

Level 1 Vertebrate Fauna Risk Assessment for the Baloo Project Area



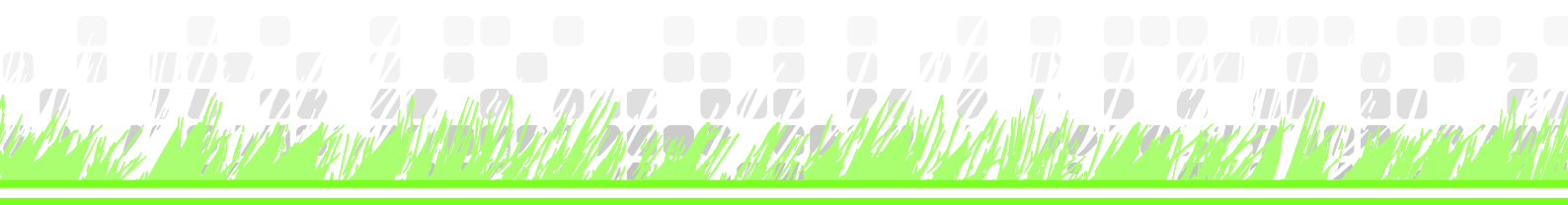
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Polar Metals Pty Ltd (Polar Metals) has identified the Baloo gold prospect under Lake Cowan as having the potential for development as a mine. Polar Metals holds an exploration tenement over the area.

The Baloo project is located on Lake Cowan, 45km southeast of Widgiemooltha and 45km north of Norseman in Western Australia within exploration tenement E15/1298. The tenement is located primarily on the bed of Lake Cowan, but also includes approximately 100ha of a low peninsula extending into the lake. Exploration drilling is active to further define the resource. Pit dimensions and infrastructure locations have not been defined, but development is likely to include mining on the lake bed and an access haul road connecting to the Coolgardie Esperance Highway near Higginsville or to the MetalsX owned facilities east of the highway.

A level 1 fauna risk assessment was commissioned to provide baseline data to assist with project design and determine requirements for further studies and approvals.

Fauna survey data from other projects in the bioregion provide an adequate indication of the fauna assemblages likely to be encountered in the project area. These data are adequate to assess potential impacts on the vertebrate fauna potentially found in the project area.

No conservation significant vertebrate fauna were assessed as likely to be significantly impacted by the potential development. There is a very low possibility that the area supports Carpet Pythons, Southern Death Adder, Major Mitchell's Cockatoo, Western Rosella, Peregrine Falcon, Bush Stone-curlew, Australian Bustard, Malleefowl, Fork-tailed Swift, Great Egret and Cattle Egret, so any potential impacts are assessed as low. Crested Bellbird, Shy Heathwren and Rainbow Bee-eater may be in the project area, but will readily move once vegetation clearing commences, so any impacts would be insignificant. The Hooded Plover may potentially inhabit the shore of Lake Cowan during flood events, so appropriate management strategies would need to be implemented during these periods. All other avian species potentially found in the project area are mobile and will readily move to adjacent areas if disturbed.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

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1.2 Project objectives

Terrestrial Ecosystems was commissioned by Polar Metals to undertake a Level 1 terrestrial vertebrate fauna risk assessment which will be included with environmental approval documentation when seeking to develop the project. The potential exploration area is mostly in Lake Cowan but incorporates the eastern end of the peninsula (Figure 1). The 'project area' assessed was the ~100ha at the eastern end of the peninsula (2000m * 750m) in the mining area, the 2km of lake shore adjacent to Baloo prospect and a 13km potential road corridor from the potential mining area west along the peninsula to the Coolgardie Esperance Highway at Higginsville (Figure 1). The total project area is approximately 1387ha.

The purpose of this fauna assessment was to provide information to enable an assessment of potential impacts on the vertebrate fauna assemblage from potential development. The methodology broadly follows that described in the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Position Statement No. 3: *Terrestrial Biological Surveys as an Element of Biodiversity Protection* (EPA 2002), Guidance Statement No. 56: *Terrestrial Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia* (EPA 2004) and the *Technical Guide – Terrestrial Vertebrate Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment* (EPA / DEC 2010).

The objectives of this fauna assessment were to:

- provide an indication of the vertebrate fauna assemblage (reptiles, amphibians, small mammals and birds) on and in the vicinity of the project area so that potential impacts on the fauna might be adequately assessed;
- assess whether the project area supports active Malleefowl mounds and/or other conservation significant species;
- determine if any additional surveys are required to assess the potential impact on fauna assemblages in the project area, in particular, impacts on species of conservation significance; and
- assess the impact and environmental risks associated with the potential development on the fauna assemblage.

2 EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

2.1 Eastern Goldfield IBRA subregion

The project area is located in the Coolgardie (COO3 – Eastern Goldfield) IBRA sub-region. The relief is subdued and comprise of gently undulating plains interrupted in the west with low hills and ridges of Archaean greenstones and in the east by a horst of Proterozoic basic granulite. The subregion supports large playa lakes in the western half which are remnants of an ancient major drainage system (Cowan 2002).

The vegetation is a Mallees, Acacia thickets and shrub heath on sand plains. Diverse eucalypt woodlands occur around salt lakes, on ranges, and in valleys. Salt lakes support dwarf shrublands of samphire. Woodlands and *Dodonaea* shrubland occur on basic granulites of the Fraser Range (Cowan 2002). The area is rich in endemic Acacias.

2.2 Climate

Chart 1 shows the average mean monthly maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall for Coolgardie, the closest weather station (71km north-north-west). Temperatures are highest in December – February and most rain comes in winter. Winter rain is the result of low pressure cells that move in an easterly direction from the south-west of the state, whereas, summer rain is often from thunderstorms that move in from either the west or the north-west.

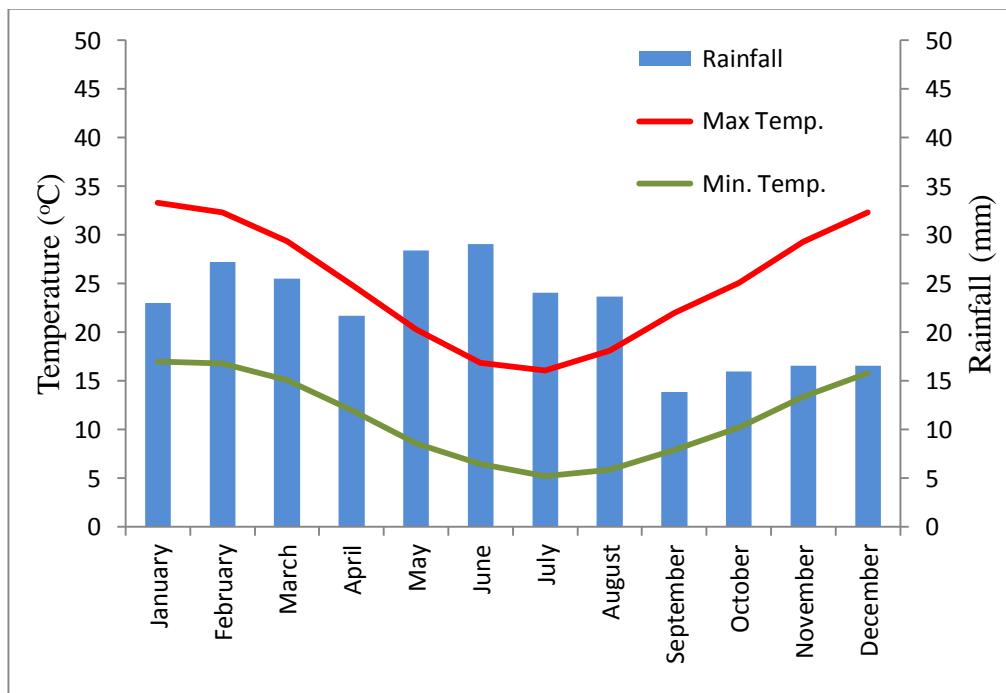


Chart 1. Mean monthly maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall for Coolgardie

2.3 Land use history

The dominant land uses in this bioregion are pastoralism, crown reserves and mining. Mining is evident in many areas around Kambalda, Higginsville, Widgiemooltha and Norseman, with numerous small abandoned and operational mines scattered throughout the landscape.

Many of the larger trees in the bioregion were removed decades ago to support the mining and power generation industries and these trees have often not been replaced by replanting programs.

2.4 Great Western Woodlands

The Baloo project area is part of the Great Western Woodlands (Watson et al. 2008, pp. vi) that is being promoted by conservation groups because the area contains the ‘largest and healthiest temperate woodland remaining on our planet’. The Wilderness Society argued that the fauna and flora diversity in the area has evolved with the landscape during an unbroken biological lineage stretching back 250 million years.

There is pressure from numerous conservation groups for the preservation of the Great Western Woodlands, and it is likely that the DPaW will progressively become more involved in the protection of this areas.

3 EXISTING VERTEBRATE FAUNA DATA AND PREVIOUS BIOLOGICAL SURVEYS IN THE REGION

The frogs, reptiles, mammals and birds in the Eastern Goldfields IBRA subregion have been previously surveyed, mostly for Level 2 vertebrate fauna assessments. The trapping fauna surveys or assessments completed in the vicinity of the project area which contain fauna assemblage data and were reviewed as part of this assessment include:

- ATA Environmental (2006) *Vertebrate Fauna Assessment St Ives Gold Mine*. Unpublished report for Jim's Seeds, Weeds and Trees, Ltd, Kalgoorlie.
- Bamford Consulting Ecologists (2010) *Gold Fields St Ives Gold Mine, Kambalda. Fauna Assessment: impacts of water discharge and general mining activity on vertebrate fauna*. Unpublished report to Gold Fields St Ives Gold Mine, Perth.
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- Ninox Wildlife Consulting (1998) *A Vertebrate Fauna Survey of the Randell Timber Reserve (1997 & 1998)*. Unpublished report for Mt Monger Gold Project Pty Ltd, Perth.
- Ninox Wildlife Consulting (2004b) *St Ives Gold Mine Vertebrate Fauna Assessment 2004*. Unpublished report for St Ives Gold Mining Co Pty Ltd, Kalgoorlie.
- Ninox Wildlife Consulting (2004a) *St Ives Gold Delta Island Vertebrate Fauna Assessment*. Unpublished Report Commissioned by St Ives Gold Mining Company Pty. Ltd.
- Western Wildlife (2006) *St Ives Gold Fauna Survey; Spring 2005*. Unpublished report for Jim's Seeds, Weeds and Trees, Kalgoorlie.
- and the Western Australian Museum (WAM) collection.

The most relevant fauna survey data come from the Western Australian Museum (WAM)/Department of Environment Conservation (DEC) eastern Goldfields survey of the Widgiemooltha-Zanthus survey area, the ATA Environmental (2006), Bamford Consulting Ecologists (2010), Dames and Moore (1999), Keith Lindbeck and Associates (2007), Ninox Wildlife Consulting (2004b) and Western Wildlife (2006) which are reports for projects on the western side of Lake Lefroy. The McKenzie, et al. (1993) report is part of the WAM/DEC's Eastern Goldfields survey undertaken in the mid 1980's and the Chapman et al. (1991) report is the results of fauna surveys of four timber reserves that are all west of Lake Lefroy.

The trapping effort employed during some of these surveys is now considered inadequate to assess species richness or assemblage structure; however, they provide useful contextual information concerning the project area.

In addition, Terrestrial Ecosystems has in excess of 120,000 trap-nights of data on the small vertebrate fauna for similar habitat north of the project area. These surveys have been undertaken in eleven of the major fauna

habitat types in the region that are typical of the Goldfields and are represented in the Baloo project area. These surveys commenced in 2000 and are part of an ongoing fauna investigation for the bioregion and have been undertaken on multiple occasions in each season. This is one of the largest, long-term, systematic terrestrial fauna surveys undertaken in Australia and has been reported in numerous publications (Thompson and Thompson 2002, Thompson et al. 2003a, Thompson et al. 2003b, Thompson et al. 2003c, Thompson and Thompson 2005a, Thompson and Thompson 2005b, Thompson et al. 2005a, Thompson et al. 2005b). Data from these investigations underpin this Level 2 fauna assessment.

Taxonomy and nomenclature for fauna species used in this report are generally based on the Atlas of Living Australia except for bats, which follow (Churchill 2008). Terrestrial Ecosystems has presumed that the identifications referred to in the appendices or in reports used to provide local and regional comparative data were correct and we have only corrected obvious records where the nomenclature was known to be incorrect.

4 ASSESSMENT METHOD

4.1 Database searches

Several databases were consulted in the preparation of the potential fauna lists. A review of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act 1999)* list of protected species was undertaken to identify species of conservation interest to the Commonwealth Government. A search was undertaken of a 50km area buffered around the linear search coordinates of 31.79503°S 121.85873°E through to 31.757672°S 121.709384°E (Appendix C). In addition, a desktop search of the Terrestrial Ecosystems' fauna survey database was used to develop an appreciation of the vertebrate fauna assemblages in the relevant section of the Eastern Goldfields IBRA subregion. The Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW) threatened and priority species database was searched via the records in NatureMap.

Other more general texts were also used to provide supplementary information on vertebrates in the bioregion, including Tyler *et al.* (2000) for frogs; Storr *et al.* (1983, 1990, 1999, 2002) and Thompson and Thompson (2006) for reptiles; Johnstone and Storr (1998, 2004) for birds; and Van Dyck and Strahan (2008) for mammals.

Collectively these sources of information were used to create lists of species expected to utilise the project area and broader bioregion. It should be noted that these lists will include species that have been recorded in the general region but are possibly vagrants and they will not generally be found in the project area due to a lack of suitable habitat (e.g. fresh water wetland birds). Vagrants can be recorded almost anywhere. Many of the bird, mammal, reptile and amphibian species have specific habitat requirements that may be present in the general area but not in the project area. Also, the ecology of many of these species is often not well understood and it can sometimes be difficult to indicate those species whose specific habitat requirements are not present in the project area. As a consequence many species will be included in the lists produced from database searches but will not be present in the actual project area.

There are errors in most databases, including NatureMap and the WAM collection. These errors occur because of a mis-identification of individuals, taxonomic name changes and incorrect coordinates being entered in to the database. Terrestrial Ecosystems was unable to verify the primary records, so it has used the information provided. Readers should therefore appreciate that species lists and fauna surveys reported in the appendices may include these errors.

4.2 Reconnaissance survey

The project area was searched on foot and by 4WD vehicle for evidence of malleefowl and other conservation significant fauna. The reconnaissance survey was also used to record fauna habitat types and their condition.

4.3 Fauna habitat assessment

The fauna habitat assessment was undertaken for the entire project area. This field assessment had two foci:

- assessing fauna habitat types and their condition; and
- assessing the possible presence of and recording evidence of conservation significant fauna so that mitigation and management strategies might be implemented to reduce potential impacts.

The fauna habitat assessor stopped at multiple locations within the project area and recorded a suite of data about the fauna habitat and its condition. This information included a description of the habitat structure, habitat condition, landform, soils and vegetation and time since last fire. The following data were recorded at each location as part of the habitat assessment:

Observer's name

Coordinates of the location as UTM (WGS 84)

Fire history – options

> 5 years

1-5 years

< 1 year

Landform – options

Beach

Clay plain

Lake / lake edge

Lower slope

Cliff	Mid slope
Creek line	Ridge
Dam	River
Drainage line	Rocky outcrop / breakaway
Dune crest	Salt lake
Dune slope	Sand dune
Dune swale	Sand plain
Escarpment	Stony plain
Flat	Swamp
Gorge	Undulating
Gully	Upper slope
Intertidal / mangrove	Wetland
	Water hole

Habitat quality – options

- *High quality fauna habitat* – These areas closely approximate the vegetation mix and quality that would have been in the area prior to any disturbance. The habitat has connectivity with other habitats and is likely to contain the most natural vertebrate fauna assemblage.
- *Very good fauna habitat* - These areas show minimal signs of disturbance (e.g. grazing, clearing, fragmentation, weeds) and generally retain many of the characteristics of the habitat if it had not been disturbed. The habitat has connectivity with other habitats and fauna assemblages in these areas are likely to be minimally effected by disturbance.
- *Good fauna habitat* – These areas showed signs of disturbance (e.g. grazing, clearing, fragmentation, weeds) but generally retain many of the characteristics of the habitat if it had not been disturbed. The habitat has connectivity with other habitats and fauna assemblages in these areas are likely to be affected by disturbance.
- *Disturbed fauna habitat*– These areas showed signs of significant disturbance. Many of the trees, shrubs and undergrowth are cleared. These areas may be in the early succession and regeneration stages. Areas may show signs of significant grazing, containing weeds or have been damaged by vehicle or machinery. Habitats are fragmented or have limited connectivity with other fauna habitats. Fauna assemblages in these areas are likely to differ significantly from what might be expected in the area had the disturbance not occurred.
- *Highly degraded fauna habitat* – These areas often have a significant loss of vegetation, an abundance of weeds, and a large number of vehicle tracks or are completely cleared. Limited or no fauna habitat connectivity. Fauna assemblages in these areas are likely to be significantly different to what might have been in the area pre-disturbance.

Habitat structure - options

Upper stratum

Tall open woodland	Scattered tall trees
Tall woodland	Scattered trees
Open woodland	Scattered low trees
Woodland	Low closed forest
Open forest	Low open forest
Closed forest	Low woodland
Tall closed forest	Low open woodland
Tall open forest	

Middle stratum

Shrubland	Open heath
Tall shrubland	Low closed heath
Tall open shrubland	Low open heath
Low shrubland	Tall closed scrub
Scattered low shrubs	Tall open scrub
Low open shrubland	Scattered tall shrubs
Scattered tall shrubs	Open shrubland
Closed heath	Scattered shrubs

Lower stratum

Closed hummock grassland	Closed tussock grassland / sedgeland / herbland
Mid-dense hummock grassland	Tussock grass land / sedgeland / herbland
Hummock grassland	Open tussock grassland / sedgeland / herbland
Open hummock grassland	Scattered tussock / grasses / sedges / herbs

Scattered hummock grassland	Very open tussock grassland / herbland
<i>Soil Type</i> – options	
Sand	Clay loam
Loamy sand	Silty clay loam
Clayey sand	Clay
Sandy loam	Rock
Loam	Peat / organic
Silty loam	Stony
Sandy clay loam	
<i>Soil Colour</i> –options	
Black	Red
Brown	White
Grey	Yellow
Orange	
<i>Surface stones</i> - options	
None	Boulders (>250mm)
Pebbles (0-50mm)	Rocks
Cobbles (51-250mm)	
Potential for conservation significant species to be found in the area	
Yes	
No	
Impact of clearing on conservation significant species – options	
Low	Moderate - high
Low - moderate	High
Moderate	Extreme
Translocation of conservation significant fauna required:	
No	
Yes	

4.3.1 Survey and reporting staff

Dr Scott Thompson undertook the reconnaissance survey and fauna habitat assessment with the assistance of Eren Reid (Native Vegetation Solutions) on 13 May 2015. Dr Scott Thompson prepared the report and Dr Graham Thompson reviewed the report before it was sent to the client. Both senior scientists have appropriate relevant post-graduate qualifications, extensive experience in conducting fauna assessments in the Goldfields, have published research articles on biodiversity, fauna assemblages, conservation significant species, trapping techniques and temporal variations in trapped fauna assemblages based on Goldfields surveys and are therefore appropriately trained and experienced for the task of preparing this assessment.

4.4 Limitations

This fauna risk assessment is based on information contained in the Commonwealth Government database and other published and unpublished fauna survey data for the bioregion and a reconnaissance survey. It is acknowledged that multiple surveys conducted in different seasons, repeated over several years are necessary to fully appreciate the fauna assemblage in the project area.

Lists of species potentially in and around the project area have been compiled from records in NatureMap, the Western Australian Museum records and reports of fauna surveys undertaken in the bioregion. It should be appreciated that some records in NatureMap and the Western Australian Museum are very old and those species are no longer present in the area. Terrestrial Ecosystems has not been able to see the primary data and is therefore not able to vouch for the accuracy of these records. All of these sources of data are known to contain errors, and this should be taken into account when reading this assessment.

The EPA *Guidance for Assessment of Environmental Factors: Terrestrial Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia, No. 56* (2004) suggested that fauna surveys may be limited by many variables. Limitations associated with each of these variables are assessed in Table 1.

Table 1. Fauna assessment limitations and constraints

Possible limitations	Constraint (yes/no); significant, moderate or negligible	Comment
Competency and experience of the consultant carrying out this assessment	No	The zoologists that undertook the field survey and prepared this assessment are familiar with the vertebrate fauna of this bioregion and are experienced in these types of assessments.
Scope	No	All aspects of the scope of works have been addressed.
Proportion of fauna identified, recorded and/or collected	No	Not applicable.
Accuracy of previous survey work	Yes, negligible	Terrestrial Ecosystems has reported fauna survey data recorded by various authors, but is not in a position to vouch for the accuracy of this information. It is acknowledged that the taxonomy of Western Australian vertebrates is continually being revised and the nomenclature of some of the species listed in the appendices may have changed since publication by the authors.
Sources of information	Yes, negligible	Vertebrate fauna information was available from on-line databases and unpublished and published reports of surveys conducted in the bioregion in a variety of habitat types. Many of these surveys employed a low level of trapping effort which significantly impacts on the capacity of these data to represent the fauna assemblages in the areas surveyed.
Timing/weather/season/ cycle	No	Weather was suitable for a reconnaissance survey.
Disturbances which affected results of the survey	No	The project area contained numerous tracks and there was evidence of recent exploration activity in some areas. This minor level of disturbance has been taken into account in this assessment.
Intensity of survey effort	No	Not applicable.
Resources	No	Adequate resources were available.
Remoteness and/or access problems	No	There was a vehicle track access to the majority of the project area. Access was not a limitation or constraint.
Availability of contextual information on the region	No	There is a reasonable quantity of fauna survey data available for this IBRA subregion.

Negligible = less than 20%.

5 RESULTS

5.1 Fauna habitats

The project area was visually assessed on 13 May 2015. The purpose of the reconnaissance survey was to determine fauna habitats and habitat condition and to identify any conservation significant species that may inhabit the area. The fauna habitat assessment was also undertaken during this reconnaissance survey.

There were four broad fauna habitats in the project area:

- tecticornia low dense shrubland;
- sclerophyll shrubland;
- mixed eucalypt woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understory; and
- sclerophyll and chenopod shrubland.

Within each of these four broad fauna habitats there were variations in the density of the eucalypt woodland ranging upwards from very open, and other areas showing evidence of recent rehabilitation. Plates 1-4 provide an indication of the habitat types available and Appendix D has more images.



Plate 1. Tecticornia low dense shrubland



Plate 2. Sclerophyll shrubland



Plate 3. Mixed eucalypt woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understory



Plate 4. Sclerophyll and chenopod shrubland

5.2 Fauna habitat condition

The project area contains numerous vehicle tracks and there has been some exploration drilling and associated rehabilitation. The rehabilitation is of varying quality and age. Other than the areas disturbed by exploration and associated rehabilitation, fauna habitat condition for most of the project area is good to very good.

Appendix D provides the results of the fauna habitat assessment. These data and images indicate the range of fauna habitats present in the project area.

5.3 Bioregional vertebrate fauna

Appendix A provides a summary of the fauna survey data that are available in the vicinity of the project area. There are appreciable differences in the recorded fauna assemblages within and among fauna surveys shown in Appendix A. These differences are partially due to the low survey effort often deployed and they also reflect variations in soils and vegetation as well as temporal variations in the fauna assemblages.

Tables 2-5 provide a list of vertebrate species potentially found in the vicinity of the project area that have been compiled based on the fauna survey reports listed in section 3.

Table 2. Birds potentially found in the vicinity of the project area

Family	Species	Common Name
Accipitridae	<i>Lophoictinia isura</i>	Square-tailed Kite
	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>	Whistling Kite
	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>	Brown Goshawk
	<i>Accipiter cirrocephalus</i>	Collared Sparrowhawk
	<i>Aquila audax</i>	Wedge-tailed Eagle
	<i>Hieraaetus morphnoides</i>	Little Eagle
Anatidae	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	Black Swan
	<i>Tadorna tadornoides</i>	Australian Shelduck
	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>	Australian Wood Duck
	<i>Anas gracilis</i>	Grey Teal
	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	Pacific Black Duck
	<i>Aythya australis</i>	Hardhead
Aegothelidae	<i>Aegotheles cristatus</i>	Australian Owlet-nightjar
Podargidae	<i>Podargus strigoides</i>	Tawny Frogmouth
Casuariidae	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	Emu
Charadriidae	<i>Charadrius ruficapillus</i>	Red-capped Plover
	<i>Charadrius australis</i>	Inland Dotterel
	<i>Euseyornis melanops</i>	Black-fronted Dotterel
	<i>Erythrogonys cinctus</i>	Red-kneed Dotterel
	<i>Vanellus tricolor</i>	Banded Lapwing
Laridae	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	Silver Gull
Recurvirostridae	<i>Recurvirostra novaehollandiae</i>	Red-necked Avocet
	<i>Cladorhynchus leucocephalus</i>	Banded Stilt
Scolopacidae	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Common Greenshank
Columbidae	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	Laughing Dove
	<i>Phaps chalcoptera</i>	Common Bronzewing
	<i>Phaps elegans</i>	Brush Bronzewing
	<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>	Crested Pigeon
Alcedinidae	<i>Todiramphus pyrrhopygius</i>	Red-backed Kingfisher
	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>	Sacred Kingfisher
Meropidae	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Rainbow Bee-eater
Cuculidae	<i>Chalcites basalus</i>	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo
	<i>Chalcites osculans</i>	Black-eared Cuckoo
	<i>Chalcites lucidus</i>	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo
	<i>Cacomantis pallidus</i>	Pallid Cuckoo
	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>	Fan-tailed Cuckoo
Caprimulgidae	<i>Eurostopodus argus</i>	Spotted Nightjar
Falconidae	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>	Nankeen Kestrel
	<i>Falco berigora</i>	Brown Falcon
	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine Falcon
Megapodiidae	<i>Leipoa ocellata</i>	Malleefowl
Rallidae	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Eurasian Coot
Acanthizidae	<i>Sericornis frontalis</i>	White-browed Scrubwren
	<i>Hylacola cauta</i>	Shy Heathwren
	<i>Calamanthus campestris</i>	Rufous Fieldwren

Family	Species	Common Name
	<i>Pyrrholaemus brunneus</i>	Redthroat
	<i>Smicronis brevirostris</i>	Weebill
	<i>Gerygone fusca</i>	Western Gerygone
	<i>Acanthiza robustirostris</i>	Slaty-backed Thornbill
	<i>Acanthiza chrysorrhoa</i>	Yellow-rumped Thornbill
	<i>Acanthiza apicalis</i>	Inland Thornbill
	<i>Aphelocephala leucopsis</i>	Southern Whiteface
	<i>Acanthiza uropygialis</i>	Chestnut-rumped Thornbill
Artamidae	<i>Artamus personatus</i>	Masked Woodswallow
	<i>Artamus cinereus</i>	Black-faced Woodswallow
	<i>Artamus cyanopterus</i>	Dusky Woodswallow
	<i>Cracticus torquatus</i>	Grey Butcherbird
	<i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i>	Pied Butcherbird
	<i>Cracticus tibicen</i>	Australian Magpie
	<i>Strepera versicolor</i>	Grey Currawong
Campephagidae	<i>Coracina maxima</i>	Ground Cuckoo-Shrike
	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike
	<i>Lalage tricolor</i>	White-winged Triller
Climacteridae	<i>Climacteris rufa</i>	Rufous Treecreeper
Corvidae	<i>Corvus coronoides</i>	Australian Raven
	<i>Corvus bennetti</i>	Little Crow
	<i>Corvus orru</i>	Torresian Crow
Estrildidae	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>	Zebra Finch
Hirundinidae	<i>Cheramoeca leucosterna</i>	White-backed Swallow
	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	Welcome Swallow
	<i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i>	Tree Martin
	<i>Petrochelidon ariel</i>	Fairy Martin
Maluridae	<i>Malurus splendens</i>	Splendid Fairy-wren
	<i>Malurus leucopterus</i>	White-winged Fairy-wren
	<i>Malurus lamberti</i>	Variegated Fairy-wren
	<i>Malurus pulcherrimus</i>	Blue-breasted Fairy-wren
Meliphagidae	<i>Lichenostomus virescens</i>	Singing Honeyeater
	<i>Lichenostomus leucotis</i>	White-eared Honeyeater
	<i>Lichenostomus flavicollis</i>	Yellow-throated Honeyeater
	<i>Lichenostomus cratitius</i>	Purple-gaped Honeyeater
	<i>Lichenostomus ornatus</i>	Yellow-plumed Honeyeater
	<i>Purnella albifrons</i>	White-fronted Honeyeater
	<i>Manorina flavigula</i>	Yellow-throated Miner
	<i>Acanthagenys rufogularis</i>	Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater
	<i>Anthochaera carunculata</i>	Red Wattlebird
	<i>Epthianura tricolor</i>	Crimson Chat
	<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>	White-fronted Chat
	<i>Sugomel niger</i>	Black Honeyeater
	<i>Gliciphila melanops</i>	Tawny-crowned Honeyeater
	<i>Lichmera indistincta</i>	Brown Honeyeater
	<i>Melithreptus brevirostris</i>	Brown-headed Honeyeater
	<i>Myiagra inquieta</i>	Restless Flycatcher
	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	Magpie-Lark
Motacillidae	<i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i>	Australasian Pipit
Nectariniidae	<i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i>	Mistletoebird
Neosittidae	<i>Daphoenositta chrysoptera</i>	Varied Sittella
Pachycephalidae	<i>Pachycephala inornata</i>	Gilbert's Whistler
	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>	Golden Whistler
	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>	Rufous Whistler
	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>	Grey Shrike-thrush
	<i>Oreoica gutturalis</i>	Crested Bellbird

Family	Species	Common Name
Pardalotidae	<i>Pardalotus punctatus</i>	Spotted Pardalote
	<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>	Striated Pardalote
Petroicidae	<i>Microeca fascinans</i>	Jacky Winter
	<i>Petroica goodenovii</i>	Red-capped Robin
	<i>Melanodryas cucullata</i>	Hooded Robin
	<i>Eopsaltria australis</i>	Eastern Yellow Robin
	<i>Eopsaltria griseogularis</i>	Western Yellow Robin
	<i>Drymodes superciliaris</i>	Northern Scrub-robin
	<i>Drymodes brunneopygia</i>	Southern Scrub-robin
Pomatostomidae	<i>Pomatostomus superciliosus</i>	White-browed Babbler
Psophodidae	<i>Cinclosoma castanotus</i>	Chestnut Quail-thrush
Rhipiduridae	<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i>	Grey Fantail
	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	Willie Wagtail
Timaliidae	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	Silveryeye
Phalacrocoracidae	<i>Microcarbo melanoleucos</i>	Little Pied Cormorant
Podicipedidae	<i>Poliiocephalus poliocephalus</i>	Hoary-headed Grebe
Cacatuidae	<i>Eolophus roseicapillus</i>	Galah
	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	Cockatiel
Psittacidae	<i>Glossopsitta porphyrocephala</i>	Purple-crowned Lorikeet
	<i>Polytelis anthopeplus</i>	Regent Parrot
	<i>Platycercus icterotis</i>	Western Rosella
	<i>Barnardius zonarius</i>	Australian Ringneck
	<i>Psephotus varius</i>	Mulga Parrot
	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	Budgerigar
	<i>Neophema splendida</i>	Scarlet-chested Parrot
Strigidae	<i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>	Southern Boobook

Table 3. Mammals potentially found in the vicinity of the project area

Family	Species	Common Name
Bovidae	<i>Capra hircus</i>	Goat
	<i>Ovis aries</i>	Sheep
Canidae	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	Dog
	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Red Fox
Felidae	<i>Felis catus</i>	House Cat
Molossidae	<i>Austronomus australis</i>	White-striped Free-tail Bat
	<i>Mormopterus planiceps</i>	Southern Free-tail Bat
Vespertilionidae	<i>Chalinolobus gouldii</i>	Gould's Wattled Bat
	<i>Chalinolobus morio</i>	Chocolate Wattled Bat
	<i>Mormopterus sp.</i>	
	<i>Nyctophilus geoffroyi</i>	Lesser Long-eared Bat
	<i>Nyctophilus major</i>	Greater Long-eared Bat
	<i>Scotorepens balstoni</i>	Inland Broad-nosed Bat
	<i>Vespadelus regulus</i>	Southern Forest Bat
Dasyuridae	<i>Ningauai ridei</i>	Wongai Ningauai
	<i>Ningauai yvonneae</i>	Mallee Ningauai
	<i>Sminthopsis crassicaudata</i>	Fat-tailed Dunnart
	<i>Sminthopsis dolichura</i>	Little Long-tailed Dunnart
	<i>Sminthopsis gilberti</i>	Gilbert's Dunnart
	<i>Sminthopsis hirtipes</i>	Hairy-footed Dunnart
	<i>Sminthopsis ooldea</i>	Ooldea Dunnart
Burramyidae	<i>Cercartetus concinnus</i>	Southwestern Pygmy Possum
Macropodidae	<i>Macropus fuliginosus</i>	Western Grey Kangaroo
	<i>Macropus irma</i>	Western Brush Wallaby
	<i>Macropus robustus</i>	Wallaroo or Euro

Family	Species	Common Name
	<i>Macropus rufus</i>	Red Kangaroo
Leporidae	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	European Rabbit
Tachyglossidae	<i>Tachyglossus aculeatus</i>	Short-beaked Echidna
Equidae	<i>Equus caballus</i>	Domestic Horse
Muridae	<i>Mus musculus</i>	House Mouse
	<i>Notomys alexis</i>	Spinifex Hopping Mouse
	<i>Notomys mitchellii</i>	Mitchell's Hopping Mouse
	<i>Pseudomys albocinereus</i>	Ash-grey Mouse
	<i>Pseudomys bolami</i>	Bolam's Mouse
	<i>Pseudomys hermannsburgensis</i>	Sandy Inland Mouse
	<i>Rattus fuscipes</i>	Bush Rat
	<i>Rattus rattus</i>	Black Rat

Table 4. Amphibians potentially found in the vicinity of the project area

Family	Species	Common Name
Limnodynastidae	<i>Limnodynastes dorsalis</i>	Western Banjo Frog
	<i>Neobatrachus albipes</i>	White-footed Trilling Frog
	<i>Neobatrachus centralis</i>	
	<i>Neobatrachus kunapalari</i>	Kunapalari Frog
	<i>Neobatrachus pelobatoides</i>	Humming Frog
	<i>Neobatrachus sutor</i>	Shoemaker Frog
Myobatrachidae	<i>Crinia pseudinsignifera</i>	Bleating Froglet
	<i>Pseudophryne guentheri</i>	Crawling Toadlet
	<i>Pseudophryne occidentalis</i>	Western Toadlet

Table 5. Reptiles potentially found in the vicinity of the project area

Family	Species	Common Name
Agamidae	<i>Ctenophorus adelaidensis</i>	Southern Heath Dragon
	<i>Ctenophorus caudicinctus</i>	Ring-tailed Dragon
	<i>Ctenophorus cristatus</i>	Bicycle Dragon
	<i>Ctenophorus fordii</i>	Mallee Sand Dragon
	<i>Ctenophorus isolepis</i>	Crested Dragon
	<i>Ctenophorus maculatus</i>	Spotted Military Dragon
	<i>Ctenophorus ornatus</i>	Ornate Crevice Dragon
	<i>Ctenophorus reticulatus</i>	Western Netted Dragon
	<i>Ctenophorus salinarum</i>	Salt Pan Dragon
	<i>Ctenophorus scutulatus</i>	
	<i>Moloch horridus</i>	Thorny Devil
	<i>Pogona minor</i>	Bearded Dragon
	<i>Tympanocryptis cephalus</i>	Pebble Dragon
Boidae	<i>Morelia spilota imbricata</i>	Carpet Python
Carphodactylidae	<i>Nephrurus laevisimus</i>	
	<i>Nephrurus vertebralis</i>	
	<i>Underwoodisaurus milii</i>	Barking Gecko
Diplodactylidae	<i>Crenadactylus ocellatus</i>	Clawless Gecko
	<i>Diplodactylus granariensis</i>	
	<i>Diplodactylus pulcher</i>	
	<i>Lucasium maini</i>	
	<i>Oedura reticulata</i>	
	<i>Strophurus assimilis</i>	Goldfields Spiny-tailed Gecko
	<i>Strophurus elderi</i>	
	<i>Strophurus intermedius</i>	
	<i>Strophurus strophurus</i>	
Elapidae	<i>Brachyuropsis fasciolata</i>	

Family	Species	Common Name
	<i>Brachyuropsis semifasciata</i>	
	<i>Demansia psammophis</i>	Yellow-faced Whipsnake
	<i>Furina ornata</i>	Moon Snake
	<i>Neelaps bimaculatus</i>	Black-naped Snake
	<i>Parasuta gouldii</i>	
	<i>Parasuta monachus</i>	
	<i>Parasuta nigriceps</i>	
	<i>Pseudechis australis</i>	Mulga Snake
	<i>Pseudonaja affinis</i>	Dugite
	<i>Pseudonaja mengdeni</i>	Gwardar
	<i>Pseudonaja modesta</i>	Ringed Brown Snake
	<i>Simoselaps bertholdi</i>	Jan's Banded Snake
	<i>Simoselaps semifasciata</i>	
	<i>Suta fasciata</i>	Rosen's Snake
Gekkonidae	<i>Christinus marmoratus</i>	Marbled Gecko
	<i>Gehyra purpurascens</i>	
	<i>Gehyra variegata</i>	
	<i>Heteronotia binoei</i>	Bynoe's Gecko
	<i>Rhynchoedura ornata</i>	Beaked Gecko
Pygopodidae	<i>Delma australis</i>	
	<i>Delma butleri</i>	
	<i>Delma fraseri</i>	
	<i>Delma nasuta</i>	
	<i>Lialis burtonis</i>	
	<i>Pygopus lepidopodus</i>	Common Scaly Foot
Scincidae	<i>Cryptoblepharus buchananii</i>	
	<i>Cryptoblepharus sp.</i>	
	<i>Ctenotus atlas</i>	
	<i>Ctenotus leonhardii</i>	
	<i>Ctenotus mimetes</i>	
	<i>Ctenotus schomburgkii</i>	
	<i>Ctenotus severus</i>	
	<i>Ctenotus uber</i>	
	<i>Cyclodomorphus branchialis</i>	
	<i>Cyclodomorphus melanops</i>	Slender Blue-tongue
	<i>Egernia carinata</i>	
	<i>Egernia depressa</i>	Southern Pygmy Spiny-tailed Skink
	<i>Egernia formosa</i>	
	<i>Egernia multiscutata</i>	
	<i>Egernia richardi</i>	
	<i>Eremiascincus richardsonii</i>	Broad-banded Sand Swimmer
	<i>Hemiergus initialis</i>	
	<i>Hemiergus millewae</i>	
	<i>Hemiergus peronii</i>	
	<i>Lerista distinguenda</i>	
	<i>Lerista dorsalis</i>	
	<i>Lerista kingi</i>	
	<i>Lerista picturata</i>	
	<i>Lerista taeniata</i>	
	<i>Lerista terdigitata</i>	
	<i>Lerista tridactyla</i>	
	<i>Liopholis inornata</i>	
	<i>Menetia greyii</i>	
	<i>Morethia adelaidensis</i>	
	<i>Morethia butleri</i>	

Family	Species	Common Name
	<i>Morethia obscura</i>	
	<i>Tiliqua occipitalis</i>	Western Bluetongue
	<i>Tiliqua rugosa</i>	
Typhlopidae	<i>Anilios australis</i>	
	<i>Anilios bicolor</i>	
	<i>Anilios bituberculatus</i>	
	<i>Anilios hamatus</i>	
Varanidae	<i>Varanus caudolineatus</i>	
	<i>Varanus gouldii</i>	Bungarra or Sand Monitor
	<i>Varanus rosenbergi</i>	Heath Monitor
	<i>Varanus tristis</i>	Racehorse Monitor

5.4 Conservation significant fauna species recorded or predicted to occur in the project area

Species listed under the *EPBC Act 1999* or the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* as being threatened or of conservation significance or are on the DPaW Priority and Threatened Species list and are potentially in the vicinity of the project area are shown in Table 2.

Conservation significant fauna are protected by the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (*EPBC Act 1999*), and this list includes species covered by international treaties such as the Japan-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement (JAMBA) and China-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement (CAMBA) and the Western Australia (WA) *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*. The WA *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* provides for the publishing of the *Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice* that lists species under multiple categories. In addition, the DPaW maintains a list of fauna that require monitoring under five priority headings based on DPaW's knowledge of their distribution, abundance and threatening processes. The *EPBC Act 1999* and *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* imply legislative requirements for the management of anthropogenic impacts to minimise the effects of disturbances on species and their habitats. Priority species have no statutory protection, other than the DPaW wishes to monitor potential impacts on these species. Environmental consultants and proponents of developments are encouraged to avoid and minimise impacts on these species. Definitions of the significant fauna under the *WA Wildlife Conservation Act* are provided in Appendix B.

Five threatened species of fauna and four migratory species of birds were identified under the *EPBC Act 1999* as potentially occurring in the vicinity of the project area. There are 13 Schedule species listed under the WA *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* and eight priority species listed on the DPaW's Priority Fauna List that potentially occur in the region. The following is an assessment of the likelihood of each of the species listed in Table 2 being found in the project area and if they are found, the potential for impacting on the species during development.

Table 6. Species that are potentially found in the vicinity of the project area and that are listed as being of conservation significance under state or commonwealth government legislation or with DPaW.

Species	Status under the Wildlife Conservation Act / DPaW	Status under the EPBC Act	Comment on potential impact that vegetation clearing will have on conservation significant species
<i>Ogyris subterrestris</i> Arid Bronze Azure Butterfly	Schedule 1	Critical	Outside of its known distribution so unlikely to impact on this species. Potential impact very low as it is unlikely to be in the project area.
<i>Calyptorhynchus latirostris</i> Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo	Schedule 1	Endangered	Not recently recorded in the vicinity of the project area. The impact is therefore likely to be very low.
<i>Leipoa ocellata</i> Malleefowl	Schedule 1	Vulnerable	Potentially in the vicinity of the project area, however, it is unlikely to be impacted as there are no active mounds in the project area, there are limited areas of ideal habitat and they are mobile enough to move away from noise or disturbance.
<i>Dasyurus geoffroii</i> Chuditch	Schedule 1	Vulnerable	Not recently recorded in the vicinity of the project area, and although the habitat may be suitable in some areas, the impact is likely to be very low due to it not being present in the area.
<i>Myrmecobius fasciatus</i> Numbat	Schedule 1	Vulnerable	Not recently recorded in the vicinity of the project area, so it is unlikely to be in the project area. The potential impact on this species is very low.
<i>Merops ornatus</i> Rainbow Bee-eater	Schedule 3	Migratory	It is unlikely that vegetation clearing will significantly impact on this species because it can easily move to adjacent undisturbed areas once clearing commences. There may be a low impact if a nest is disturbed during vegetation clearing.
<i>Apus pacificus</i> Fork-tailed Swift	Schedule 3	Migratory	It is unlikely that vegetation clearing will significantly impact on this species as they are an aerial species and rarely come to the ground. They can also easily move to adjacent undisturbed areas once clearing commences.
<i>Ardea alba</i> Great Egret	Schedule 3	Migratory	Low possibility that it is in the general area as they are highly mobile and migratory species, so the potential impact is very low.
<i>Ardea ibis</i> Cattle Egret	Schedule 3	Migratory	Very low possibility that it is in the general area as they are highly mobile and migratory species, so the potential impact is very low.
<i>Lophochroa leadbeateri</i> Major Mitchell's Cockatoo	Schedule 4		The project area is a long way outside the known geographic distribution for Major Mitchell's Cockatoo and given that it will readily move to adjacent undisturbed areas once vegetation clearing commences, any potential impacts on this species are likely to be very low.

Species	Status under the Wildlife Conservation Act / DPaW	Status under the EPBC Act	Comment on potential impact that vegetation clearing will have on conservation significant species
<i>Falco peregrinus</i> Peregrine Falcon	Schedule 4		Low potential to be in the area, and if it is, it is unlikely that vegetation clearing will significantly impact on this species because it can easily move to adjacent undisturbed areas once clearing commences.
<i>Morelia spilota imbricata</i> Carpet Python	Schedule 4		Not recently recorded in the vicinity of the project area, and although the habitat may be suitable in some areas, the impact is likely to be very low in a bioregional context.
<i>Aspidites ramsayi</i> Woma	Schedule 4		Highly unlikely to be in the project area, so any potential impact on this species is likely to be very low.
<i>Acanthophis antarcticus</i> Southern Death Adder	Priority 3		Not recently recorded in the vicinity of the project area, and although the habitat may be suitable in some areas, any impacts are likely to be very low in a bioregional context.
<i>Platycercus icterotis xanthogenys</i> (Mallee) Western Rosella	Priority 4		Could be found in the eucalypt woodland, however, it would readily move to adjacent undisturbed areas once clearing commences. Overall potential for impact is low, when considered in a bioregional context.
<i>Hylacola cautus whitlocki</i> Shy Heathwren	Priority 4		Could be found in the project area, however, it will readily move to adjacent undisturbed areas once clearing commences. Overall potential for impact is low; however, there may be localised impacts if a nest was disturbed.
<i>Oreoica gutturalis gutturalis</i> Crested Bellbird	Priority 4		Could be found in the project area, however, it would readily move to adjacent undisturbed areas once clearing commences. Overall potential for impact is low; however, there may be localised impacts if a nest was disturbed.
<i>Burhinus grallarius</i> Bush Stone-curlew	Priority 4		Low probability of being found in the project area. If it is present, then it will readily move to adjacent undisturbed areas once clearing commences. Overall potential for impact is low.
<i>Nyctophilus(timoriensis)</i> sp. 1 Central Long-eared Bat	Priority 4		This species has been recorded in other surveys in the region, however, vegetation clearing associated with road construction is unlikely to significantly impact on this species, as it readily move away from disturbance.
<i>Charadrius rubricollis rubricollis</i> Hooded Plover (western subspecies)	Priority 4		May potentially utilise the salt-pans and samphire flats within the project area during big flood events. Will readily move away from the area if disturbed unless it is nesting. Potential impacts on this species in a bioregional context area are assessed as low.
<i>Ardeotis australis</i> Australian Bustard	Priority 4		Low probability of being found in the project area. If it is present, then it will readily move to adjacent undisturbed areas once clearing commences. Overall potential for impact is low.

5.4.1 Potential impact on species of conservation significance

Arid Bronze Azure Butterfly (*Ogyris subterrestris petrina*) – Schedule 1 under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* and Critical under the *EPBC Act 1999*.

This butterfly is associated with colonies of the ant *Camponotus terebrans*. Larvae hatching from eggs laid near ant nest entrances (often near the bases of various mallee eucalypts) are carried by the ants into their nest. Details of its biology and of any form of herbivory by the larvae are unknown; however, it is likely that the larvae are myrmecophagous. These butterflies fly close to the ground, and have been observed flying over agricultural lands near presumed breeding colonies. It is known from Lake Douglas, which is 100kms north of the project area (Field 1999).

It is Terrestrial Ecosystems' assessment that vegetation clearing in the project area is unlikely to have a significant impact on this species as it is outside its known geographical range.

Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*) – Schedule 1 under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* and Endangered under the *EPBC Act 1999*.

Carnaby's Cockatoo is found in the south-west of Australia from Kalbarri through to Ravensthorpe. It has a preference for feeding on the seeds of Marri, Banksia, Dryandra, Hakea, Eucalyptus, Grevillea, Pinus and *Allocasuarina* spp.. It is nomadic often moving toward the coast after breeding. It breeds in tree hollows that are 2.5–12m above the ground and has an entrance of 23-30cm with a depth of 1-2.5m. Nesting mostly occurs in smooth-barked trees (e.g. Salmon Gum, Wandoo, Red Morrell). Loss of habitat, in particular, feeding areas near breeding sites is considered to be a major threat to this species.

The project area is a long way east of the known extant geographic distribution for this species (Johnstone and Storr 1998, Department of Sustainability Environment Water Population and Communities 2012), however, Davies (1966) reported Carnaby's Cockatoo as far east as Norseman fifty years ago, but this was a rare occurrence and given the recently reported significant contraction in its geographic range, it is highly unlikely to be seen this far east again. Terrestrial Ecosystems' assessment is that they are unlikely to be seen in the vicinity of the project area.

Malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellata*) - Schedule 1 under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* and Vulnerable under the *EPBC Act 1999*.

Malleefowl are large, ground-dwelling birds that rarely fly unless alarmed or are perching for the night. Historically, Malleefowl have been found in mallee regions of southern Australia from approximately the 26th parallel of latitude southwards. Recently their range has contracted due to fox predation and land clearance. Their abundance in the Goldfields is low and they are sparsely distributed, favouring those areas that are more densely vegetated. Malleefowl build distinctive nests that comprise a large mound of soil/rock covering a central core of leaf litter. These nest mounds range in diameter but can span more than five metres and may be up to one metre high. Malleefowl are generally monogamous and, once breeding commences, they pair for life. The presence of nest mounds provides an indication of the presence of Malleefowl in the area.

Malleefowl have been recorded in other fauna surveys in the vicinity of the project area (Appendix A). However, no evidence (e.g. tracks or mounds) of Malleefowl were found in the project area, and there is limited high quality habitat available for this species. It is therefore Terrestrial Ecosystems' assessment that Malleefowl may be found in the general vicinity, however any impact on them would be low as they are unlikely to nest in the project area and they can easily move away from vegetation clearing or other disturbances.

Chuditch (*Dasyurus geoffroii*) – Schedule 1 under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* and Vulnerable under the *EPBC Act 1999*.

The Chuditch is the largest carnivorous marsupial in Western Australia (WA). It is usually active from dusk to dawn. Formally known from over 70% of Australia, the Chuditch now has a patchy distribution throughout the Jarrah forest and mixed Karri/Marri/Jarrah forest of south-west WA and other isolated areas. Chuditch are solitary

animals for most of their life and den in hollow logs, burrows, culverts, etc and have also been recorded in tree hollows and rock cavities. Chuditch are opportunistic feeders, and forage primarily on the ground at night. Their diet can include other mammals, birds, lizards, bird and reptile eggs but the majority is a mixture of large invertebrates (e.g. spiders, scorpions and crickets).

They have been recorded in similar habitat around Forrestania (i.e. 100plus km to the west), but there are no recent records in the vicinity of the project area. Based on the available data, it is Terrestrial Ecosystems assessment that the impact is likely to be very low due to it not being present or present in very low densities.

Numbat (*Myrmecobius fasciatus*) - Schedule 1 under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* and Vulnerable under the *EPBC Act 1999*.

Numbats were once present across southern semi-arid and arid Australia, including parts of NSW, SA and southern NT, as well as the south-west of Western Australia. In Western Australia, there are small residual populations at Dryandra and Perup, with recent translocations at Boyagin Nature Reserve, Tutanning Nature Reserve, Batalling block and Karroun Hill Nature Reserve. Numbats are essentially solitary, forage during the day in winter and in the early morning and late afternoon in summer.

There is a very old record (i.e. 1927) of a Numbat being found in the western goldfields (Atlas of Living Australia), however, it is highly unlikely that they are in the project area or vicinity. As they are not likely to be found there will be no impact on the species.

Rainbow Bee-eater (*Merops ornatus*) - Migratory under the *EPBC Act 1999* and Schedule 3 under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*.

The Rainbow Bee-eater is widespread during late spring and summer in the southern section of WA, particularly in sandy areas that have access to water. This species was recorded in numerous fauna surveys in the goldfields in the vicinity of the project area (Appendix A), and could therefore be seen in the project area the spring and summer. These migratory birds will readily move out of the area if disturbed, so there is unlikely to be a significant impact.

Fork-tailed Swift (*Apus pacificus*) - Migratory under the *EPBC Act 1999* and Schedule 3 under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*.

The Fork-tailed Swift breeds in north-east and mid-east Asia and winters in Australia and New Guinea. It arrives in the Kimberley in late September and in central and southern WA in November and leaves in late April. The Fork-tailed Swift may be an infrequent visitor to the area although it has not been recorded in previous surveys.

It is Terrestrial Ecosystems' assessment that the Fork-tailed Swift may infrequently be seen in the vicinity of the project area, but is unlikely to be impacted by the potential developments as it is an aerial species and rarely comes to the ground.

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) - Migratory under the *EPBC Act 1999* and Schedule 3 under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*

Hérons and egrets all depend, to some extent upon surface water for hunting. This is a large, elegant, white wader dependent upon floodwaters, rivers, shallow wetlands and intertidal mudflats.

It is Terrestrial Ecosystems assessment the Great Egret may infrequently utilise the salt lake if it was in flood, but as this is a very rare occasion they are unlikely to be impacted by any development on site.

Cattle Egret (*Ardea ibis*) - Migratory under the *EPBC Act 1999* and Schedule 3 under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*

The smallest of Australian egrets, this species has undertaken an invasion of Australia from the north, where it was originally more common in the Indonesian archipelago than Australia. This invasion may have been assisted by the

opening up of farming land and irrigation schemes, providing the pasturelands and shallow wetlands that the species prefers to forage in.

The only habitats within the project area which may support this species are surface marshes and the fringes of the salt lakes if they are in flood. It is Terrestrial Ecosystems assessment the Cattle Egret may utilise the salt lake if it was in flood, but as this is a very rare occasion they are unlikely to be impacted by any development on site.

Major Mitchell's Cockatoo (*Lophochroa leadbeateri*) – Schedule 4 under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*.

The Major Mitchell's Cockatoo geographic distribution includes some of the semi-arid and arid zones of Australia. It has a disjunct geographic distribution in WA with a population in the semi-arid area east of Geraldton to include Lake Moore and Lake Barlee and the west of the project area. Major Mitchell's Cockatoo is most often seen high in the branches of Salmon Gums (*Eucalyptus salmonophloia*) and other large eucalypts, in heavily timbered creek-lines or roadside verges in various parts of the WA wheatbelt. Major Mitchell's Cockatoo breed in the hollows of large eucalypts. It is scarce throughout most of WA and the primary cause for its decline is land clearing for agriculture and subsequent fragmentation of remaining habitat. There is a small population that is seen around Southern Cross and as far east as Kalgoorlie (see Atlas of Living Australia). There are also records in Terrestrial Ecosystems' fauna survey database of Major Mitchell's Cockatoo being seen in the woodlands to the west of the project area but none within 50km.

It is Terrestrial Ecosystems' assessment that Major Mitchell's Cockatoo could infrequently be seen in the vicinity of the project area, but this is not their core area, and as such, the potential for impacting on this species is low.

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) – Schedule 4 *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*.

The Peregrine Falcon is uncommon, although widespread throughout much of Australia excluding the extremely dry areas and has a wide and patchy distribution. It favours hilly or mountainous country and open woodlands and may be an occasional visitor to the project area. Nesting sites include ledges along cliffs, granite outcrops and quarries, hollow trees near wetlands and old nests of other large bird species. There is no evidence to suggest any change in status in the last 50 years. Peregrine Falcons were recorded during numerous fauna surveys in the goldfields (Appendix A), so they are in the area.

It is Terrestrial Ecosystems' assessment that the Peregrine Falcon may infrequently be observed in the project area; however, vegetation clearing is unlikely to have a significant impact on this species as there are plenty of similar habitats in adjacent areas.

Carpet Python (*Morelia spilota imbricata*) - Schedule 4 under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*.

The Carpet Python is a large snake found across the south-west of WA, north to Geraldton and Yalgoo, and east of Kalgoorlie, Fraser Range and Eyre and there are records (1981 and 1996) for this species north of Widgiemooltha (see Atlas of Living Australia). It inhabits forest, heath or wetland areas and shelters in hollow logs or in branches of large trees. It feeds on a variety of vertebrates including small mammals and reptiles. Carpet Python assemblages are generally found in low numbers and are dispersed across a relatively large area, except during the breeding season when aggregations have been recorded.

Although there is suitable habitat in the project area, it is highly unlikely that they are in the project area, so any potential impact on the species will be low.

Woma (southern form: *Aspidites ramsayi*) – Schedule 4 under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*.

This python was once common in a crescent shaped distribution from Shark Bay through the wheatbelt to Kitchener. The Atlas of Living Australia has records of them being caught in the vicinity of the Great Eastern Highway from around Southern Cross and east towards Coolgardie and then there is a disjunct population near Zanthus.

Given the lack of records near the project area, Terrestrial Ecosystems has assessed potential impacts on this species as very low.

Southern Death Adder (*Acanthophis antarcticus*) – Priority 3 with DPaW

The Southern Death Adder is a very cryptic snake that is found from the Darling Range, central wheatbelt and from Esperance across the Nullarbor Plain to the South Australian border. It is rarely caught in fauna surveys and only opportunistically encountered on roads and in undisturbed bushland. The Southern Death Adder is in relatively low densities across the goldfields and there is a very low possibility it is in the project area. However, there are no records in the Atlas of Living Australia in the vicinity of the project area, so the potential impact on the species is very low in a bioregional context.

Western Rosella (*Platycercus icterotis xanthogenys*) – Priority 4 with DPaW.

The mallee form of the Western Rosella is found mostly in Eucalypt and Casuarina woodland and shrublands, especially Wandoo, Flooded Gums and Salmon Gums. This species was sighted by Chapman et al., (1991) near Cave Hill Nature Reserve, but it was not seen in any of the other fauna surveys around the project area (Appendix A). Based on his surveys in the Goldfields, Prof. H. Recher (pers. comm.) suggested that this species is sparse throughout the Great Western Woodland and probably nested in the woodlands.

There is a low probability that the Western Rosella could be found in the eucalypt woodland in low densities, however, it would readily move to adjacent undisturbed areas once vegetation clearing commences. The overall potential for impact is low, however, there may be localised impacts if a hollow containing a nesting bird was disturbed.

Shy Heathwren (*Hylacola cautus whitlocki*) – Priority 4 with DPaW.

The Shy Heathwren is a small ground species that is found in the semi-arid interior of WA, including much of the southern wheatbelt. Its habitat includes dense shrub and heathlands in the understorey of eucalypt woodlands, often on sandy soils. Johnstone and Storr (2004) recorded it as locally moderately common or common, but generally scarce or uncommon and patchily distributed, and reported that the project area is within its geographic distribution. There are no records in the Atlas of Living Australia for this species in the vicinity of the project area, although it was recorded during surveys at St Ives (ATA Environmental, 2006). It could be expected across the majority of the project area, however, it is likely to be confined to the understorey of eucalypt woodlands.

Given that the potential land clearing represents a very small fraction of similar habitat in the area, it is Terrestrial Ecosystems' assessment that clearing in the project area is unlikely to have a significant impact on this species. If it is in the area, then it will move once vegetation clearing commences.

Crested Bellbird (*Oreoica gutturalis gutturalis*) – Priority 4 with DPaW

Johnstone and Storr (2004) reported the geographic distribution for the Crested Bellbird to include the greater part of WA. Its preferred habitat is scrub and thickets (but not near edges). In the south-west of WA it is found mostly in wooded areas, including open Banksia scrub and heath land. It was seen in numerous fauna surveys in the bioregion (Appendix A) and there is a record in Atlas of Living Australia about 20km to the west of the project area. Prof. H. Recher suggested that they were common in the Great Western Woodlands.

It is Terrestrial Ecosystems' assessment that the Crested Bellbird could be seen in the project area as it has been recorded in similar habitats in nearby surveys. Terrestrial Ecosystems assessment is that any vegetation clearing will not significantly impact on the Crested Bellbird, as it is likely to move to adjacent areas once clearing commences.

Bush Stone-curlew (*Burhinus grallarius*) – Priority 4 species with DPaW

The Bush Stone-curlew is a large bird that is often found in lightly wooded areas. The Bush Stone-curlew demonstrates some site fidelity but its home range is relative large. The Bush Stone-curlew was recorded by Halpern Glick Maunsell (1998) at St Ives, although there are no records in the Atlas Australia for this species near the project area. It is a very cryptic species and could have easily been missed in other surveys in the region. It is Terrestrial Ecosystems' view that the Bush Stone-curlew may be seen infrequently in the project area, however, they will move to adjacent areas once clearing commences so are unlikely to be significantly impacted.

Central Long-eared Bat (*Nyctophilus (timorensis) sp.*) – Priority 4 with DPaW

This species is probably the species referred to by Churchill (2008) as the Central Long-eared Bat (*Nyctophilus sp. 1*). This species is distributed across the southern and central wheatbelt, southern part of the Great Victoria Desert and the Nullarbor coast. The project area is on the boundary of its known distribution. It roosts in tree cavities, foliage and under loose bark.

Given that the potential vegetation clearing represents a very small fraction of similar habitat in the general area, it is Terrestrial Ecosystems' assessment that clearing in the project area is unlikely to have a significant impact on this species.

Hooded Plover (*Charadrius rubricollis*) – Priority 4 species with DPaW

This species frequents the margins and shallows of salt lakes, and also along coastal beaches, where it forages for invertebrates. It is found along the southern coast and salt lakes north to Port Gregory, Three Springs, Mt Gibson, Lake Brown, Lake Barlee, Lake Cowan and Eyre. It is an uncommon to common resident on the southern sea beaches from Cape Naturaliste east to Eyre. It probably breeds in the samphire habitat along the boundary of some of the salt lakes in the bioregion.

It is Terrestrial Ecosystems' assessment that clearing of vegetation along the shores of Lake Cowan may impact on this species if Lake Cowan has water nearby.

Australian Bustard (*Ardeotis australis*) – Priority 4 species with DPaW

Preferring open woodlands and grasslands, the Australian Bustard is a large, ground bird with a distinctive body shape. Although not flightless, Bustards spend the greater proportion of the time on the ground and tend to walk or run from danger rather than fly. Predation by introduced species, including anthropogenic hunting, and habitat loss has caused population declines. This species is expected to utilise habitats across much of the project area.

It is Terrestrial Ecosystems' assessment that any vegetation clearing will not significantly impact on the Australian Bustard, as they are nomadic and likely to move to adjacent undisturbed areas once clearing commences.

5.5 Risk assessment

Fauna surveys to support Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) are part of the environmental risk assessment undertaken to consider what potential impacts a development might have on the biodiversity on a particular area and region. Potential impacts on fauna from the potential development are identified and briefly described above. Tables 7, 8 and 9 provide a summary of the risk assessment associated with this project.

The assessment contained in Table 9 is supported by more detail discussion in sections above and the management recommendations below.

Table 7. Fauna impact risk assessment descriptors

Any risk assessment is a product of the likelihood of an impact occurring and the consequences of that impact. Likelihood and consequences are categorised and described below. These criteria do not fit all circumstances (e.g. adequacy of fauna survey data), however, they are useful in providing the reader with an appreciation of the level of likelihood and consequences of an event. The assessed risk level (likelihood x consequences) is then calculated as the overall risk for the development. This is followed by an assessment of the acceptability of the risk associated with each of the events or impacts. Disturbances and vegetation clearing have an impact on the fauna at multiple scales – site, local, landscape and regional. Each of these is considered in the risk assessment. This assessment should be considered in the context of the summary in Table 9.

Likelihood		
Level	Description	Criteria
A	Rare	The environmental event may occur or one or more conservation significant species may be present in exceptional circumstances.
B	Unlikely	The environmental event could occur or one or more conservation significant species could be present at sometime.
C	Moderate	The environmental event should occur or one or more conservation significant species should be present at sometime.
D	Likely	The environmental event will probably occur or one or more conservation significant species will be present in most circumstances.
E	Almost certain	The environmental event is expected to occur or one or more conservation significant species is expected to be present in most circumstances.
Consequences		
Level	Description	Criteria
1	Insignificant	Insignificant impact on fauna of conservation significance or regional biodiversity, and the loss of individuals will be insignificant in the context of the availability of similar fauna or fauna assemblages in the area.
2	Minor	Impact on fauna localised and no significant impact on species of conservation significance in the project area. Loss of species at the local scale.
3	Moderate	An appreciable loss of fauna in a regional context or a limited impact on species of conservation significance in the project area.
4	Major	Significant impact on conservation significant fauna or their habitat in the project area and/or regional biodiversity and/or a significant loss in the biodiversity at the landscape scale.
5	Catastrophic	Loss of species at the regional scale and/or a significant loss of species categorised as ‘vulnerable’ or ‘endangered’ under the <i>EPBC Act (1999)</i> at a regional scale.
Acceptability of Risk		
Level of risk	Management of risk	
Low	No action required.	
Moderate	Avoid if possible, routine management with internal audit and review of monitoring results annually.	
High	Externally approved management plan to reduce risks, monitor major risks annually with external audit and review of management plan outcomes annually. Will require a referral to the Commonwealth under the <i>EPBC Act 1999</i> .	
Extreme	Unacceptable, project should be redesigned or not proceed.	

Table 8. Levels of acceptable risk

		Likelihood				
		Rare or very low (A)	Unlikely or low (B)	Moderate (C)	Likely (D)	Almost certain (E)
Consequences	Insignificant (1)	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
	Minor (2)	Low	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate
	Moderate (3)	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	High
	Major (4)	Moderate	Moderate	High	High	Extreme
	Catastrophic (5)	Moderate	High	High	Extreme	Extreme

Table 9. Risk assessment

		Before Management				With Management		
Factor	Potential Impact	Inherent Risk			Risk Controls / Management	Residual Risk		
		Likelihood	Consequence	Significance		Likelihood	Consequence	Significance
Inadequate fauna survey data.	Unknown loss of fauna, fauna of conservation significance, fauna assemblage(s) in development site.	C	2	Low				
Inadequate knowledge of potential impacts.	Unknown or poorly assessed impact(s) on fauna assemblage and conservation significant species.	B	2	Low				
Inadequate bioregional data for contextual purposes.	Incomplete analysis of data and appreciation of impacts on biodiversity values in a regional context.	B	2	Low				
Removal of habitat – site scale.	Almost complete loss of terrestrial fauna in cleared areas, severe impact on local fauna assemblage.	E	1	Low				
Significant reduction of habitats – local scale.	Loss of fauna and fauna habitat and impacts on local fauna assemblage (excluding conservation significant species).	B	1	Low				
Significant reduction of habitats – landscape scale.	Loss of fauna and fauna habitat and impacts on fauna in a landscape context (excluding conservation significant species).	A	1	Low				
Significant reduction of habitats – regional scale.	Loss of fauna and fauna habitat and impacts on fauna in a bioregional context (excluding conservation significant species).	A	1	Low				

		Before Management			With Management		
Factor	Potential Impact	Inherent Risk			Residual Risk		
		Likelihood	Consequence	Significance			
Loss of conservation significant species	Loss of a localised population or a few individuals – <i>Leipoa ocellata</i> .	A	3	Low			
	Loss of a localised population or a few individuals – <i>Platycercus icterotis xanthogenys</i> .	A	3	Low			
	Loss of a localised population or a few individuals – <i>Lophochroa leadbeateri</i> .	A	3	Low			
	Loss of a localised population or a few individuals – <i>Morelia spilota imbricata</i> .	A	2	Low			
	Loss of a localised population or a few individuals – <i>Oreoica gutturalis gutturalis</i> .	B	2	Low			
	Loss of a localised population or a few individuals – <i>Nyctophilus(timoriensis)</i> sp.	A	2	Low			
	Loss of a localised population or a few individuals – <i>Charadrius rubricollis</i> .	B	2	Low			
	Loss of a localised population or a few individuals – <i>Falco peregrinus</i> .	A	2	Low			
	Loss of a localised population or a few individuals – <i>Hylacola cauta whitlocki</i> .	A	2	Low			
	Loss of a localised population or a few individuals – <i>Acanthophis antarcticus</i> .	A	2	Low			
	Loss of a localised population or a few individuals – <i>Burhinus grallarius</i> .	A	2	Low			

		Before Management			With Management			
Factor	Potential Impact	Inherent Risk			Risk Controls / Management	Residual Risk		
		Likelihood	Consequence	Significance		Likelihood	Consequence	Significance
	Loss of a localised population or a few individuals – <i>Ardeotis australis</i> .	A	2	Low				
Nomadic avian species	Loss of a localised population or a few individuals – <i>Merops ornatus</i> .	A	2	Low				
Migratory avian species.	Loss of a localised population or a few individuals – <i>Apus pacificus</i> .	A	2	Low				
	Loss of a localised population or a few individuals – <i>Ardea alba</i> .	A	2	Low				
	Loss of a localised population or a few individuals – <i>Ardea ibis</i> .	A	2	Low				
Anthropogenic activity	Introduced fauna populations increasing.	C	2	Low				
	Altered fire regimes adversely affecting fauna assemblages.	B	2	Low				
	Road kills.	E	2	Low				

6 DISCUSSION

6.1 Adequacy of available vertebrate fauna data

The EPA *Terrestrial Biological Surveys as an Element of Biodiversity Protection: Position Statement No. 3* (EPA 2002), *Guidance Statement for Assessment of Environmental Factors: Terrestrial Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia No. 56* (EPA 2004) and the *Technical Guide – Terrestrial Vertebrate Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment* (EPA / DEC 2010) are the three relevant documents to assess the adequacy of the available information and reporting for vertebrate fauna surveys in Western Australia.

The adequacy of the data provided and the resulting assessment of potential impacts of vegetation clearing and construction of a haul road in the project area on terrestrial fauna should be assessed in the context of whether additional fauna survey data would provide a better understanding of potential impacts and as a consequence improve how these impacts might be managed. Terrestrial Ecosystems' view is that given the available fauna survey data and the abundance of similar habitat in adjacent areas, there is no justification for undertaking a more detailed Level 2 vertebrate fauna survey in the project area, as there is sufficient data to make an adequate assessment of potential impacts on the terrestrial vertebrate fauna in the project area.

6.2 Fauna assemblages

6.2.1 Amphibians

Amphibians typically found in eucalypt woodlands in the Goldfields are listed in Table 4. All the Limnodynastidae species are burrowing frogs and only come to the surface to feed and breed after substantial rain. *Pseudophryne occidentalis* finds shelter under rocks and in crevices during the dry periods and enters temporary ponds to breed after major rainfall events and *P. pseudinsignifera* is an aquatic species and would only be found around permanent water sources. All species have a wide-spread distribution and are abundant.

6.2.2 Reptiles

Reptile species richness in the project area will be comparable with similar eucalypt woodlands elsewhere in the bioregion. The list provided in Appendix A represents species likely to be found over a large area of diverse habitat types. Eucalypt woodlands would typically support up to 40 species of reptiles, but many of these would be in low abundance (see Table 5). There is a very low possibility that the Carpet Python was present in the project area, although they were not seen during the fauna habitat assessment or recorded in recent assessments.

6.2.3 Birds

Avian species richness in the Goldfields is influenced by rainfall and is generally higher in woodlands compared with chenopod shrublands and more sparsely vegetated areas. The list provided in Table 3 represents species likely to be found over a large area of diverse habitat types. Eucalypt woodlands would typically support up to 50-70 species of birds, but many of these would be in very low numbers (see Appendix A). Birds typically move from an area once vegetation clearing commences, so the impact is relatively low if the area is small. However, eggs and chicks in nests are often lost during the clearing process. The Malleefowl is the most significant species that could be impacted by the potential mining development, however, the habitat is not ideal and no evidence was found to suggest that they are present.

6.2.4 Mammals

Mammal abundance in the semi-arid areas varies seasonably and from year-to-year depending on the available resources and previous rainfall. Table 3 provides an indication of the mammals that have been recorded in other surveys in the region. Small mammals that retreat to burrows and logs during the day are often lost during the clearing process. There are no known conservation significant mammals likely to be in the project area.

6.3 Biodiversity values of the site

The EPA Position Statement No. 3 indicates an ecological assessment must consider its biodiversity value at the genetic, species and ecosystem levels, and its ecological functional value at the ecosystem level (EPA 2002). There are insufficient data available to consider biodiversity at the genetic level.

Fauna habitat types represented in the project area are abundant and in very good condition in adjacent areas. Therefore, the fauna assemblage that is present in the project area will also be present and abundant in the adjacent areas. The available fauna survey data (Appendix A) provides a good indication of the vertebrate fauna that are potentially in the project area.

The listed avian species of conservation significance potentially seen in the project area are the Major Mitchell's Cockatoo, Western Rosella, Peregrine Falcon, Crested Bellbird, Shy Heathwren, Bush Stone-curlew, Hooded Plover, Australian Bustard and the Malleefowl and the migratory Rainbow Bee-eater, Fork-tailed Swift, Great Egret and Cattle Egret. The Hooded Plover may potentially inhabit the shore of Lake Cowan during flood events, however, all other avian species potentially found in the project area are mobile and will readily move to adjacent areas if disturbed. The only potential impact would be clearing a tree or nest that contained eggs or chicks, and the likelihood of this happening is assessed as very low.

There is a very low possibility that the area supports Carpet Pythons and Southern Death Adders. Carpet Pythons are scarce in the 'Great Western Woodlands' with some documented and isolated populations further to the south around the Lake Johnstone project area, east of Widgiemooltha and north and east of Kalgoorlie. The Southern Death Adder is a very cryptic species and seldom recorded during surveys when they are present. Given their current known distribution and the low probability of them being present in the project area, any potential impacts are likely to be very low.

6.3.1 Condition of fauna habitat and extent of habitat degradation

There were four broad fauna habitats in the project area:

- tecticornia low dense shrubland;
- sclerophyll shrubland;
- mixed eucalypt woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understory; and
- sclerophyll and chenopod shrubland.

There are numerous tracks and some evidence of exploration activity and areas that have been rehabilitated in the project area, but outside these disturbance areas, the majority of these habitats are in good to excellent condition.

6.3.2 Ecological linkages

The project area currently does not provide any important ecological linkages or fauna movement corridors. There are exploration tracks that dissect the project area, but all are relatively narrow and are unlikely to provide a barrier that would inhibit the movement of fauna within the general area.

6.3.3 Conservation significant species

There is a very low possibility that the area supports Carpet Pythons, Southern Death Adder, Major Mitchell's Cockatoo, Western Rosella, Peregrine Falcon, Bush Stone-curlew, Australian Bustard, Malleefowl, Fork-tailed Swift, Great Egret and Cattle Egret, so any potential impacts on these species are assessed as very low. The Crested Bellbird, Shy Heathwren and the Rainbow Bee-eater are probably in the area, and Hooded Plover may potentially inhabit the shore of Lake Cowan during flood events. All avian species potentially found in the project area are mobile and will readily move to adjacent areas if disturbed.

As the potential impact area is small relative to the available similar habitat in the adjacent areas and the broader region, therefore the probability of significantly impacting on any of these species is low.

6.3.4 Great Western Woodland

The project area is within the Great Western Woodland (Department of Environment and Conservation 2010) which is an area of special interest to the Wilderness Society and the DPaW. Currently, there are no specific



management strategies in place that focus on the vertebrate fauna, however, the proposed state government management strategies for pest and fire will have an indirect impact if and when they are implemented.

Conservation groups are keen for the Great Western Woodland to be preserved and will continually put pressure on DPaW and environmental regulators to limit development in this area.

6.4 Potential impacts on fauna

Clearing of vegetation will potentially affect vertebrate fauna in a number of ways, including:

- Death/injury of fauna during clearing, grading and impacts with vehicles;
- Loss of habitat;
- Fragmentation of habitat;
- Increase in feral fauna around the mining development; and
- Disturbance of fauna in nearby areas from light, noise and dust.

These impacts are discussed below.

6.4.1 Direct impacts

6.4.1.1 Animal deaths during the clearing process and displacement of fauna

Clearing vegetation and construction activities will result in the loss of most small fauna that retreat to burrows, such as reptiles and mammals. Nocturnal species are unlikely to be active when most of the land clearing and construction work is taking place which will inevitably result in these individuals being killed or injured in their burrows or as they attempt to escape. Larger terrestrial animals and avian species will most often move to adjacent areas. These species will be required to establish new activity areas and home ranges, and this could result in the temporary displacement of resident species. However, long-term impacts are likely to be low.

6.4.1.2 Reduction or loss of activity areas and closure of burrows

Clearing vegetation and associated construction activities are likely to destroy reptile and mammal burrows or foraging habitat that are currently in use, or could be used again. Clearing vegetation that forms part of the activity area of individuals has the potential to force these animals into adjacent areas. These areas may offer fewer resources placing individuals under survival pressure. It could also cause individuals to move into the territories of other individuals increasing competition for resources. Forced relocations could increase the possibility of predation.

6.4.2 Indirect impacts

In addition to the obvious impact of vegetation clearing there can be an equally significant or greater impact in the adjacent areas because of 'edge effects'. Edge effects include disruption to ecological processes such as predation and dispersal, animal movements and can change assemblage structure. The consequence is that the impact area will always be much larger than the cleared area. Vehicle tracks also have the propensity to develop weed infestations which can impact on natural fauna habitats. Cleared corridors can also provide improved predator access to areas, enhance the invasion of pest species into areas and may act as inhibitors or disrupt fauna migration and movement patterns.

There are numerous potential threats associated with vegetation clearing and the construction of infrastructure that could have a significant impact on the vertebrate fauna in the project area. Some of these are discussed below.

6.4.2.1 Habitat fragmentation

In addition to vegetation clearing, infrastructure including tracks, has the potential to fragment habitat. Cleared linear tracks of land are 'unnatural' in much of the habitat. These linear structures that partition existing activity areas, isolate sections of established communities and may alter long and medium-term patterns of movement around established home ranges particularly for small mammals and reptiles. A reduction in the population as a



result of this infrastructure would be difficult to detect given our current knowledge of the spatial ecology for most of the small mammals known to be in the area.

As most of the tracks within the project area will be relatively narrow; the potential impact associated with habitat fragmentation is likely to be low.

6.4.2.2 *Introduced fauna*

An increase in human activity is often associated with an increase in the abundance of introduced species such as the house mouse (*Mus musculus*), cat (*Felis catus*) and wild dogs (*Canis lupus*). This increase may be due to a decline in habitat health, increased road kills, poor disposal of waste and easier access to areas via tracks.

House mice, cats and wild dogs are known to be established in the area. In many situations they have become a 'naturalised' species in the Australian bush. Increases in dog or cat numbers can have a detrimental impact on native fauna because they predate on and compete with native species, severely disrupting the natural balance.

6.4.2.3 *Road fauna deaths*

An increase in road fauna deaths is likely to occur where new roads are constructed or upgraded, in particular, affecting kangaroos, nocturnal birds and ground dwelling large carnivorous predators. Species such as goannas and raptors are attracted to carrion on road verges. Therefore, there is an increased propensity for these species to be killed by vehicles.

6.4.2.4 *Anthropogenic activity*

Unnatural noises, vibrations, artificial light sources and vehicle and human movement in an area may be sufficient to force individuals or fauna species to move from an area, or alter their activity periods.

6.4.3 **Summary of impacts**

Based on the available information, it is Terrestrial Ecosystems' view that clearing of the vegetation to establish a small mine site and upgrade existing the access tracks, and construct a haul road will not significantly impact on conservation significant species listed under the Commonwealth *EPBC Act 1999* or WA *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*. Fauna will be lost during the clearing process, but this impact is unlikely to be significant, as similar fauna habitat supporting similar fauna assemblages are abundant in adjacent areas.

6.5 **Native vegetation clearing principles**

The *Environmental Protection Act (1986)* provides criteria to judge the potential impact of a development on clearing native vegetation on flora and fauna. These criteria have been listed below with a response to indicate how clearing of the vegetation in the project area might be judged against these principles as they relate to fauna and fauna assemblages.

Table 10. Assessment of impact on fauna and fauna assemblages using the Native Vegetation Clearing Principles

Principle	Response
It comprises a high level of biological diversity.	Clearing vegetation will not compromise a high level of biodiversity.
It comprises the whole or a part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of, a significant habitat for fauna indigenous to Western Australia.	The project area does not contain habitat that is necessary for fauna indigenous to Western Australia
It includes, or is necessary for the continued existence or, rare flora.	Not applicable.
It comprises the whole or a part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of, a threatened ecological community.	The area does not contain a threatened ecological community.

It is significant as a remnant of native vegetation in an area that has been extensively cleared.	The area is not a remnant nor will the potential clearing create a remnant.
It is growing in, or in association with, an environment associated with a watercourses or wetland.	The potential impact area includes the margins of Lake Cowan.
The clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause appreciable land degradation.	Not applicable.
The clearing of the vegetation is likely to have an impact on the environmental values of any adjacent or nearby conservation area.	Clearing of vegetation is unlikely to impact on the environmental values of the bioregion.
The clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause deterioration in the quality of surface or underground water.	Not applicable.
The clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause, or exacerbate the incidence of flooding.	Not applicable.

7 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Polar Metals Pty Ltd (Polar Metals) has identified the Baloo gold prospect under Lake Cowan as having the potential for development as a mine. Polar Metals holds an exploration tenement over the area.

Fauna survey data from other projects in the bioregion provide an adequate indication of the fauna assemblages likely to be encountered in the project area. These data are adequate to assess potential impacts on the vertebrate fauna potentially found in the project area.

No conservation significant vertebrate fauna were assessed as likely to be significantly impacted by the potential mining development. There is a very low possibility that the area supports Carpet Pythons, Southern Death Adder, Major Mitchell's Cockatoo, Western Rosella, Peregrine Falcon, Bush Stone-curlew, Australian Bustard, Rufous Fieldwren, Malleefowl, Fork-tailed Swift, Great Egret and Cattle Egret. Crested Bellbird, Shy Heathwren and the Rainbow Bee-eater, and the Hooded Plover may potentially inhabit the shore of Lake Cowan during flood events. All other avian species potentially found in the project area are mobile and will readily move to adjacent areas if disturbed.

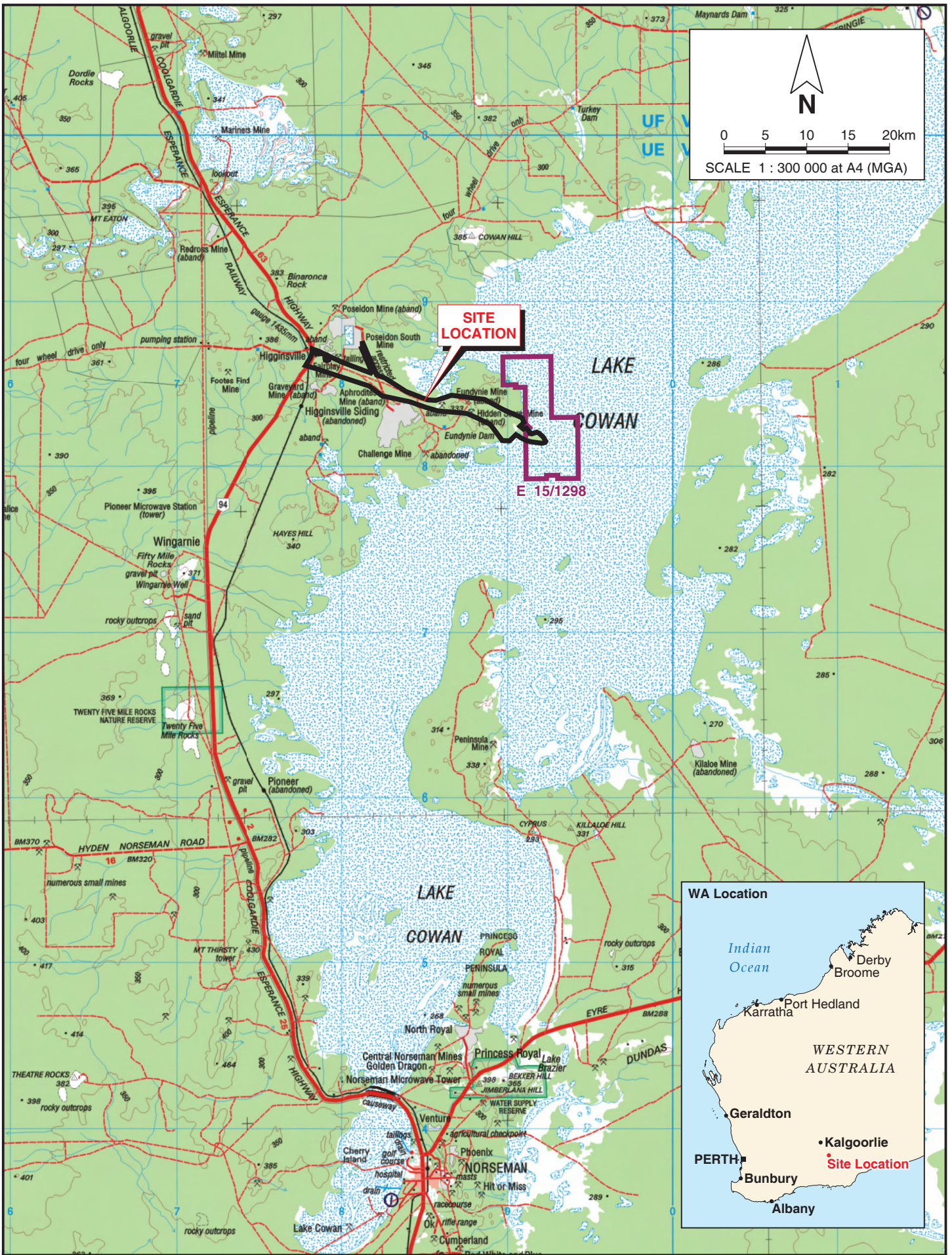
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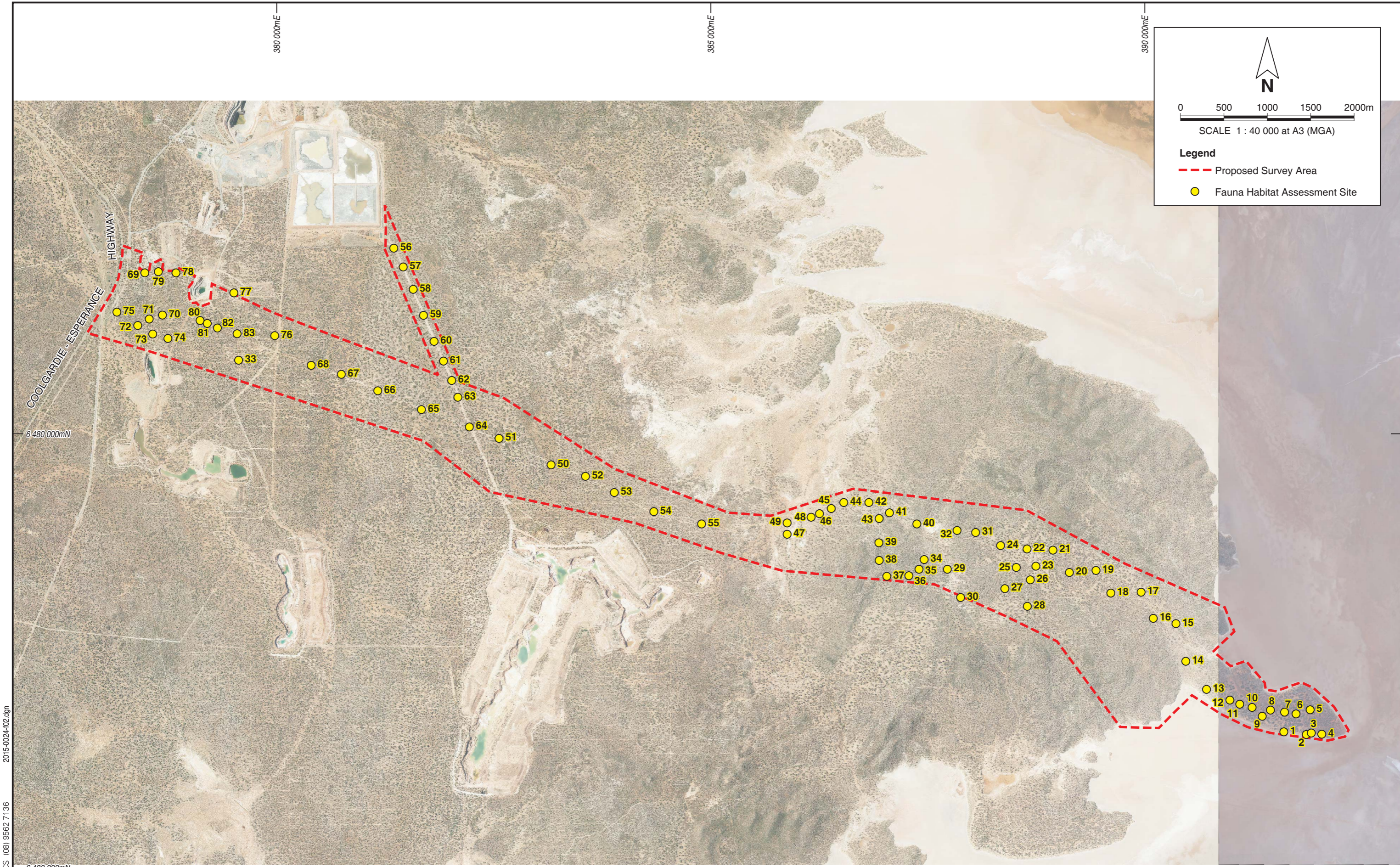
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 VERTEBRATE FAUNA RISK ASSESSMENT
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REGIONAL LOCATION

Figure 1

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SCALE 1 : 40 000 at A3 (MGA)

Legend

- - - Proposed Survey Area
- Fauna Habitat Assessment Site

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PROJECT AREA

Figure 2

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Appendix A
Vertebrate Fauna Recorded in Biological
Surveys in the Region
Vertebrate Fauna Assessment – Baloo Project

Family	Species	Common Name	Survey																																					
			A																																					
			Camp 1	Camp 1/1	Camp 1/10	Camp 1/11	Camp 1/12	Camp 1/13	Camp 1/2	Camp 1/3	Camp 1/4	Camp 1/5	Camp 1/6	Camp 1/7	Camp 1/8	Camp 1/9	Camp 2	Camp 2/15	Camp 2/16	Camp 2/18	Camp 2/19	Camp 2/20	Camp 2/23	Camp 2/24	Camp 2/25	Camp 2/26	Camp 2/27	Camp 2/28	Camp 4	Camp 4/1	Camp 4/12	Camp 4/14	Camp 4/15	Camp 4/4	Camp 4/5	Camp 4/6	Opportunistic			
	<i>Hemiergis initialis initialis</i>		X								X						X																							
	<i>Lerista dorsalis</i>		X										X				X	X																						
	<i>Lerista picturata</i>		X	X													X	X	X				X																	
	<i>Lerista sp.</i>		X	X												X	X	X		X			X	X																
	<i>Liopholis inornata</i>		X		X																					X		X												
	<i>Menetia greyii</i>		X			X										X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X														
	<i>Morethia butleri</i>		X	X		X				X							X	X	X	X			X	X			X		X											
	<i>Morethia obscura</i>		X	X													X	X					X						X											
	<i>Tiliqua occipitalis</i>	Western Bluetongue	X								X						X							X																
	<i>Tiliqua rugosa</i>		X	X								X					X																							
Typhlopidae	<i>Ramphotyphlops australis</i>																X																							
Varanidae	<i>Varanus gouldii</i>	Bungarra or Sand Monitor	X								X	X					X		X																					
	<i>Varanus rosenbergi</i>	Heath Monitor	X		X																																			

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Family	Species	Common Name	Survey																																
			A																	B															
			Lake Finn Rd	Opportunistic	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4	Site 5	Site 6	Site 7	Site 8	Site 9	Site 10	Site 11	Site 12	Site 13	Site 14	Site 15	Site 16	Site 17	Site 18	Site 19	Site 20	Argo Discharge	Beta Hunt Disturbance	Junction Discharge	Junction Reference	Neptune Disturbance	Neptune Reference	Opportunistic	Thunderer Disturbance	Thunderer Reference	West Dumes Reference	
	<i>Morethia obscura</i>																																		
	<i>Tiliqua rugosa</i>			1						1				1	1																				
Typhlopidae	<i>Ramphotyphlops australis</i>																										1								
	<i>Ramphotyphlops bicolor</i>																																		2
Varanidae	<i>Varanus gouldii</i>	Bungarra or Sand Monitor				2														1							2								
	<i>Varanus tristis</i>	Racehorse Monitor					1																												

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Family	Species	Common Name	Survey																							
			Dell and How (1984)																							
			WZ13	WZ16	WZ16a	WZ18	WZ18a	WZ2	WZ22	WZ23	WZ24a	WZ25	WZ25a	WZ26	WZ27	WZ3	WZ32a	WZ33	WZ34	WZ34a	WZ37a	WZ40	WZ6	WZ7	WZ7a	
	<i>Ctenophorus caudicinctus</i>	Ring-tailed Dragon																								
	<i>Ctenophorus cristatus</i>	Bicycle Dragon				1			3	2		6	5	1		1		1		1				1	1	
	<i>Ctenophorus fordi</i>	Mallee Sand Dragon																								
	<i>Ctenophorus isolepis gularis</i>	Central Military Dragon																	10		5					
	<i>Ctenophorus maculatus</i>	Spotted Military Dragon																								
	<i>Ctenophorus mckenziei</i>	Dwarf Bicycle Dragon																								
	<i>Ctenophorus nuchalis</i>	Central Netted Dragon																				5				1
	<i>Ctenophorus ornatus</i>	Ornate Crevice Dragon																								
	<i>Ctenophorus pictus</i>	Painted Dragon																								
	<i>Ctenophorus reticulatus</i>	Western Netted Dragon									10							1								
	<i>Ctenophorus salinarum</i>	Salt Pan Dragon	4	12														10								
	<i>Ctenophorus scutulatus</i>										3															
	<i>Diporiphora reginae</i>				1													1	6		3					
	<i>Moloch horridus</i>	Thorny Devil				1						1												1		
	<i>Pogona minor</i>	Bearded Dragon									3	2		3					1	2				1		
	<i>Tympanocryptis houstoni</i>	Nullabor Earless Dragon																								
Boidae	<i>Aspidites ramsayi</i>	Woma (southwest pop)																								
	<i>Morelia spilota imbricata</i>	Carpet Python																								
Carphodactylidae	<i>Nephrurus laevisissimus</i>																									
	<i>Underwoodisaurus milii</i>	Barking Gecko			2	5				2			2	3			1								1	
Diplodactylidae	<i>Crenadactylus ocellatus ocellatus</i>																									
	<i>Diplodactylus granariensis</i>					5					1	3	2					1								
	<i>Diplodactylus granariensis granariensis</i>																									
	<i>Diplodactylus pulcher</i>					1			1	7		2			2	1	1	4		2					1	
	<i>Lucasium damaeum</i>																									
	<i>Lucasium maini</i>		1		1	26			1	1		8			3	2										
	<i>Oedura reticulata</i>											21	10													
	<i>Strophurus assimilis</i>	Goldfields Spiny-tailed Gecko																								
	<i>Strophurus elderi</i>																	1	3		1					
	<i>Strophurus intermedius</i>					1							1				1									
	<i>Strophurus strophurus</i>																									
Elapidae	<i>Brachyuropsis fasciolata fasciolata</i>																									
	<i>Brachyuropsis semifasciata</i>																									
	<i>Demansia psammophis psammophis</i>																									
	<i>Demansia reticulata</i>																			1						
	<i>Echiopsis curta</i>	Bardick																								
	<i>Elapognathus coronatus</i>	Crowned Snake																								
	<i>Furina ornata</i>	Moon Snake																								
	<i>Neelaps bimaculatus</i>	Black-naped Snake																								
	<i>Parasuta gouldii</i>								1	3							1							1		

Family	Species	Common Name	Survey																							
			Dell and How (1984)																							
			WZ13	WZ16	WZ16a	WZ18	WZ18a	WZ2	WZ22	WZ23	WZ24a	WZ25	WZ25a	WZ26	WZ27	WZ3	WZ32a	WZ33	WZ34	WZ34a	WZ37a	WZ40	WZ6	WZ7	WZ7a	
	<i>Egernia multiscutata</i>					1			1															1		
	<i>Egernia richardi</i>																									
	<i>Eremiascincus richardsonii</i>	Broad-banded Sand Swimmer			4																					
	<i>Hemiergis initialis</i>								3	12	5	6	1					1						2		
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	<i>Lerista picturata</i>								3	1	1	3							1							
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	<i>Lerista taeniata</i>													1						2						
	<i>Lerista terdigitata</i>				1									1						2						
	<i>Lerista tridactyla</i>																									
	<i>Liopholis inornata</i>										4											2				
	<i>Liopholis striata</i>	Night Skink																								
	<i>Menetia greyii</i>				1	1								3		3	1	2	7	2	5		1	1		
	<i>Morethia adelaidensis</i>																									
	<i>Morethia butleri</i>				4		1	2				2	1		1		1							1		
	<i>Morethia obscura</i>							1					1													
	<i>Tiliqua occipitalis</i>	Western Bluetongue																								
	<i>Tiliqua rugosa</i>			3					1	2	1	1							1	2						
Typhlopidae	<i>Ramphotyphlops australis</i>																									
	<i>Ramphotyphlops bicolor</i>																									
	<i>Ramphotyphlops bituberculatus</i>				1											1										
	<i>Ramphotyphlops hamatus</i>																									
Varanidae	<i>Varanus gouldii</i>	Bungarra or Sand Monitor												1												
	<i>Varanus rosenbergi</i>	Heath Monitor																								
	<i>Varanus tristis tristis</i>																									

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Family	Species	Common Name	Survey B								
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	<i>Ctenotus atlas</i>							X			
	<i>Ctenotus schomburgkii</i>							X			
	<i>Ctenotus uber</i>										
	<i>Egernia formosa</i>										
	<i>Eremiascincus richardsonii</i>	Broad-banded Sand Swimmer									
	<i>Lerista muelleri</i>										
	<i>Lerista picturata</i>										
	<i>Liopholis inornata</i>				X						
	<i>Menetia greyii</i>										X
	<i>Morethia butleri</i>										
	<i>Morethia obscura</i>				X						
	<i>Tiliqua occipitalis</i>	Western Bluetongue									X
	<i>Tiliqua rugosa</i>										X
Typhlopidae	<i>Ramphotyphlops australis</i>										
	<i>Ramphotyphlops hamatus</i>										
Varanidae	<i>Varanus gouldii</i>	Bungarra or Sand Monitor			X						
	<i>Varanus tristis</i>	Racehorse Monitor									

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	<i>Diplodactylus maini</i>		X	X					X	X									X	+	X			
	<i>Diplodactylus pulcher</i>																			+	+	+	X	
	<i>Nephrurus laevis</i>																		X	+			X	
	<i>Nephrurus levis</i>																			+	+			
	<i>Oedura reticulata</i>																					+	+	X
	<i>Gehyra purpurascens</i>																							X
	<i>Gehyra variegata</i>		X						X										X	X	+	+	X	
	<i>Heteronotia binoei</i>									X									X	X	+	+	X	
	<i>Underwoodisaurus milli</i>				X														X		+			X
Pygopodidae	<i>Delma australis</i>																					+		
	<i>Delma butleri</i>																			X		+		X
	<i>Delma fraseri</i>																			+	+	+	+	X
	<i>Lialis burtonis</i>																			+	+	+		X
	<i>Pygopus lepidopodus</i>																				+			X
	<i>Pygopus nigriceps</i>																					+	+	
Scincidae	<i>Cryptoblepharus carnabyi</i>																			+	+			
	<i>Cryptoblepharus plagiocephalus</i>					X														X		+		X
	<i>Ctenotus atlas</i>																			X	X			X
	<i>Ctenotus impar</i>																				+	+		
	<i>Ctenotus leonhardii</i>																			+		+	+	X
	<i>Ctenotus pantherinus ocellifer</i>																			+	+			
	<i>Ctenotus schomburgkii</i>																					X		X
	<i>Ctenotus uber</i>																					+		X
	<i>Cyclodomorphus branchialis</i>																					+		
	<i>Egernia formosa</i>																							X
	<i>Egernia inomata</i>																					+		
	<i>Egernia multiscutata</i>																							X
	<i>Eremiascincus richardsonii</i>																			+	+			
	<i>Hemiergis initialis initialis</i>																							X
	<i>Lerista desertorum</i>																				+	+		

Appendix B
Definitions of Significant Fauna under the
WA Wildlife Conservation Act 1950
Vertebrate Fauna Assessment – Baloo Project

APPENDIX B
DEFINITIONS OF SIGNIFICANT FAUNA UNDER THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION ACT 1950

In Western Australia, all native fauna species are protected under the Western Australian *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950-1979*. Fauna species that are considered rare, threatened with extinction or have a high conservation value are specially protected under the Act. In addition, some species of fauna are covered under the 1991 ANZECC convention, while certain birds are listed under the Japan and Australian Migratory Bird Agreement (JAMBA) and the China and Australian Migratory Bird Agreement (CAMBA).

Classification of rare and endangered fauna under the *Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice* recognises four schedules of taxa. These are:

- Schedule 1** – fauna which are rare or likely to become extinct and are declared to be fauna in need of special protection;
- Schedule 2** – fauna which are presumed to be extinct and are declared to be fauna in need of special protection;
- Schedule 3** – birds which are subject to an agreement between the governments of Australia and Japan relating to the protection of migratory birds and birds in danger of extinction which are declared to be fauna in need of special protection; and
- Schedule 4** – fauna that are in need of special protection, for reasons other than mentioned in Schedules 1, 2 or 3.

In addition to the above classifications, DPaW also classifies fauna under five different Priority codes:

- Priority one** – *Taxa with few, poorly known populations on threatened lands*. Taxa which are known from few specimens or sight records from one or a few localities on lands not managed for conservation. The taxon needs urgent survey and evaluation of conservation status before consideration can be given to declaration as threatened fauna.
- Priority two** – *Taxa with few, poorly known populations on conservation lands, or taxa with several, poorly known populations not on conservation lands*. Taxa which are known from few specimens or sight records from one or a few localities on lands not under immediate threat from habitat destruction or degradation. The taxon needs urgent survey and evaluation of conservation status before consideration can be given to declaration as threatened fauna.
- Priority three** – *Taxa with several, poorly known populations, some on conservation lands*. Taxa which are known from few specimens or sight records from several localities, some of which are on lands not under immediate threat of habitat destruction or degradation. The taxon needs urgent survey and evaluation of conservation status before consideration can be given to declaration as threatened fauna.
- Priority four** – *Taxa in need of monitoring*. Taxa which are considered to have been adequately surveyed or for which sufficient knowledge is available and which are not considered currently threatened or in need of special protection, but could if present circumstances change. These taxa are usually represented on conservation lands. Taxa which are declining significantly but are not yet threatened.
- Priority five** – *Taxa in need of monitoring*. Taxa which are not considered threatened but are subject to a specific conservation program, the cessation of which would result in the species becoming threatened within five years.

Appendix C
Results of the *EPBC Act* Protected
Matters Search
Vertebrate Fauna Assessment – Baloo Project



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.

Information on the coverage of this report and qualifications on data supporting this report are contained in the caveat at the end of the report.

Information is available about [Environment Assessments](#) and the EPBC Act including significance guidelines, forms and application process details.

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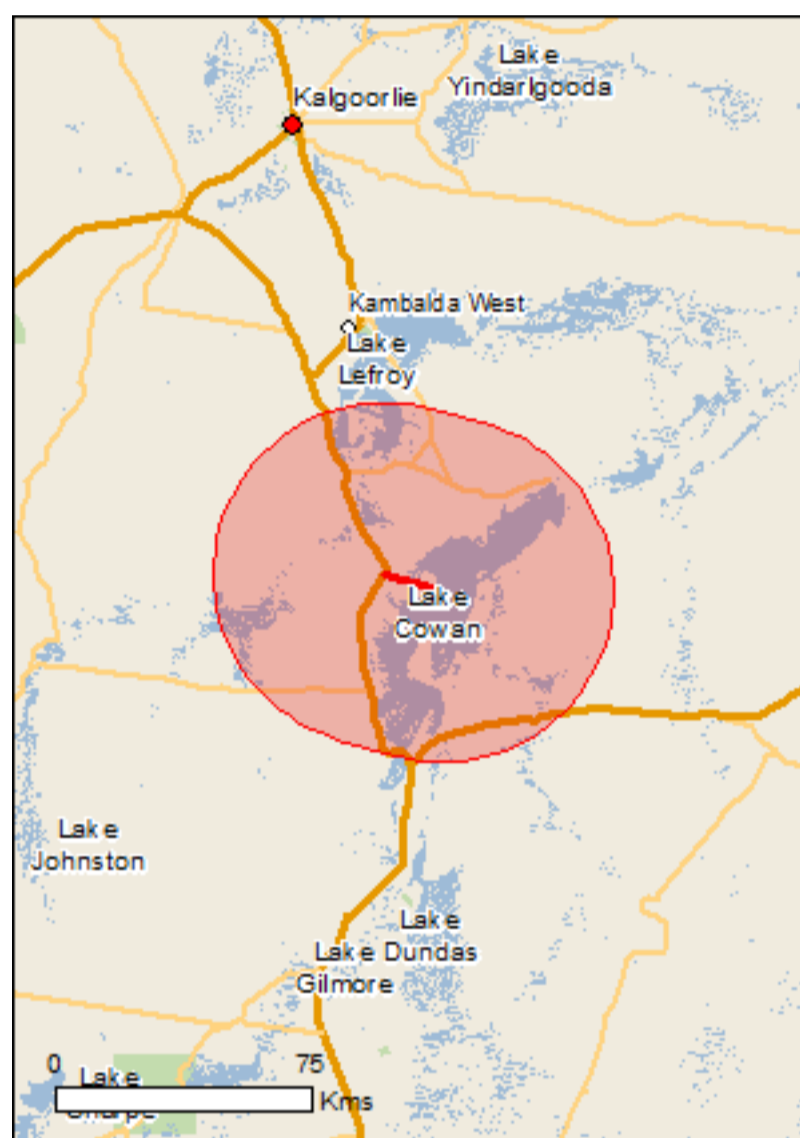
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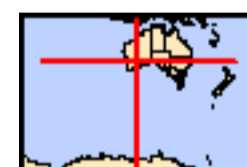
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Summary

Matters of National Environmental 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:	None
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	None
Commonwealth Marine Area:	None
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:	None
Listed Threatened Species:	6
Listed Migratory Species:	4

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 <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/index.html>

A [permit](#) 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 Land:	1
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Listed Marine Species:	5
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	None
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Marine:	None

Extra Information

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

State and Territory Reserves:	5
Regional Forest Agreements:	None
Invasive Species:	16
Nationally Important Wetlands:	None
Key Ecological Features (Marine)	None

Details

Matters of National Environmental Significance

Listed Threatened Species [\[Resource Information \]](#)

Name	Status	Type of Presence
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Birds

Leipoa ocellata Malleefowl [934]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
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Mammals

Notoryctes typhlops Itjaritjari, Southern Marsupial Mole, Yitjarritjarri [296]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
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Plants

Daviesia microcarpa Norseman Pea [56766]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Eucalyptus platydisca Jimberlana Mallee [64575]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Gastrolobium graniticum Granite Poison [14872]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Tecticornia flabelliformis Bead Glasswort [82664]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
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Listed Migratory Species [\[Resource Information \]](#)

* Species is listed under a different scientific name on the EPBC Act - Threatened Species list.

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
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Migratory Marine Birds

Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Migratory Terrestrial Species

Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
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Migratory Wetlands Species

Ardea alba Great Egret, White Egret [59541]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Ardea ibis Cattle Egret [59542]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
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Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Commonwealth Land

[\[Resource Information \]](#)

The Commonwealth area listed below may indicate the presence of Commonwealth land in this vicinity. Due to the unreliability of the data source, all proposals should be checked as to whether it impacts on a Commonwealth area, before making a definitive decision. Contact the State or Territory government land department for further information.

Name

Commonwealth Land -

Listed Marine Species

[\[Resource Information \]](#)

* Species is listed under a different scientific name on the EPBC Act - Threatened Species list.

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
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Birds

[Apus pacificus](#)

Fork-tailed Swift [678]

Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

[Ardea alba](#)

Great Egret, White Egret [59541]

Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

[Ardea ibis](#)

Cattle Egret [59542]

Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Merops ornatus](#)

Rainbow Bee-eater [670]

Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Thinornis rubricollis](#)

Hooded Plover [59510]

Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Extra Information

State and Territory Reserves

[\[Resource Information \]](#)

Name	State
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Binaronca

WA

Dordie Rocks

WA

Dundas

WA

Unnamed WA06043

WA

Unnamed WA08029

WA

Invasive Species

[\[Resource Information \]](#)

Weeds reported here are the 20 species of national significance (WoNS), along with other introduced plants that are considered by the States and Territories to pose a particularly significant threat to biodiversity. The following feral animals are reported: Goat, Red Fox, Cat, Rabbit, Pig, Water Buffalo and Cane Toad. Maps from Landscape Health Project, National Land and Water Resources Audit, 2001.

Name	Status	Type of Presence
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Birds

Columba livia

Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove, Domestic Pigeon [803]

Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Streptopelia senegalensis Laughing Turtle-dove, Laughing Dove [781]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Sturnus vulgaris Common Starling [389]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Mammals		
Camelus dromedarius Dromedary, Camel [7]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Canis lupus familiaris Domestic Dog [82654]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Capra hircus Goat [2]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Equus asinus Donkey, Ass [4]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Equus caballus Horse [5]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Felis catus Cat, House Cat, Domestic Cat [19]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Mus musculus House Mouse [120]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Oryctolagus cuniculus Rabbit, European Rabbit [128]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Rattus rattus Black Rat, Ship Rat [84]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Vulpes vulpes Red Fox, Fox [18]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Plants		
Carrichtera annua Ward's Weed [9511]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Lycium ferocissimum African Boxthorn, Boxthorn [19235]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Tamarix aphylla Athel Pine, Athel Tree, Tamarisk, Athel Tamarisk, Athel Tamarix, Desert Tamarisk, Flowering Cypress, Salt Cedar [16018]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Caveat

The information presented in this report has been provided by a range of data sources as acknowledged at the end of the report.

This report is designed to assist in identifying the locations of places which may be relevant in determining obligations under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. It holds mapped locations of World and National Heritage properties, Wetlands of International and National Importance, Commonwealth and State/Territory reserves, listed threatened, migratory and marine species and listed threatened ecological communities. Mapping of Commonwealth land is not complete at this stage. Maps have been collated from a range of sources at various resolutions.

Not all species listed under the EPBC Act have been mapped (see below) and therefore a report is a general guide only. Where available data supports mapping, the type of presence that can be determined from the data is indicated in general terms. People using this information in making a referral may need to consider the qualifications below and may need to seek and consider other information sources.

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are derived from recovery 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.

For species where the distributions are well known, maps are digitised from sources such as recovery plans and detailed habitat studies. Where appropriate, core breeding, foraging and roosting areas are indicated under 'type of presence'. For species whose distributions are less well known, point locations are collated from government wildlife authorities, museums, and non-government organisations; bioclimatic distribution models are generated and these validated by experts. In some cases, the distribution maps are based solely on expert knowledge.

Only selected species covered by the following provisions of the EPBC Act have been mapped:

- migratory and
- marine

The following species and ecological communities have not been mapped and do not appear in reports produced from this database:

- threatened species listed as extinct or considered as vagrants
- some species and ecological communities that have only recently been listed
- some terrestrial species that overfly the Commonwealth marine area
- migratory species that are very widespread, vagrant, or only occur in small numbers

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

- non-threatened seabirds which have only been mapped for recorded breeding sites
- seals which have only been mapped for breeding sites near the Australian continent

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

Coordinates

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- Other groups and individuals

The Department is extremely grateful to the many organisations and individuals who provided expert advice and information on numerous draft distributions.

Please feel free to provide feedback via the [Contact Us](#) page.

Appendix D
Fauna habitat assessment results
Vertebrate Fauna Assessment – Baloo Project

Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 1

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 391602mE

Northing: 6481566mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Lake edge

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Tecticornia low dense shrubland

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 2

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 391862mE

Northing: 6481536mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Lake edge

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Tecticornia low dense shrubland

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 3

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 391918mE

Northing: 6481553mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Undulating

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Sclerophyll shrubland

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 4

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 392039mE

Northing: 6481539mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Undulating

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Sclerophyll shrubland

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 5

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 391905mE

Northing: 6481821mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Undulating

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Sclerophyll shrubland

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 6

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 391743mE

Northing: 6481774mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Undulating

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed open Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 7

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 391609mE

Northing: 6481793mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Undulating

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 8

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 391448mE

Northing: 6481818mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Undulating

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 9

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 391353mE

Northing: 6481745mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Undulating

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 10

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 391236mE

Northing: 6481848mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Undulating

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 11

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 391094mE

Northing: 6481885mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Undulating

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 12

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 930981mE

Northing: 6481933mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Undulating

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed open Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 13

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 390711mE

Northing: 6482056mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Undulating

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed open Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 14

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 390472mE

Northing: 6482378mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Low dense sclerophyll shrubland

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 15

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 390359mE

Northing: 6482812mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed open Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 16

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 390098mE

Northing: 6482875mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed open Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 17

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 389957mE

Northing: 6483175mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed open Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 18

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 389609mE

Northing: 6483166mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed open Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 19

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 389438mE

Northing: 6483427mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 20

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 389132mE

Northing: 6483403mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 21

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 388943mE

Northing: 6483661mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 22

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 388643mE

Northing: 6483673mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 23

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 388745mE

Northing: 6483475mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 24

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 388340mE

Northing: 6483712mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 25

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 388520mE

Northing: 6483460mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 26

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 388682mE

Northing: 6483319mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 27

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 388388mE

Northing: 6483217mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 28

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 388647mE

Northing: 6483013mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Undulating

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 29

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 387726mE

Northing: 6483440mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed dense sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 30

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 387878mE

Northing: 6483113mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed dense sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 31

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 388052mE

Northing: 6483863mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed dense sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 32

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 387837mE

Northing: 6483886mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 33

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 379560mE

Northing: 6485848mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 34

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 387458mE

Northing: 6483551mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed dense sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 35

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 387399mE

Northing: 6483439mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Drainage
Line

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed dense sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 36

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 387281mE

Northing: 6483365mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 37

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 387027mE

Northing: 6483359mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 38

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 386939mE

Northing: 6483542mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Rocky Breakaway

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 39

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 386937mE

Northing: 6483743mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 40

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 387374mE

Northing: 6483962mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 41

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 387059mE

Northing: 6484091mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 42

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 386822mE

Northing: 6484208mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 43

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 386940mE

Northing: 6484024mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 44

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 386532mE

Northing: 6484207mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 45

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 386388mE

Northing: 6484139mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 46

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 386252mE

Northing: 6484081mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 47

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 385880mE

Northing: 6483841mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 48

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 386156mE

Northing: 6484039mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Sclerophyll shrubland

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 49

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 385880mE

Northing: 6483973mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Sclerophyll shrubland

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 50

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 383162mE

Northing: 6484642mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 51

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 382562mE

Northing: 6484948mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 52

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 383558mE

Northing: 6484510mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 53

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 383888mE

Northing: 6484324mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 54

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 384344mE

Northing: 6484102mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 55

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 384894mE

Northing: 6483961mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 56

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 381350mE

Northing: 6487138mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform:
Rehabilitation

Habitat Quality: Poor to Good

Habitat Structure: Sclerophyll and chenopod shrubland

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 57

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 381458mE

Northing: 6486922mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform:
Rehabilitation

Habitat Quality: Poor to Good

Habitat Structure: Sclerophyll and chenopod shrubland

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 58

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 381572mE

Northing: 6486664mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform:
Rehabilitation

Habitat Quality: Poor to Good

Habitat Structure: Sclerophyll and chenopod shrubland

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 59

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 381692mE

Northing: 6486364mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform:
Rehabilitation

Habitat Quality: Poor to Good

Habitat Structure: Sclerophyll and chenopod shrubland

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 60

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 381812mE

Northing: 6486064mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform:
Rehabilitation

Habitat Quality: Poor to Good

Habitat Structure: Sclerophyll and chenopod shrubland

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 61

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 381920mE

Northing: 6485836mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform:
Rehabilitation

Habitat Quality: Poor to Good

Habitat Structure: Sclerophyll and chenopod shrubland

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 62

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 382016mE

Northing: 6485614mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform:
Rehabilitation

Habitat Quality: Poor to Good

Habitat Structure: Sclerophyll and chenopod shrubland

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 63

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 382088mE

Northing: 6485422mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform:
Rehabilitation

Habitat Quality: Poor to Good

Habitat Structure: Sclerophyll and chenopod shrubland

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 64

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 382220mE

Northing: 6485080mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform:
Rehabilitation

Habitat Quality: Poor to Good

Habitat Structure: Sclerophyll and chenopod shrubland

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: Pebbles (0-50mm)



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 65

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 381668mE

Northing: 6485278mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 66

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 381164mE

Northing: 6485494mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 67

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 380744mE

Northing: 6485686mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 68

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 380396mE

Northing: 6485788mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Very Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 69

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 378479mE

Northing: 6486853mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Poor

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll and chenopod shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 70

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 378683mE

Northing: 6486367mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed open Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 71

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 378531mE

Northing: 6486322mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed open Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 72

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 378398mE

Northing: 6486247mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed open Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 73

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 378572mE

Northing: 6486149mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform:
Rehabilitation

Habitat Quality: Poor

Habitat Structure: Scattered shrubs associated with rehabilitation

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 74

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 378746mE

Northing: 6486098mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform:
Rehabilitation

Habitat Quality: Poor

Habitat Structure: Scattered shrubs associated with rehabilitation

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 75

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 378158mE

Northing: 6486401mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform:
Rehabilitation

Habitat Quality: Poor

Habitat Structure: Scattered mixed Eucalypts and shrubs associated with rehabilitation

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 76

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 379976mE

Northing: 6486130mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 77

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 379506mE

Northing: 6486624mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Poor

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 78

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 378839mE

Northing: 6486854mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed open Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 79

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 378636mE

Northing: 6486868mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 80

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 379116mE

Northing: 6486305mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll and chenopod shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 81

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 379200mE

Northing: 6486271mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Good, but
showing signs of rehabilitation

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 82

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 379316mE

Northing: 6486218mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Good

Habitat Structure: Mixed open Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



Date: 13/05/2015

Habitat Assessment #: 83

Observer: ST

Zone: 51

Easting: 379544mE

Northing: 6486152mN

Fire History: > 5 years

Landform: Flat

Habitat Quality: Good, but
showing signs of rehabilitation

Habitat Structure: Mixed Eucalyptus woodland over mixed sclerophyll shrubland with a sparse understorey

Soil Colour: Orange

Surface Stone: None



