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Dear Jenni

CLIFTON PARK CRICKET NETS EXTENSION, FLORA AND VEGETATION SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

The City of Canning is planning to build a third practice cricket pitch on the bushland (northeastern) side of the existing wickets at Clifton Park. Ecoscape understands that the third pitch will be placed next to the existing wickets that will be realigned to reduce the vegetation clearing footprint. The length of the wicket proposed is 23 m and 3.6 m wide. The construction will require an extension to the proposed batter to the east plus an access track, as shown in the design below, as provided by the City of Canning. This extension requires the clearing of a 176 m² area of bushland.

Ecoscape was commissioned by the City of Canning to undertake an assessment of the flora and vegetation that would be impacted by the proposed construction of the cricket practice pitch including the following:

- floristic quadrats and flora inventory
- vegetation description
- targeted conservation significant flora searches
- ground truth the adjacent boundary with vegetation likely to represent a Threatened Ecological Community (TEC)
- photographs.





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METHODOLOGY

The site was first inspected on 20 September 2018, during which time the vegetation adjacent to the existing cricket pitches was described and a targeted search for conservation significant flora was conducted intensively within the area directly adjacent to the cricket pitches. A follow up assessment was undertaken on 22 November 2018 with the particular objective of establishing one floristic quadrat within the proposed clearing area and one in the adjacent vegetation considered likely to be representative of the *Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain* TEC (Australian Government 2016). Both assessments were undertaken by Stephen Kern (Associate Botanist, flora collecting permit SL012270).

Floristic Quadrats

Two floristic quadrats were recorded, one within the area that is likely to be directly impacted and one outside this area within vegetation. The following parameters were recorded at each quadrat:

- photograph of the quadrat taken from the north-west corner, diagonally across the quadrat
- a vegetation description based on the height and estimated cover of dominant species, using the NVIS Level V (NVIS Technical Working Group 2017) methodology
- an inventory of all species (native and introduced) including:
 - o estimated average height
 - o percent foliage cover
 - o number of individual plants
 - o habit and lifeform
 - o presence of TF or PF
- description of landform and habitat
- broad description of surface soil type and stony surface mantle
- percentage of litter cover and depth
- percentage of bare ground
- vegetation condition (Environmental Protection Authority 2016)
- notes on evidence of grazing, weed invasion, fires, rubbish dumping etc.
- other environmental values of the site e.g. habitat trees or presence of hollows.

Targeted Searches for Conservation Significant Flora

The entire area was traversed on foot at 5 m intervals (or commonly less) to search for conservation significant flora and opportunistic species to compliment the flora inventory.

A *NatureMap* (Department of Parks and Wildlife 2007-2018) search was conducted prior to the survey to identify conservation significant flora species known from within a 5 km radius of Clifton Park. The search identified 19 taxa of conservation significance (Threatened [TF], Priority Flora [P]) including seven TF, three P2, six P3 and three P4 taxa). None of these taxa identified have been recorded within or directly adjacent to the proposed cricket wicket area.



Species Name	Cons. Code	Flowering Period
Austrostipa jacobsiana	TF	Oct-Jan
Caladenia huegelii	TF	Sep-Oct
Diuris purdiei	TF	Sep-Oct
Drakaea elastica	TF	Oct-Nov
Drakaea micrantha	TF	Sep-Oct
Eremophila glabra subsp. chlorella	TF	Jul-Nov
<i>Synaphea</i> sp. Fairbridge Farm (D. Papenfus 696)	TF	Oct
Acacia benthamii	P2	Aug-Sep
Poranthera moorokatta	P2	Sep-Nov
Stenanthemum sublineare	P2	Oct-Nov
Byblis gigantea	P3	Sep-Jan
Jacksonia gracillima	P3	Sep-Nov
Schoenus benthamii	P3	Oct-Nov
Schoenus capillifolius	P3	Oct-Nov
Stylidium paludicola	P3	Oct-Dec
Styphelia filifolia	P3	Sep-Nov
Aponogeton hexatepalus	P4	Jul-Oct
Tripterococcus sp. Brachylobus (A.S. George 14234)	P4	Oct-Dec
Verticordia lindleyi subsp. lindleyi	P4	Nov-Jan

Table 1: Conservation significant flora occurring within a 5 km radius of Clifton Park (DPaW 2007-2018)

VEGETATION

The native vegetation within the proposed clearing area occurs in a flat, low-lying area with a substrate of grey sand. Vegetation is described as: *Eucalyptus todtiana* low open woodland over *Regelia inops* and *Xanthorrhoea preissii* mid shrubland over *Phlebocarya ciliata* and *Dasypogon bromeliifolius* low open forbland (**Plate 1**, **Plate 2**, **Plate 3**, **Plate 4**). Full flora quadrat data of CP1801, established within the proposed clearing area (**Map 1**), is attached. This vegetation does not match any listed Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) or Priority Ecological community (Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions 2018). Approximately 20 m to the east of the proposed impact area, native vegetation is observed to be dominated by *Banksia attenuata* and *B. menziesii*, considered likely to be representative of the *Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain* TEC (Australian Government 2016). A floristic quadrat was established within the area of Banksia woodland (CP1802), demonstrating that this vegetation is likely to meet the criteria for inclusion in this TEC based on condition and size thresholds. The boundary of the *Banksia Woodlands* vegetation was ground truthed and is shown on **Map 1**. To the north of the proposed clearing area (approximately 30 m) the vegetation is dominated by *Kunzea glabrescens*, this area was not assessed in detail.







Plate 1: Eastern edge of existing cricket pitches looking north



Plate 3: Northern edge of existing cricket pitches looking east

Plate 2: Eastern edge of existing cricket pitches looking south



Plate 4: Northern edge of existing cricket pitches looking west

FLORA

A total of 68 vascular flora species were recorded from within area surveyed (clearing footprint and directly adjacent) two floristic quadrats and opportunistic observations. Fifteen (22.1%) of these were introduced species. One could not be identified with certainty to species level due to insufficient diagnostic reproductive (flowering/fruiting) material. It was a species of the genus *Leucopogon* and does not represent any known conservation significant flora known from the region.

There were no Threatened Flora of Priority-listed Flora recorded from the proposed clearing area or directly adjacent during either the September or November assessment. The timing of the two site assessments (including targeted searches) was during optimal timing for botanical surveys, when the majority of potential species of conservation species are known to be in flower (**Table 1**), it is considered unlikely that the proposed clearing area supports any flora species of conservation significance.

None of the introduced taxa are listed as Declared Pests or Weeds of National Significance.

SUMMARY

The proposed reconstruction of the cricket pitches as Clifton Park requires only a small amount of vegetation clearing. The vegetation is not considered representative of any listed Threatened of Priority Ecological Community and there were no flora species of conservation significance recorded. However, vegetation considered likely to represent the *Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain* TEC is present approximately 20 m to the east of the existing cricket pitches.



Yours sincerely Ecoscape (Australia) Pty Ltd

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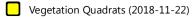
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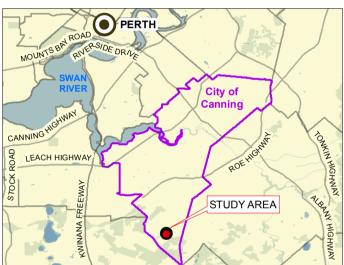






- TEC Boundary
- ----- Existing Batter
- Proposed batter
- Proposed Cricket Pitch Proposed Clearing Area (117m²)

DATA SOURCES : SOURCE DATA: VEGETATION QUADRATS AND TEC BOUNDARY (ECOSCAPE 2018) AERIAL: NEARMAP (2019-02-24) SERVICE LAYERS:



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VEGETATION SURVEY

CLIFTON PARK CRICKET PITCH

NVCP MAP

CITY OF CANNING

COORDINATE SYSTEM: GDA 1994 MGA ZONE 50 PROJECTION: TRANSVERSE MERCATOR DATUM: GDA 1994 UNITS: METER SCALE: 1:200 @ A3 ΜΑΡ 4 8 m PROJECT NO: 3833-16 REV AUTHOR APPROVED DATE 26/03/2019

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Table 2: Flora inventory

Family	Name	Weed	CP1801	CP1802	Орр.
Ameritania	Lyginia barbata		х		
Anarthriaceae	Lyginia imberbis			х	
Apiaceae	Xanthosia huegelii			Х	
Araliaceae	Trachymene pilosa		Х	Х	
	Lomandra caespitosa		Х	Х	
	Lomandra hermaphrodita				Х
Asparagaceae	Lomandra preissii		Х	Х	
	Lomandra sericea		Х	Х	
	Thysanotus triandrus			х	
	Arctotheca calendula	*			Х
	Hypochaeris glabra	*	х	х	
	Lactuca serriola	*			Х
Asteraceae	Sonchus oleraceus	*	х	х	
	Urospermum picroides	*		х	
	<i>Ursinia anthemoides</i> subsp. <i>anthemoides</i>	*	х	х	
Brassicaceae	Brassica tournefortii	*			Х
Centrolepidaceae	Centrolepis drummondiana		Х		
Colchicaceae	Burchardia congesta			Х	
Crassulaceae	Crassula colorata		Х		
Cyperaceae	Schoenus brevisetis			Х	
Dasypogonaceae	Dasypogon bromeliifolius		Х	Х	
Dilleniaceae	Hibbertia huegelii			Х	
Diffemaceae	Hibbertia subvaginata		Х	Х	
	Astroloma xerophyllum		Х		
Ericaceae	Conostephium pendulum			Х	Х
Elicaceae	Leucopogon conostephioides		Х	2	
	Leucopogon sp.		Х		
Euphorbiaceae	Euphorbia terracina				Х
	Acacia pulchella		Х	Х	
	Aotus procumbens				Х
	Bossiaea eriocarpa		Х	Х	
Fabaceae	Euchilopsis linearis			Х	
ravalede	Gastrolobium linearifolium		Х	Х	
	Gompholobium tomentosum		Х	Х	
	Hovea trisperma		Х		
	Lupinus cosentinii	*			Х



Family	Name	Weed	CP1801	CP1802	Орр.
	Medicago polymorpha	*			Х
	Vicia sativa	*			Х
Goodeniaceae	Dampiera linearis		Х	Х	
Goodemaceae	Lechenaultia floribunda				Х
Haemodoraceae	Conostylis juncea		Х	Х	
паетоцогасеае	Phlebocarya ciliata		Х	Х	
Haloragaceae	Gonocarpus pithyoides			Х	
Iridaceae	Gladiolus caryophyllaceus	*			Х
Indacede	Patersonia occidentalis			Х	
Loranthaceae	Nuytsia floribunda				Х
	Calytrix flavescens		Х		
	Eucalyptus todtiana		Х	Х	
	Hypocalymma angustifolium				Х
Muntessee	Kunzea glabrescens			Х	
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca seriata		х		
	Melaleuca thymoides				Х
	Regelia inops		Х		
	Scholtzia involucrata			Х	
	Amphipogon turbinatus				Х
Decesso	Avena barbata	*			Х
Poaceae	Briza maxima	*	х	Х	
	Ehrharta calycina	*	х		
	Adenanthos obovatus		х		
Destasas	Banksia attenuata			Х	
Proteaceae	Banksia menziesii		х	Х	
	Petrophile linearis			Х	
Restionaceae	Hypolaena exsulca			Х	Х
Dutacas	Boronia dichotoma				Х
Rutaceae	Philotheca spicata				Х
Xanthorrhoeaceae	Xanthorrhoea preissii		Х	Х	
Zamiaceae	Macrozamia riedlei				Х



		QUADRAT SUMMARIES
		Clifton Park
CP1801		
Staff	SOK Date 22/11/2018	Season A
Revisit		
Туре	Q 10 m x 10 m	
Location		
MGA Zone 5	0 396700 mE 6448625 m	N Lat. -32.0940 Long. 115.9053
Habitat	Flat	
Aspect	N/A Slope N/A	
Soil Type	Light grey sand	
Rock Type	Nil	
Loose Rock	0% cover ;	Litter 20 % cover ; 0-3 cm in depth
Bare ground	20% cover Weeds 1% cover	
Vegetation	U+ ^ <i>Eucalyptus todtiana</i> \^tree mallee\6\i; tree\3\c;G <i>^Phlebocarya ciliata,^Dasypo</i> g	M ^ <i>Regelia inops,^Xanthorrhoea preissii</i> \^shrub,grass <i>on bromeliifolius</i> \^forb\1\c
Veg. Conditio	n Very Good	
Disturbance	Edge effects	
Fire Age	>10 years	
Notes	Quadrat aligned parallel to existing cricke impacted	t pitches to encompass most of vegetation to be



Species	WA Cons.	Height (m)	Cover (%)
Acacia pulchella		0.5	<1
Adenanthos obovatus		0.5	<1
* Arctotheca calendula			<1
Astroloma xerophyllum		0.8	1
Banksia menziesii		0.5	<1
Bossiaea eriocarpa		0.3	<1

		Clifton Park
* Briza maxima	0.3	<1
Calytrix flavescens	0.5	1
Centrolepis drummondiana	0.05	<1
Conostylis juncea	0.3	<1
Crassula colorata	0.05	<1
Dampiera linearis	0.3	<1
Dasypogon bromeliifolius	0.4	4
* Ehrharta calycina	1	<1
Eucalyptus todtiana	3.5	12
* Euphorbia terracina		<1
Gastrolobium linearifolium	0.4	<1
Gompholobium tomentosum	0.3	1
Hibbertia subvaginata	0.4	1
Hovea trisperma	0.3	<1
* Hypochaeris glabra	0.2	<1
Leucopogon conostephioides	0.3	1
Leucopogon sp.	0.6	2
Lomandra caespitosa	0.3	<1
Lomandra hermaphrodita		<1
Lomandra preissii	0.4	<1
Lomandra sericea	0.3	1
* Lupinus cosentinii		<1
Lyginia barbata	0.4	2
* Medicago polymorpha		<1
Melaleuca seriata	1	5
Philotheca spicata		<1
Phlebocarya ciliata	0.4	10
Regelia inops	1.8	60
* Sonchus oleraceus	0.3	<1
Trachymene pilosa	0.1	<1
* Ursinia anthemoides subsp. anthemoides	0.3	<1
Xanthorrhoea preissii	1.5	5

QUADRAT SUMMARIES

							SUMMARIES
						QUADRAT	Clifton Park
CD1002							
CP1802							
Staff	SOK	Date	22/11/2018	Seasor	A		
Revisit							
Туре	Q 10 m x ′	10 m					
Location							
MGA Zone 5	60	396724 mE	6448624 mN	Lat.	-32.0940	Long.	115.9055
Habitat	Flat						
Aspect	N/A S	lope N/A					
Soil Type	Grey sand						
Rock Type	Nil						
Loose Rock	0% cover ;			Litter	45 % cover;	0-3 cm in de	oth
Bare ground		Weeds	<1% cover				
Vegetation		sia attenuata\^tre on bromeliifolius	ee\6\c;M	llabrescens∖	`shrub∖4∖c;G	^Phlebocarya	ciliata,
Veg. Conditio	on Very G	ood					
Disturbance	Edge effec	ts					

Fire Age >10 years

Notes



Species	WA Cons.	Height (m)	Cover (%)
Acacia pulchella		0.5	<1
Banksia attenuata		8	40
Banksia menziesii		1	<1
Bossiaea eriocarpa		0.3	<1
* Briza maxima		0.3	<1
Burchardia congesta		0.5	<1
Conostephium pendulum		0.5	2

		Clifton Park
Conostylis juncea	0.2	<1
Dampiera linearis	0.3	<1
Dasypogon bromeliifolius	0.4	4
Eucalyptus todtiana	3	1
Euchilopsis linearis	0.5	1
Gastrolobium linearifolium	0.5	<1
Gompholobium tomentosum	0.4	<1
Gonocarpus pithyoides	0.3	<1
Hibbertia huegelii	0.2	<1
Hibbertia subvaginata	0.2	<1
* Hypochaeris glabra	0.3	<1
Hypolaena exsulca	0.4	<1
Kunzea glabrescens	3	30
Leucopogon conostephioides	0.3	<1
Leucopogon conostephioides	0.5	<1
Lomandra caespitosa	0.3	<1
Lomandra preissii	0.4	<1
Lomandra sericea	0.3	<1
Lyginia imberbis	0.5	<1
Patersonia occidentalis	0.5	1
Petrophile linearis	0.5	<1
Phlebocarya ciliata	0.4	5
Schoenus brevisetis	0.4	<1
Scholtzia involucrata	0.4	1
* Sonchus oleraceus	0.3	<1
Thysanotus triandrus	0.4	<1
Trachymene pilosa	0.1	<1
* Urospermum picroides	0.3	<1
* Ursinia anthemoides subsp. anthemoides	0.3	<1
Xanthorrhoea preissii	1.5	3
Xanthosia huegelii	0.2	<1

QUADRAT SUMMARIES