G Australia Pty Ltd (JBS&G) to assist in the preparation of a native vegetation clearing permit application (NVCP) to ensure future sand mining operations on Mining Lease 70/1284 remain compliant with the native vegetation clearing provisions of the EP Act and associated Regulations.

2. Background

The area subject to this clearing permit application has previously been assessed and approved for clearing on two separate occasions by the former Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP). Clearing Permit 5173/1 was issued to Rocla Pty Ltd and was valid from 13 October 2012 to 31 December 2017 for the purpose of sand mining (DMP, 2012). Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd subsequently obtained Clearing Permit 7144/1 over the area, also for the purpose of sand mining. That permit was in place between 3 September 2016 and 30 September 2021 (DMP, 2016).

Review of historic aerial imagery indicates the application area was cleared of its original native vegetation in the late 1960's for the establishment pine plantation. Pine trees were present in the application area for



several decades and were progressively harvested by the Forest Products Commission (FPC) between 2007 and 2010 (DMP, 2012; EnviroWorks Consulting, 2013). Since the pines were harvested, a mixture of weeds and native disturbance opportunist species started colonising the area.

In July to August of 2019, previous operators Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd commenced clearing and topsoil stripping in the proposed clearing area under the authority of native vegetation clearing permit 7144/1. Clearing and sand mining operations continued in subsequent years until clearing permit 7144/1 expired on 30 September 2021.

Urban Resources acquired the Hawkins Rd site in July 2022.

3. Project Location and Description

Urban Resources currently operates the Hawkins Road Sand Mine, located on Mining Lease 70/1284 within the Gnangara-Moore River State Forest (Reserve No. 65). The Project occurs in the locality of Mariginiup and in the City of Wanneroo, approximately 8 km northeast of Wanneroo.

The Project was approved by the former Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) on 10 February 2016 via Mining Proposal Registration ID 57893. The approved operation involves extraction of approximately 255,000 tonnes of sand annually over a nine-year life of mine (EnviroWorks Consulting, 2013).

4. Existing Environment

The existing environment of the Hawkins Road Sand Mine is described in approved Mining Proposal Registration ID 57893 which is publicly available.

The proposed clearing area is in a Completely Degraded condition due to previous native vegetation clearing, pine plantation establishment, pine harvesting several decades later, and then further subsequent topsoil stripping and disturbance for sand mining operations. The area, which completely lacks structural characteristics to be classified as a vegetation community, will require clearing to enable future sand extraction activities.

On 29 June 2023, a Senior Ecologist from JBS&G inspected the proposed clearing area to support this clearing permit application. Representative photographs taken during the inspection are provided below and show the Completely Degraded condition of the area (see Plates 1-5 below):





Plate 1: Minimal regrowth vegetation in the eastern portion of the proposed clearing area. Trees in the background do not form part of this clearing permit application.





Plate 2: Minimal regrowth vegetation in the eastern portion of the proposed clearing area. Trees in the background do not form part of this clearing permit application.





Plate 3: View from the centre of the application area, noting minimal ground level regrowth vegetation.



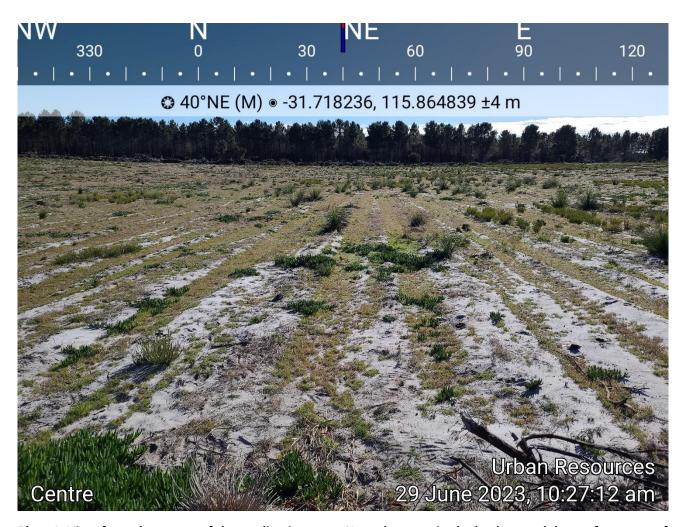


Plate 4: View from the centre of the application area. Note the trees in the background do not form part of this clearing permit application.





Plate 5: Northwest corner of the application area, looking east. Note the trees in the background do not form part of this clearing permit application.

5. Proposed Native Vegetation Clearing

Review of historic aerial imagery indicates the original native vegetation in the application area was cleared in the late 1960's to establish part of the Gnangara Pine Plantation.

This clearing permit application seeks authorisation to clear the minimal native vegetation re-growth that has established since pine plantation harvesting was undertaken in the area by the Forest Products Commission (FPC) between 2007 and 2010, and since previous operators Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd commenced clearing and mining the site between mid-2019 and 2022. The application area is shown in **Figure 5-1**, totalling an area of approximately 23.12 ha. Spatial data of the application area has also been provided to the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) in Esri shapefile format, in support of this clearing permit application.

The application area includes approximately 6.05 hectares of active mining area, surrounded by areas approved for mining and previously stripped of topsoil in preparation for mining.



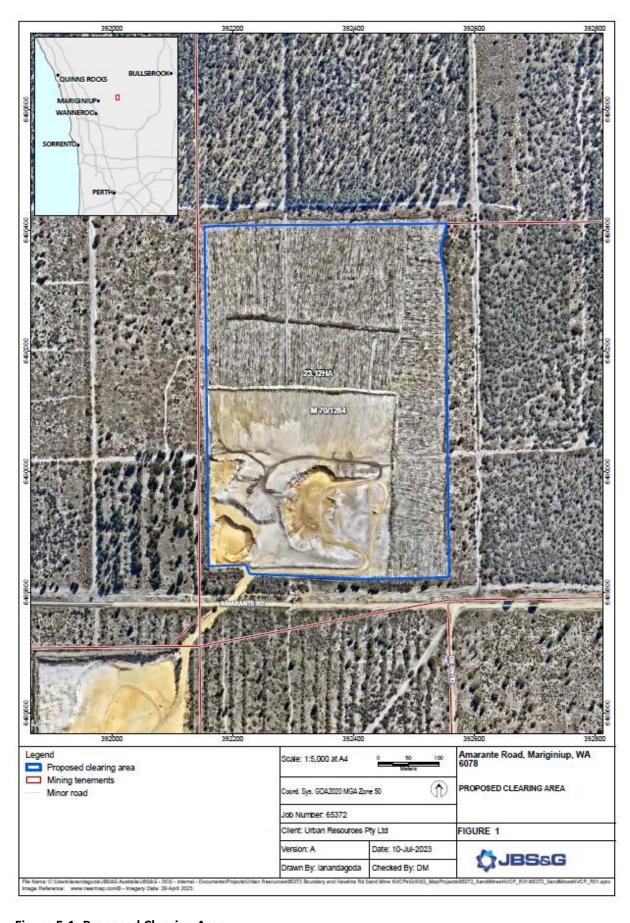


Figure 5-1: Proposed Clearing Area



6. Assessment of Clearing Principles and other matters

An assessment of the Clearing Principles and other matters is provided below in Table 1. To support this assessment, JBS&G has undertaken a literature review, including reference to the previous clearing permit decision reports for clearing permits 5173/1 and 7144/1 (DMP, 2012; DMP, 2016), the approved Mining Proposal (EnviroWorks Consulting, 2013) and other relevant publications (refer to the reference list in section 7). Desktop searches of the following DBCA databases were also undertaken, using a 10 km buffer around the proposed clearing area:

- 1. Threatened and Priority Flora List (TPFL)
- 2. Western Australian Herbarium (WA Herb) records
- 3. Threatened, Specially Protected and Priority Fauna
- 4. Threatened and Priority Ecological Communities.

A search of the Commonwealth Government's Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST) was also undertaken.

The database searches produced a list of conservation significant flora, fauna and ecological communities that have previously been recorded within a 10km radius of the proposed clearing area. A suitably qualified Senior Ecologist from JBS&G has completed a desktop likelihood assessment of these species occurring in the proposed clearing area, on the basis of habitat information and regional distribution (refer to Attachment 1).

Complementing the database searches and likelihood assessment, the JBS&G Senior Ecologist undertook a site inspection of the proposed clearing area on 29 June 2023 with the objectives of:

- making observations of the extent and condition of re-growth vegetation in the proposed clearing area;
- making observations relevant to any of the conservation significant flora, fauna and ecological communities deemed likely to occur within the proposed clearing area; and
- deciding whether formal flora, vegetation and/or fauna assessments of the proposed clearing area are necessary to support this clearing permit application.

Findings of the site inspection are provided in Attachment 1, and have informed the assessment of the Clearing Principles, in conjunction with information gathered through the desktop assessment.

Table 1: Assessment of Clearing Principles and other matters

Clearing Principle	Assessment	Level of Variance
a) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises a high level of biodiversity	The proposed clearing area is not comprised of a high level of biological diversity. The original native vegetation was cleared in the late 1960's for the establishment pine plantation. Pine trees (<i>Pinus pinaster</i>) were harvested from the proposed clearing area between 2007 and 2010. The area currently consists of an abundance of weeds and limited native vegetation re-growth which has emerged since the pine harvesting ceased in this area, and since previous operators Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd commenced clearing and mining the site between mid-2019 and 2022. JBS&G's site inspection found that the application area is	Not likely to be at variance to this Principle.
	in a Completely Degraded condition using Keighery's (1994) scale for assessing vegetation condition, specifically	



Clearing Principle	Assessment	Level of Variance
	the structure of the vegetation is no longer intact and the area is completely or almost completely without native species. Flora taxa present at low densities included common native species which are capable of growing in disturbed areas. Key structural species, including Banksia and other tree species, were absent from the regrowth.	
	Native vegetation regrowth species observed on M70/1284 included:	
	?Calytrix sp.	
	Acacia pulchella var. glaberrima	
	Acacia saligna	
	Burchardia congesta	
	Hibbertia subvaginata	
	Hypocalymma ?robustum	
	Hypocalymma sp. Hypolaena exsulca	
	Jacksonia furcellata	
	Lyginia imberbis	
	Podotheca gnaphalioides	
	Xanthorrhoea preissii	
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	A number of weed species were also observed, including:	
	*Carpobrotus edulis (yellow flowered)	
	*Poaceae spp.	
	*Ehrharta calycina	
	*Gladiolus caryophyllaceus	
	*Pentameris airoides	
	*Dittrichia graveolens	
	*Pelargonium capitatum	
	*Ursinia anthemoides	
	*Briza maxima	
	*Sonchus oleraceus	
	A number of conservation significant flora species have previously been recorded within a 10 km radius of the proposed clearing area (refer to the likelihood assessment in Attachment 1). However, it is unlikely that conservation significant flora would be present in the application area, or that the area would represent significant habitat for such flora, given the long history of disturbance and completely degraded vegetation condition.	
	The minimal vegetation present is not representative of any Priority Ecological Community (PEC) or Threatened Ecological Community (PEC).	
	The sparse and immature status of the vegetation is very unlikely to provide any significant habitat for fauna, lacking	



Clearing Principle	ing Principle Assessment		
	shelter and refuge areas and lacking mature forage for Black Cockatoo species.		
b) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or a part of, or is necessary	A search of Government databases listed 11 Priority fauna taxa, 17 Threatened fauna taxa and a further 18 Migratory bird species as occurring within 10 km of the proposed clearing area (refer to Attachment 1).	Not likely to be at variance to this Principle.	
for the maintenance of, a significant habitat for fauna.	Of the above list, three species were considered likely to occur in the proposed clearing area based on proximity of recent nearby records:		
	 Zanda latirostris (Carnaby's Black Cockatoo; formerly Calyptorhynchus latirostris) (Endangered; Endangered), recorded 670 m southwest; 		
	• Isoodon fuscsiventer (Quenda) (P4), recorded 1.8 km south west; and		
	Hylaeus globuliferus (Woolybush Bee) (P3), recorded in the nearby Melaleuca Conservation Park in 1996.		
	The proposed clearing area also occurs within the known range of <i>Calyptorhynchus banksii naso</i> (the Forest Redtailed Black Cockatoo) (Vulnerable; Vulnerable). Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoos prefer Eucalypt woodland containing Marri and Jarrah (DAWE, 2022; Groom, 2011; Johnstone & Kirkby, 2011).		
	Carnaby's Black Cockatoo prefer to forage upon Banksia woodland and Pine Plantation, though they forage on a wide range of species. They roost in tall Eucalypts near water (DAWE, 2022; Groom, 2011; Johnstone & Kirkby, 2011).		
	Quenda prefer dense, scrubby, often swampy vegetation (DEC, 2012).		
	Woolybush Bees prefer Banksia woodlands containing <i>Adenanthos</i> species (Houston, 2018).		
	A site inspection undertaken by a Senior Ecologist from JBS&G on 29 June 2023 observed that the preferred habitat for the above-listed species is not present in the proposed clearing area. Although the Quenda may potentially nocturnally forage in the proposed clearing area, it does not contain adequate vegetation cover for Quenda to be considered significant habitat.		
	The minimal re-growth native vegetation present in the proposed clearing area is too immature to provide any foraging, nesting or roosting habitat for Black Cockatoo species. Notably, key structural species, including Banksia and other tree species, were absent from the regrowth and there was minimal Black Cockatoo foraging vegetation species present. Following the site inspection, JBS&G completed a Black Cockatoo foraging habitat assessment of the proposed clearing area using the DAWE (2022)		



Clearing Principle	Clearing Principle Assessment		
	scoring tool. The results are provided in Attachment 1 and conclude the proposed clearing area contains no Black Cockatoo foraging habitat.		
	The Completely Degraded nature of the application area, including lack of structural species and limited shelter, means the area is very unlikely to provide a significant habitat for any other fauna species.		
c) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it includes, or is necessary for the continued existence of, threatened flora.	A search of DBCA's Threatened and Priority Flora List, Western Australian Herbarium records and the Commonwealth's Protected Matters Search Tool shows there are no records of Threatened Flora within the proposed clearing area. The only Threatened flora species considered likely to occur, based on nearby records and habitat types, was <i>Caladenia huegelii</i> (refer to JBS&G's desktop likelihood assessment at Attachment 1).	Not likely to be at variance to this Principle.	
	Caladenia huegelii, can only be detected during a three-week period from late September to mid-October. Caladenia huegelii relies on a symbiotic association with a mycorrhizal fungus for seed germination and a nutrient supply throughout its life cycle (DEC, 2008). It is pollinated by a Thynnid Wasp species, occurring in Banksia woodlands, which needs be present in order for the orchid to reproduce (DEC, 2008). Given the absence of Banksia woodland and the numerous soil disturbances in the proposed clearing area, it is highly unlikely that soil mycorrhiza are intact or that pollinators are present. It is also highly unlikely that any C. huegelii tubers remain from prior to the pine plantation being established.		
	No other Threatened flora taxa were considered to possibly occur in the proposed clearing area. No orchid leaves or other conservation taxa were observed during the Site inspection. Although the likelihood assessment identified several conservation significant flora species as possibly occurring at the site based on habitat presence (preferred soil and hydrology), the disturbance history of the site makes it unlikely that any of these taxa would be present.		
d) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or a part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of, a threatened ecological community.	A search of Government Databases shows 13 conservation significant ecological communities (TEC's and PEC's) have previously been recorded near the proposed clearing area. JBS&G concluded none of these were considered likely to occur in the proposed clearing area, which has been entirely cleared for pine plantation historically (refer to Attachment 1).	Not at variance to this Principle.	
	Mining Lease 70/1284 intersects the buffer of nearby 'Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community' TEC. However, JBS&G did not observe any		



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	Banksia species during a site inspection of M70/1284 on 29 June 2023 and the regrowth vegetation present can best be described as scattered, low regrowth of indigenous native species and weeds. Native species which act as weeds were also present in large numbers, specifically the daisy <i>Podotheca gnaphalioides</i> .	
	The condition of the vegetation was Completely Degraded, using Keighery's (1994) scale for assessing vegetation condition, specifically, the structure of the vegetation was no longer intact and the area was almost completely without native species. The vegetation in the proposed clearing area is not representative of any TEC.	
	To minimise the potential for indirect impacts to the nearby TEC, a minimum 50 metre buffer will be maintained, in accordance with the approved mining proposal. It is considered unlikely that the TEC will be indirectly impacted by the proposed clearing given the buffer and minimal nature of the vegetation proposed to be cleared.	
e) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is significant as a remnant of native vegetation in an area that has been extensively cleared.	According to Geoscience Australia (2004), the proposed clearing area occurs entirely within the Bassendean 949 pre-European Vegetation Association. This vegetation association has greater than 30% remaining at the state, Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia (IBRA) region, IBRA subregion and Local Government Area (LGA) scales (Government of Western Australia, 2018).	Not at variance to this Principle.
	It is noted that the original native vegetation in the application area was cleared in the late 1960's for the establishment of pine plantation. Since the pines were progressively harvested in the application area between 2007 and 2010, an abundance of weeds and very limited native re-growth has started to colonise the area. Since mid-2019, the area has subsequently been cleared again by previous operators Hanson Construction Material Pty Ltd for sand mining. What is currently present is not representative of any pre-European vegetation association or community and has no value as a remnant or ecological corridor.	
f) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is growing in, or in association with, an environment associated	The proposed clearing area does not contain any watercourses or wetlands, or any vegetation growing in an environment associated with a watercourse or wetland. Some geomorphic wetlands occur throughout the Gnangara pine plantation, however approved sand mining	Not at variance to this Principle.
with a watercourse or wetland.	operations have been purposely located to avoid impacts to these areas, and this is adequately conditioned through	



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	existing, approved mining proposal commitments and tenement conditions.		
g) Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause appreciable land degradation.	Desktop mapping shows the application area is associated with subdued dune-swale terrain with limestone at depth (Northcote et al, 1968). Chief soils are white sandy soils (Northcote et al, 1968). Generally, these soils have a high risk of wind erosion and a low risk of water erosion due to the high infiltration rates associated with sands (DMP, 2012).	Not likely to be at variance to this Principle.	
	It is noted that the application area was cleared of its original native vegetation in the late 1960's to establish pine plantation. Since then, the area has been subject to further soil disturbance through the pine harvesting process, and further clearing and mining by previous operators Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd between mid-2019 and 2022.		
	The application area intercepts areas categorised as 'low' to 'moderate' Acid Sulphate Soil (ASS) risk (DMP, 2012). ASS are likely to occur at depths of three metres or greater. The soil exposed from clearing native vegetation is not likely to form acid on exposure to air (DMP, 2012).		
	Prior to progressive sand mining, Urban Resources will push up and stockpile the minimal native vegetation regrowth, strip and then either stockpile or respread the underlying topsoil. Use of the topsoil is problematic as it is weed infested, therefore Urban Resources is currently trialling cultivation and spraying before replanting vegetation.		
	The proposed clearing activities are very minimal and are unlikely to result in appreciable land degradation of soils that have already been highly disturbed by past land use practices.		
h) Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to have an impact on the environmental values of any adjacent or nearby conservation area.	The application area is located within the Gnangara-Moore River State Forest Reserve No. 65, which is managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA). The Gnangara-Moore River State Forest covers an area in excess of 70,000 hectares; however a large portion is covered by pine plantations (DMIRS, 2018). The application area is a cleared Pine (<i>Pinus pinaster</i>) plantation, where the original native vegetation was cleared in the late 1960's to establish pine plantation.	Not likely to be at variance to this Principle.	
	The Clearing Permit System (CPS) map viewer indicates an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) is located approximately 50 metres east of the proposed clearing area. This ESA correlates with a Bush Forever Site and the 'Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community' TEC. The ESA won't be directly impacted, and a minimum 50 metre buffer will be maintained, in accordance with the approved mining proposal to		



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	minimise the potential for indirect impacts. It is considered unlikely that the ESA will be indirectly impacted by the proposed clearing given the buffer and minimal nature of the vegetation proposed to be cleared.	
	Based on the above, the proposed clearing area is not likely to provide a significant ecological linkage, and the proposal is not likely to impact the environmental values of any conservation area.	
i) Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to	No surface water features are present in the application area and the clearing of minimal native vegetation regrowth is unlikely to have any effect upon surface water.	Not likely to be at variance to this Principle.
cause deterioration in the quality of surface or underground water.	The proposed clearing area is located in the Gnangara Public Drinking Water Source Area (DMP, 2016). However, the proposed vegetation to be cleared is immature regrowth and is unlikely to have any effect on groundwater levels or quality.	
j) Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause, or exacerbate, the incidence or intensity of	There are no watercourses or wetlands within the application area. The minimal regrowth vegetation present is not growing in association with any low-lying areas which may be prone to seasonal inundation.	Not likely to be at variance to this Principle.
flooding.	The application area is predominately comprised of leached Bassendean sands, which are generally considered to have high infiltration rates and therefore a low risk of water logging (DMP, 2012).	
	Given the soils are well drained and that average annual evaporation rate (1,800 - 2,000 millimetres) is well above the annual rate of rainfall (732.8 millimetres), the risk of flooding is very low.	
Planning Instrument, Native Title, previous EPA decision or other matter	The proposed clearing area is highly disturbed and was first cleared of its original native vegetation in the late 1960's for the establishment of pine plantation. Pines were present in the application area for several decades before being progressively harvested by FPC between 2007 and 2010. The area was then subject to further disturbance by previous operators Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd between mid-2019 and 2022 in undertaking approved clearing and mining operations in the tenement. No Aboriginal heritage sites are known from the area and are very unlikely to be present given the extensive history of disturbance.	Not applicable.
	Approved Mining Proposal Registration ID 57893 advises that Rocla Quarry Products referred the Hawkins Road Sand project to the EPA on 23 December 2011. The EPA set the level of assessment as "Not Assessed – No Advice Given" on the 12th of March 2012. Any areas of sensitivity in the local area, including Bush Forever sites and Geomorphic Wetlands, have been retained with suitable	



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	buffers and are adequately managed via existing approvals.	
	The clearing permit application area is the source of an important basic raw material for the Perth metropolitan area.	

7. Conclusions and Recommendations

This clearing permit application has been submitted to ensure future sand mining operations, which have already been assessed and approved under the *Mining Act 1978*, remain compliant with the native vegetation clearing provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and associated Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004. It is also noted that the application area has previously been assessed and approved by two native vegetation clearing permits (5173/1 and 7144/1), both which have since expired.

The original native vegetation in the proposed clearing area was removed in the late 1960's for the establishment of part of the Gnangara Pine Plantation. Since pines were progressively harvested in the proposed clearing area between 2007 and 2010, some limited native vegetation regrowth established. Much of this regrowth was subsequently cleared between mid-2019 and 2022 as part of approved mining operations undertaken by previous operator Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd. Some very limited regrowth remains in the application area that will require removal to facilitate future sand mining by Urban Resources. Observations made by a Senior Ecologist from JBS&G during a site inspection confirm the vegetation lacks key structural characteristics and doesn't resemble a vegetation community. Similarly, the vegetation provides negligible habitat values for fauna and there are no other values or sensitivities associated with it that would prevent the issuing of a native vegetation clearing permit.

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9. Attachment 1 – Site Inspection & Likelihood Assessment



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June site inspection of Hawkins Road and Seismic Road clearing areas

25 July 2023

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June site inspection of Hawkins Road (M70/1284) and Seismic Road (M70/1329) clearing areas

Dear Stephen,

Urban Resources Pty Ltd (Urban Resources) operates two sand quarries on Crown Land in the Gnangara-Moore River State Forest (F65) at Seismic Road, Melaleuca and Hawkins Road, Jandabup. The Seismic Road site (M70/1329) straddles the border between City of Wanneroo and City of Swan. The Hawkins Road site (M70/1284) is entirely within City of Wanneroo. Urban Resources commissioned JBS&G to undertake a Site Inspection and prepare clearing permit applications associated with future sand extraction at the two Sites. The objective of the Site Inspection was to describe Site attributes which need to be considered in the clearing assessment process. Prior to the Site Inspection a desktop review was undertaken to consider the likelihood of conservation significant flora, fauna and vegetation occurring at the Sites. This assessment considered the likely habitat present at the sites and the disturbance history of the sites.

The Sites have been subject to numerous disturbance events, including clearing, planting of pines, thinning/pruning/coppicing of pines, harvesting of pines, grubbing of stumps and striping of topsoil. Aerial photography (Landgate, 2023) indicates these activities occurred from the late 1960's through to 2023 (Table 1).

Table 1: Significant disturbance events within proposed clearing areas (Landgate, 2023)

Site	Activity	Date
Seismic Road	Clearing	Late 1960's
	Planting of pines	Late 1960's
	Clearing of pines	2018
	Grubbing of stumps	2019
	Stripping of topsoil	2020-2023
Hawkins Road	Clearing	Late 1960's
	Planting of pines	Late 1960's
	Clearing of pines	2008-2010
	Grubbing of stumps	2021
	Stripping of topsoil	2022

The two Sites occur entirely within the Bassendean 949 pre-European Vegetation Association (Geoscience Australia, 2004) (Table 2).





Table 2: Extent remaining of pre-European Vegetation Associations (Government of Western Australia, 2018)

Vegetation Association	Scale	Pre-European Extent (ha)	Current Extent (ha)	% Remaining
Bassendean 949	Western Australia	218,193.94	123,104.02	56.42
Low woodland; Banksia	Swan Coastal Plain IBRA Region	209,983.26	120,287.93	57.28
	Perth IBRA Sub- region	184,475.82	104,128.96	56.45
	City of Wanneroo	37,138.40	17,196.34	46.30
	City of Swan	16,235.19	7,970.07	49.09

Database Searches

Searches of Government databases were requested to generate lists of conservation significant vascular terrestrial flora, fauna and Threatened and Priority Ecological Communities previously recorded within, and nearby the Sites (Table 3).

Table 3: Database searches conducted for the desktop assessment

Custodian	Database	Taxonomic group	Buffer
DBCA	Western Australian Herbarium (WA Herb) records	Flora	10 km
DBCA	Threatened and Priority Flora List (TPFL) taxa	Flora	10 km
DBCA	Communities	Ecological Communities	10 km
DBCA	Threatened, Specially Protected and Priority Fauna	Fauna	10 km
DCCEEW	Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST)	Flora, Fauna and Communities	10 km

Conservation Significant Flora

Following receipt of the database searches, habitat and flowering information were collated for the species identified as potentially occurring in the area, and a likelihood of their presence in the Sites was determined on the basis of habitat information and regional distribution.

Government databases listed 31 Priority flora taxa and 21 Threatened flora taxa as occurring within 10 km of the Sites (Attachment A). Of these, two were assessed as likely to occur in the Sites, 17 as possibly occurring in the Sites and 28 as unlikely to occur. Four taxa were aquatic or wetland plants, which could not occur in the Sites, which contain no surface water features.

The two taxa considered likely to occur were:

- Caladenia huegelii (WA: Critically Endangered; Commonwealth: Endangered), occurring 1.9 km north of the Seismic Road Site; and
- *Pimelea calcicola* (P3), occurring 0.8 km south of the Hawkins Road Site.

Conservation significant flora taxa identified as possibly occurring at the Sites included the Threatened orchid taxon *Caladenia huegelii*, which can only be detected during a three-week period from late September to mid-October. *Caladenia huegelii* relies on a symbiotic association with a mycorrhizal fungus for seed germination and a nutrient supply throughout its life cycle (DEC, 2008). It is pollinated by a Thynnid Wasp species, occurring in Banksia woodlands, which needs be present in order for the orchid to reproduce (DEC, 2008). Given the absence of Banksia woodland and the numerous soil disturbances at the Sites, it is highly unlikely that soil mycorrhiza remains intact, or that pollinators are present. It is also highly unlikely that any *C. huegelii* tubers remain from prior to the Pine plantation being established.

No other Threatened flora taxa were considered to possibly occur at the Sites. No orchid leaves, Pimelea species or other conservation taxa were observed during the Site inspection. Although the likelihood



assessment identified several species as possibly occurring at the site based on habitat presence (preferred soil and hydrology), the disturbance history of the site makes it unlikely that any of these taxa would be present.

Conservation Significant Ecological Communities

Thirteen conservation significant ecological communities were recorded as occurring near the Sites (Table 4). None of these were considered likely to occur at the Sites which have been entirely cleared for pine plantation historically. Both Sites overlap the buffer for nearby *Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community*.

Table 4: Ecological communities identified by database searches

Community ID	Community Name	State Category	Commonwealth Category
Banksia WL SCP	Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community	Priority 3	Endangered
SCP23b	 Swan Coastal Plain Banksia attenuata - Banksia menziesii woodlands 	Priority 3	Endangered
SCP20a	 Banksia attenuata woodlands over species rich dense shrublands 	Critically Endangered	Endangered
SCP22	Banksia ilicifolia woodlands	Priority 3	Endangered
SCP21c	 Low lying Banksia attenuata woodlands or shrublands 	Priority 3	Endangered
SCP24	 Northern Spearwood shrublands and woodlands 	Priority 3	Not listed
Tuart woodlands	Tuart (Eucalyptus gomphocephala) woodlands and forests of the Swan Coastal Plain	Priority 3	Critically Endangered
SCP25	 Southern Eucalyptus gomphocephala-Agonis flexuosa woodlands 	Priority 3	Not listed
SCP26a	Melaleuca huegelii - M. systena shrublands of limestone ridges	Critically Endangered	(Nominated as Critically Endangered)
Muchea Limestone	Shrublands and woodlands on Muchea Limestone of the Swan Coastal Plain	Endangered	Endangered
SCP18	Shrublands on calcareous silts of the Swan Coastal Plain	Critically Endangered	Not listed
Mound Springs SCP	Communities of Tumulus Springs (Organic Mound Springs, Swan Coastal Plain)	Critically Endangered	Endangered
SCP10a	Shrublands on dry clay flats	Endangered	Critically Endangered

Conservation Significant Fauna

Government databases listed 11 Priority fauna taxa, 17 Threatened fauna taxa and a further 18 Migratory bird species as occurring within 10 km of the Sites (Attachment A).

Of these, three were considered likely to occur in the Sites based on proximity of recent nearby records:

- Zanda latirostris (Carnaby's Black Cockatoo; formerly Calyptorhynchus latirostris) (WA: Endangered; Commonwealth: Endangered), recorded 145 m north of the Seismic Road Site and 670 m south-west of the Hawkins Road Site;
- Isoodon fuscsiventer (Quenda) (P4), recorded 2.2 km east of the Seismic Road Site and 1.8 km southwest of the Hawkins Road Site;
- *Hylaeus globuliferus* (Woolybush Bee) (P3), recorded 2.2 km north-east of the Seismic Road Site in the Melaleuca Conservation Park in 1996.



The sites also occur within the known range of *Calyptorhynchus banksii naso* (the Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo) (WA: Vulnerable; Commonwealth: Vulnerable). Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoos prefer Eucalypt woodland containing Marri and Jarrah. None of this habitat was present at the Site.

Carnaby's Black Cockatoo prefer to forage upon Banksia woodland, native Eucalypts and Pine Plantation, though they forage on a wide range of species. They roost in tall Eucalypts near water. None of this habitat was present at the Sites which had been historically cleared.

Quenda prefer dense, scrubby, often swampy vegetation (DEC, 2012). Although they may nocturnally forage in the Sites, the Sites do not contain adequate vegetation cover for Quenda.

Woolybush Bees prefer Banksia woodlands containing *Adenanthos* species. Females forage upon *Adenanthos* flowers and males perch on the highest fronds of the bushes (Houston, 2018). Isolated sapling *Adenanthos cyanorum* were present at the Sites.

Site Inspection

On 29th June 2023, a Senior Ecologist from JBS&G attended Urban Resources Seismic Road and Hawkins Road sand quarries to evaluate regrowth vegetation in proposed clearing areas.

There was substantial evidence of soil disturbance with depressions remaining where pine stumps were grubbed and windrows around the exterior to prevent unauthorised access by the public. Photo locations and photographs of proposed clearing areas are presented in Attachments B and C.

Both sites contained scattered, low regrowth of indigenous native species and weeds. Native species which act as weeds were also present in large numbers, specifically the daisy *Podotheca gnaphalioides* and the tiny succulent *Crassula colorata*.

The condition of the vegetation was Completely Degraded, using Keighery's (1994) scale for assessing vegetation condition, specifically, the structure of the vegetation was no longer intact and the area was almost completely without native species. These areas are often described as 'parkland cleared' with the flora comprising weed or crop species with isolated native trees and shrubs.

Flora taxa present at very low densities at both sites included common native species which are capable of growing in disturbed areas (Table 5). Key structural species, including Banksia and other tree species (except for *Nuytsia floribunda* suckers), were absent from the regrowth.

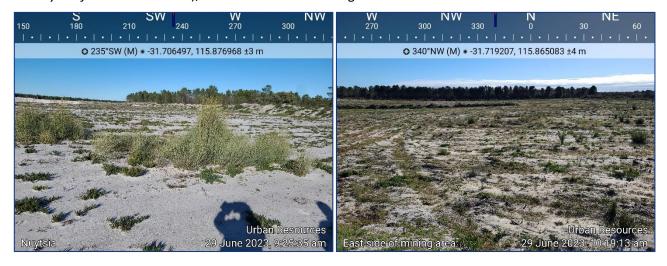


Plate 1 Seismic Road Site (left) and Hawkins Road Site (right)



Table 5: Plant taxa observed during the Site Inspection

Site	Native species	Introduced species		
Seismic Road	?Eremaea pauciflora	*Arctotheca calendula		
	Acacia pulchella var. glaberrima	*Briza maxima (dead)		
	Adenanthos cygnorum	*Carpobrotus edulis (yellow flowered)		
	Conostylis aculeata	*Dittrichia graveolens		
	Crassula colorata	*Euphorbia peplus		
	Daviesia incrassata	*Gladiolus caryophyllaceus		
	Gompholobium tomentosum	*Hypochaeris glabra		
	Haemodorum spicatum	*Pelargonium capitatum		
	Jacksonia floribunda	*Phytolacca octandra		
	Macrozamia riedlei	*Pinus pinaster		
	Nuytsia floribunda (suckers)	*Poaceae spp. (seedlings)		
	Petrophile longifolia	*Raphanus raphanistrum		
	Podotheca gnaphalioides	*Ursinia anthemoides		
	Scholtzia involucrata	*Wahlenbergia capensis (dead)		
	Stirlingia latifolia			
	Xanthorrhoea preissii			
Hawkins Road	?Calytrix sp.	*Carpobrotus edulis (yellow flowered)		
	Acacia pulchella var. glaberrima	*Poaceae spp.		
	Acacia saligna	*Ehrharta calycina		
	Burchardia congesta	*Gladiolus caryophyllaceus		
	Hibbertia subvaginata	*Pentameris airoides		
	Hypocalymma ?robustum	*Dittrichia graveolens		
	Hypocalymma sp.	*Pelargonium capitatum		
	Hypolaena exsulca	*Ursinia anthemoides		
	Jacksonia furcellata	*Briza maxima		
	Lyginia imberbis	*Sonchus oleraceus		
	Podotheca gnaphalioides			
	Xanthorrhoea preissii			



Plate 1. *Carpobrotus edulis at Seismic Road



Black Cockatoo Habitat

At the time of the site inspection, the vegetation present at the sites had little to no value for Black Cockatoos (Table 6). The tallest plants present were mid-shrubs and only isolated, immature forage species were present (DAWE, 2022; Groom, 2011; Johnstone & Kirkby, 2011). No Eucalypts or Banksia were present and no mature Pines.

Table 6: DAWE (2022) scoring tool

Starting Score	Baudin's Black Cockatoo	Carnaby's Black Cockatoo	Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo			
	0	0	0			
	Start at a score of 10 if your site is native eucalypt woodlands and forest, and proteaceous woodland and heath, particularly Marri, within the range of the species, including along roadsides and parkland cleared areas. Can include planted vegetation. This tool only applies to sites equal to or larger than 1 hectare in size.	Start at a score of 10 if your site is native shrubland, kwongan heathland or woodland, dominated by proteaceous plant species such as <i>Banksia</i> spp. (including <i>Dryandra</i> spp.), <i>Hakea</i> spp. and <i>Grevillea</i> spp., as well as native eucalypt woodland and forest that contains foraging species, within the range of the species, including along roadsides and parkland cleared areas. Also includes planted native vegetation. This tool only applies to sites equal to or larger than 1 hectare in size.	Start at a score of 10 if your site is Jarrah or Marri woodland and/or forest, or i it is on the edge of Karri forest, or if Wandoo and Blackbutt occur on the site, within the range of the subspecies, including along roadsides and parkland cleared areas. This tool only applies to sites equal to or larger than 1 hectare in size			
Attribute	Context adjustor (attributes re	ducing functionality of foraging habit	at)			
Foraging potential	-2	-2	-2			
	Subtract 2 from your score if th	ere is no evidence of feeding debris o	n your site.			
Connectivity	O Subtract 2 from your score if you within 12 km of your site.	0 bu have evidence to conclude that the	ore is no other foraging habitat			
Proximity to	0	0	0			
breeding	Subtract 2 if you have evidence	to conclude that your site is more tha	an 12 km from breeding habita			
Proximity to	0	0	0			
roosting	Subtract 1 if you have evidence roosting habitat.	to conclude that your site is more that	an 20 km from a known night			
Impact from	0	0	0			
significant plant disease	Subtract 1 if your site has disease present (e.g. Phytophthora spp. or Marri canker) and the disease is affecting more than 50% of the preferred food plants present.					
Total Score	0 (-2)	0 (-2)	0 (-2)			
Appraisal	native shrubs and herbs, with k condition. The nearest roosting (DBCA, 2022a). The nearest cor (DBCA, 2022b). The local area (atoo foraging habitat. Vegetation at the sey structural species absent. The site of structural species absent. The site of site's buffers overlap both the Hawkin firmed breeding site is 6.7 km southwowithin 12 km and immediately adjacentes are within the Gnangara Pine Plant	was in Completely Degraded n's Road and Seismic Road site rest of the Hawkin's Road Site nt to the sites) contains ample			



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Attachment A Database search results and likelihood assessment

Table A.1 Likelihood of occurrence assessment; categories and definitions

Likelihood	Definition
Present	The taxon has been recorded within the Site.
Likely	The Site contains suitable habitat for the taxon and it is likely the taxon may occur based on presence of a recent historical record close to the Site (within 2.5 km).
Possible	The Site contains suitable habitat for the taxon but there is no other information to suggest that the taxon may occur within or close to the Site, or habitat information is lacking for the taxon.
Unlikely	The Site does not contain suitable habitat for the taxon, regional records suggest the taxon does not occur near the Survey Area ¹ , or the site contains suitable habitat for the taxon within which thorough targeted searches were completed and conclusion has been made that the taxon is unlikely to be present.
Absent	Habitats present within the Site preclude the possibility of this taxon occurring. E.g. aquatic taxa at a Site where no seasonally inundated areas occur.

Table A.2 Consolidated flora database searches and likelihood assessment

Taxa FAMILY	WA	Cth	Description	Likelihood of Presence
Acacia benthamii FABACEAE	P2	Not listed	Shrub, ca 1 m high. Flowers yellow, Aug to Sep. Sand. Typically on limestone breakaways.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Andersonia gracilis ERICACEAE	VU	EN	A slender shrub up to 50 cm tall with few, spreading branches. Pink to pale mauve flowers are clustered in ovoid or oblong groups of 4 to 14 on terminal heads. Occurs on seasonally damp, black sandy clay flats near or on the margins of swamps, often on duplex soils supporting low open heath vegetation.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Anigozanthos humilis subsp. chrysanthus HAEMODORACEAE	P4	Not listed	Rhizomatous, perennial, herb, 0.2-0.4(-0.8) m high. Flowers yellow, Jul to Oct. Grey or yellow sand. Leaves flat, 50-170 mm long, 3-10 mm wide; bristles or hairs on the leaf margin present. Flowers in July, August, September or October.	Possible based on regional distribution
Anigozanthos viridis subsp. terraspectans HAEMODORACEAE	VU	VU	Rhizomatous, perennial, herb, 0.05-0.2 m high. Flowers green/yellow-green, Aug to Sep. Grey sand, clay loam. Winter-wet depressions.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Austrostipa mundula POACEAE	Р3	Not listed	Perennial grass to 0.6 m high.	Possible based on regional distribution

¹ This situation may arise when the Protected Matters Search Tool identifies the potential for a taxon to occur but the known range of the taxon does not extend to within 10 km of the Site, or when distribution records indicate that the taxon occurs only in a narrow band along a geological or hydrogeological feature that does not include the Site.



Taxa FAMILY	WA	Cth	Description	Likelihood of Presence
Baeckea sp. Limestone (N. Gibson & M.N. Lyons 1425) MYRTACEAE	P1	Not listed	Shrub. Flowers pale pink. Limestone.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Banksia mimica PROTEACEAE	VU	EN	Prostrate, lignotuberous shrub, 0.15-0.4 m high. Flowers yellow-brown, Dec or Jan to Feb. White or grey sand over laterite, sandy loam.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Caladenia huegelii ORCHIDACEAE	CR	EN	Tuberous, perennial, herb, 0.25-0.6 m high. Flowers green & cream & red, Sep to Oct. Grey or brown sand, clay loam.	Likely based on nearby records
Calectasia elegans DASYPOGONACEAE	P2	Not listed	Clonal perennial, with stilt roots to 8 cm long, stems to 0.45 m high. Flowers blue, Jul-Oct. Deep, grey, quartz sand in habitats that have experienced infrequent fires. Banksia woodlands.	Possible based on habitat preferences
Chamelaucium lullfitzii MYRTACEAE	VU	Not listed	Spindly, erect shrub to 2 m high. White flowers appear from September to December. Plants grow on white, grey, or yellow sands in low open banksia woodland.	Unlikely based on regional distribution
Conostylis bracteata HAEMODORACEAE	P3	Not listed	Rhizomatous, tufted or shortly proliferous perennial, grass-like or herb, 0.2-0.45 m high. Flowers yellow, Aug to Sep. Sand, limestone. Consolidated sand dunes.	Possible based on habitat preferences
Cyathochaeta teretifolia CYPERACEAE	P3	Not listed	Rhizomatous, clumped, robust perennial, grass-like or herb (sedge), to 2 m high, to 1.0 m wide. Flowers brown, Dec-Jan. Grey sand, sandy clay. Swamps, creek edges.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Dampiera triloba GOODENIACEAE	Р3	Not listed	Erect perennial, herb or shrub, to 0.5 m high. Flowers blue, Aug to Dec.	Possible based on regional distribution
Darwinia foetida MYRTACEAE	EN	CR	Erect or spreading shrub to 0.7 m high. Flowers brown, Oct to Nov. Grey-black sandy rises in winter-damp to wet clay flats.	Unlikely based on regional distribution
Diuris micrantha ORCHIDACEAE	VU	VU	Tuberous, perennial, herb, 0.3-0.6 m high. Flowers yellow & brown, Sep to Oct. Brown loamy clay. Winter-wet swamps, in shallow water.	Absent based on habitat preferences
Diuris purdiei ORCHIDACEAE	EN	EN	Tuberous, perennial, herb, 0.15-0.35 m high. Flowers yellow, Sep to Oct. Grey- black sand, moist. Winter-wet swamps.	Absent based on habitat preferences
<i>Drakaea elastica</i> ORCHIDACEAE	CR	EN	Tuberous, perennial, herb, 0.12-0.3 m high. Flowers red & green & yellow, Oct to Nov. White or grey sand. Low-lying situations adjoining winter-wet swamps.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Drakaea micrantha ORCHIDACEAE	EN	VU	Tuberous, perennial, herb, 0.15-0.3 m high. Flowers red & yellow, Sep to Oct. White-grey sand.	Unlikely based on regional distribution



Taxa FAMILY	WA	Cth	Description	Likelihood of Presence
Drosera patens DROSERACEAE	P1	Not listed	Fibrous-rooted, rosetted perennial, herb, to 0.05 m high. Flowers white, Dec or Feb. Sandy soils. Margins of winter-wet depressions, swamps and lakes.	Absent based on habitat preferences
Drosera x badgerupii DROSERACEAE	P2	Not listed	Rosetted, short-lived perennial, herb. Flowers yellow-green.	Possible based on regional distribution
Drosera x sidjamesii DROSERACEAE	P1	Not listed	Fibrous-rooted perennial, herb, to 0.06 m high. Flowers green-pink, Nov to Dec or Jan to Mar. Peaty sand. Along lake margins, close to winter high-water line.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Eleocharis keigheryi CYPERACEAE	VU	VU	A rhizomatous, clumped, perennial sedge growing to 0.4 m high. Green flowering stalks appear from August to November. This species is a water plant which appears in creeks and claypans.	Absent based on habitat preferences
Eryngium pinnatifidum subsp. Palustre (G.J. Keighery 13459) APIACEAE	P3	Not listed	Erect perennial, herb, 0.15-0.5 m high. Flowers white/blue, Oct to Nov. Clay, sandy clay. Claypans, seasonally wet flats.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Eucalyptus argutifolia MYRTACEAE	VU	VU	(Mallee), 1.5-4 m high, bark smooth. Flowers white, Mar to Apr. Shallow soils over limestone. Slopes or gullies of limestone ridges, outcrops.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Grevillea christineae PROTEACEAE	EN	EN	An erect, rounded shrub up to 1 m tall, with wiry, zig-zagging branches and creamy-white flowers. Often occurs on narrow, weed-infested road verges, which in many places are almost the only surviving representatives of the natural vegetation in those areas. Prefers moist areas such as drainage lines or outcropping granite.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Grevillea curviloba ² PROTEACEAE	CR/EN	EN	Prostrate to erect shrub, 0.1-2.5 m high. Flowers white-cream, Aug to Oct. Grey sand, sandy loam. Winter-wet heath.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Hydrocotyle striata ARALIACEAE	P1	Not listed	Herb. Clay. Springs.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Hypolaena robusta RESTIONACEAE	P4	Not listed	Dioecious rhizomatous, perennial, herb, ca 0.5 m high. Flowers Sep to Oct. White sand. Sandplains.	Possible based on habitat preferences
Jacksonia sericea FABACEAE	P4	Not listed	Low spreading shrub, to 0.6 m high. Flowers orange, usually Dec or Jan to Feb. Calcareous & sandy soils.	Possible based on habitat preferences
Macarthuria keigheryi MACARTHURIACEAE	EN	EN	Erect or spreading perennial, herb or shrub, 0.2-0.4 m high, 0.3-0.6 m wide.	Unlikely based on regional distribution

² Listed as *Grevillea curviloba* subsp. *curviloba* and *G. curviloba* subsp. *Incurva*, but has been amalgamated to *G. curviloba* (WAH, 1998-).



Taxa FAMILY	WA	Cth	Description	Likelihood of Presence
			Flowers Sep to Dec or Feb to Mar. White or grey sand.	!
Marianthus paralius PITTOSPORACEAE	EN	EN	Almost prostrate, eventually scandent, woody shrub. Flowers red, Sep to Nov. White sand over limestone. Low coastal cliffs.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
<i>Melaleuca</i> sp. Wanneroo (G.J. Keighery 16705) MYRTACEAE	EN	EN	Erect shrub, up to 2.5 m high, 2-3 m wide. Flowers Yellow, Nov to Dec. Leaves that are 15-20 mm long, flat in cross section, approximately 3 mm wide, with a blunt-acute apex, hairy, with oil glands not prominent. Shallow soils over limestone on ridges.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Millotia tenuifolia var. laevis ASTERACEAE	P2	Not listed	Ascending to erect annual, herb, 0.02-0.1 m high. Flowers yellow, Sep to Oct. Granite or laterite soils.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Netrostylis sp. Chandala (G.J. Keighery 17055) CYPERACEAE	P2	Not listed	(Previously included in the <i>Tetraria</i> capillaris complex)	Possible based on regional distribution
Paracaleana dixonii ORCHIDACEAE	VU	EN	A tuberous perennial orchid from 90-200 mm high, with a single, small basal leaf. Brown-yellow-green-red flowers in the shape of a duck appear from October to December or January. Found in grey sand over granite.	Unlikely based on regional distribution
Phlebocarya pilosissima subsp. pilosissima HAEMODORACEAE	P3	Not listed	Shortly rhizomatous, compactly tufted perennial, grass-like or herb, 0.15-0.4 m high. Flowers cream-white, Aug to Oct. White or grey sand, lateritic gravel.	Possible based on habitat preferences
Pimelea calcicola THYMELAEACEAE	Р3	Not listed	Erect to spreading shrub, 0.2-1 m high. Flowers pink, Sep to Nov. Sand. Coastal limestone ridges.	Likely based on nearby records
Poranthera moorokatta PHYLLANTHACEAE	P2	Not listed	Erect annual herb to 0.5 m high. Flowers pale pink, Sep to Nov. White and grey sands.	Possible based on habitat preferences
Schoenus griffinianus CYPERACEAE	P4	Not listed	Small, tufted perennial, grass-like or herb (sedge), to 0.1 m high. Flowers Sep to Oct. White sand.	Possible based on habitat preferences
Stenanthemum sublineare RHAMNACEAE	P2	Not listed	Erect shrub, to 0.1 m high. Flowers green, Oct to Dec. Littered white sand. Coastal plain.	Possible based on habitat preferences
Stylidium longitubum STYLIDIACEAE	P4	Not listed	Erect annual (ephemeral), herb, 0.05- 0.12 m high. Flowers pink, Oct to Dec. Sandy clay, clay. Seasonal wetlands.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Stylidium paludicola STYLIDIACEAE	P3	Not listed	Reed-like perennial, herb, 0.35-1 m high. Flowers pink, Oct to Dec. Peaty sand over clay. Winter wet habitats. Marri and Melaleuca woodland, Melaleuca shrubland.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences



Taxa FAMILY	WA	Cth	Description	Likelihood of Presence
Stylidium striatum STYLIDIACEAE	P4	Not listed	Rosetted perennial, herb, 0.15-0.55 m high. Flowers yellow, Oct to Nov. Brown clay loam over laterite. Hillslopes. Jarrah/Marri forest, Wandoo woodland.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Stylidium trudgenii STYLIDIACEAE	P3	Not listed	Caespitose perennial, herb, 0.05-0.5 m high. Flowers Oct-Nov. Grey sand, dark grey to black sandy peat. Margins of winter-wet swamps, depressions.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Styphelia filifolia ERICACEAE	P3	Not listed	An erect shrub to 0.9 m high. Flowers white, Mar-May. Sandy soils, usually in Banksia or Jarrah woodland and low-lying situations.	Possible based on habitat preferences
Synaphea sp. Fairbridge Farm (D. Papenfus 696) PROTEACEAE	CR	CR	Dense, clumped shrub, to 0.3 m high, to 0.4 m wide. Flowers yellow, Oct. Sandy with lateritic pebbles. Near winter-wet flats, in low woodland with weedy grasses.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Thelymitra dedmaniarum ORCHIDACEAE	CR	EN	Tuberous, perennial, herb, to 0.8 m high. Flowers yellow, Nov to Dec or Jan. Granite.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Thelymitra stellata ORCHIDACEAE	EN	EN	A tuberous, perennial orchid from 150- 250 mm high. Its yellow and brown flowers appear from October to November. Occurs on sand, gravel and lateritic loam.	Unlikely based on regional distribution
Thelymitra variegata ORCHIDACEAE	P2	Not listed	Tuberous, perennial, herb, 0.1-0.35 m high. Flowers orange & red & purple & pink, Jun to Sep. Sandy clay, sand, laterite.	Possible based on habitat preferences
Tripterococcus sp. Brachylobus (A.S. George 14234) CELASTRACEAE	P4	Not listed	No description available.	Possible based on regional distribution
Utricularia oppositiflora LENTIBULARIACEAE	Р3	Not listed	Herb. No description available.	Possible based on regional distribution



Table A.3 Consolidated fauna database searches and likelihood assessment

Taxon Common Name	WA status	Cth status	Habitat	Likelihood of Occurrence
BIRDS				
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper	MI	MI	Occurs in a wide variety of habitats on the shores of waterbodies (Pizzey & Knight, 1997). Shallow, pebbly, muddy or sandy edges of rivers and streams, coastal to far inland; dams, lakes, sewage ponds, margins of tidal rivers, waterways in mangroves or saltmarsh; mudflats; rocky or sandy beaches, causeways, riverside lawns, drains, street gutters.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Apus pacificus Fork-Tailed Swift	MI	MI	Airborne over a variety of habitats from rainforest to arid areas (Pizzey & Knight, 1997). Aerial: open country, from semi-deserts to coasts, islands; sometimes over forests, cities (Pizzey & Knight 2012).	Possible based on habitat preferences
Botaurus poiciloptilus Australasian Bittern	EN	EN	Occurs in or over water in tall reedbeds, sedges, rushes or Typha; drains in tussocky paddocks, occasionally saltmarsh or brackish wetlands (Pizzey & Knight, 2012).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Calidris acuminata Sharp-Tailed Sandpiper	MI	MI	Tidal mudflats, saltmarshes, mangroves; shallow fresh, brackish or saline inland wetlands; floodwaters, irrigated pastures and crops; sewage ponds, saltfields (Pizzey & Knight, 2012).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Calidris canutus Red Knot	EN	EN & MI	Tidal mudflats, sandflats, beaches, saltmarshes, flooded pastures and ploughed lands (Pizzey & Knight, 1997).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper	CR	MI	Tidal mudflats, saltmarsh, saltfields; fresh, brackish or saline wetlands and sewage ponds (Pizzey & Knight, 1997).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper	MI	MI	Shallow fresh waters, often with low grass or other herbage; swamp margins, flooded pastures sewage ponds; occasionally tidal areas, saltmarshes (Pizzey & Knight, 2012).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Calidris ruficollis Red-Necked Stint	MI	MI	Tidal mudflats, saltmarshes; sandy or shelly beaches; saline and freshwater wetlands, coastal and inland; saltfields, sewage ponds (Pizzey & Knight, 2012).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Calidris subminuta Long-Toed Stint	MI	MI	Tussocky, weedy margins of shallow wetlands, both coastal and inland, sewage ponds, weed on tidelines, tidal mudflats (Pizzey & Knight, 2012).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Calonectris leucomelas Streaked Shearwater	MI	MI	A seabird seen mostly over offshore waters, occasionally over inshore waters. Does not breed in Australia (Menkhorst et al. 2019).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences



Taxon	WA	Cth	Habitat	Likelihood of Occurrence
Common Name	status	status		
Calyptorhynchus banksii naso Forest Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo	VU	VU	Marri, jarrah, wandoo, tuart and karri woodlands and forests, where they feed primarily on marri and jarrah (Johnstone, et al., 2010).	Likely based on nearby records
Zanda baudinii (formerly Calyptorhynchus baudinii) Baudin's Cockatoo	EN	EN	Eucalypt forests, especially marri-jarrah and karri forests, less commonly in woodlands of wandoo, blackbutt, flooded gum, yate, and cleared areas (Johnstone, et al., 2010).	Unlikely based on regional distribution
Zanda latirostris (formerly Calyptorhynchus latirostris) Carnaby's Cockatoo	EN	EN	Forests, woodlands and shrublands of Eucalyptus and Proteaceae species, where they feed primarily on Banksia, Hakea and marri, pine plantations and urban areas (Johnstone, et al., 2010; Pizzey & Knight, 1997).	Likely based on nearby records
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover	VU	MI	Wide, sandy or shelly beaches; sandspits, tidal mudflats, reefs, sand cays, mangroves, saltmarsh, dunes, bare paddocks; seldom far inland (Pizzey & Knight, 2012).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Falco peregrinus Peregrine Falcon	OS		Diverse habitats ranging from rainforest to the coast, alpine areas and arid shrublands (Pizzey & Knight, 1997). Cliffs, gorges, timbered watercourses, environs of rivers, wetlands, plains, open woodlands pylons, spires, buildings (Pizzey & Knight, 2012).	Possible based on habitat preferences
Glareola maldivarum Oriental Pratincole	MI	MI	Found in open country in the tropics and substropics. Forages on the wing for insects. Does not breed in Australia (Menkhorst et al. 2019).	Unlikely based on regional distribution
<i>Ixobrychus dubius</i> Australian Little Bittern	P4 Reed and Typha choked areas of freshwater swamps, lakes and rivers; tussocks in wetland areas, including well-vegetated urban wetlands. Forages among dense, low swamp vegetation (Pizzey & Knight, 2012).		Unlikely based on habitat preferences	
Ixobrychus flavicollis australis (southwest subpop.) Black Bittern (Southwest Subpop.)	P2		Found in inland waters with tall, shady fringing vegetation (Menkhorst et al. 2019).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
<i>Leipoa ocellata</i> Malleefowl	VU	VU	Mallee, Acacia, paperbark, sheoak and other scrubs, eucalypt woodland and coastal heaths, mainly on sandy or gravel soils (Pizzey & Knight, 2012).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences



Taxon	WA	Cth	Habitat	Likelihood of Occurrence
Common Name	status	status		
<i>Limosa lapponica</i> Bar-Tailed Godwit	MI	MI	Tidal mudflats, estuaries, sewage ponds, shallow river margins, brackish or saline inland lakes, flooded pastures and airfields (Pizzey & Knight, 1997).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Limosa limosa Black-Tailed Godwit	MI	MI	Shallow inland wetlands and on coast. Prefers sites with muddy substrates where it feeds by wading. Does not breed in Australia (Menkhorst et al. 2019).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Motacilla cinerea Grey Wagtail	MI	MI	Found along watercourses, in quarries, escarpments and rainforests. Also sewage ponds, ploughed fields and airfields (Pizzey and Knight, 1997).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew	CR	CR & MI	Estuaries, tidal mudflats, sandspits, saltmarshes, mangroves, fresh or brackish lakes, grasslands near water (Pizzey & Knight, 1997).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Oxyura australis Blue-Billed Duck	P4		Well vegetated freshwater swamps, large dams, lakes (Pizzey & Knight, 2012).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Pandion haliaetus Osprey	MI	MI	Littoral and coastal habitats and terrestrial wetlands. They are mostly found in coastal areas but occasionally travel inland along major rivers (DCCEEW, 2023).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Plegadis falcinellus Glossy Ibis	MI	MI	Well vegetated wetlands, wet pastures, ricefields, floodwaters, floodplains, brackish or saline wetlands, mangroves, mudflats and occasionally dry-grasslands (Pizzey & Knight, 2012).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Pluvialis squatarola Grey Plover	MI	МІ	Occurring almost entirely in coastal areas, inhabits sheltered bays, estuaries and lagoons with mudflats and sandflats, and occasionally on rocky coasts. They also occur around terrestrial wetlands such as near-coastal lakes and swamps, or salt-lakes (DCCEEW, 2023). Mudflats, saltmarsh; tidal reefs and estuaries; rarely inland (Pizzey & Knight, 2012).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe	EN	EN	Well vegetated shallows and margins of wetlands, dams, sewage ponds; wet pastures, marshy areas, irrigation systems, melaleuca scrub, open woodland (Pizzey & Knight, 2012).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Thalasseus bergii Crested Tern	MI	MI	Coastal, offshore waters; beaches, bays, inlets, tidal rivers, salt swamps, lakes and larger rivers (Pizzey & Knight, 2012).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
<i>Tringa glareola</i> Wood Sandpiper	MI	MI	Muddy wetland margins, tidal mangroves, margins of tidal mudflats, saltmarshes and sewage ponds (Pizzey & Knight, 2012).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences



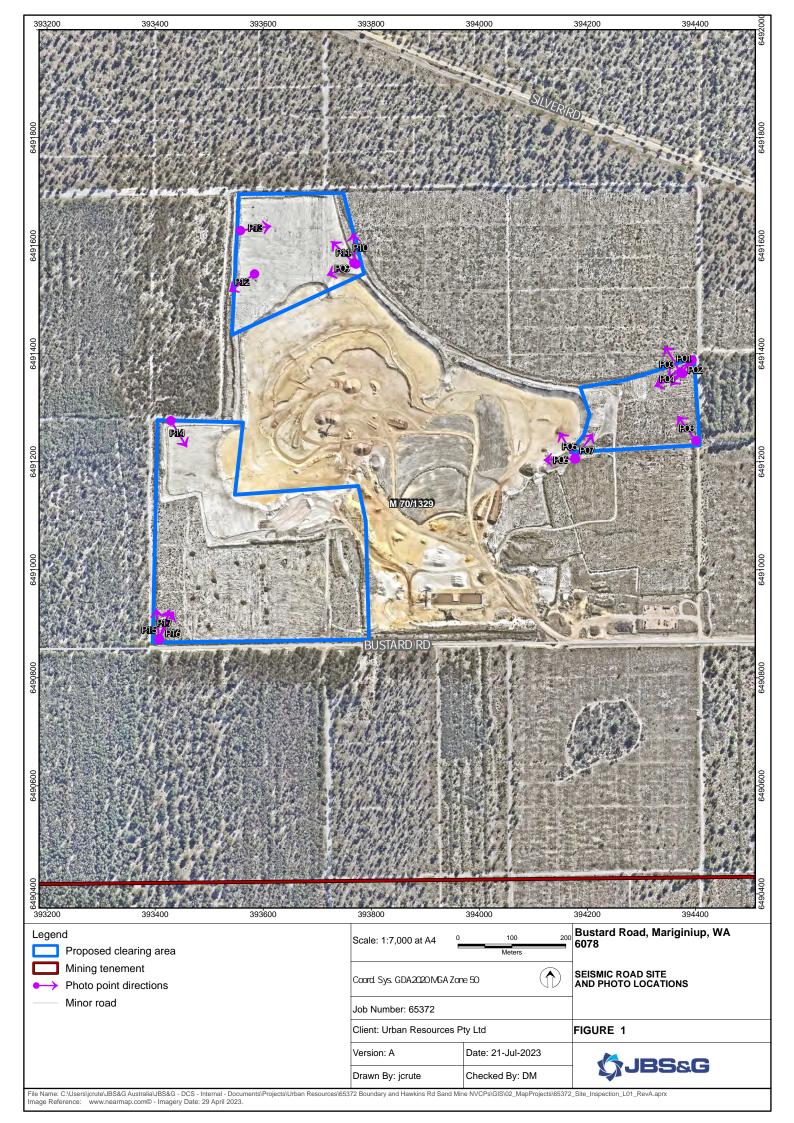
Taxon Common Name	WA status	Cth status	Habitat	Likelihood of Occurrence
Tringa nebularia Common Greenshank	MI	MI Mudflats, estuaries, saltmarshes, margins of lakes; wetlands, fresh and saline claypans, saltfields and sewage ponds (Pizzey & Knight, 2012).		Unlikely based on habitat preferences
<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i> Marsh Sandpiper	MI	MI	Wetlands (freshwater, salt or brackish), sewage ponds, saltfields, bore drains, mangroves, tidal mudflats, estuaries (Pizzey & Knight, 2012).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
INVERTEBRATES				
Hesperocolletes douglasi Douglas's Broad-Headed Bee	CR	CR	Rottnest Island; Banksia woodland. Ground-nesting (TSSC 2018).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
<i>Hylaeus globuliferus</i> Woolybush Bee	P3		This native bee is distributed across the south-west of western Australia, with 223 records in the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA 2023). Hylaeus globuliferus is known to be associated with Adenanthos cygnorum and Banksia attenuata amongst other native plants (Houston 2018)	Likely based on nearby records
Idiosoma sigillatum Swan Coastal Plain Shield- Backed Trapdoor Spider	P3		Clay soils and rocky areas or other sheltered habitats with increased moisture retention properties like gullies and drainage lines on southern facing slopes. Avoids dense leaf litter (DCCEEW, 2023).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Leioproctus contrarius A Short-Tongued Bee	Р3		Occurs on the Swan Coastal Plain in association with flowers of Goodeniaceae spp. (DEC, 2009)	Possible based on habitat preferences
Synemon gratiosa Graceful Sunmoth	P4		Sedgelands, heathlands, woodlands and open forest where they breed on Lomandra maritima and L. hermaphrodita. Preferred foods include various grasses, sedges and mat-rushes (Gamblin, et al., 2011).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
MAMMALS				
Bettongia penicillata ogilbyi Woylie, Brush-Tailed Bettong	CR	EN	Open, sclerophyllous forests and woodlands with a dense understorey/ground cover of tussock grasses or woody scrub (DBCA, 2017).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Dasyurus geoffroii Chuditch, Western Quoll	VU	VU	Forests, mallee shrublands, heathlands and woodlands (DBCA, 2017), with a preference for riparian locations in the jarrah forest (DEC, 2012).	Unlikely based on habitat preferences
Hydromys chrysogaster Water-Rat, Rakali	P4		Occurs in a variety of aquatic environments (Menkhorst & Knight, 2011).	Absent based on habitat preferences

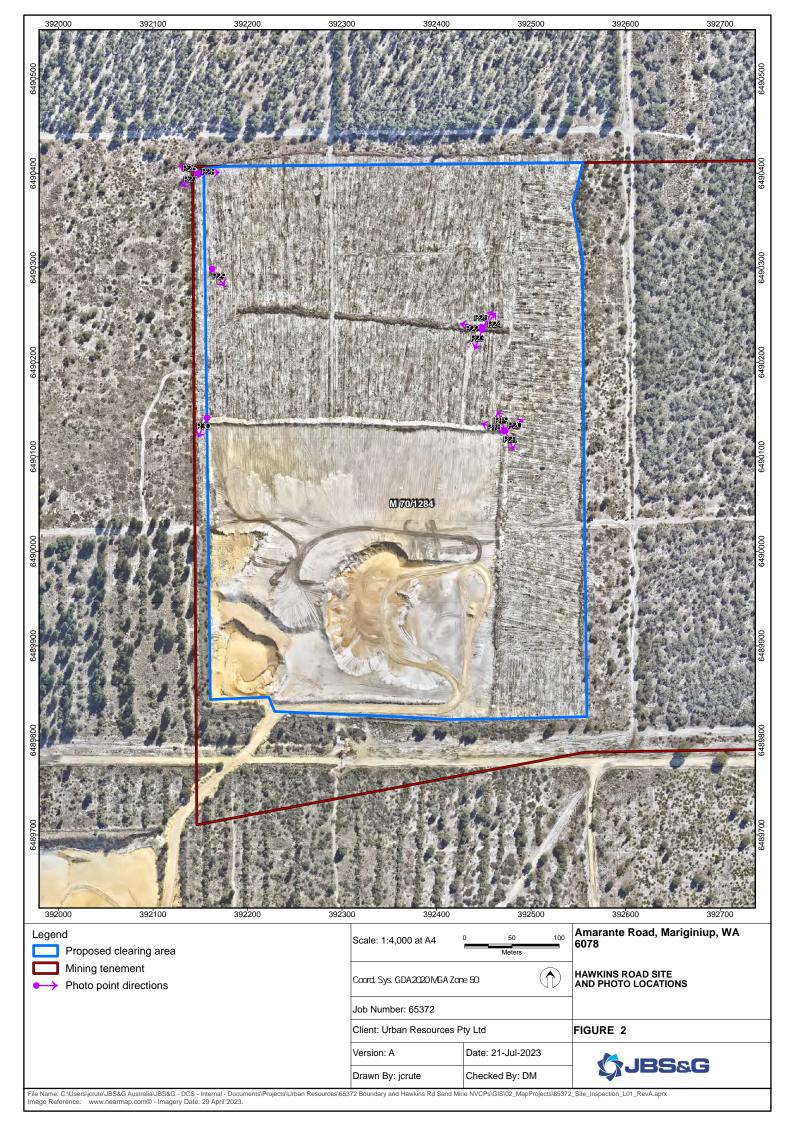


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Common Name	status	Status			
Isoodon fusciventer	P4		Dense, scrubby, often swampy vegetation (DEC, 2012). Forest, woodland, shrub and	Unlikely based on habitat preferences	
Quenda, Southwestern Brown Bandicoot			heath communities, ideally with sandy soils and dense health vegetation in the lower stratum		
Macroderma gigas	VU	VU	Caves, crevices or old mine adits are used for roosting and nesting.	Unlikely based on habitat preferences	
Ghost Bat					
Notamacropus irma	P4	•	Open forest or woodland with a preference for seasonally inundated flats with low	Unlikely based on habitat preferences	
Western Brush Wallaby			grasses and open, scrubby thickets (van Dyck, et al., 2013).		
Pseudomys shortridgei	VU	EN	Species-rich dry heathland, stringybark open forest with a a healthy understorey,	Unlikely based on habitat preferences	
Heath Mouse, Heath Rat,			mixed scrub and mallee (van Dyck et al. 2013).		
Dayang					
Sternula nereis nereis	VU	VU	Coastal waters, bays, inlets, saline or brackish lakes, saltfields, sewage ponds near	Unlikely based on habitat preferences	
Fairy Tern			coast (Pizzey & Knight, 2012).		
REPTILES					
Neelaps calonotos	Р3		Coastal heaths and low shrublands in coastal and near coastal locations, where it	Likely based on nearby records	
Black-Striped Snake, Black-	-		feeds on lizards (Cogger, 2014). Sandy soils supporting heath and banksia/eucalypt	·	
Striped Burrowing Snake			woodland.		
Pseudemydura umbrina	CR	CR	Restricted to small, clay-based temporary swamps. Aestivates under dense, low	Unlikely based on habitat preferences	
Western Swamp Tortoise			vegetation during the dry months (Wilson & Swan, 2023).		



Attachment B - Figures







Attachment C - Photos



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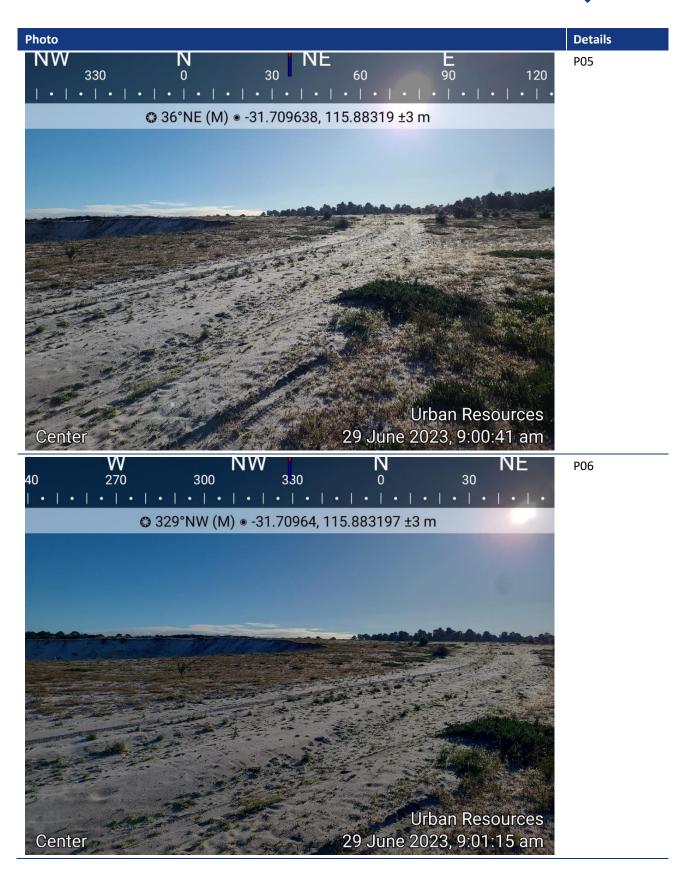








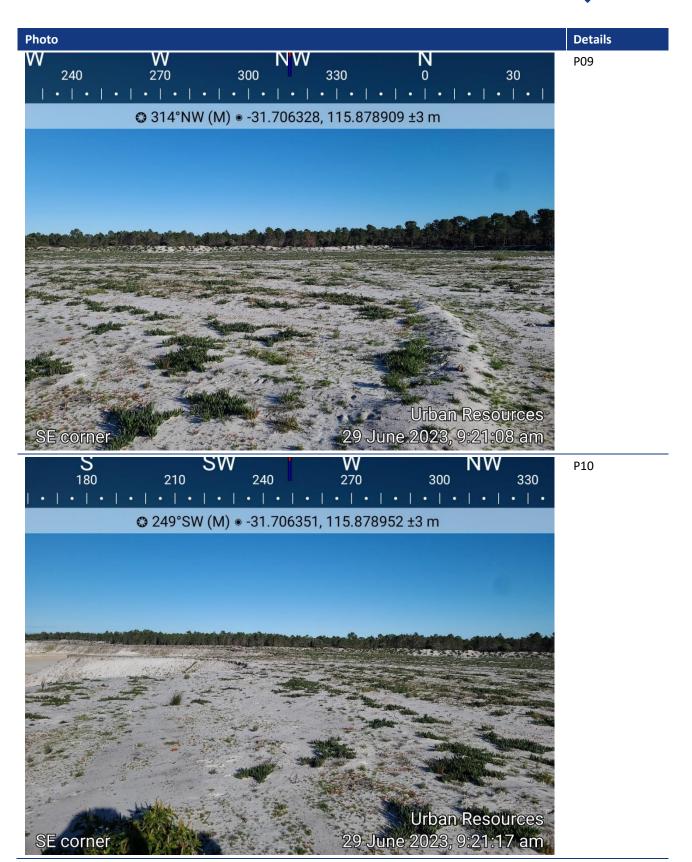




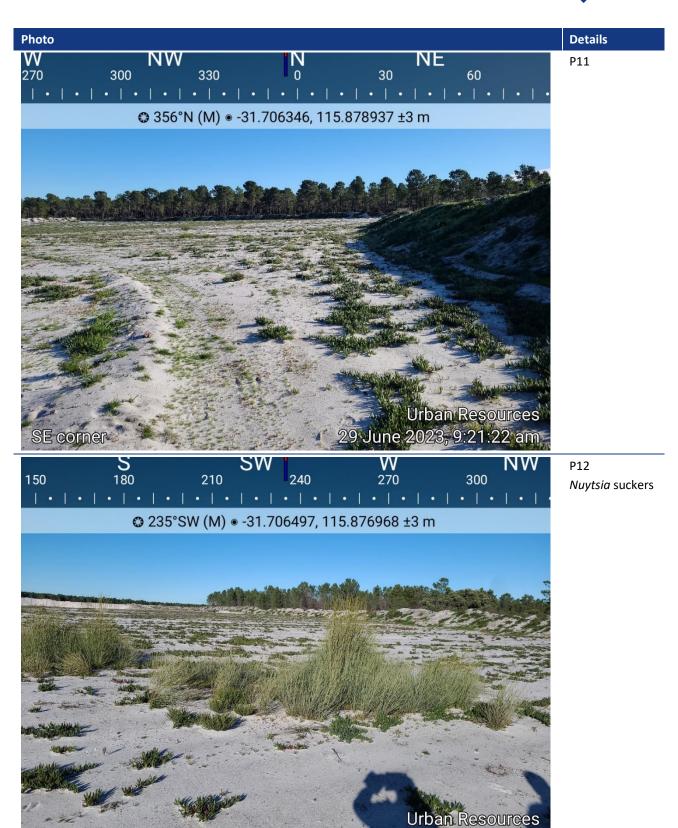








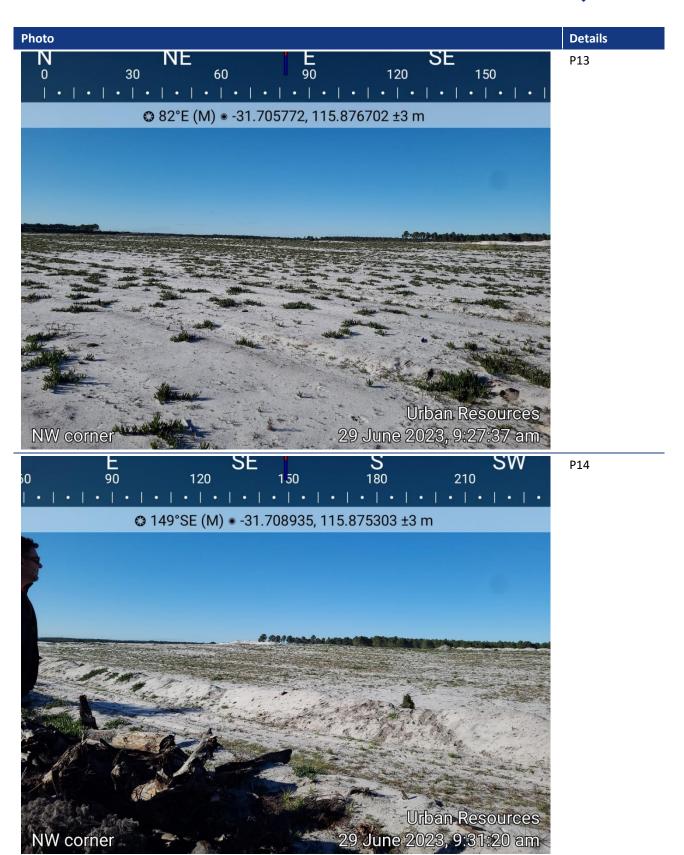




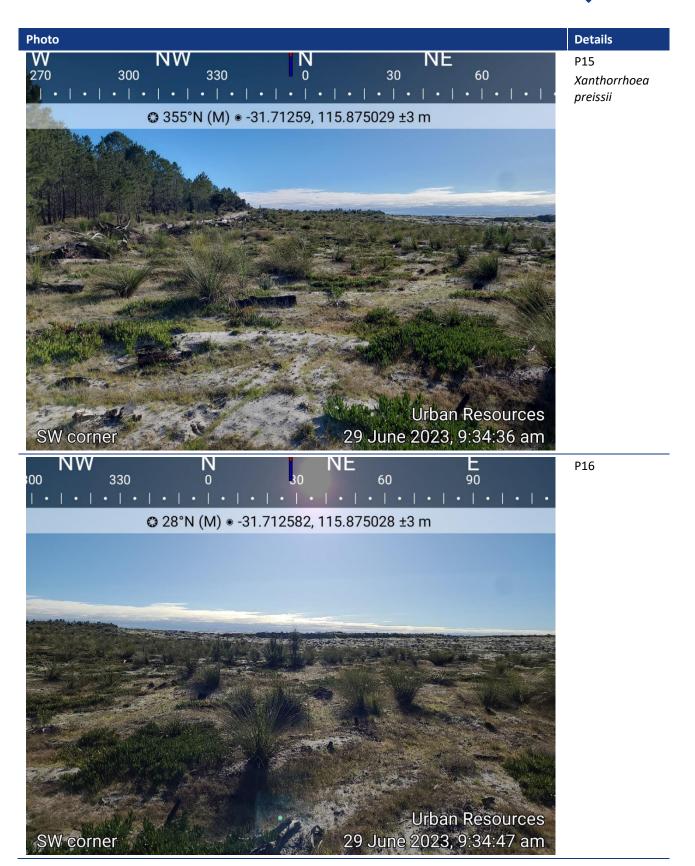
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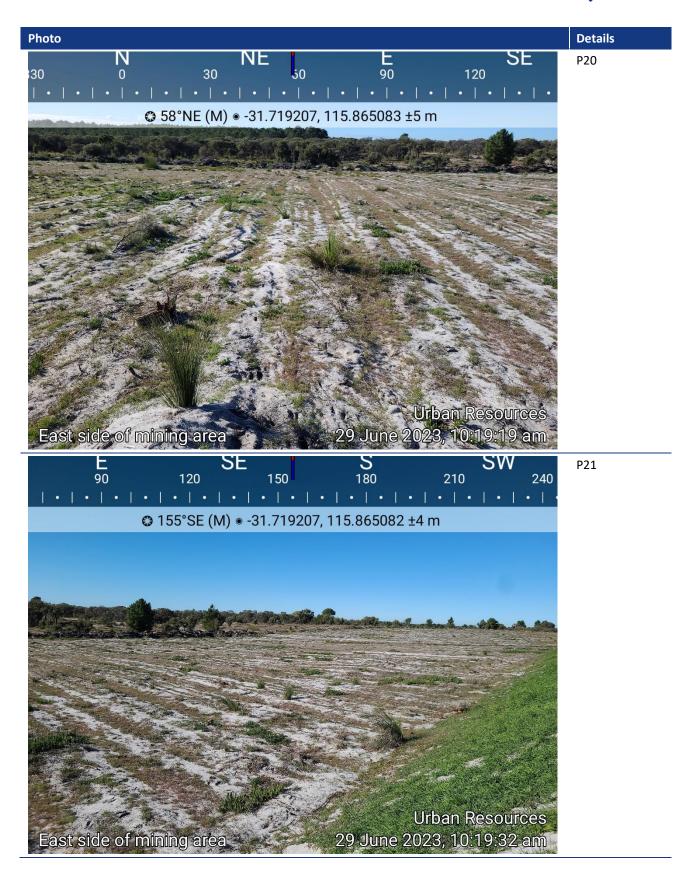




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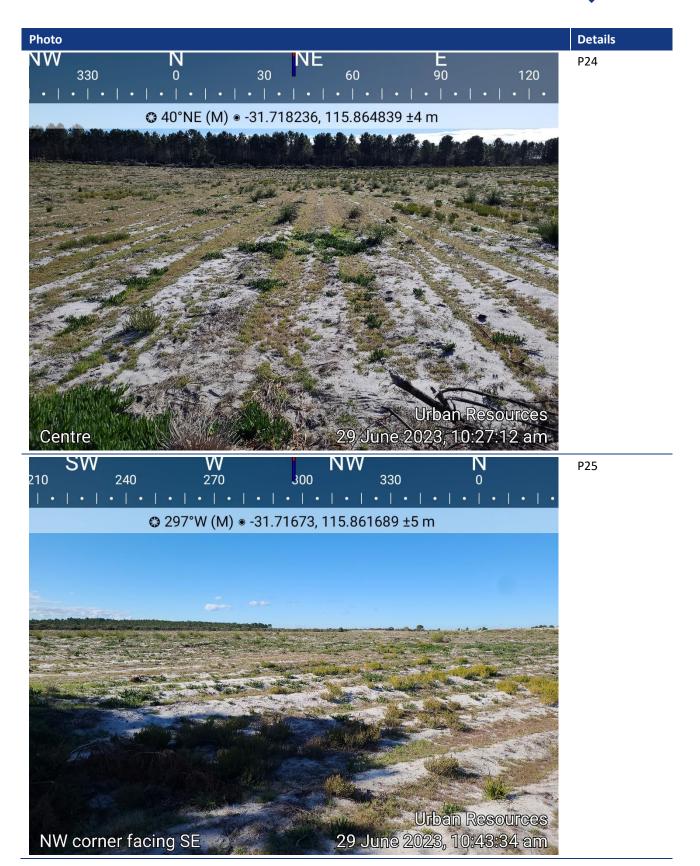




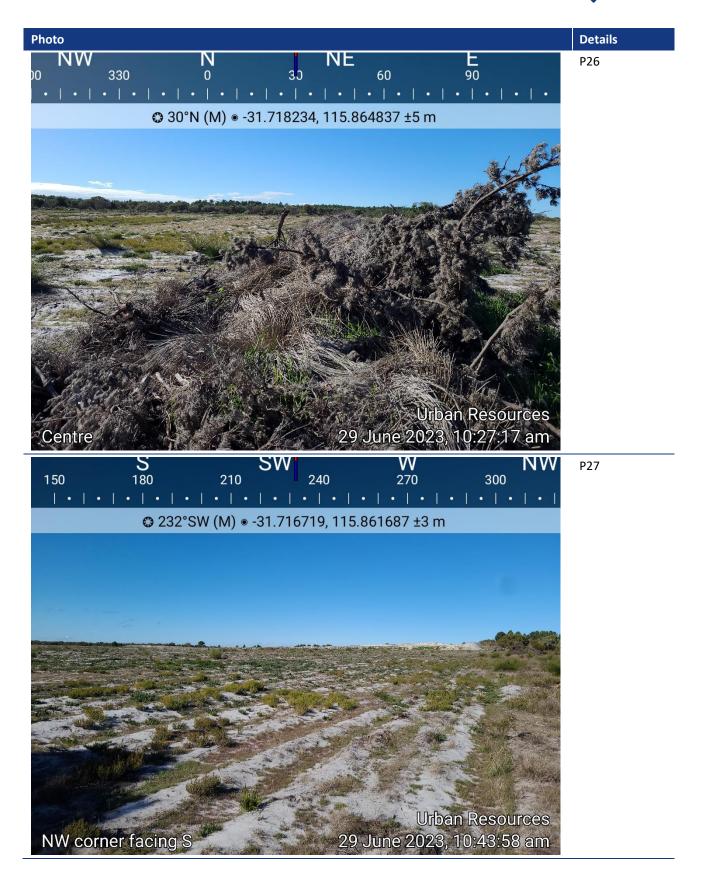


















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