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Executive Summary

Tronox Holdings plc (Tronox) is proposing to clear remnant vegetation within two small areas (approximately 40 m x 40 m each) ('the Survey Area') within the Munbinea Road reserve adjacent to two entrance points to the Jurien Mine Lease, to improve access to the Jurien Mine Lease. Tronox commissioned Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited (Umwelt) to undertake a flora and vegetation assessment of the Survey Area, to support future clearing permit applications. Umwelt have completed numerous flora and vegetation surveys within the Jurien Mine Lease area, including a recent survey of historical ore stockpiles immediately west of the Survey Area, and surveys of exploration drill lines immediately southwest of the Survey Area.

A reconnaissance and a targeted field survey was undertaken on the 29th of August 2023. The Survey Area was accessed via foot transects, and was sampled via relevés. Notes on vegetation pattern boundaries and distribution were also taken while traversing the Survey Area. Systematic targeted survey for significant flora taxa and vegetation was undertaken as part of this survey over all suitable habitat in the Survey Area.

A total of 63 discrete vascular flora taxa were recorded during this survey, representing 30 families and 53 genera. No significant flora taxa were identified by the survey. A total of six introduced flora taxa were recorded. One vegetation type (VT) was described and mapped within the Survey Area via structural vegetation classification; the majority of the mapped area of this VT was rated as being in Good condition. It is considered that this VT represents the 'Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community' (Endangered – Commonwealth, Priority 3 – WA). This VT satisfies the key diagnostic characteristics of the 'Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community'; most pertinently, it possesses a woodland stratum dominated by *Banksia attenuata, Banksia prionotes* and *Banksia menziesii*.



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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Background

Tronox Holdings plc (Tronox) conducts mining of and exploration for mineral sands in the Swan Coastal Plain and Northern Sandplains regions of Western Australia (WA), including at their Jurien Mine Lease and surrounding exploration tenements, approximately 15 kilometres (km) east of Jurien Bay townsite.

Tronox is proposing to clear remnant vegetation within two small areas (approximately 40 metres (m) x 25 m / 80 m x 25 m) ('the Survey Area') within the Munbinea Road reserve adjacent to two entrance points to the Jurien Mine Lease, to improve access to the Jurien Mine Lease ('the Project'). Tronox commissioned Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited (Umwelt) (previously Woodman Environmental Consulting Pty Limited (Woodman Environmental)) to undertake a flora and vegetation assessment of the Survey Area, to support future clearing permit applications. Umwelt have completed numerous flora and vegetation surveys within the Jurien Mine Lease area, including a recent survey of historical ore stockpiles immediately west of the Survey Area, and surveys of exploration drill lines immediately south-west of the Survey Area (Umwelt, 2021).

The above works are undertaken in line with the Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) *Environmental Factor Guideline – Flora and Vegetation* (EPA, 2016a), and the EPA's *Technical Guide – Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment* (EPA, 2016b), with specific regard to the Targeted Survey guidance.

1.2 Survey Area

For the purposes of the flora and vegetation survey, a Survey Area has been defined, as shown in **Figure 1.1.** The Survey Area consists of two small areas (as per **Section 1.1**) located in the Munbinea Road Reserve adjacent to a previously cleared paddock area where the Jurien Mine Lease is located. The Survey Area is approximately 0.16 hectares (ha) in size, and consists primarily of remnant vegetation.

A Desktop Study Area has been defined for interrogation of databases and searches for relevant literature. The Desktop Study Area includes the Survey Area with a 10 km buffer, as shown in **Figure 1.1**.

1.3 Aims and Objectives

The primary aim of this assessment was to characterise the flora and vegetation values of the Survey Area, and provide Tronox with relevant and defendable data and documentation to support the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the Project.

The overall objectives of the assessment were to:

- Search for and census populations of the following taxa (hereafter referred to as significant flora taxa) identified as occurring or potentially occurring within the Survey Area:
 - Listed Threatened Species (T) under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).



- Threatened Flora (T) listed under the WA *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act).
- Priority Flora taxa (P) as classified by the WA Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).
- Other significant flora taxa as defined by the EPA (2016a, 2016b).
- Identify locations and determine the extent of introduced vascular flora taxa in the Survey Area, with particular focus on those that are Weeds of National Significance (WoNS), or Declared Pests under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* (BAM Act).
- Identify, map and describe Vegetation Types (VTs) that occur within the Survey Area.
- Identify, map and describe vegetation that occurs within the Survey Area that is one of the following (hereafter referred to as significant vegetation), to provide context for impact assessment:
 - Threatened Ecological Communities (TECs) listed under the EPBC Act and/or BC Act.
 - Priority Ecological Communities (PECs) classified by DBCA.
 - Other significant vegetation as defined by EPA (2016a, 2016b).
- Map the condition of the vegetation in accordance with EPA (2016a).

Note that this assessment does not attempt to record a full census of vascular flora taxa that occur in the Survey Area.

1.4 Level of Assessment and Compliance

The flora and vegetation survey of the Survey Area involved a reconnaissance and targeted survey as defined in Sections 4.1 and 4.2 of the '*Technical Guidance for Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment*' (EPA 2016a). This level of survey is considered appropriate for the Project, based on the location of the Survey Area (located within the Swan Coastal Plain Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia (IBRA) region, which is known to support a high diversity of flora and vegetation relative to other areas of the state, including significant flora taxa and vegetation types (EPA 2016a)), as well as the level of previous survey effort undertaken within the area.

The survey and reporting works comply with the following documents:

- Technical Guidance Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment (EPA 2016a).
- Environmental Factor Guideline Flora and Vegetation (EPA 2016b).

Considering the location of the Survey Area and known significant environmental values in the general vicinity of the Survey Area, several other guidance documents were considered in the context of the flora and vegetation survey, particularly in the context of the EPBC Act:

- Draft Survey Guidelines for Australia's Threatened Orchids (DAWE, 2013).
- Approved Conservation Advice (incorporating listing advice) for the Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community (DoEE, 2016).
- Methods for survey and identification of Western Australian Threatened Ecological Communities (DBCA, 2023c).

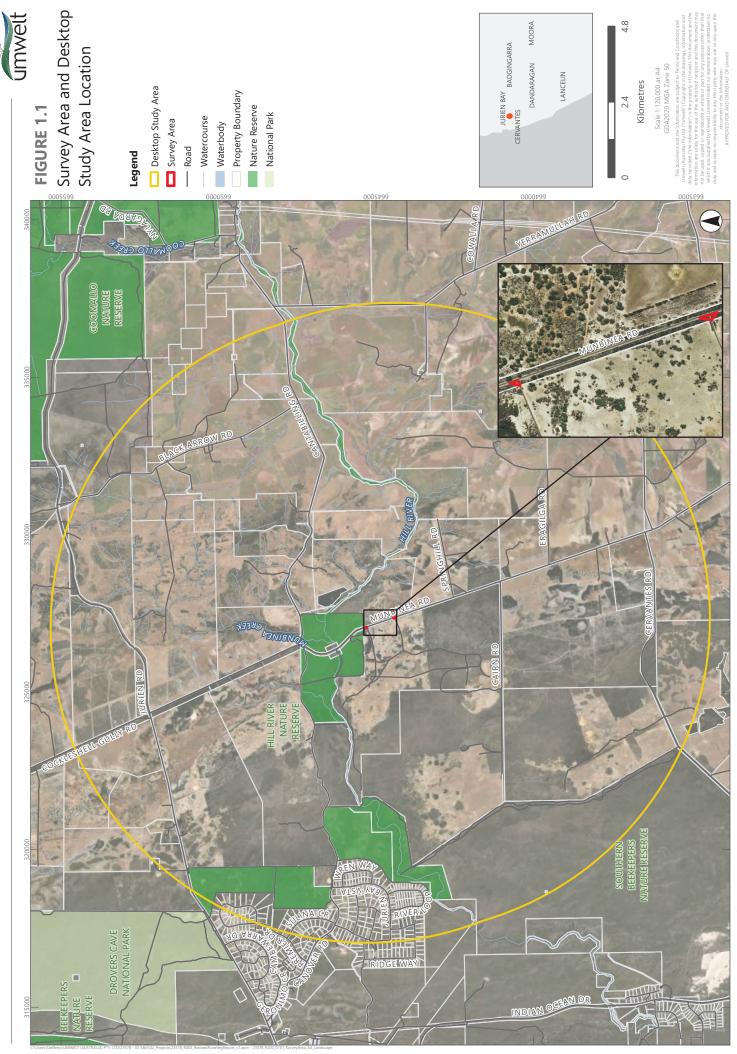


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2.0 Background

2.1 Climate

The Desktop Study Area is located within the Swan Coastal Plain IBRA region, specifically within the SWA02 Perth IBRA subregion (DAWE, 2021). The SWA02 subregion is of a Warm Mediterranean climate, experiencing an annual average rainfall of 600 to 1000 millimetres (mm) (Mitchell et al., 2002), with predominantly winter precipitation.

Figure 2.1 displays monthly precipitation and monthly maximum temperature for the months of 2023 preceding the survey, and long-term mean precipitation and maximum temperature, for Jurien Bay (Station number 009131). This station is considered the most relevant meteorological station recording such data to the Survey Area. It should be noted that some daily temperature observations in 2023 were not recorded, and much of the rainfall and temperature data from recent years (including 2023) has not been quality controlled, and therefore use of the data should be exercised with caution (BoM, 2023).

The highest long-term average maximum temperature for Jurien Bay typically occurs in February (approximately 31°C), and the lowest long-term average minimum temperature is experienced in July (20°C) (**Figure 2.1**). For the months of 2023 preceding this survey (January – August), precipitation received at Jurien Bay was well below the long-term average (294 mm compared to the long term average of approximately 440 mm), including across the 'wet' months of May – August (268 mm compared to the long-term average of 372 mm). The month of August was particularly dry, with approximately half of the long-term average precipitation received. Average monthly temperatures for 2023 were generally comparable to long-term averages, although August was well above the long-term average (BoM, 2023).

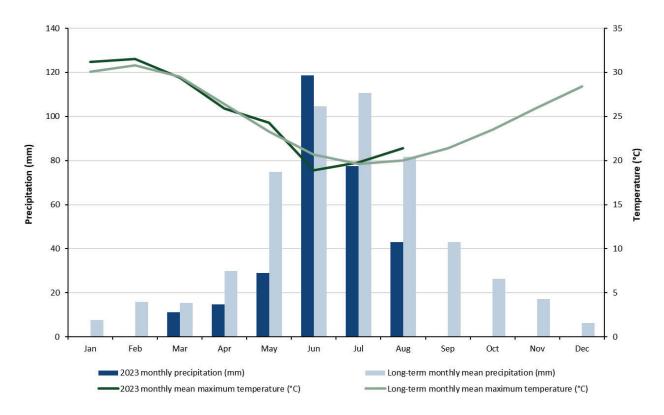


Figure 2.1 Monthly Mean Climate Statistics for the Jurien Bay Weather Station (BoM, 2023)



2.2 Soils and Landscapes

Soil landscape mapping has been prepared across South-West WA as a compilation of the results of a variety of soil and soil-landscape surveys, considering general ecological information, vegetation physiognomy and composition, patterns of variation, conservation status, gradational association, and land system representation. Soil landscape mapping information for the Survey Area originates from the North Coastal Plain land resources survey (Schoknecht et al., 2004).

The Survey Area occurs over two soil landscape systems. The northern section of the Survey Area is within the Bassendean System (specifically the Bassendean 2 Subsystem), which consists of dunes and sandplains with pale deep non-calcareous sands, and semi-wet and wet soils in low-lying wet areas. Ironstone is also occasionally present. The southern section of the Survey Area is located within the Yerramullah System (specifically the Yerramullah 4 Subsystem), which is characterised by the presence of a subdued dissected lateritic plateau, with undulating low hills and rises on lateritised weathered sandstone. Soils are pale deep sands, sandy gravels (sometimes shallow gravels over duricrust), and yellow deep sands (DPIRD, 2022a).

2.3 Land Tenure

The Survey Area is located within Shire Road Reserve (Munbinea Road, Shire of Dandaragan). The vegetation within the Munbinea Road Reserve connects to Hill River Nature Reserve just north of the Survey Area (**Figure 1.1**).



3.0 Methods

3.1 Desktop Assessment

For the purposes of conducting the desktop review, database searches were undertaken to include the Survey Area with a buffer of approximately 10 km. Data sources relating to ecological values of the areas included:

- DBCA Threatened and Priority Ecological Community database (DBCA, 2023a).
- DBCA Significant Flora Databases (WA Herbarium specimen database and Threatened and Priority Flora (TPFL) database) (DBCA, 2023b).
- Department of Climate Change, Energy and Environment and Water (DCCEEW) Species Profile and Threats (SPRAT) database, interrogated using the Protected Matters Search Tool, for matters of national environmental significance (MNES) (DCCEEW, 2023).
- Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments (IBSA) database search for flora and vegetation survey reports relevant to the Desktop Study Area.
- Tronox Iluka Resources Ltd significant flora database, a jointly managed database containing significant flora records, covering a large portion of the northern Sandplains region and Northern Swan Coastal Plain sub-region (current to 16 June 2021) (Iluka, 2021).

A number of previous flora and vegetation surveys have been undertaken within the Desktop Study Area on behalf of Tronox (Umwelt, 2021, 2023; Woodman Environmental, 2006, 2009b, 2009a, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021). The associated reports were reviewed as part of the Desktop Assessment. As noted above, an IBSA database search was additionally undertaken to identify external reports relevant to the Desktop Study Area.

3.2 Personnel and Licensing

Table 3.1 lists the personnel involved in the flora and vegetation survey. The Project Manager has extensive previous experience (> 10 years) in conducting similar flora surveys in the Swan Coastal Plain and Northern Sandplains regions, including within the Tronox Jurien tenements. All plant material was collected under the Flora Taking (Biological Assessment) licences and Authorisation to Take or Disturb Threatened Species pursuant to the BC Act sections 40, 274 and 275, as listed in **Table 3.1**.

Personnel	Flora Collecting Permit (BC Act)	Role
David Coultas	FB62000051-2	Project Manager
Bsc (Environmental Biology) (Hons)	TFL 131-2122	Field Survey Plant Identifications
Tom Jones	FB62000537	Field Survey
Bsc (Botany and Zoology)		

Table 3.1	Personnel a	nd Licensing	Information
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3.3 Field Survey Methods

3.3.1 Survey Timing

The field survey was undertaken on the 29th of August 2023. The timing of the survey was considered to be an appropriate time for the Survey Area (particularly given the climatic conditions experienced prior to the survey being conducted (see **Section 2.1**)), as most taxa of the region flower at this time. This includes the majority of significant taxa which require flowering material for identification that are likely to occur in the Survey Area (**Section 5.1.4**). The timing of the field survey is considered to align with the recommended timing for primary flora and vegetation surveys in the South-West botanical province as per Table 3 of the *Technical Guidance – Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment* (EPA, 2016b), given the climatic conditions experienced prior to the survey being conducted.

3.3.2 Sample Sites

The Survey Area was accessed via foot transects. One relevé was surveyed in the Survey Area; this relevé surveyed an area within a radius of approximately 10 m around a central point. The following information was recorded at the relevé:

- Personnel.
- Date.
- GPS (Global Positioning System) coordinates at centre of relevé.
- Site photograph.
- Topography.
- Soil colour and type (including the presence of any rock outcropping and surface stones).
- Vegetation condition (as per EPA Technical Guidance (2016b) for the South West and Interzone Botanical Provinces; scale presented in **Section 3.6**).
- Approximate time since fire.
- Percentage foliage cover and average height for the majority of vascular plant taxa.

Sampling locations, as well as all traverses in the Survey Area (track logs), are presented in Figure 3.1.

3.3.3 Vegetation and Flora Notes

Notes on vegetation pattern boundaries and distribution were also taken while traversing the Survey Area. These notes included a GPS location at the point where the notes were taken and a brief description of the vegetation, including dominant and characteristic taxa, and vegetation condition. The notes were used to aid in describing and mapping vegetation in areas that were not sampled via relevés. Additional flora taxa (significant, opportunistic and introduced taxa) were also recorded opportunistically in the Survey Area whilst conducting vegetation mapping notes and traversing between note and relevé locations.



It should be noted that some vegetation mapping notes were taken outside the Survey Area, as shown in **Figure 3.1**. These were taken specifically to provide context for the definition and mapping of significant vegetation in the Survey Area, as discussed in **Section 5.2.7**.

3.3.4 Targeted Survey of Significant Flora and Vegetation

Systematic targeted survey for significant flora taxa and vegetation was undertaken as part of this survey over all suitable habitat in the Survey Area. All taxa and communities identified by the desktop assessment as potentially occurring within the Survey Area were considered to be detectable and identifiable during the survey, and therefore all such taxa and vegetation were targeted (Section 5.1.4). Information relating to identifying characteristics, flowering period and habitat of these taxa, and relating to dominant taxa, soil and landform characteristics for significant vegetation, was provided to all field team members prior to undertaking targeted survey. All suitable habitat for significant flora taxa within the Survey Area was transected on foot, in a grid pattern at maximum 10 m intervals. If populations of known significant flora taxa were identified, a representative collection of material was made, and the abundance and spatial distribution of individuals within each population was recorded using a standard handheld GPS. Targeted survey transects (as track logs) are presented in **Figure 3.1**.



Survey Track Logs and Relevé and Vegetation Mapping Note Locations FIGURE 3.1

Legend

- Survey Area
 Road
- Watercourse
- Property Boundary Nature Reserve
 - Track Log
 - Relevé
- Vegetation Mapping Note







3.3.5 Introduced Flora

Locations of introduced flora taxa were recorded opportunistically whilst conducting vegetation mapping notes and relevés. Attention to the presence of introduced flora taxa was also paid while conducting targeted searching for significant flora and vegetation. Records were made with particular emphasis given to WoNS and Declared Pests.

3.4 Plant Collection and Identification

Specimens of any unknown taxa encountered during the field survey were collected and pressed for later identification, as per Western Australian Herbarium guidelines (WA Herbarium, 2020). Plant identifications were undertaken by a Principal Botanist with extensive previous experience (> 10 years) in plant identifications for flora of the Swan Coastal Plain (Section 3.2). The identification of all taxa (including significant taxa) used the most up to date information available (including taxonomic keys published in books, journals and online, comparison with herbarium specimens, and consultation with taxonomic experts). External experts of particular families or genera were consulted for any specimens considered to be difficult to identify or of taxonomic interest, including botanists at the WA Herbarium.

Taxon nomenclature generally follows FloraBase (WA Herbarium, 1998-) with all names checked against the current DBCA Max database to ensure their validity. However, in cases where names of plant taxa have been published recently in scientific literature but have not yet been adopted on FloraBase due to time constraints, nomenclature in the published literature is followed. The conservation status of each taxon was checked against FloraBase, which provides the most up-to-date information regarding the conservation status of flora taxa in WA.

As per Section 7.2 of EPA (2016b), specimens of interest, including significant flora taxa, taxa representing range extensions, potential new taxa, and key species in new occurrences of TECs and PECs will be sent to the WA Herbarium for consideration for vouchering as soon as practicable. However, this process is via donation, and the WA Herbarium may not voucher all specimens, in accordance with its own requirements. The specimen vouchering will be supported by completed Threatened and Priority Flora Report Forms (TPFRFs) submitted to DBCA (Species and Communities Branch) in the case of listed significant flora (i.e. Threatened and Priority flora taxa).

3.5 Vegetation Definition, Mapping and Description

Vegetation in the Survey Area was mapped and described using structural vegetation classification as described in Section 8.1 of the EPA Technical Guidance (EPA, 2016b). Vegetation community descriptions have been adapted from the National Vegetation Information System (NVIS) Australian Vegetation Attribute Manual Version 6.0 (Executive Steering Committee for Australian Vegetation Information (ESCAVI), 2003), as stipulated by (EPA, 2016b). This model follows nationally agreed guidelines to describe and represent vegetation types, so that comparable and consistent data are produced nation-wide.

It should be noted that this report describes VTs at the NVIS Sub-Association level, rather than the Association level as recommended by EPA (2016b) for vegetation described at this scale. The Sub-Association level is considered more appropriate for the vegetation of the Survey Area, as often the vegetation possessed one or more additional strata to the traditional three-stratum classification system used at the Association level.



Relevé data was used in conjunction with aerial photograph interpretation and field notes taken during the survey to develop VT polygon boundaries. These polygon boundaries were then digitised using Geographic Information System (GIS) software.

3.6 Vegetation Condition Mapping

Vegetation condition within the Survey Area was described using the vegetation condition scale presented in EPA (2016b) for the South West and Interzone Botanical Provinces, as presented in **Table 3.2**. Notes on vegetation condition were taken during the field survey during foot traverses undertaken within the Survey Area. Vegetation condition category polygon boundaries were developed using this information in conjunction with introduced flora taxa location data, and were digitised using GIS software as for vegetation mapping polygon boundaries.

Table 3.2Vegetation Condition Scale for the South-West and Interzone Botanical Provinces (EPA,2016b)

Condition Rating	Description
Pristine	Pristine or nearly so, no obvious signs of disturbance or damage caused by human activities since European settlement.
Excellent	Vegetation structure intact, disturbance affecting individual species and weeds are non- aggressive species. Damage to trees caused by fire, the presence of non-aggressive weeds and occasional vehicle tracks.
Very Good	Vegetation structure altered, obvious signs of disturbance. Disturbance to vegetation structure caused by repeated fires, the presence of some more aggressive weeds, dieback, logging and grazing.
Good	Vegetation structure significantly altered by very obvious signs of multiple disturbances. Retains basic vegetation structure or ability to regenerate it. Disturbance to vegetation structure caused by very frequent fires, the presence of very aggressive weeds, partial clearing, dieback and grazing.
Degraded	Basic vegetation structure severely impacted by disturbance. Scope for regeneration but not to a state approaching good condition without intensive management. Disturbance to vegetation structure caused by very frequent fires, the presence of very aggressive weeds at high density, partial clearing, dieback and grazing.
Completely Degraded	The structure of the vegetation is no longer intact and the area is completely or 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.

3.7 Significant Flora and Vegetation

3.7.1 Significant Flora

As per (EPA, 2016a), flora taxa may be significant for a range of reasons, including, but not limited to the following:

• Identified as a Threatened or Priority species (formally listed significant taxa – includes taxa listed under both State and Commonwealth legislation and classified as Priority by DBCA).



- Locally endemic or associated with a restricted habitat type (e.g. surface water or groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs)).
- A new species or having anomalous features that indicate a potential new species.
- Representative of the range of a species (particularly at the extremes of range, recently discovered range extensions, or isolated outliers of the main range).
- An unusual species, including restricted subspecies, varieties or naturally occurring hybrids.
- Having a relictual status, being representative of taxonomic groups that no longer occur widely in the broader landscape.

Significant flora taxa recorded within the Survey Area are outlined in **Section 5.2.2**, with reference to the above categories. Point locations, individuals and populations of significant flora known from the Survey Area are also presented in this section. Note that a population in the context of this survey is defined as a discrete group of individuals of a taxon separated by more than 500 m from the nearest discrete group of individuals (DBCA, 2017); however, this definition can only be tentatively applied if the intervening 500 m has not been surveyed. Conservation codes for Western Australian flora are presented on the DBCA Threatened species and communities website (DBCA, 2020).

3.7.2 Significant Vegetation

As per (EPA, 2016a), vegetation may be significant for a range of reasons, including, but not limited to the following:

- Being identified as a TEC or PEC (formally listed significant vegetation includes vegetation listed under Commonwealth or State legislation, or classified as a PEC by DBCA).
- Having restricted distribution.
- Having a degree of historical impact from threatening processes.
- Playing a role as a refuge.
- Providing an important function required to maintain ecological integrity of a significant ecosystem.

The vegetation of the Survey Area was manually compared to TEC/PEC descriptions to determine whether any vegetation may represent a TEC or PEC; specifically, comparisons of dominant taxa, soils, topography and geographical distribution of VTs were made to those of any relevant TEC or PEC. A similar process was followed for TECs listed under the EPBC Act, with comparisons made to the appropriate listing and conservation advice for any TECs likely to occur in the Survey Area.

The remaining significant vegetation criteria other than "being identified as a TEC and PEC" were applied to VTs mapped in the Survey Area to determine whether a VT was significant in a local or regional context. However, in a regional context, limited information is available for comparison with VTs in the Survey Area. Significant vegetation is discussed further in **Section 5.2.7.** Definitions, categories and criteria for TECs and PECs in WA are presented on the DBCA Threatened species and communities website (DBCA, 2013).



4.0 Limitations

Table 4.1 presents an assessment of potential limitations of the flora and vegetation survey of the Survey Area in accordance with (EPA, 2016b).

Limitation	Limitation of Survey	Comment
Effort and Extent	No	A reconnaissance and targeted survey was undertaken in late August 2023, within what was considered to be the peak flowering season in the Swan Coastal Plain bioregion in 2023. It is considered that the survey being conducted in the peak flowering season only is appropriate, as it is likely that most taxa that flower outside the peak flowering season were identifiable during the survey. Relevés were established in each vegetation pattern identified in the Survey Area. Mapping of vegetation boundaries was undertaken using a combination of aerial photography and information collected during traverses between relevés.
		Targeted survey for significant flora taxa and significant vegetation identified as part of the desktop assessment was conducted over all suitable habitat within the Survey Area.
		No constraints prevented appropriate sampling techniques (relevé establishment, foot transects) being employed. Most areas were relatively easy to access; data reliability is therefore considered to be relatively high.
Competency/experience of the team carrying out the survey	No	The project, field and identifications manager has extensive experience (> 10 years) in conducting flora and vegetation surveys and plant identifications within the Swan Coastal Plain bioregion, and provided mentoring and oversight of less experienced personnel. Information relating to identifying characteristics, flowering period and habitat of significant flora taxa identified by the desktop assessment as potentially occurring in the Survey Area was provided to all field team members prior to undertaking the field survey, and all field personnel observed in situ locations of significant flora taxa known to occur in the Survey Area prior to surveys commencing. Relevant taxonomic experts at the WA Herbarium were consulted for identifications if required.
Proportion of flora identified, recorded and/or collected	No	The reconnaissance survey was not intended to provide a full census of the flora of the Survey Area. All dominant vascular groups that were present in the Survey Area were sampled. A high proportion of perennial vascular taxa were recorded based on the intensity and method of survey, and almost all could be positively identified. A high proportion of annual vascular taxa were recorded based on the timing, intensity and method of survey. Unknown vascular taxa were collected, with specimens identified at the WA Herbarium.

Table 4.1Limitations of the Flora and Vegetation Survey



Limitation	Limitation of Survey	Comment
Sources of information e.g. previously available information (whether historic or recent) as distinct from new data	No	Reasonable contextual information on the Survey Area was available from various sources, including reports from previous surveys conducted in close proximity to the Survey Area (Umwelt, 2021, 2023; Woodman Environmental, 2006, 2009b, 2009a, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021). Other sources of information used included government databases (e.g. DBCA, DCCEEW), and general sources pertaining to the climate, flora and vegetation of the region.
Timing/weather/ season/ cycle	No	A reconnaissance and targeted survey was undertaken in late August 2023, within what was considered to be the peak flowering season in the Swan Coastal Plain bioregion in 2023. The 2023 peak flowering period appeared to be reasonable, although below-average rainfall received from May–August may have affected the abundance of annual taxa. The timing of the field survey allowed for the positive identification of all significant taxa considered likely to occur in the Survey Area.
Disturbances (e.g. fire, flood, accidental human intervention etc.), which affected results of survey	No	There was evidence of some impact to vegetation composition and structure in parts of the Survey Area as a result of human activities, including clearing and invasion by introduced (weed) taxa. However, these disturbances are not considered to have affected the results of the survey, with the remnant vegetation able to be compared to known vegetation types, including formally described significant vegetation.
Remoteness and/or access problems	No	There were no impediments to foot access of the entire Survey Area.



5.0 Results and Discussion

5.1 Desktop Assessment

5.1.1 Regional Vegetation

As previously mentioned, the Survey Area is located within the Swan Coastal Plain IBRA region, specifically within the SWA02 Perth IBRA subregion (DAWE, 2021). The vegetation of the SWA02 Perth IBRA subregion is dominated by Banksia or Tuart on sandy soils, paperbark (*Melaleuca* spp.) in swampy areas, and *Casuarina obesa* on outwash plains (Mitchell et al., 2002).

The vegetation of WA as it was presumed to have existed prior to European settlement has been mapped at a scale of 1:250,000 as vegetation system associations (VSAs), with the Pre-European Vegetation spatial database created (Beard et al., 2013; DPIRD, 2019). The Survey Area intersects one vegetation system association, as summarised in **Table 5.1** and presented in **Figure 5.1**. **Table 5.1** also presents the current extent of each VSA in relation to its pre-European extent within the SWA02 Perth IBRA subregion, and the percentage of the current extent of each VSA currently protected for conservation (as a proportion of the current extent) within the SWA02 Perth IBRA subregion (DBCA, 2019). Note that as per DBCA (2019), protected areas in this context are considered to be any areas within International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) categories I to IV.

The VSA present in the Survey Area has almost 70 % of its pre-European extent remaining in the subregion, with the proportion of its current extent protected for conservation being approximately 10 % (**Table 5.1**).

 Table 5.1
 Vegetation System Associations Occurring in the Survey Area

Vegetation System Association [^]	Description*	Current Extent (ha)*	Percentage of Pre- European Extent Remaining*	Percentage of Current Extent Protected for Conservation*
Bassendean_1030	Low woodland; Banksia attenuata and Banksia menziesii	80,190.7	69.1 %	9.6 %

^ Source: Pre-European Vegetation spatial dataset (DPIRD-006)(DPIRD, 2019).

* Source: 2018 DBCA Statewide Vegetation Statistics report (DBCA, 2019).



FIGURE 5.1 Vegetation System Associations of the Survey Area Legend



Survey Area --- Road

Property Boundary

Vegetation System Association
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5.1.2 Local Flora and Vegetation Surveys

Umwelt (including as Woodman Environmental) has previously undertaken numerous flora and vegetation surveys within the Desktop Study Area (Umwelt, 2021, 2023; Woodman Environmental, 2006, 2009b, 2009a, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021), primarily for proposed exploration drill lines. Collectively, these surveys have recorded seven significant flora taxa (see **Section 5.1.4**). These surveys have also recorded two significant vegetation types, being the 'Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community' (Endangered – Commonwealth, P3 PEC – WA), and vegetation on potential ferricrete (ironstone) ridges (not formally listed – discussed in survey reports only). The latter vegetation type is currently considered to be significant as a precaution; ferricrete substrates in other areas of the Swan Coastal Plain bioregion host plant assemblages that are significant in a conservation context, with several ferricrete soil associations in the south-west of WA listed as TECs, at both state and federal level.

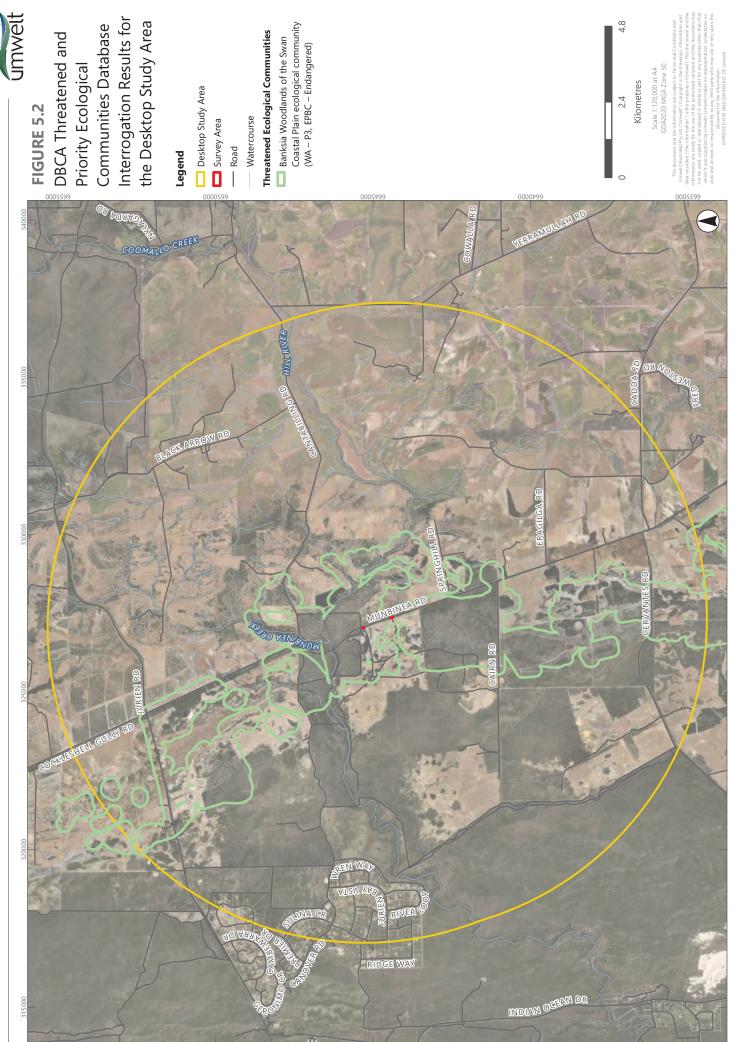
The IBSA database search for relevant flora and vegetation survey reports returned only one search result, from Ecology and Heritage Partners (2017). The Study Area for this survey included a 21,661 ha area located within the Badgingarra Wind Farm site. No significant vegetation or taxa were recorded by this survey (Ecology and Heritage Partners, 2017).

5.1.3 Significant Vegetation

The DBCA Threatened and Priority Ecological Communities Database search returned occurrences (in the form of buffer polygons) of one significant vegetation type within the Desktop Study Area and Survey Area, being the 'Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community'. These occurrences are presented in **Figure 5.2.** It should be noted that the buffer polygons provided by the search represent polygons that were created by DBCA by overlaying broad-scale vegetation mapping over remnant vegetation polygons. Ground-truthing has not been undertaken to confirm occurrences in this dataset in most cases, and they are therefore considered to be indicative only, with on-ground assessment required to determine the actual extent of the TEC (if present at all).

The search of DCCEEW's SPRAT Database (DCCEEW, 2023) returned two TECs that are 'likely to occur' within the Desktop Study Area, being the 'Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community' and the 'Tuart (*Eucalyptus gomphocephala*) Woodlands and Forests of the Swan Coastal Plain' TEC (Critically Endangered). Results of this search are presented in **Appendix A**.

As noted in **Section 5.1.2**, the 'Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community' has been confirmed as occurring within the Desktop Study Area during previous surveys for Tronox. Additionally, one further vegetation community considered to represent significant vegetation (although not formally listed), being vegetation on potential ferricrete (ironstone) ridges, has also been recorded in the Desktop Study Area.





5.1.4 Significant Flora Taxa

The search of DBCA's significant flora databases returned records of 39 significant flora taxa that have records within the Desktop Study Area (DBCA, 2023b), as listed in **Table 5.2**. This includes six Threatened and 33 Priority taxa.

The search of DCCEEW'S SPRAT Database (DCCEEW, 2023) returned 21 Threatened taxa (or habitat for such taxa) that either 'may', are 'known', or are 'likely' to occur within the Desktop Study Area, as listed in **Table 5.2**. The full results of this search are presented in **Appendix A**.

As noted in **Section 5.1.2**, seven significant flora taxa (all Priority taxa) have been recorded in the Desktop Study Area during previous surveys for Tronox, as listed in **Table 5.2**. These are *Banksia dallanneyi* subsp. *pollosta* (P3), *Hensmania stoniella* (P3), *Isopogon panduratus* subsp. *palustris* (P3), *Persoonia rudis* (P3), *Platysace ramosissima* (P3), *Poranthera asybosca* (P1) and *Schoenus griffinianus* (P4) (Umwelt, 2023; Woodman Environmental, 2006, 2009b, 2009a, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021).

A summary of significant flora taxa known to occur, or potentially occurring, within the Desktop Study Area is presented in **Table 5.2**. This list has been compiled from the results of the desktop searches (including DBCA and DCCEEW databases), the Tronox – Iluka Resources Ltd significant flora database, and previous survey reports (outlined in **Section 5.1.2**). A total of 58 significant flora taxa are known to occur within the vicinity (approximately 10 km) of the Survey Area, including 21 Threatened taxa (listed under the EPBC Act and/or BC Act) and 37 DBCA-classified Priority taxa. The locations of these taxa (where available) are presented in **Figure 5.3**. No records of significant flora taxa were identified within the Survey Area itself.

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Taxon	Status (WA)	Habitat (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Flowering Period (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Source
Acacia forrestiana	Т	Lateritic gravelly soils, clay loam over sandstone. Gullies, hills, breakaways.	November – December	DCCEEW
Acacia plicata	Р3	Gravelly soils with <i>Eucalyptus wandoo</i> .	August – October	DBCA
Acacia retrorsa	P2	Grey or brown sand and sandy loam with lateritic gravel in gullies or on slopes.	August – September	DBCA
Andersonia gracilis	т	White/grey sand, sandy clay, gravelly loam. Winter-wet areas, near swamps.	August – November	DCCEEW
<i>Andersonia</i> sp. Mysosma (E.A. Griffin 2213)	Ρ2	Grey sand on hills, breakaways and slopes with laterite.	September – November	DBCA
Anigozanthos viridis subsp. terraspectans	Т	Grey sand, clay loam. Winter-wet depressions.	August – September	DCCEEW
Banksia dallanneyi subsp. pollosta	Р3	Grey/yellow sand. Flats, lateritic rises.	August – September	Tronox

Table 5.2	Significant Flora Known or Potentially Occurring within the Desktop Study Area
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Taxon	Status (WA)	Habitat (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Flowering Period (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Source
Banksia fraseri var. crebra	Ρ3	Grey or brown lateritic sandy clay on lateritic sandplains and low lateritic hills.	July – August	DBCA
Banksia mimica	Т	White or grey sand over laterite, sandy loam.	September – January	DCCEEW
Caladenia hoffmanii	Т	Clay, loam, laterite, granite. Rocky outcrops and hillsides, ridges, swamps and gullies.	August – October	DCCEEW
Drakaea elastica	Т	Grey sand on margins of winter- wet areas	October-November (leaves visible May – August)	DCCEEW
Dampiera tephrea	Р3	Variable, often near rivers or on limestone, occasionally laterite.	August – October	DBCA
Drosera allantostigma	P1	Sand or loam in low heath or along margins of winter-wet areas.	November – December	DBCA
Drosera rubricalyx	P2	Winter-wet sandy clay on slopes	August – September	DBCA
Eucalyptus angularis	P2	Slopes and breakaways of lateritic hills.	Unknown	DBCA
Eucalyptus argutifolia	Т	Coastal limestone		DCCEEW
Eucalyptus foecunda subsp. foecunda	Ρ4	White sand on dunes over limestone or limestone hills/ridges.	February – March, July	DBCA
Eucalyptus johnsoniana	т	White/grey sand with lateritic gravel. Sandplains, lateritic breakaways.	July – May	DCCEEW
Eucalyptus leprophloia	Т	White or grey sand over laterite on valley slopes.	July – November	DBCA DCCEEW
Eucalyptus pendens	P4	Sand over laterite on hilltops and breakaways.	August – November	DBCA
Eucalyptus pruiniramis	Т	Skeletal soils over sandstone or laterite. Rocky hillslopes.	December – February	DCCEEW
Eucalyptus suberea	Т	White, grey or brown shallow sand over laterite on or near lateritic breakaways.	November – March	DBCA DCCEEW
Eucalyptus x balanites	Т	White sand over laterite	October - February	DCCEEW
Eucalyptus x lateritica	Т	White or grey sand over laterite on breakaways and mesas.	August – October	DBCA DCCEEW
Grevillea batrachioides	Т	Sandy loam. Sandstone outcrops.	October	DCCEEW



Taxon	Status (WA)	Habitat (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Flowering Period (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Source
Grevillea cooljarloo	P1	Grey or white sand or sandy clay in low flats and winter-wet areas, with nearest record occurring in <i>Eucalyptus</i> wandoo woodland.	June – November	DBCA
Grevillea humifusa	Т	Brown gravelly loam over laterite on slopes.	May, September – November	DBCA DCCEEW
Grevillea rudis	Ρ4	White, grey, yellow or red sand, usually with gravel over laterite on hills.	April – January	DBCA
Grevillea saccata	Ρ4	Sand, usually with gravel and over laterite.	April – November	DBCA
Haemodorum loratum	Р3	Grey or yellow gravelly sand on low plains or slopes.	November	DBCA
Hakea megalosperma	Т	White or grey gravelly sand or loam over laterite on slopes and hilltops.	April – June	DBCA DCCEEW
Hakea neurophylla	P4	Brown or brown gravelly sand or loam on slopes or lateritic hills.	August	DBCA
Hemiandra gardneri	Т	Grey or yellow sand, clayey sand. Sandplains.	August – November	DCCEEW
<i>Hemiandra</i> sp. Watheroo (S. Hancocks 4)	Ρ4	White / grey sand on sandplains and hillslopes often over laterite.	October – November	DBCA
Hensmania stoniella	Р3	White, grey or lateritic sand, often in winter-wet areas.	September – November	DBCA Tronox
lsopogon panduratus subsp. palustris	Р3	Winter-wet heath in sandy soils.	June – August	Tronox
Lepyrodia curvescens	P2	Grey sand or clay on slopes, flats or in winter-wet areas.	September – November	DBCA
Paracaleana dixonii	Т	Non-calcareous sand, often near laterite	Late October - November	DCCEEW
Patersonia spirifolia	Т	Sand over laterite. Low hills.	October – November	DCCEEW
Persoonia rudis	Р3	White, grey or yellow sand, often over laterite.	September – January	Tronox
Phlebocarya pilosissima subsp. pilosissima	Ρ3	White or grey sand with lateritic gravel in upland areas.	August – October	DBCA
Phlebocarya pilosissima subsp. teretifolia	P2	White, grey or brown sand over laterite or limestone in upland areas.	August – October	DBCA
Platysace ramosissima	Р3	Yellow, brown or grey sandy soils on flats or low rises.	October – November	DBCA Tronox
Poranthera asybosca	P1	Grey/white sandy soil.	October	Tronox



Taxon	Status (WA)	Habitat (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Flowering Period (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Source
Schoenus griffinianus	Ρ4	White or grey sand, sometimes associated with laterite, on flats or low plains.	September – October	DBCA Tronox
Stylidium inversiflorum	Ρ4	White or grey sand over laterite on plains or slopes.	September – November	DBCA
Stylidium periscelianthum	Р3	Winter-wet clay soils on flats and slopes of low hills (usually granitic).	September – October	DBCA
Stylidium torticarpum	Ρ3	White, grey or brown sandy clay or clay loam over laterite on plains, slopes or near breakaways.	September – November	DBCA
Styphelia carolineae	P2	White sand over laterite in dense, species-rich heath.	May – July	DBCA
Synaphea endothrix	Р3	Gravelly loam or sand on lateritic rises.	July – October	DBCA
Synaphea Iesueurensis	P2	Grey or brown gravelly sand or loam over laterite on slopes.	August – October	DBCA
Synaphea xela	P2	White or brown gravelly sand or loam over laterite on slopes.	August	DBCA
Tetratheca angulata	Р3	White, grey or brown gravelly sand or loam over laterite on slopes or hilltops.	September – December	DBCA
Tetratheca nephelioides	Т	White-grey sand, yellow-brown clayey sand, gravel, laterite. Outcrops, undulating hills, ridges.	July – January	DCCEEW
Thelymitra stellata	Т	Sand, gravel, lateritic loam.	September – November	DBCA DCCEEW
Thysanotus glaucus	Ρ4	White, grey or yellow sand and sandy gravel on plains or slopes.	October – March	DBCA
Thysanotus vernalis	Р3	Grey or brown sandy loam or sand often over laterite on uplands hillslopes.	September – October	DBCA
Xanthosia tomentosa	Ρ4	White, grey or brown gravelly sand or clayey sand over laterite on plains or slopes.	September – December	DBCA



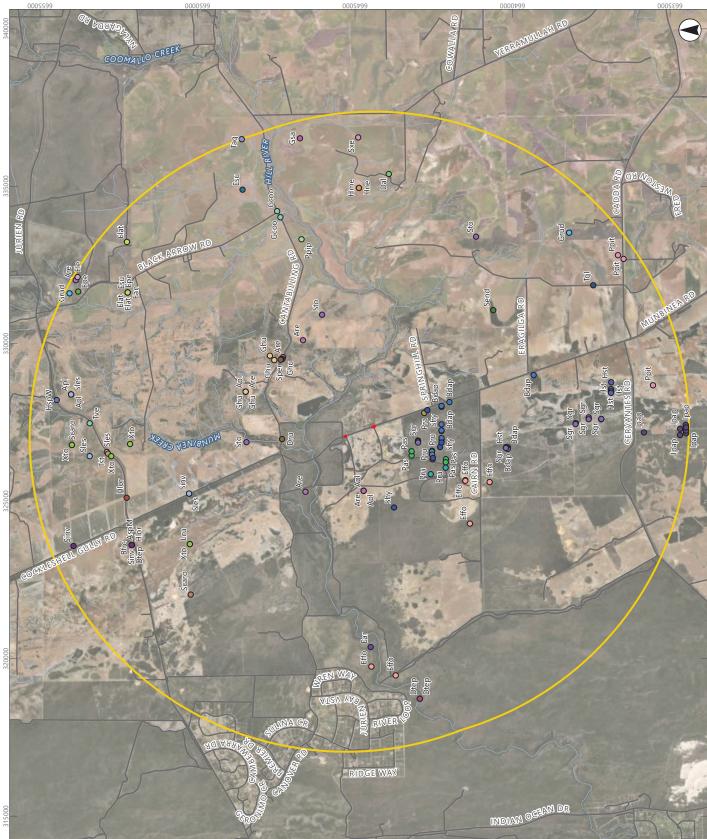
FIGURE 5.3 Significant Flora Records of the Desktop Study Area



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Image Source: ESRI Basemap (2021) | Data Source: Landgate (2023), DBCA (2023), Umwelt (2023), Tronox (2022)



5.2 Field Survey

5.2.1 Vascular Flora Census

A total of 63 discrete vascular flora taxa were recorded during this survey, representing 30 families and 53 genera. The most well-represented families were Proteaceae (10 taxa), Myrtaceae (8 taxa) and Fabaceae (6 taxa). Six of the recorded taxa were introduced. Note that as discussed in **Section 1.3**, this was a reconnaissance assessment and therefore a full census of all vascular flora taxa that occur in the Survey Area was not undertaken.

A full list of taxa recorded in the Survey Area is presented in **Appendix A**, with raw relevé data and parameters presented in **Appendix B**. Vegetation mapping note data are presented in **Appendix C**.

5.2.2 Significant Flora Taxa

No significant flora taxa were identified by the survey.

5.2.3 Likelihood of Occurrence of Further Significant Flora Taxa

A total of 58 listed significant flora taxa were identified as having records or potential habitat within the Desktop Study Area prior to survey (**Section 5.1.4**). None of these taxa were recorded within the Survey Area by the field survey.

Table 5.3 presents an assessment of the likelihood of the taxa occurring in the Survey Area. This assessment considered whether a taxon was identifiable at the time of survey, the known range of the taxon, and proximity of known records to the Survey Area, when determining the potential for a taxon to occur in the Survey Area. Suitable habitat has been determined using details recorded at known locations. However, for many of the taxa known from the general vicinity of the Survey Area, suitable habitat is difficult to define, as available habitat information is often vague or very broad and difficult to interpret; for example an area described as a plain with red-brown clay loam could feasibly occur almost anywhere in WA. Therefore, a precautionary approach has been adopted when assessing whether suitable habitat for a species is present in the Survey Area.

It is considered that 53 taxa in **Table 5.3** were identifiable during the survey, either because the survey periods coincided with the taxon's flowering period, or the taxon can be detected and identified reliably when in fruit or sterile. The five taxa that were not identifiable at the time of the survey are considered unlikely to occur in the Survey Area, as it is considered that there is no suitable habitat for these taxa present in the Survey Area.

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Taxon	Status (WA)	Habitat (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Flowering Period (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Identifiable During Survey	Likelihood of Occurrence in Survey Area
Acacia forrestiana	T	Lateritic gravelly soils, clay loam over sandstone. Gullies, hills, breakaways.	November – December	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Acacia plicata	٤d	Gravelly soils with <i>Eucalyptus</i> <i>wandoo</i> .	August – October	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Acacia retrorsa	P2	Grey or brown sand and sandy loam with lateritic gravel in gullies or on slopes.	August – September	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Andersonia gracilis	T	White/grey sand, sandy clay, gravelly loam. Winter-wet areas, near swamps.	August – November	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
<i>Andersonia</i> sp. Mysosma (E.A. Griffin 2213)	P2	Grey sand on hills, breakaways and slopes with laterite.	September – November	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Anigozanthos viridis subsp. terraspectans	Т	Grey sand, clay loam. Winter- wet depressions.	October – November	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Banksia dallanneyi subsp. pollosta	РЗ	Grey/yellow sand. Flats, lateritic rises.	August – September	Yes	Unlikely – suitable habitat potentially present, however not detected during targeted survey.
Banksia fraseri var. crebra	P3	Grey or brown lateritic sandy clay on lateritic sandplains and low lateritic hills.	July – August	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Banksia mimica	F	White or grey sand over laterite, sandy loam.	September – January	Yes	Unlikely – suitable habitat potentially present, however not detected during targeted survey, and known range much further south (nearest location ca. 100 km south)
Caladenia hoffmanii	F	Clay, loam, laterite, granite. Rocky outcrops and hillsides, ridges, swamps and gullies.	August – October	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area

Likelihood of Occurrence of Further Significant Flora Taxa in the Survey Area Table 5.3

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Taxon	Status (WA)	Habitat (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Flowering Period (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Identifiable During Survey	Likelihood of Occurrence in Survey Area
Drakaea elastica	F	Grey sand on margins of winter- wet areas.	October-November (leaves visible May – August)	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Dampiera tephrea	P3	Variable, often near rivers or on limestone, occasionally laterite.	August – October	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Drosera allantostigma	P1	Sand or loam in low heath or along margins of winter-wet areas.	November – December	0 N	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Drosera rubricalyx	P2	Winter-wet sandy clay on slopes.	August – September	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Eucalyptus angularis	P2	Slopes and breakaways of lateritic hills.	Unknown	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Eucalyptus argutifolia	Т	Coastal limestone	March - April	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Eucalyptus foecunda subsp. foecunda	P4	White sand on dunes over limestone or limestone hills/ridges.	February – March, July	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Eucalyptus johnsoniana	Т	White/grey sand with lateritic gravel. Sandplains, lateritic breakaways.	July – May	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Eucalyptus leprophloia	T	White or grey sand over laterite on valley slopes.	July – November	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Eucalyptus pendens	P4	Sand over laterite on hilltops and breakaways.	August – November	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Eucalyptus pruiniramis	Т	Skeletal soils over sandstone or laterite. Rocky hillslopes.	December – February	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Eucalyptus suberea	F	White, grey or brown shallow sand over laterite on or near lateritic breakaways.	November – March	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area

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Taxon	Status (WA)	Habitat (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Flowering Period (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Identifiable During Survey	Likelihood of Occurrence in Survey Area
Eucalyptus x balanites	Т	White sand over laterite.	October - February	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Eucalyptus x lateritica	Т	White or grey sand over laterite on breakaways and mesas.	August – October	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Grevillea batrachioides	T	Sandy loam. Sandstone outcrops.	October	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Grevillea cooljarloo	P1	Grey or white sand or sandy clay in low flats and winter-wet areas, with nearest record occurring in <i>Eucalyptus</i> wandoo woodland.	June – November	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Grevillea humifusa	Т	Brown gravelly loam over laterite on slopes.	May, September – November	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Grevillea rudis	P4	White, grey, yellow or red sand, usually with gravel over laterite on hills.	April – January	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Grevillea saccata	P4	Sand, usually with gravel and over laterite.	April – November	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Haemodorum loratum	РЗ	Grey or yellow gravelly sand on low plains or slopes.	November	Yes	Unlikely – suitable habitat potentially present, however not detected during targeted survey.
Hakea megalosperma	Т	White or grey gravelly sand or loam over laterite on slopes and hilltops.	April – June	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Hakea neurophylla	P4	Brown or brown gravelly sand or loam on slopes or lateritic hills.	August	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Hemiandra gardneri	Т	Grey or yellow sand, clayey sand. Sandplains.	August – November	Yes	Unlikely – suitable habitat potentially present, however not detected during targeted survey

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Taxon	Status (WA)	Habitat (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Flowering Period (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Identifiable During Survey	Likelihood of Occurrence in Survey Area
<i>Hemiandra</i> sp. Watheroo (S. Hancocks 4)	P4	White / grey sand on sandplains and hillslopes often over laterite.	October – November	Yes	Unlikely – suitable habitat potentially present, however not detected during targeted survey
Hensmania stoniella	P3	White, grey or lateritic sand, often in winter-wet areas.	September – November	Yes	Unlikely – suitable habitat potentially present, however not detected during targeted survey
Isopogon panduratus subsp. palustris	٤d	Winter-wet heath in sandy soils.	June – August	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Lepyrodia curvescens	2d	Grey sand or clay on slopes, flats or in winter-wet areas.	September – November	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Paracaleana dixonii	Т	Non-calcareous sand, usually near laterite. Kwongan shrubland.	Late October - November	NO	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Patersonia spirifolia	Т	Sand over laterite. Low hills.	October – November	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Persoonia rudis	P3	White, grey or yellow sand, often over laterite.	September – January	Yes	Unlikely – suitable habitat potentially present, however not detected during targeted survey.
Phlebocarya pilosissima subsp. pilosissima	P3	White or grey sand with lateritic gravel in upland areas.	August – October	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Phlebocarya pilosissima subsp. teretifolia	P2	White, grey or brown sand over laterite or limestone in upland areas.	August – October	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Platysace ramosissima	P3	Yellow, brown or grey sandy soils on flats or low rises.	October – November	Yes	Unlikely – suitable habitat potentially present, however not detected during targeted survey
Poranthera asybosca	P1	Grey/white sandy soil.	Limited data – Likely August - October	Yes	Unlikely – suitable habitat potentially present, however not detected during targeted survey
Schoenus griffinianus	P4	White or grey sand, sometimes associated with laterite, on flats or low plains.	September – October	Yes	Unlikely – suitable habitat potentially present, however not detected during targeted survey

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Taxon	Status (WA)	Habitat (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Flowering Period (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Identifiable During Survey	Likelihood of Occurrence in Survey Area
Stylidium inversiflorum	4d	White or grey sand over laterite on plains or slopes.	September – November	NO	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Stylidium periscelianthum	P3	Winter-wet clay soils on flats and slopes of low hills (usually granitic).	August – October	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Stylidium torticarpum	P3	White, grey or brown sandy clay or clay loam over laterite on plains, slopes or near breakaways.	September – November	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Styphelia carolineae	P2	White sand over laterite in dense, species-rich heath.	May – July	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Synaphea endothrix	ЪЗ	Gravelly loam or sand on lateritic rises.	July – October	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Synaphea lesueurensis	Ρ2	Grey or brown gravelly sand or loam over laterite on slopes.	August – October	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Synaphea xela	Ρ2	White or brown gravelly sand or loam over laterite on slopes.	August	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Tetratheca angulata	P3	White, grey or brown gravelly sand or loam over laterite on slopes or hilltops.	September – December	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Tetratheca nephelioides	н	White-grey sand, yellow-brown clayey sand, gravel, laterite. Outcrops, undulating hills, ridges.	July – January	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Thelymitra stellata	Т	Sand, gravel, lateritic loam.	October – November	No	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Thysanotus glaucus	P4	White, grey or yellow sand and sandy gravel on plains or slopes.	October – March	Yes	Unlikely – suitable habitat potentially present, however not detected during targeted survey

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Taxon	Status (WA)	Habitat (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Flowering Period (WA Herbarium, 1998-)	Identifiable During Survey	Status (WA) Habitat (WA Herbarium, 1998-) Flowering Period (WA Identifiable Likelihood of Occurrence in Survey Area Herbarium, 1998-) During Survey
Thysanotus vernalis	P3	Grey or brown sandy loam or sand often over laterite on upland hillslopes.	September – October	0 N	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area
Xanthosia tomentosa	P4	White, grey or brown gravelly sand or clayey sand over laterite on plains or slopes.	September – December	Yes	Unlikely – habitat not present in Survey Area



5.2.4 Introduced Flora Taxa

A total of six introduced flora taxa were recorded within the Survey Area during the field survey. **Table 5.4** lists these taxa recorded and comments regarding the significance of these taxa, including ecological impact and invasiveness ratings for each introduced taxon under the Invasive Plant Prioritization Process for the DBCA for the Midwest Region (DBCA, 2014). No Declared Pests (as listed under the BAM Act (DPIRD, 2022b) or WoNS (Weeds Australia, 2023)) were recorded.

Taxon	Common Name	Comments
Briza maxima	Blowfly Grass	Unknown ecological impact and rapid invasiveness – DBCA (2014)
Ehrharta calycina	Perennial Veldt Grass	High ecological impact and rapid invasiveness – DBCA (2014)
Hypochaeris glabra	Smooth Cats-ear	Low ecological impact and rapid invasiveness – DBCA (2014)
Lysimachia arvensis	Pimpernel	Low ecological impact and rapid invasiveness – DBCA (2014)
Pelargonium capitatum	Rose Pelargonium	High ecological impact and moderate invasiveness – DBCA (2014)
Ursinia anthemoides	Ursinia	High ecological impact and rapid invasiveness – DBCA (2014)

Table 5.4 Introduced Flora Taxa Recorded in the Survey Area

5.2.5 Vegetation Types

One VT was described and mapped within the Survey Area via structural vegetation classification. **Table 5.5** presents a description of the VT. VT mapping is presented in **Figure 5.4**. **Appendix C** presents the vegetation mapping note (VMN) data recorded in the Survey Area.

5.2.6 Other Areas Described

Areas where natural vegetation has been completely removed have been mapped as 'Cleared Land' (C) (where discernible at 1:10,000 scale). This includes permanent tracks and road verge A total of 0.07 ha of 'Cleared Land' was mapped (46 % of Survey Area) (**Figure 5.4**).



Table 5.5 Summary of VTs Mapped in the Survey Area

5	Summary	Representative Photograph
H	Description: Low woodland dominated by <i>Banksia attenuata</i> , <i>Banksia prionotes</i> and <i>Banksia menziesii</i> over mid to low open shrubland dominated by <i>Conospermum stoechadis</i> subsp. <i>stoechadis</i> , <i>Hibbertia hypericoides</i> subsp. <i>hypericoides</i> , <i>Daviesia divaricata</i> subsp. <i>divaricata</i> , <i>Leptospermopsis oligandra</i> and <i>Hypocalymma xanthopetalum</i> over low open sedgeland dominated by <i>Ecdeiocolea monostachya</i> and <i>Mesomelaena pseudostygia</i> on white-grey sand	
	Area mapped: 0.09 ha (54 % of Survey Area)	
	Sampling: 1 relevé (TJRR01), 4 vegetation mapping notes (VMD01, VMD02, VMD03, VMD03, VMD07)	
	Significant taxa: No significant taxa recorded	

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VT 1 – Relevé TPRR01

Photo 5.1

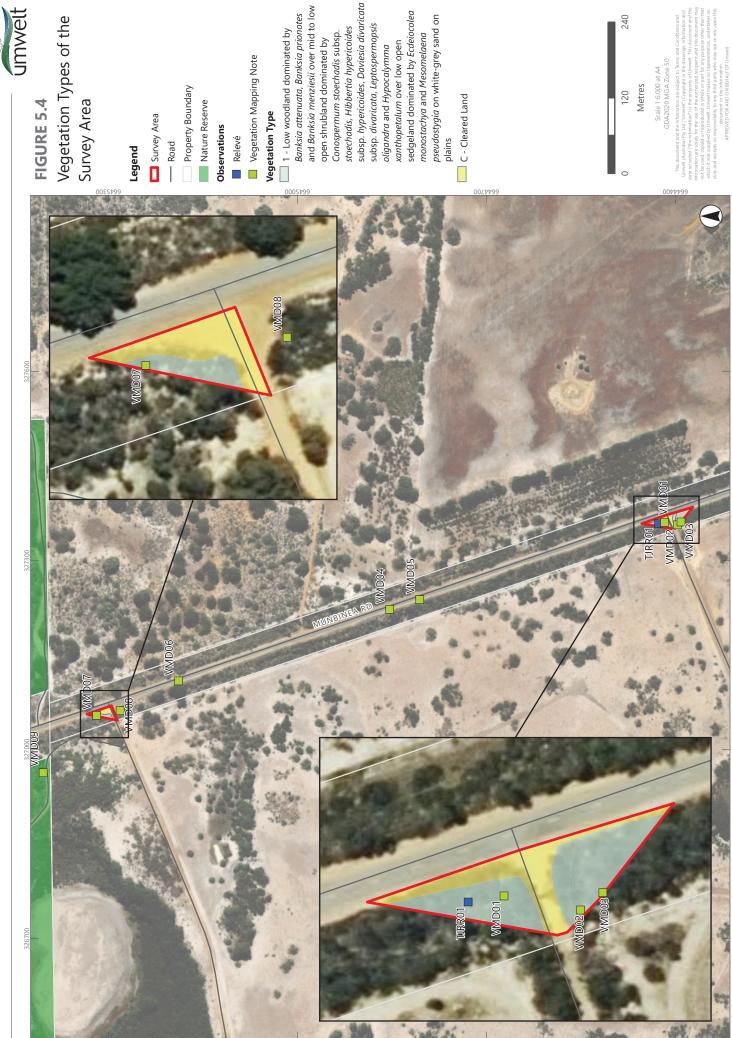


Image Source: ESRI Basemap (2021) | Data Source: Landgate (2023), DBCA (2023), Umwelt (2023), Tronox (2022)



5.2.7 Significant Vegetation

It is considered that the 'Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community' (Endangered – Commonwealth, P3 PEC – WA) occurs within the Survey Area, and is represented by VT 1, covering a total area of 0.09 ha. VT 1 satisfies the key diagnostic characteristics of the 'Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community' (DoEE, 2016); most pertinently, it possesses a woodland stratum dominated by *Banksia attenuata, Banksia prionotes* and *Banksia menziesii*. Although only small areas of VT 1 were mapped in the Survey Area, additional observations north and south of the Survey Area (**Figure 3.1**) determined that these areas of VT 1 belong to relatively large areas of contiguous vegetation that also satisfy the key diagnostic characteristics of the 'Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community' TEC, including along the Munbinea Road verge, within Hill River Nature Reserve, and on private property to the south of the Survey Area. These observations were used to define indicative patches of the 'Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community' that include the areas of VT 1 mapped in the Survey Area (**Figure 5.5**). It should be noted that the indicative patches are likely to be part of even larger patches, however accurate definition of these patches was beyond the scope of this assessment.

In the context of the condition thresholds and patch sizes for the 'Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community', the northern and southern indicative patches measure approximately 5.0 and 9.6 ha respectively, and contain vegetation that is primarily either in Very Good or Good condition, with some small areas in Degraded condition (e.g. in the Survey Area). As the minimum patch sizes for the Very Good and Good condition categories are 1 and 2 ha respectively, both indicative patches meet the minimum patch size requirements, regardless of whether the Very Good or Good category is applied to the patch.

The extent of the 'Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community' in the Survey Area, the patches outlined above, and observations made within the patches, are presented in **Figure 5.5**.

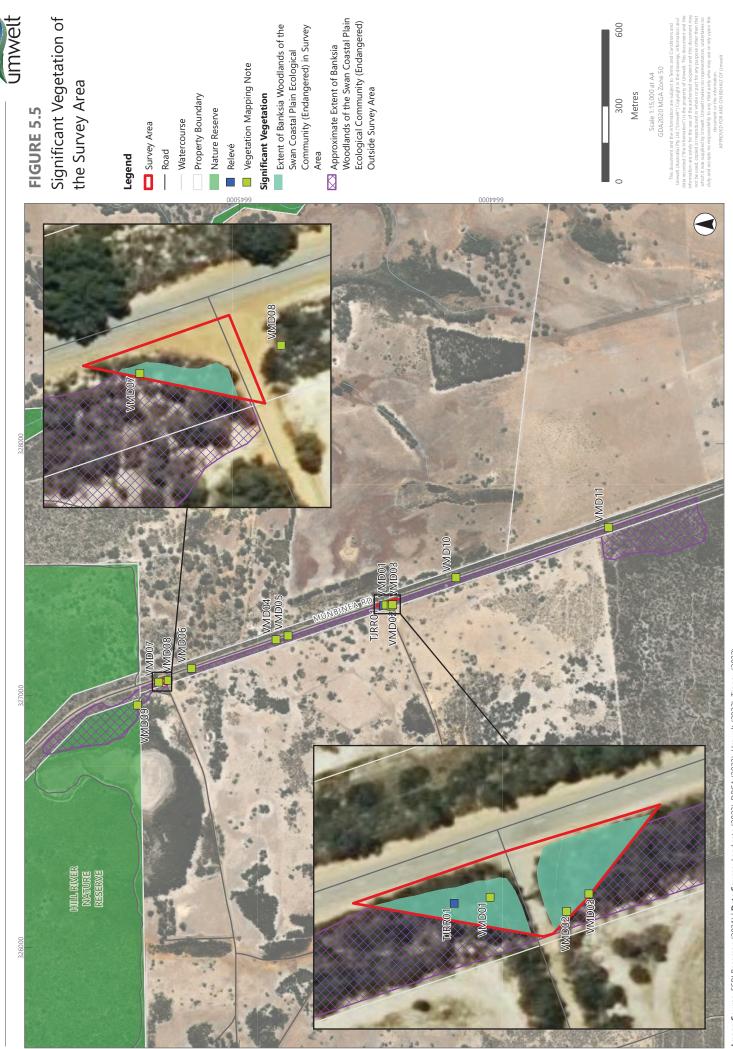


Image Source: ESRI Basemap (2021) | Data Source: Landgate (2023), DBCA (2023), Umwelt (2023), Tronox (2022)



5.2.8 Vegetation Condition

An overview of vegetation condition mapping is presented on **Figure 5.6.** The majority of VT 1 was in Good condition (0.07 ha; 78% of VT 1), with this VT impacted by historical clearing, weeds and edge effects. A small area of this VT was in Degraded condition (0.02 ha; 22% of VT 1); this area appears to have been historically cleared and has re-grown to an extent. Areas mapped as Cleared Land were rated as Completely Degraded (0.07 ha).



FIGURE 5.6 Condition of Vegetation of the Survey Area



Survey Area
 Road

- Road
 Property Boundary
 - Nature Reserve
- Vegetation Condition
 - Good
- Degraded
- Completely Degraded



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6.0 Conclusions

The Swan Coastal Plain and Northern Sandplains is known to have high diversity of both flora taxa and vegetation types; however, likely because of the small size of the Survey Area and some history of disturbance, only one VT and a small number of flora taxa were observed by this survey.

Targeted searching for all significant flora taxa and vegetation considered to potentially occur within the Survey Area was undertaken across the entirety of the Survey Area within the most appropriate time to survey in the South-West province. No significant flora taxa were identified by the survey, but one significant vegetation community was identified, being the 'Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community' (Endangered – Commonwealth, Priority 3 – WA). VT 1 is considered to represent this TEC, and it satisfies the key diagnostic characteristics of the 'Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community'; most pertinently, it possesses a woodland stratum dominated by *Banksia attenuata, Banksia prionotes* and *Banksia menziesii*.

There were no survey limitations that are considered to have significantly influenced the results of the current survey. Personnel involved in all aspects of the survey have significant previous experience, or guided less experienced personnel throughout the survey where necessary. Reasonable contextual information for the Survey Area was available prior to the field survey. No constraints prevented appropriate sampling techniques (relevé establishment, foot traverses) being employed. All areas were easy to access on foot. Data reliability is therefore considered to be relatively high. Reference specimens of any unknown taxa encountered during the field survey were collected for later identification. There was evidence of impact to vegetation composition and structure in the Survey Area as a result of human activities, including clearing, introduced taxa and edge effects. However, this disturbance did not significantly affect the results of the survey, with the remnant vegetation able to be compared to known vegetation types, including formally described significant vegetation.



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APPENDIX A

Results of Search of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Species Profile and Threats Database (DCCEEW, 2023)



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

EPBC Act Protected Matters Report

This report provides general guidance on matters of national environmental significance and other matters protected by the EPBC Act in the area you have selected. Please see the caveat for interpretation of information provided here.

Report created: 04-Aug-2023

Summary Details Matters of NES Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act Extra Information Caveat Acknowledgements

Summary

Matters of National Environment Significance

This part of the report summarises the matters of national environmental significance that may occur in, or may relate to, the area you nominated. Further information is available in the detail part of the report, which can be accessed by scrolling or following the links below. If you are proposing to undertake an activity that may have a significant impact on one or more matters of national environmental significance then you should consider the Administrative Guidelines on Significance.

World Heritage Properties:	None
National Heritage Places:	None
Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar	None
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	None
Commonwealth Marine Area:	None
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:	2
Listed Threatened Species:	34
Listed Migratory Species:	11

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

This part of the report summarises other matters protected under the Act that may relate to the area you nominated. Approval may be required for a proposed activity that significantly affects the environment on Commonwealth land, when the action is outside the Commonwealth land, or the environment anywhere when the action is taken on Commonwealth land. Approval may also be required for the Commonwealth or Commonwealth agencies proposing to take an action that is likely to have a significant impact on the environment anywhere.

The EPBC Act protects the environment on Commonwealth land, the environment from the actions taken on Commonwealth land, and the environment from actions taken by Commonwealth agencies. As heritage values of a place are part of the 'environment', these aspects of the EPBC Act protect the Commonwealth Heritage values of a Commonwealth Heritage place. Information on the new heritage laws can be found at https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage

A <u>permit</u> may be required for activities in or on a Commonwealth area that may affect a member of a listed threatened species or ecological community, a member of a listed migratory species, whales and other cetaceans, or a member of a listed marine species.

Commonwealth Lands:	1
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Listed Marine Species:	15
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	None
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:	None
Australian Marine Parks:	None
Habitat Critical to the Survival of Marine Turtles:	None

Extra Information

This part of the report provides information that may also be relevant to the area you have

State and Territory Reserves:	5
Regional Forest Agreements:	None
Nationally Important Wetlands:	None
EPBC Act Referrals:	4
Key Ecological Features (Marine):	None
Biologically Important Areas:	1
Biologically Important Areas: Bioregional Assessments:	1 None

Details

Matters of National Environmental Significance

<u></u>					
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities [Resource Information]					
For threatened ecological communities w					
	plans, State vegetation maps, remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological				
community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.					
Status of Vulnerable, Disallowed and Inel	igible are not MNES unde	er the EPBC Act.			
Community Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status		
Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community	Endangered	Community likely to occur within area	In feature area		
<u>Tuart (Eucalyptus gomphocephala)</u> <u>Woodlands and Forests of the Swan</u> <u>Coastal Plain ecological community</u>	Critically Endangered	Community likely to occur within area	In feature area		
Listed Threatened Species		[<u>Re</u> :	source Information]		
Status of Conservation Dependent and Extinct are not MNES under the EPBC Act.					
Number is the current name ID.					
Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status		
BIRD					
Aphelocephala leucopsis					
Southern Whiteface [529]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only		
Calidris canutus					
Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only		
<u>Calidris ferruginea</u>					
Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area		
<u>Leipoa ocellata</u> Malleefowl [934]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area		
Numenius madagascariensis					
Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area		

within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
<u>Rostratula australis</u> Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
<u>Sternula nereis nereis</u> Australian Fairy Tern [82950]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Zanda latirostris listed as Calyptorhynchu Carnaby's Black Cockatoo, Short-billed Black-cockatoo [87737]	<u>us latirostris</u> Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
MAMMAL			
<u>Dasyurus geoffroii</u> Chuditch, Western Quoll [330]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
<u>Macroderma gigas</u> Ghost Bat [174]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
<u>Parantechinus apicalis</u> Dibbler [313]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
PLANT			
<u>Acacia forrestiana</u> Forest's Wattle [17235]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Andersonia gracilis</u> Slender Andersonia [14470]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
<u>Anigozanthos viridis subsp. terraspectan</u> Dwarf Green Kangaroo Paw [3435]	<u>s</u> Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
<u>Banksia mimica</u> Summer Honeypot [82765]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Caladenia hoffmanii</u> Hoffman's Spider-orchid [56719]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Caleana dixonii listed as Paracaleana dix			
Sandplain Duck Orchid [87944]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
<u>Drakaea elastica</u> Glossy-leafed Hammer Orchid, Glossy- leaved Hammer Orchid, Warty Hammer Orchid [16753]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
<u>Eucalyptus argutifolia</u> Yanchep Mallee, Wabling Hill Mallee [24263]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Eucalyptus johnsoniana</u> Johnson's Mallee [14516]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Eucalyptus lateritica</u> Laterite Mallee [6271]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Eucalyptus leprophloia Scaly Butt Mallee, Scaly-butt Mallee [56712]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Eucalyptus pruiniramis</u> Midlands Gum, Jingymia Gum [56403]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Eucalyptus suberea</u> Cork Mallee, Mount Lesueur Mallee [5529]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Eucalyptus x balanites</u> Cadda Road Mallee, Cadda Mallee [87816]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
<u>Grevillea batrachioides</u> Mt Lesueur Grevillea [21735]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Grevillea humifusa</u> Spreading Grevillea [61182]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
<u>Hakea megalosperma</u> Lesueur Hakea [10505]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Hemiandra gardneri</u> Red Snakebush [7945]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
<u>Patersonia spirifolia</u> Spiral-leaved Patersonia [83927]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Tetratheca nephelioides</u> [83217]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Thelymitra stellata</u> Star Sun-orchid [7060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
REPTILE			
Egernia stokesii badia Western Spiny-tailed Skink, Baudin Island Spiny-tailed Skink [64483]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
SHARK			
<u>Pristis pristis</u> Freshwater Sawfish, Largetooth Sawfish, River Sawfish, Leichhardt's Sawfish, Northern Sawfish [60756]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Listed Migratory Species		[Re	source Information]
Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Migratory Marine Birds	Threatened Gategory		Buildi Olalas
<u>Apus pacificus</u> Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
<u>Sterna dougallii</u> Roseate Tern [817]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
Migratory Marine Species			
<u>Pristis pristis</u> Freshwater Sawfish, Largetooth Sawfish, River Sawfish, Leichhardt's Sawfish, Northern Sawfish [60756]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Migratory Terrestrial Species			
<u>Motacilla cinerea</u> Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat may occur	In feature area
		within area	
Migratory Wetlands Species			
<u>Actitis hypoleucos</u>			
Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Calidris acuminata			
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Calidris canutus			
Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Colidria formusinos			
<u>Calidris ferruginea</u> Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Colidria malanataa			
<u>Calidris melanotos</u> Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Numenius madagascariensis			
Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
<u>Tringa nebularia</u>			
Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Commonwealth Lands	[Resource Information]
The Commonwealth area listed below may indicate the presence of the unreliability of the data source, all proposals should be checked a Commonwealth area, before making a definitive decision. Contact the department for further information.	as to whether it impacts on a
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Commonwealth Land Name	State	Buffer Status
Unknown		
Commonwealth Land - [51994]	WA	In buffer area only

Listed Marine Species		[<u>Re</u> :	source Information]
Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Bird			
Actitis hypoleucos			
Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
<u>Apus pacificus</u>			
Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
<u>Bubulcus ibis as Ardea ibis</u>			
Cattle Egret [66521]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Calidris acuminata			
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Calidris canutus			
Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In buffer area only
<u>Calidris ferruginea</u>			
Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Calidris melanotos			
Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Chalcites osculans as Chrysococcyx osc	ulans		
Black-eared Cuckoo [83425]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
<u>Haliaeetus leucogaster</u>			
White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
<u>Merops ornatus</u> Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
<u>Motacilla cinerea</u> Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
<u>Numenius madagascariensis</u> Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Rostratula australis as Rostratula bengha Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	<u>alensis (sensu lato)</u> Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
<u>Sterna dougallii</u> Roseate Tern [817]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Tringa nebularia</u> Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In buffer area only

Extra Information

State and Territory Reserves		[]	Resource Information]
Protected Area Name	Reserve Type	State	Buffer Status
Coomallo	Nature Reserve	WA	In buffer area only
Hill River	Nature Reserve	WA	In feature area
Southern Beekeepers	Nature Reserve	WA	In buffer area only
Unnamed WA33287	Nature Reserve	WA	In buffer area only
Unnamed WA48717	Conservation Park	WA	In buffer area only

EPBC Act Referrals			[Resour	<u>rce Information]</u>
Title of referral	Reference	Referral Outcome	Assessment Status	Buffer Status

Title of referral	Reference	Referral Outcome	Assessment Stat	us Buffer Status
<u>Jurien East Road Upgrade, 3 km</u> <u>NNE Jurien Bay, WA</u>	2020/8740		Post-Approval	In buffer area only
Not controlled action				
<u>Development of the Badgingarra</u> <u>Wind Farm</u>	2008/4065	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In buffer area only
Improving rabbit biocontrol: releasing another strain of RHDV, sthrn two thirds of Australia	2015/7522	Not Controlled Action	Completed	In feature area
Referral decision				
Badgingarra Wind Farm	2007/3529	Referral Decision	Completed	In buffer area only
Biologically Important Areas				
Scientific Name		Behaviour	Presence	Buffer Status
Seabirds				
<u>Sterna dougallii</u>				
Roseate Tern [817]		Foraging	Known to occur	In buffer area only

Caveat

1 PURPOSE

This report is designed to assist in identifying the location of matters of national environmental significance (MNES) and other matters protected by the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) which may be relevant in determining obligations and requirements under the EPBC Act.

The report contains the mapped locations of:

- World and National Heritage properties;
- Wetlands of International and National Importance;
- Commonwealth and State/Territory reserves;
- distribution of listed threatened, migratory and marine species;
- · listed threatened ecological communities; and
- other information that may be useful as an indicator of potential habitat value.

2 DISCLAIMER

This report is not intended to be exhaustive and should only be relied upon as a general guide as mapped data is not available for all species or ecological communities listed under the EPBC Act (see below). Persons seeking to use the information contained in this report to inform the referral of a proposed action under the EPBC Act should consider the limitations noted below and whether additional information is required to determine the existence and location of MNES and other protected matters.

Where data are available to inform the mapping of protected species, the presence type (e.g. known, likely or may occur) that can be determined from the data is indicated in general terms. It is the responsibility of any person using or relying on the information in this report to ensure that it is suitable for the circumstances of any proposed use. The Commonwealth cannot accept responsibility for the consequences of any use of the report or any part thereof. To the maximum extent allowed under governing law, the Commonwealth will not be liable for any loss or damage that may be occasioned directly or indirectly through the use of, or reliance

3 DATA SOURCES

Threatened ecological communities

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are generated based on information contained in recovery plans, State vegetation maps and remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

Threatened, migratory and marine species

Threatened, migratory and marine species distributions have been discerned through a variety of methods. Where distributions are well known and if time permits, distributions are inferred from either thematic spatial data (i.e. vegetation, soils, geology, elevation, aspect, terrain, etc.) together with point locations and described habitat; or modelled (MAXENT or BIOCLIM habitat modelling) using

Where little information is available for a species or large number of maps are required in a short time-frame, maps are derived either from 0.04 or 0.02 decimal degree cells; by an automated process using polygon capture techniques (static two kilometre grid cells, alpha-hull and convex hull); or captured manually or by using topographic features (national park boundaries, islands, etc.).

In the early stages of the distribution mapping process (1999-early 2000s) distributions were defined by degree blocks, 100K or 250K map sheets to rapidly create distribution maps. More detailed distribution mapping methods are used to update these distributions

4 LIMITATIONS

The following species and ecological communities have not been mapped and do not appear in this report:

- threatened species listed as extinct or considered vagrants;
- · some recently listed species and ecological communities;
- · some listed migratory and listed marine species, which are not listed as threatened species; and
- migratory species that are very widespread, vagrant, or only occur in Australia in small numbers.

The following groups have been mapped, but may not cover the complete distribution of the species:

- listed migratory and/or listed marine seabirds, which are not listed as threatened, have only been mapped for recorded
- · seals which have only been mapped for breeding sites near the Australian continent

The breeding sites may be important for the protection of the Commonwealth Marine environment.

Refer to the metadata for the feature group (using the Resource Information link) for the currency of the information.

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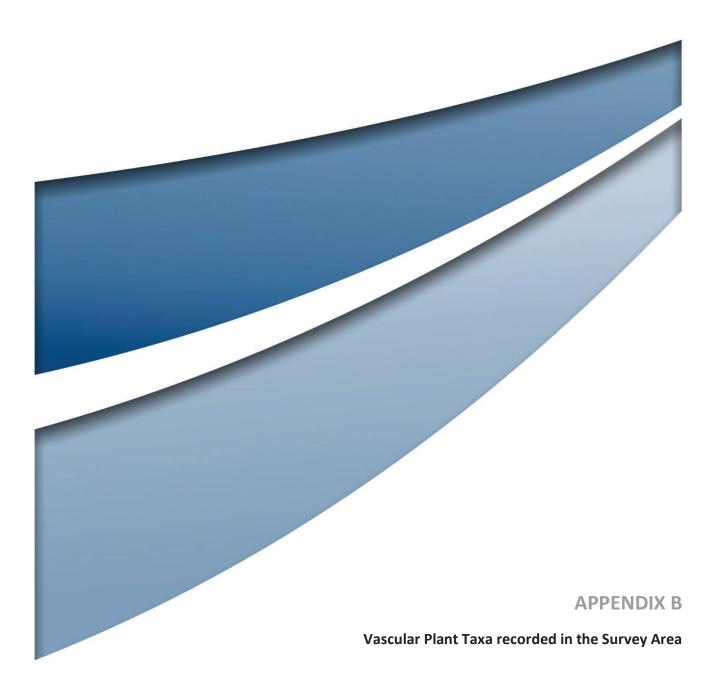
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-Office of Environment and Heritage, New South Wales -Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Victoria -Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, Tasmania -Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, South Australia -Department of Land and Resource Management, Northern Territory -Department of Environmental and Heritage Protection, Queensland -Department of Parks and Wildlife, Western Australia -Environment and Planning Directorate, ACT -Birdlife Australia -Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme -Australian National Wildlife Collection -Natural history museums of Australia -Museum Victoria -Australian Museum -South Australian Museum -Queensland Museum -Online Zoological Collections of Australian Museums -Queensland Herbarium -National Herbarium of NSW -Royal Botanic Gardens and National Herbarium of Victoria -Tasmanian Herbarium -State Herbarium of South Australia -Northern Territory Herbarium -Western Australian Herbarium -Australian National Herbarium, Canberra -University of New England -Ocean Biogeographic Information System -Australian Government, Department of Defence Forestry Corporation, NSW -Geoscience Australia -CSIRO -Australian Tropical Herbarium, Cairns -eBird Australia -Australian Government – Australian Antarctic Data Centre -Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory -Australian Government National Environmental Science Program -Australian Institute of Marine Science -Reef Life Survey Australia -American Museum of Natural History -Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Inveresk, Tasmania -Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart, Tasmania -Other groups and individuals

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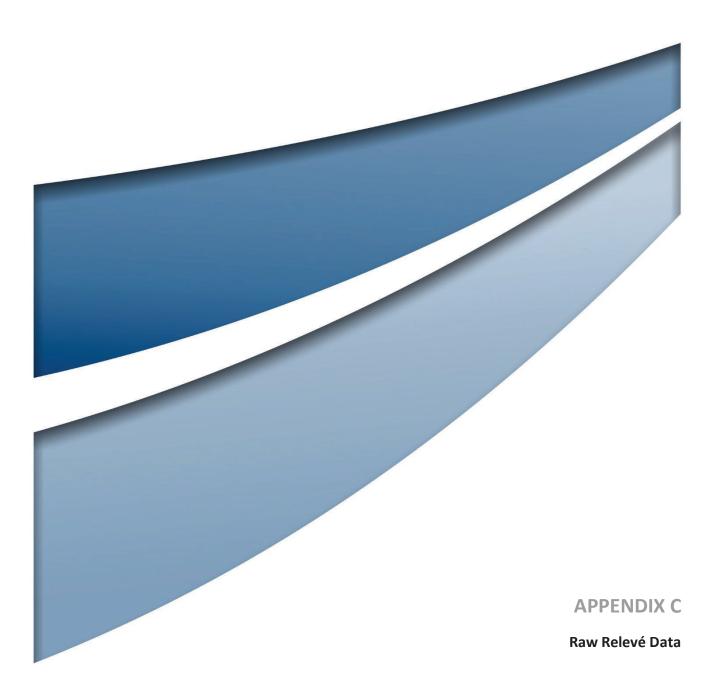


Note: * indicates an introduced taxon

Family	Taxon
Amaranthaceae	Ptilotus polystachyus
Araliaceae	Trachymene pilosa
Asparagaceae	Thysanotus patersonii
Asteraceae	*Hypochaeris glabra
	*Ursinia anthemoides
Casuarinaceae	Allocasuarina humilis
Centrolepidaceae	Centrolepis drummondiana
Colchicaceae	Burchardia congesta
Cyperaceae	Mesomelaena pseudostygia
	Schoenus clandestinus
Dilleniaceae	Hibbertia hypericoides subsp. hypericoides
Droseraceae	Drosera erythrorhiza
	Drosera pallida
Ecdeiocoleaceae	Ecdeiocolea monostachya
Ericaceae	Conostephium preissii
Fabaceae	Acacia cyclops
	Acacia rostellifera
	Acacia stenoptera
	Daviesia divaricata subsp. divaricata
	Gompholobium tomentosum
	Jacksonia hakeoides
Geraniaceae	*Pelargonium capitatum
Goodeniaceae	Dampiera linearis
	Scaevola canescens
Haemodoraceae	Anigozanthos humilis subsp. humilis
	Blancoa canescens
	Conostylis aculeata subsp. breviflora
Hemerocallidaceae	Dianella revoluta
Lauraceae	Cassytha aurea
	Cassytha glabella forma bicallosa
Loranthaceae	Nuytsia floribunda



Family	Taxon
Myrtaceae	Chamelaucium uncinatum
	Eremaea beaufortioides
	Eremaea pauciflora
	Hypocalymma xanthopetalum
	Leptospermopsis oligandra
	Melaleuca leuropoma
	Pileanthus filifolius
	Verticordia densiflora
Orchidaceae	Caladenia flava subsp. flava
	Caladenia longicauda
Poaceae	Austrostipa elegantissima
	*Briza maxima
	*Ehrharta calycina
Primulaceae	*Lysimachia arvensis
Proteaceae	Adenanthos cygnorum
	Banksia attenuata
	Banksia ilicifolia
	Banksia menziesii
	Banksia prionotes
	Banksia telmatiaea
	Conospermum stoechadis subsp. stoechadis
	Hakea trifurcata
	Persoonia comata
	Stirlingia latifolia
Restionaceae	Alexgeorgea nitens
	Lepidobolus preissianus
Rhamnaceae	Stenanthemum notiale subsp. notiale
Rubiaceae	Opercularia vaginata
Rutaceae	Cyanothamnus ramosus subsp. anethifolius
Stylidiaceae	Levenhookia murfetii
	Stylidium rigidulum
Violaceae	Pigea calycina





Site Name:	TJRR01
Site Type:	RELEVE
Survey Date:	29/08/2023
GPS Location:	GDA94 Zone 50 327358.09E 6644425.23N
Vegetation Type:	1
Landform Type:	Plain
Slope Class:	Gently Inclined (3 degrees)
Soil Type:	Sand
Soil Colour:	Grey/white (other)
Rock Outcrop:	No bedrock exposed
CF Abundance:	0%
Vegetation Condition:	Southern Vegetation Condition - 4 - Good
Disturbance:	Exotic Weeds, (other) - Mechanical, historic clearing
Fire:	>10 Years
Habitat:	Low woodland over low open shrubland over low open sedgeland.
Comments:	Banksia telmatiaea present mostly on eastern side of road, near wetland.

SPECIES LIST

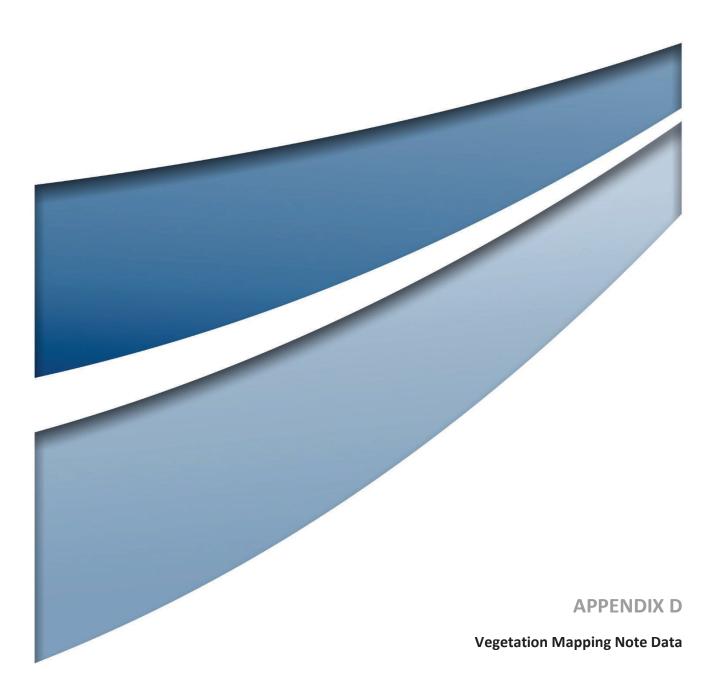
Taxon Name	Avg. Height	Cover Alive
Acacia cyclops	5	3
Alexgeorgea nitens	0.1	0.2
Austrostipa elegantissima	1.5	0.2
Banksia attenuata	5	10
Banksia menziesii	4	1
Banksia prionotes	5	3
Banksia telmatiaea		
Blancoa canescens	0.3	0.1
*Briza maxima	0.3	0.1
Burchardia congesta	0.4	0.1
Caladenia flava subsp. flava	0.1	0.1
Cassytha glabella forma bicallosa		0.1
Centrolepis drummondiana	0.05	0.1
Chamelaucium uncinatum	0.4	0.1
Conospermum stoechadis subsp. stoechadis	1	5
Conostylis aculeata subsp. breviflora	0.2	0.1
Cyanothamnus ramosus subsp. anethifolius	0.5	0.1
Dampiera linearis	0.3	0.1
Daviesia divaricata subsp. divaricata	1.6	0.3
Dianella revoluta	0.5	0.1
Drosera erythrorhiza	0.1	0.2
Drosera pallida		0.1
Ecdeiocolea monostachya	0.5	5



*Ehrharta calycina	0.4	0.5
Eremaea beaufortioides	0.2	0.1
Gompholobium tomentosum	0.5	0.1
Hibbertia hypericoides subsp. hypericoides	0.5	1
Hypocalymma xanthopetalum	0.3	0.2
*Hypochaeris glabra	0.1	0.3
Jacksonia hakeoides	0.4	0.1
Lepidobolus preissianus	0.4	0.3
Leptospermopsis oligandra	1.5	2
Levenhookia murfetii	0.1	0.1
Mesomelaena pseudostygia	0.5	5
Opercularia vaginata	0.3	0.2
*Pelargonium capitatum	0.6	0.5
Pigea calycina	0.3	0.1
Pileanthus filifolius	0.6	0.1
Scaevola canescens	0.3	0.1
Schoenus clandestinus	0.1	0.1
Stenanthemum notiale subsp. notiale	0.2	0.1
Stylidium rigidulum	0.1	0.1
Thysanotus patersonii		0.1
Trachymene pilosa	0.1	0.1
*Ursinia anthemoides	0.2	0.1

PHOTOS







Note: All locations are in GDA94, Zone 50

Photo		No photo available.	
Comment	Degraded strip of vegetation from VMD01 south to track. Dominated by <i>Daviesia divaricata</i> and <i>Acacia rostellifera</i> with scattered natives (<i>Banksia prionotes</i> , <i>Adenanthos cygnorum</i> , <i>Hibbertia hypericoides</i> subsp. <i>hypericoides</i> , <i>Verticordia</i> <i>densiflora</i>) over understorey dominated by weeds (as for TJRR01 plus *Lysimachia arvensis), likely previously cleared and regrown.	As for VMD01. Degraded strip extending north to track. With Banksia attenuata, Hakea trifurcata.	Same as TJRR01, but Very Good vegetation condition. Fewer weeds and less physical disturbance. Single <i>Banksia ilicifolia</i> , 5 m height. <i>Eremaea pauciflora, Anigozanthos humilis</i> .
Northing	6644415.72	6644395.48	6644389.57
Easting	327359.69	327355.97	327360.58
Date	29/08/2023	29/08/2023	29/08/2023
Note	VMD01	VMD02	VMD03

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Photo			No photo available.
Comment	Vegetation condition Good. Damper area with <i>Melaleuca preissiana, Banksia attenuata, Banksia menziesii</i> still present although fewer, plus <i>Eucalyptus todtiana</i> . Still Banksia woodland. Wetland without Banksia woodland on eastern side of road into private property.	Vegetation condition Very Good. Historical disturbance, few weeds. Similar to TJRR01.	Change to <i>Corymbia calophylla</i> dominated vegetation with <i>Xanthorrhoea</i> sp., <i>Allocasuarina</i> sp. and <i>Acacia</i> sp.
Northing	6644851.91	6644804.26	6645187.15
Easting	327221.87	327237.25	327108.25
Date	29/08/2023	29/08/2023	29/08/2023
Note	VMD04	VMD05	VMD06

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	Comment	Same as TJRR01. Slightly more <i>Banksia prionotes</i> , slightly more <i>Ehrharta calycina</i> , no <i>Pelargonium capitatum</i> . Historic clearing. Additional species: <i>Eremaea pauciflora</i> , <i>Anigozanthos humilis subsp. humilis, Stirlingia latifolia</i> , <i>Hakea trifurcata</i> , <i>Nuytsia floribunda</i> , <i>Allocasuarina humilis</i> , <i>Conostephium preissii, Cassytha aurea</i> , <i>Persoonia comata</i> , <i>Acacia stenoptera</i> , <i>Caladenia longicauda</i> , <i>Ptilotus</i> <i>polystachyus</i> . Good vegetation condition.	Yellow-brown sandy loam. Not Banksia woodland, edge of Corymbia calophylla community. Allocasuarina humilis, Leptospermopsis oligandra, Daviesia divaricata, Melaleuca leuropoma, Petrophile macrostachya, Eremaea beaufortioides, Conospermum stoechadis subsp. stoechadis, Alexgeorgea nitens, Mesomelaena pseudostygia, Hypolaena exsulca, Anigozanthos pulcherrimus, Banksia dallanneyi subsp. dallanneyi. Good vegetation condition.
	Northing	6645317.33	6645279.97
	Easting	327053.48	327060.9
	Date	29/08/2023	29/08/2023
	Note	VMD07	VMD08

Appendix D D-3



Photo	
Comment	VMD09 29/08/2023 326962.38 6645402.14 Survey Area Banksia woodland connects to this large patch of Banksia woodland in Hill River Nature Reserve. Banksia of Banksia woodland in Hill River Nature Reserve. Banksia prionotes and Banksia attenuata with Eucalyptus todtiana. Very Good/Excellent vegetation condition.
Northing	6645402.14
Easting	326962.38
Date	29/08/2023
Note	600MV

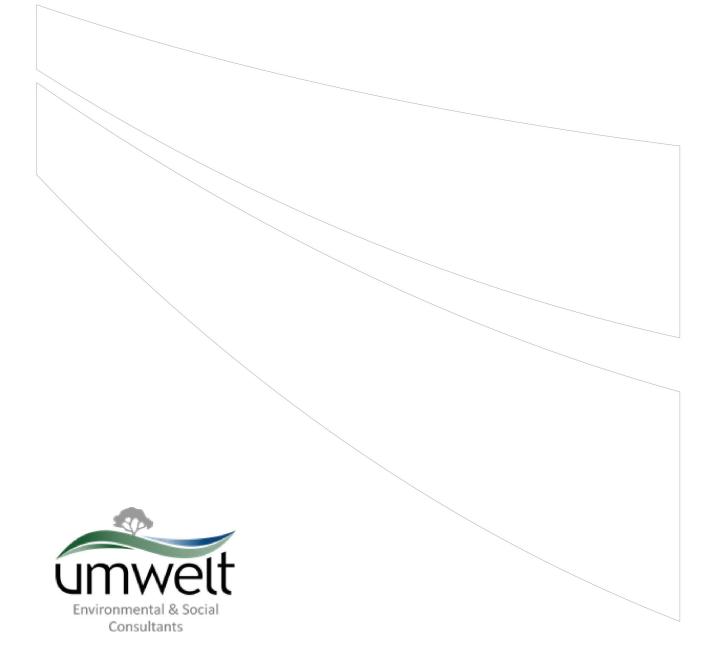


Photo	<image/>
Comment	Patch of wetland edge vegetation. <i>Banksia prionotes</i> still present, mapping south of VMD10 returns to Banksia woodland per TJRR01. Very Good vegetation condition.
Northing	6644138.04
Easting	327467.96
Date	29/08/2023
Note	VMD10



Photo	
Comment	Still Banksia woodland (as per TJRR01), continues south and west into private property (at least Good, possibly Very Good vegetation condition).
Northing	6643532.3
Easting	327666.91
Date	VMD11 29/08/2023 327666.91 6643532.3
Note	VMD11





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