Black Cockatoo Habitat Assessment



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SUMMARY

This report details the results of a targeted black cockatoo habitat assessment undertaken over an area of land adjacent to the existing Newdegate Grain Receival Site. The land, herein referred as the study area, has an area of 24.8 ha and is comprised of part Lots 102 and 208, unallocated crown land, an unmade road reserve and a rail reserve.

CBH Group (CBH) is proposing to utilise the land within the study area for a planned expansion of existing grain receival facilities. This assessment has been carried out to assist in filling information gaps prior to the submission of a *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)* referral and Western Australian Native Vegetation Clearing Permit application under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act)* in support of the future development.

The habitat assessment has been carried out in accordance with methods described within the Revised Draft Black Cockatoo *EPBC Act* Referral Guidelines (Commonwealth of Australia 2017), with the primary aim being to identifying habitat used for foraging, breeding or roosting within the study area. The assessment has included a review of 31 trees, previously assessed by 360 Environmental in 2015, that had observable hollows considered potentially suitable for Carnaby's cockatoo. A review of available regional information has also been undertaken. Information was also gathered to allow use of the "scoring tool" which has been developed to assist in determining if the study area contains quality foraging habitat.

During their survey 360 Environmental (2015b) identified the following black cockatoo habitat elements within the study area:

Foraging Habitat

20.3 ha of vegetation contains plant species known to or thought to be used as a foraging resource (i.e. all areas of salmon gum, red morell and Kondinin blackbutt).

No evidence of actual foraging observed.

Breeding Habitat

92 trees identified as representing potential black cockatoo breeding habitat (i.e. DBH (1.3 metres from the ground) of 500 mm, or 300 mm if salmon gum).

31 of the 92 trees had observable hollow entrances that were considered to be large enough and at a height to be suitable for black cockatoos to use for nesting.

No actual breeding activity observed.

Roosting Habitat

No evidence of roosting or any other black cockatoo activity observed.

The review of black cockatoo habitat values at the Newdegate Grain Receival Site carried out in March 2109 identified the following:

Foraging Habitat

8.98 ha of vegetation contains plant species documented as being used as a foraging resource (i.e. all areas of salmon gum and York gum as mapped by ELA (2018)). Areas containing red morell and Kondinin blackbutt included by 360 Environmental (2015b) as forging habitat have been excluded from this total as they are not specifically documented as being fed upon by black cockatoos.

No evidence of actual foraging observed.

Breeding Habitat

88 potential black cockatoo breeding trees (i.e. DBH (1.3 metres from the ground) of 500 mm, or 300 mm if salmon gum);

61 of the 88 trees do not contain any hollows or possible small hollows only;

4 of the 31 previously identified hollow bearing trees are no long present (fallen over or felled);

17 of the 31 previously identified hollow bearing trees appear unsuitable for black cockatoos due to hollows appearing to be too small and/or too low to the ground. This disparity with 360 Environmental results appears to be a consequence of their nitial assessment apparently being almost totally based on the hollow entrance size only (>100mm), with no other characteristics of the hollow (such as the size of the branch into which it provides entry) being taken into consideration when determining its suitability.

10 of the previously identified hollow bearing trees appear potentially suitable for black cockatoos based on apparent suitable internal dimensions, orientation and position.

 Two hollows show some evidence of possible blackcoat cockatoo activity but In no case was it possible to conclusively state that any of the hollows had definitely been used for nesting by black cockatoos.

Roosting Habitat

No evidence of roosting or any other black cockatoo activity observed. The survey was however undertaken outside of the period when Carnaby's cockatoo would be most likely to frequent the area and therefore the lack of any roosting activity may not be indicative of the study areas actual degree of use for the purpose.

Based on available vegetation mapping it is estimated that there is approximately 5,500 ha of native vegetation within 12 km of the study area. These areas have not been specifically assessed however are very likely to contain some potential black cockatoo habitat of some

sort (foraging, breeding and/or roosting). It should be noted that there are no historical records of Carnaby's cockatoos from within a search radius of 16 km from the Newdegate town site based on NatureMap (accessed 4 April 2019). Most records are concentrated around the larger nature reserves and remnants and particularly, to the south of the study area.

Birdlife Australia have indicated that black cockatoo nesting has been recorded around "Lake Magenta and further east" in recent years (A. Peck, personal communication, 4 April 2019). These areas are located roughly 40 km south and south east of Newdegate. NatureMap (accessed 4 April 2019) also shows some apparent Carnaby's cockatoo breeding records from a location about 34 km south east of Newdegate (dated November 2016).

These areas south of Newdegate may be favoured by Carnaby's cockatoos for breeding due to their proximity to the larger nature reserves where large expanses of quality foraging habitat are likely to occur.

A review of the 2018 Great Cocky Count report shows no roost sites within or near the study area, with the closest documented sites being situated over 130 km south east near the coast (Peck *et al.* 2018).

An assessment of the study area using the DoTEE's "foraging habitat scoring tool" (Commonwealth of Australia 2017) returned a habitat quality score of eight (8). This score equates to a habitat quality rating of "very high" to "high quality". While it could be argued that this rating has been incorrectly inflated by the lack of options for a starting score which better reflect the nature of the vegetation present, a score of seven (7) or six (6) would still result in a recommendation for referral being advisable.

It should be noted that if the removal of any one of the identified habitat trees is required then the proposed expansion qualifies as "likely to have a significant impact" using the draft revised DotEE criteria, in which case the submission of a referral, to ensure compliance with the *EPBC Act*, would be advisable in any event (if these referral guidelines were in place), irrespective of the habitat score rating.

1. INTRODUCTION

This report details the results of a targeted black cockatoo habitat assessment undertaken over an area of land adjacent to the existing Newdegate Grain Receival Site. The land, herein referred as the study area, has an area of 24.8 ha and is comprised of part Lots 102 and 208, unallocated crown land, an unmade road reserve and a rail reserve (Figure 1 and 2).

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The study area is within the known distribution of Carnaby's cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*) only, with Baudin's cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus baudinii*) and the forest red-tailed black cockatoos (*Calyptorhynchus banksii naso*) having distribution limits that do not extend into this section of Western Australia. Carnaby's cockatoo is therefore the only species of black cockatoo considered within this report.

2. SCOPE OF WORKS

The scope of works was defined as:

- Define and map potential foraging, breeding and roosting habitat quality using a scale and assess the habitat against the revised draft Cockatoo EPBC Act Referral Guidelines (Commonwealth of Australia 2017), or finalised guidelines, if released prior to the survey date;
- Inspect the 31 trees with hollows previously identified by 360 Environmental for suitability and signs of black cockatoo breeding use; and
- Provide a report detailing survey findings (including photos of breeding use of hollows), including a discussion outlining the proximity to the closest known breeding, foraging and roosting sites, and the implications of clearing the habitat present in the study area.

3. METHODS

The field aspect of this assessment was undertaken on the 24 and 25 March 2019 by Greg Harewood (zoologist) and Kristopher Harewood (field assistant).

The habitat assessment has been carried out in accordance with methods described within the Revised Draft Black Cockatoo *EPBC Act* Referral Guidelines (Commonwealth of Australia 2017), with the primary aim being to identifying habitat used for foraging, breeding or roosting within the study area. Information was gathered to allow use of the "scoring tool" which has been developed to assist in determining if the study area contains **quality** foraging habitat.

The following information was be gathered during the field survey where possible and where necessary literature reviews to allow for the "scoring tool" to be used:

• The presence of all plant species that provide foraging, including non-native food sources used by black cockatoos.

This has primarily included a review of the flora and vegetation survey carried out within the study area by Eco Logical Australia (2018) with the aim of identify all plant species present known to be used by Carnaby's cockatoos as a forging resource. Evidence of foraging by black cockatoos was also searched for and recorded during the field survey period.

• The presence of tree species used for breeding.

This facet of the assessment has already been completed by 360 (360 Environmental 2015). Results of this assessment have been reviewed in the field to ensure appropriate methods were employed and that there are no data gaps (see Section 3.2).

Use as a roosting site;

One dusk survey was carried out during the field survey to determine if any roosting is occurring. This also included looking for evidence of roosting in the form of accumulated branch clippings, feathers and dropping at the base of trees.

 The vegetation present in the surrounding area, i.e. at least 12 km from the study area, including proximity to any breeding habitat, roosting sites or watering points;

A review of available mapping will be carried out to provide an estimate of the amount of remnant native vegetation present with 12km of the assessment area.

 Breeding habitat, such as an estimate of the number of trees with a diameter at breast height (1.3 metres from the ground) of 500 mm, or 300 mm if salmon gum or wandoo; This facet of the assessment has already been completed by 360 (360 Environmental 2015b). Results of this assessment have been reviewed in the field to ensure appropriate methods were employed and that there are no data gaps. (see Section 3.2)

Numbers of any known nesting trees.

This facet of the assessment has already been completed by 360 (360 Environmental 2015). Results of this assessment have been reviewed in the field to ensure appropriate methods were employed and that there are no data gaps. (see Section 3.2)

 Presence of disease, such as Phytophthora cinnamomi or marri canker (Quambalaria coyrecup).

Evidence of impacts of any plant pathogens were recorded if observed during the field survey.

3.1 Foraging Habitat

The foraging potential of each plant species identified by Eco Logical Australia (2018) as being present has been assessed using available literature and placed into one of two categories:

- Known specific plant species documented in literature as being foraged upon by Carnaby's cockatoos;
- Not Documented specific plant species not documented in literature as being foraged upon by Carnaby's cockatoos.

Primary sources of information for Carnaby's cockatoo foraging species have included DPaW (2016), Davies (1966), DEC (2012), Groom (2011), Higgins (1999), Johnstone and Storr (1998), Johnstone and Kirkby (2011), Saunders (1974, 1979a, 1979b, 1980 & 1986), Saunders *et al.* (1982), Commonwealth of Australia (2012) and Shah (2006).

The location and nature of black cockatoo foraging evidence (e.g. chewed fruits around base of trees) observed during the field survey were recorded.

A review of available literature was also carried out to determine the location/extent of any known/likely black cockatoo foraging habitat areas in the vicinity of the study area.

3.2 Breeding Habitat

As part of the assessment all previously identified habitat trees containing observable hollows (31 in total) deemed "suitable to be used for Carnaby's cockatoo nesting" (360 Environmental 2015b) (Figure 3) were revisited and specific details on any hollows present recorded. This included but was not be limited to recording specific details on any evidence of actual use (e.g. significant chew marks around hollow entrances).

Where practical to do so a drone (DJI Mavic Air) was used to examine and photograph each potential hollow at close range to assist in determining suitability and to aid in identifying any signs of current or previous use by black cockatoos.

Identified hollows have initially been placed into one of three categories based on the type of hollow entry (Birdlife Australia 2018a):

- Chimney: the hollow entry faces directly upwards in the end of the trunk;
- Spout: hollow entry which is at the end of a broken branch; or
- Side: the entry is directly into the side of the trunk or a branch with no protrusions.

For the purpose of this review, hollows have then been placed into one of seven categories based on the observable characteristics of each hollow. The categories used were:

- Confirmed Hollow: Black cockatoos observed utilising the hollow for breeding purposes;
- Chewed Hollow: The hollow shows signs of chewing ("chipping" around or near entrance and/or internally) attributed to black cockatoo activity (in most cases indicating nesting activity, but in some cases possibly marks left by black cockatoos investigating ("prospecting") hollows);
- Unused Hollow: The hollow appears to be of a suitable size for black cockatoos to use for nesting, but no conclusive evidence of this activity seen. It should be noted that chew marks/chipping are not always evident or present on some hollows that have been used for nesting. Hollows classified as "unused" may therefore have been used for nesting but cannot be specifically classified as such. Alternatively, some "unused" hollows may not be suitable for black cockatoos as a range of characteristics, not all of which can be seen or measured, ultimately determined if a hollow will ever actually be used;
- Unsuitable Hollow: The hollow has been assessed, based on information obtained, as being unlikely to be suitable for black cockatoos (generally because of the entrance appearing to be too small or because the actual hollow or accommodating branch/tree trunk appears to be too small or as having an unfavourable orientation);
- No Hollow: The tree was not observed to contain any hollows. During the initial
 assessment no hollows were observed. Trees previously identified as having a
 hollow/s can also be re-classified into this category. Generally, this would be due to
 mis-identification from ground level during the initial assessment where a feature of
 the tree appeared to possibly represent a hollow but upon closer inspection was
 found not to qualify as such;
- No Tree Present: A standing tree is no longer present i.e. the original tree has fallen over, been burnt or has been removed/felled.

Status Unknown: The tree could not be found or was not revisited.

A review of available literature was carried out to determine the location/extent of any known/likely black cockatoo breeding habitat areas in the vicinity of the study area.

3.3 Roosting Habitat

A single dusk survey was carried out on the 24 March 2019 from about 5:30pm to 6:30pm and involved observing and listening for any black cockatoo activity from a vantage point near the southern end of the study area.

Direct and indirect evidence of black cockatoos roosting within trees within the study area site was noted during the field survey if observed (e.g. branch clippings, droppings or moulted feathers).

A review of available literature was also carried out to determine the location/extent of any known/likely black cockatoo roosting habitat areas in the vicinity of the study area.

4. RESULTS

4.1 Foraging Habitat

The vegetation units present as mapped by ELA (2018) are shown in Figure 4. The identified units are:

- **EkElg**: Eucalyptus kondininensis, E. longicornis open forest over Atriplex paludosa subsp. baudinii scattered low shrubs. Some parts included where Eucalyptus longicornis occurs as the single dominant tree species (7.90 ha/31.85%);
- **Elx**: Eucalyptus loxophleba subsp. gratiae low open mallee forest over Melaleuca acuminata subsp. acuminata scattered tall shrubs to tall open shrubland (open to closed scrub in parts) over Dodonaea ptarmicaefolia, Acacia hemiteles shrubland over Austrostipa elegantissima very open grassland (5.72 ha/23.07%);
- **EkAv**: Eucalyptus kondininensis open forest over Atriplex vesicaria low open shrubland over Threlkeldia diffusa very open low herbland (4.56 ha/18.38%);
- **Es**: Eucalyptus salmonophloia open to closed forest over *Dodonaea stenozyga* scattered shrubs to open shrubland over *Olearia muelleri*, *Acacia erinacea* low open shrubland (3.26 ha/13.13%);
- **TuAv**: *Tecticornia undulata*, *Atriplex vesicaria*, *Tecticornia syncarpa* low open heath over *Disphyma crassifolium* subsp. *clavellatum* very open herbland (1.71 ha/6.89%);
- **EIgMI**: Eucalyptus longicornis open forest over Melaleuca lanceolata open scrub over Atriplex paludosa subsp. baudinii scattered low shrubs (0.87 ha/3.49%);

• **Cleared**: Cleared areas, completely devoid of vegetation (0.79 ha/3.19%).

A total of 178 taxa (including species, subspecies, varieties and forms, and specimens not identified to species level) from 111 genera and 42 families were recorded from quadrats, relevés and opportunistic collections in the study area by ELA (2018) and previous surveys (360 Environmental 2015a; Cardno 2014).

Table 1 below lists the all flora species recorded along with their documented black cockatoo foraging status.

Table 1: Identified Flora Species within the Study Area and Black Cockatoo Foraging Status

Genus & Species	Status	Carnaby's Cockatoo Foraging Species
Acacia acanthoclada		Not documented
Acacia acantinociada Acacia erinacea		Not documented Not documented
Acacia erinacea Acacia hemiteles		Not documented Not documented
Acacia leptospermoides		Not documented Not documented
Acacia neprospermoides Acacia merrallii		Not documented Not documented
Alyxia buxifolia		Not documented Not documented
Arctotheca calendula	Introduced	Not documented Not documented
Arthropodium curvipes	Introduced	Not documented Not documented
Asteraceae sp.		Not documented Not documented
Asteridea athrixioides		Not documented Not documented
Atriplex bunburyana		Not documented Not documented
Atriplex buriburyaria Atriplex cinerea		Not documented Not documented
Atriplex cirierea Atriplex paludosa		Not documented Not documented
Atriplex palduosa Atriplex vesicaria		Not documented Not documented
Austrostipa acrociliata		Not documented Not documented
Austrostipa elegantissima		Not documented Not documented
Austrostipa eregantissima Austrostipa exilis		Not documented Not documented
Austrostipa pycnostachya		Not documented Not documented
Austrostipa sp.		Not documented Not documented
Austrostipa sp. Austrostipa trichophylla		Not documented Not documented
Avena barbata	Introduced	Not documented Not documented
Blennospora drummondii	Introduced	Not documented Not documented
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Blennospora phlegmatocarpa Brachyscome ciliaris		Not documented Not documented
Brachyscome eyrensis		Not documented Not documented
Brachyscome perpusilla		Not documented Not documented
Brassica napus	Introduced	Not documented Not documented
Brassica tournefortii	Introduced	Not documented Not documented
Bromus rubens	Introduced	Not documented Not documented
Caladenia dimidia	Introduced	Not documented Not documented
Caladenia dirridia Caladenia hirta		Not documented Not documented
Calandrinia calyptrata		Not documented Not documented
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Calotis hispidula		Not documented Not documented
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Carpobrotus modestus		
Cassytha melantha Cenchrus clandestinus	Introduced	Not documented
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Chenopodiaceae sp.		Not documented
Chenopodium desertorum	Introduced	Not documented
Cirsium vulgare	introduced	Not documented
Comesperma integerrimum	Introduced	Not documented
Conyza bonariensis	Introduced	Not documented
Coopernookia strophiolata		Not documented
Corunastylis fuscoviridis	Introduced	Not documented
Cotula bipinnata	miroduced	Not documented

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Genus & Species	Status	Carnaby's Cockatoo
Crangula colorata		Foraging Species Not documented
Crassula colorata Crassula colorata acuminata		Not documented Not documented
Cryptandra minutifolia		Not documented Not documented
Cryptandra minutiona Cryptandra nutans		Not documented Not documented
Cryptandra nutaris Cryptandra wilsonii		Not documented Not documented
Dampiera lavandulacea		Not documented Not documented
Daurus glochidiatus		Not documented Not documented
Daviesia scoparia		Not documented Not documented
Dianella revoluta		Not documented
Disphyma crassifolium clavellatum		Not documented
Dodonaea ptarmicaefolia		Not documented
Dodonaea stenozyga		Not documented
Drosera bulbosa		Not documented
Ehrharta longiflora	Introduced	Not documented
Enchylaena lanata		Not documented
Enchylaena tomentosa		Not documented
Eremophila decipiens		Not documented
Eremophila deserti		Not documented
Ericksonella saccharata		Not documented
Eriochilus dilatatus		Not documented
Erodium cicutarium	Introduced	Not documented
Erodium cygnorum		Not documented
Erymophyllum tenellum		Not documented
Eucalyptus kondininensis		Not documented
Eucalyptus longicornis		Not documented
Eucalyptus loxophleba		Known
Eucalyptus salmonophloia		Known
Eucalyptus salubris		Not documented
Exocarpos aphyllus		Not documented
Goodenia berardiana		Not documented
Goodenia pusilliflora		Not documented
Helichrysum leucopsideum		Not documented
Helichrysum luteoalbum	1	Not documented
Hordeum leporinum	Introduced	Not documented
Hyalosperma glutinosum		Not documented
Hydrocotyle pilifera	Introduced	Not documented Not documented
Hypochaeris glabra	Introduced	Not documented Not documented
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Lawrencia squamata Lepidium rotundum		Not documented Not documented
Lepidium sp.		Not documented Not documented
Lepidosperma diurnum		Not documented
Lepidosperma drummondii		Not documented
Lolium rigidum	Introduced	Not documented Not documented
Lomandra effusa		Not documented
Lycium australe		Not documented
Lysimachia arvensis	Introduced	Not documented
Maireana enchylaenoides		Not documented
Maireana erioclada		Not documented
Maireana marginata		Not documented
Maireana suaedifolia		Not documented
Maireana trichoptera		Not documented
Melaleuca acuminata		Not documented
Melaleuca adnata		Not documented
Melaleuca lanceolata		Not documented
Melaleuca lateriflora		Not documented
Melaleuca pauperiflora		Not documented
Melaleuca scalena		Not documented
Melaleuca sp.		Not documented
Melaleuca thyoides		Not documented

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Genus & Species	Status	Carnaby's Cockatoo Foraging Species		
Trifolium hirtum	Introduced	Not documented		
Trifolium sp. 1	Introduced	Not documented		
Trifolium sp. 2	Introduced	Not documented		
Trifolium tomentosum	Introduced	Not documented		
Triticum aestivum	Introduced	Not documented		
Trymalium myrtillus		Not documented		
Ursinia anthemoides	Introduced	Not documented		
Vulpia myuros forma myuros	Introduced	Not documented		
Vulpia sp.	Introduced	Not documented		
Waitzia suaveolens		Not documented		
Westringia cephalantha		Not documented		
Westringia rigida		Not documented		
Wilsonia rotundifolia		Not documented		
Wurmbea tenella		Not documented		
Xanthoparmelia semiviridis		Not documented		

Only three species of plant present with the study area are confirmed/known dietary items of Carnaby's cockatoo, these being:

- Salmon Gum (Eucalyptus salmonophloia);
- York Gum (Eucalyptus loxophleba); and
- Wild Radish (Raphanus raphanistrum) (introduced).

Salmon gum (**Es**) and York gum (**Elx**) dominated units make up about 8.98 ha (~36.2%) of the study area (see Figure 4). York gum was also recorded in low densities within areas dominated by Kondinin blackbutt (*Eucalyptus kondininensis*) and red morrel (*E. longicornis*) (**EkElg**) (ELA 2018). Wild radish (a small weed) was recorded in two quadrats by ELA (2018) but is not expected to represent foraging habitat of any significance as its contribution to the overall foraging resource available in the study area would be small/negligible.

Both salmon gum and York gum both have relatively small fruits and as such can be regarded as being of low to moderate foraging value given the amount of effort that would be required by black cockatoos to extract seeds when compared to other more favourable species. The absence of any other flora species known to be utilised by black cockatoos as a food source (in particular diverse shrublands/kwongon heath/banksia) also lowers the overall foraging value of vegetation with the study area.

With respect to the DotEE foraging habitat scoring tool (Commonwealth of Australia 2017) the foraging habitat present in the study area (estimated to cover about 8.98 ha) must still be rated as having an initial starting score of 7 (high quality habitat) when assessed using the broad criteria listed (see Table 3 - Commonwealth of Australia 2017). This is based on the fact that the area contains "eucalypt woodland" comprised of some documented foraging species, albeit only species with apparent low relative value.

No evidence of any black cockatoo foraging activity was observed during the course of the field survey or during any previous surveys (Cardno 2014, 360 Environmental 2015a &

2015b and ELA 2018) which is consistent with the conclusion that the foraging habitat is of low value and therefore possibly rarely utilised.

It should be noted that 360 (360 Environmental 2015b) incorrectly document red morrel as representing foraging habitat when in fact the reference they refer to (Groom (DEC) 2011) indicates it represents potential breeding habitat only. 360 have also considered Kondinin blackbutt as representing foraging habitat. Like red morrel, this tree species is not specifically identified as a plant species fed upon by black cockatoos in any of the available references, which suggests it should not be considered foraging habitat for the purpose of any assessment as it is likely to exaggerate the areas actual value.

These eucalypt species are possibly not favoured by black cockatoos due to the small size of their fruiting bodies making seed extraction time consuming and energy inefficient relative to more favoured plant species. Because of the inclusion of these two tree species 360 have mapped the extent of foraging habitat within the study area as being ~ 20.3 ha, which appears, based on the current review, to be an overestimation of what is actually foraging habitat of any value.

Based on available vegetation mapping it is estimated that there is approximately 5,500 ha of native vegetation within 12 km the study area. These areas have not been specifically assessed but at least some areas are very likely to represent potential black cockatoo foraging habitat of some type. The foraging habitat identified within the study area makes up about 0.1% of the total area of remnant vegetation present in this 12 km area.

No evidence of any impacts on vegetation that could be attributed to plant pathogens were observed during the field survey.

4.2 Breeding Habitat

A summary of the results of the black cockatoo tree review are presented in Table 2 below. Additional details (photos and descriptions) on each tree inspected including their original and reviewed status are held in Appendix A. The location of these trees is shown in Figure 5.

Table 2: Hollow Bearing Habitat Tree Review - Summary Results

ID	Tree Species	No. of Hollows	360 (2015) Classification	Revised (2019) Classification	Comments	
2	Red Morrel	1	Suitable Hollow	Unsuitable Hollow	Very low, marginal size, appears unsuitable.	
11	Salmon Gum	1	Suitable Hollow	Unsuitable Hollow	Appears too small, possibly occupied by owls?	
18	Salmon Gum	2	Suitable Hollow	Unsuitable Hollows	All appear too small.	
21	Salmon Gum	1	Suitable Hollow	Unsuitable Hollow	Appears too small, in use by feral bees.	
22	Salmon Gum	1	Suitable Hollow	Unused Hollow	Appears suitable, no sign of use.	
27	Salmon Gum	1	Suitable Hollow	No Tree Present	Fallen over/felled.	
28	Salmon Gum	2	Suitable Hollow	Unsuitable Hollows	All appear too small.	
39	Salmon Gum	1	Suitable Hollow	Unsuitable Hollow	Appears too small.	

ID	Tree Species	No. of Hollows	360 (2015) Classification	Revised (2019) Classification	Comments	
42	Salmon Gum	1	Suitable Hollow	Unsuitable Hollow	Appears too small.	
43	Salmon Gum	1	Suitable Hollow	Unsuitable Hollow	Appears too small, used by galahs.	
51	Salmon Gum	1	Suitable Hollow	Unsuitable Hollow	Appears too small, used by galahs.	
53	Salmon Gum	1	Suitable Hollow	Unused Hollow	Appears suitable, no sign of use.	
57	Salmon Gum	1	Suitable Hollow	Chewed Hollow	Marginal size but possible evidence of use.	
58	Salmon Gum	1	Suitable Hollow	Unsuitable Hollow	Low, marginal size, appears unsuitable.	
60	Salmon Gum	1	Suitable Hollow	Unsuitable Hollow	Appears too small, used by galahs.	
72	Salmon Gum	2	Suitable Hollow	Chewed Hollow	Marginal size but possible evidence of use, used by galahs.	
73	Salmon Gum	4	Suitable Hollow	Unsuitable Hollows	All appear too small, used by galahs and feral bees.	
74	Salmon Gum	3	Suitable Hollow	Unsuitable Hollows	All appear too small, used by galahs.	
76	Salmon Gum	4	Suitable Hollow	Unsuitable Hollows	All appear too small, used by feral bees	
77	Salmon Gum	2	Suitable Hollow	No Tree Present	Fallen over/felled.	
78	Salmon Gum	4	Suitable Hollow	Unused Hollow	One hollow appears suitable, used by galahs.	
79	Salmon Gum	1	Suitable Hollow	Unused Hollow	Appears suitable, no sign of use.	
81	Salmon Gum	1	Suitable Hollow	Unsuitable Hollow	Appears too small.	
83	Salmon Gum	3	Suitable Hollow	Unused Hollow	One hollow appears suitable, used by galahs.	
85	Salmon Gum	1	Suitable Hollow	Unsuitable Hollow	Appears too small, used by galahs.	
86	Salmon Gum	2	Suitable Hollow	Unused Hollow	One hollow appears suitable, no sign of use.	
87	Salmon Gum	4	Suitable Hollow	Unused Hollow	One hollow appears suitable, used by feral bees.	
88	Stag	1	Suitable Hollow	No Tree Present	Felled.	
89	Stag	2	Suitable Hollow	Unused Hollow	One hollow appears suitable, no sign of use.	
91	Stag	3	Suitable Hollow	Unsuitable Hollows	All appear too small.	
92	Stag	3	Suitable Hollow	No Tree Present	Fallen over.	

Over half (17) of the trees initially identified as having "hollows large enough for black cockatoos to breed in" (360 Environmental 2015b) have been reassessed as being unsuitable. For most of the trees (15) this reassessment was primarily based on the apparent internal size of the hollow itself or the size of the accommodating branch/tree trunk, with observations made in the field suggesting they would be too small for a black cockatoo to utilise for nesting purposes. Two of the 17 trees have been assessed as unsuitable as the hollows appeared to be both marginal in size and too low to the ground.

This large disparity appears to be a consequence of the initial assessment apparently being almost totally based on the hollow entrance size only (\geq 100mm), with no other characteristics of the hollow (such as the size of the branch into which it provides entry) being taken into consideration when determining its suitability.

Four (4) trees were found to have either fallen over or been felled, apparently for firewood given evidence of chainsaw use.

The remaining 10 trees from the original data set identified by 360 have been assessed as containing at least one hollow potentially suitable for black cockatoos to use for nesting. This conclusion has been based on the hollows appearing to be of a suitable size, position and orientation based on observations made in the field.

In no case was it possible to conclusively state that any of the hollows had definitely been used for nesting by black cockatoos though two (2) were classified as "chewed hollows" as they showed some evidence of "chipping" (potentially caused by black cockatoos chewing wood from the internal surface or outer rim of the hollow). This is often indicative of nesting activity but sometimes is a consequence of repeated "prospecting" (investigation) for suitable hollows only.

It should also be noted that galahs also chew hollows (referred to as "chipping") to a certain degree and some overlap in characteristics may occur. Generally, a few chips around a hollow entrance is indicative of Carnaby's cockatoo activity, chipping around the entire hollow entrance is a sign of galahs. Galahs also chew the bark from the tree in which they are nesting (and sometimes adjacent trees) leaving very obvious scarring.

Galah nesting activity appears to be common within the study area with eight (8) of the 31 trees examined showing some evidence of use for this purpose. This was mainly in the form of extensive scarring of tree bark. Four (4) trees were also found to be occupied by feral bees.

As a consequence of the review the dataset of habitat trees present within the study area now consists of 88 trees with a DBH of >300mm or more (for Salmon Gum, ≥500mm for Red Morrel) (Figure 6). Sixty one (61) of these, as identified by 360 Environmental (2015b), were not observed to have any hollows. Seventeen (17) trees have hollows that have been assessed as being unsuitable for cockatoos.

Ten (10) trees appear to have hollows possibly suitable for cockatoos, with two showing some evidence of use though it can not be conclusively be attributed to nesting black cockatoos at this point in time.

Four (4) trees have been removed from the original dataset as they have fallen over or been felled. The location of the above-mentioned trees is shown in Figure 6 with summary details being provided in Appendix B.

There is a paucity of publicly available breeding data for black cockatoos. This is probably due to both a lack of survey work and/or reporting but also because information is withheld due its sensitive nature.

The most recently available report by Birdlife Australia (2018) does however provide some summary results of surveys carried out between mid-September and mid-January 2017 at 34 sites around regional Western Australia. The report shows the rough location of two survey sites both about 40 km south and south east of Newdegate respectively, one within the Lake Magenta Nature Reserve and one near the Dunn Rock Nature Reserve. The report does not specify if breeding activity was recorded at either location, however

discussion with Adam Peck directly indicates that they have recorded breeding activity, mainly "on private land around Lake Magenta and further east" (A. Peck, personal communication, 4 April 2019). NatureMap (accessed 4 April 2019) also shows some apparent Carnaby's cockatoo breeding records from a location about 34 km south east of Newdegate, made in November 2016 (Figure 7). These appear to be related to some of Birdlife Australia's previous monitoring work.

These areas, south of Newdegate, may be favoured by Carnaby's cockatoos for breeding due to their proximity to the larger nature reserves where large expanses of quality foraging habitat are likely to occur.

Based on available vegetation mapping it is estimated that there is approximately 5,500 ha of native vegetation within 12 km the study area. These areas have not been specifically assessed however some areas are very likely to contain potential black cockatoo breeding habitat of some type (i.e. trees with a DBH ≥300mm). The study area as a whole (~24.8 ha) makes up about 0.45% of this remnant vegetation.

4.3 Roosting Habitat

No roosting activity by Carnaby's cockatoos was recorded during the single dusk survey or during the daytime assessment carried out on the following day. The survey was however undertaken outside of the period when Carnaby's cockatoo would be most likely to frequent the area and therefore the lack of any roosting activity may not be indicative of the study areas actual degree of use for the purpose.

No roosting activity (or any other black cockatoo activity) has been recorded during previous surveys over the study area (Cardno 2014 (October 2014), 360 Environmental 2015a (September 2015) and 2015b (May 2015) and ELA 2018 (June/December 2018)).

The study area does contain large trees that presumably represent potential roosting habitat and the waste water treatment plant directly adjoining the site contains ponds of water, which may represent a potential drinking site, though the palatability of the water to black cockatoos is not known. It should be noted that there are numerous (possibly thousands) of potential watering sites for black cockatoos throughout the wheatbelt. Most of these are manmade sources (e.g. dams and water troughs) in place for livestock. Which ones have been or are used by black cockatoos is not documented.

Black cockatoo roost surveys have been undertaken across Western Australia for a number of years by Birdlife Australia. A review of the 2018 Great Cocky Count report shows no roost sites within or near the study area, with the closest documented sites being situated over 130 km south east near the coast (Peck *et al.* 2018).

Based on available vegetation mapping it is estimated that there is approximately 5,500 ha of native vegetation within 12 km the study area. These areas have not been specifically assessed however some areas are very likely to contain some potential black cockatoo roosting habitat. It should be noted that there are no historical records of Carnaby's cockatoos from within a search radius of 16 km from the Newdegate town site based on

NatureMap (accessed 4 April 2019). Most records are concentrated around the larger nature reserves and remnants and particularly, to the south of the study area (Figure 7).

5. REVISED DRAFT REFERRAL GUIDELINES ASSESSMENT

The revised referral guidelines (Commonwealth of Australia 2017) have not been officially adopted but an assessment is provided here as a guide in the event they (or a modified version thereof) are enacted in the near future.

The following summary points contained within the revised document provide general guidance on what, in DotEE's view, may constitute significant impact on black cockatoos. An action that will or is likely to result in a significant impact will require referral to the Australian Government (Commonwealth of Australia 2017).

- Clearing of known nesting trees or breeding habitat is likely to result in a significant impact;
- 2. Complete clearance of roost sites that are close to high quality foraging habitat and water resources in non-breeding areas is likely to result in a significant impact;
- 3. Clearing very high to high quality foraging is likely to result in a significant impact;
 - i. Impacts on *higher quality* foraging habitat are likely to have a significant impact, with a lower acceptability of loss in hectares; your action should be referred.
 - ii. Impacts on *low quality* foraging habitat is more likely to be acceptable. Committing to priority mitigation actions in the relevant region means your action is less likely to result in a significant impact and require referral.
 - iii. Impacts on foraging habitat that is *valued*, with a score of 4 to 6, may still require referral, depending upon how much habitat is being impacted, the location and what measures are proposed to avoid and/or mitigate that impact.
- 4. Various other actions with indirect or facilitated impacts on black cockatoos (but where there is a commitment to the mitigation objectives and priorities with the guidelines), are less likely to have a significant impact on black cockatoos.

The study area was found to contain 88 trees which would be regarded by the DotEE as representing potential black cockatoo breeding habitat due to their DBH size being 300mm or greater. Despite the fact that no actual breeding within any of these trees has been confirmed, the removal of just one of these trees will compromise criterion 1 and be regarded as "likely to result in a significant impact".

No black cockatoo roosting activity was found during the assessment and therefore it is considered unlikely that criterion 2 will be compromised. The survey was however undertaken outside of the period when Carnaby's cockatoo would be most likely to frequent

the area of its range and therefore the lack of any roosting activity may not be indicative of the study areas actual use for the purpose.

The foraging habitat tool assessment for Carnaby's cockatoo species is provided in the table below to provide guidance in criterion 3.

Table 3: Foraging Habitat Scoring Tool

Scoring Component	Foraging habitat for Carnaby's Cockatoo	Score	Comments
Starting Score	Native shrubland, kwongan heathland and woodland dominated by proteaceous plant species such as <i>Banksia</i> spp. (including <i>Dryandra</i> spp.), <i>Hakea</i> spp. and <i>Grevillea</i> spp., as well as native eucalypt woodland and forest that contains foraging species, including along roadsides. Does not include orchards, canola, or areas under a RFA.	7 (High Quality)	This starting score can be regarded as being too high given the study area is considered to only support small fruited eucalypts with relatively low foraging value compared to other tree species. Lower criteria however do not specifically apply and can therefore not be used.
Additions	Context adjustor - attributes improving functionality of foraging habitat		
	Contains trees with suitable nest hollows	+3	Ten trees identified with potentially suitable hollows.
	Contains trees with potential to be used for breeding (dbh ≥ 500 mm or ≥ 300 mm dbh for salmon gum and wandoo).	+2	Eighty eight trees with a dbh of ≥300m identified.
Subtractions	Context adjustor - attributes reducing functionality of foraging habitat		
	No clear evidence of feeding debris.	-2	None observed during three targeted fauna surveys.
	Is > 12 km from a known breeding location.	-1	Closest documented nest sites are over 30km away.
	Is > 12 km from a known roosting site.	-1	Closest documented roost sites are over 130km away.
Total Score		8	

The foraging habitat scoring tool indicates a habitat quality score of eight (8). This score equates to a habitat quality rating of very high to high quality. While it could be argued that this rating has been incorrectly inflated by the lack of options for a starting score which better reflect the nature of the vegetation present, a score of seven (7) or six (6) would still result in a recommendation for referral being advisable.

It should be noted that if the removal of any one of the identified habitat trees is required then the proposed expansion qualifies as "likely to have a significant impact" using the draft revised DotEE criteria, in which case the submission of a referral, to ensure compliance with the *EPBC Act*, would be advisable in any event (if these referral guidelines were in place), irrespective of the habitat score rating.

6. CONCLUSION

The review reported on here was undertaken with the primary aim of providing additional information on potential Carnaby's cockatoo foraging, breeding and roosting habitat with land adjacent to the existing Newdegate Grain Receival Site with specific reference to previous work undertaken by 360 Environmental (2015b) and ELA (2018).

During their survey 360 Environmental (2015b) identified the following black cockatoo habitat elements within the study area:

Foraging Habitat

20.3 ha of vegetation contains plant species known to or thought to be used as a foraging resource (i.e. all areas of salmon gum, red morell and Kondinin blackbutt).

No evidence of actual foraging observed.

• Breeding Habitat

92 trees identified as representing potential black cockatoo breeding habitat (i.e. DBH (1.3 metres from the ground) of 500 mm, or 300 mm if salmon gum).

31 of the 92 trees had observable hollow entrances that were considered to be large enough and at a height to be suitable for black cockatoos to use for nesting.

No actual breeding activity observed.

Roosting Habitat

No evidence of roosting or any other black cockatoo activity observed.

The review of black cockatoo habitat values at the Newdegate Grain Receival Site carried out in March 2109 identified the following:

Foraging Habitat

8.98 ha of vegetation contains plant species documented as being used as a foraging resource (i.e. all areas of salmon gum and York gum as mapped by ELA (2018)). Areas containing red morell and Kondinin blackbutt included by 360 Environmental (2015b) as forging habitat have been excluded from this total as they are not specifically documented as being fed upon by black cockatoos.

No evidence of actual foraging observed.

Breeding Habitat

88 potential black cockatoo breeding trees (i.e. DBH (1.3 metres from the ground) of 500 mm, or 300 mm if salmon gum);

61 of the 88 trees do not contain any hollows or possible small hollows only;

4 of the 31 previously identified hollow bearing trees are no long present (fallen over or felled);

17 of the 31 previously identified hollow bearing trees appear unsuitable for black cockatoos due to hollows appearing to be too small and/or too low to the ground. This disparity with 360 Environmental results appears to be a consequence of their nitial assessment apparently being almost totally based on the hollow entrance size only (>100mm), with no other characteristics of the hollow (such as the size of the branch into which it provides entry) being taken into consideration when determining its suitability.

10 of the previously identified hollow bearing trees appear potentially suitable for black cockatoos based on apparent suitable internal dimensions, orientation and position.

 Two hollows show some evidence of possible blackcoat cockatoo activity but In no case was it possible to conclusively state that any of the hollows had definitely been used for nesting by black cockatoos.

Roosting Habitat

No evidence of roosting or any other black cockatoo activity observed. The survey was however undertaken outside of the period when Carnaby's cockatoo would be most likely to frequent the area and therefore the lack of any roosting activity may not be indicative of the study areas actual degree of use for the purpose.

Based on available vegetation mapping it is estimated that there is approximately 5,500 ha of native vegetation within 12 km of the study area. These areas have not been specifically assessed however are very likely to contain some potential black cockatoo habitat of some sort (foraging, breeding and/or roosting). It should be noted that there are no historical records of Carnaby's cockatoos from within a search radius of 16 km from the Newdegate town site based on NatureMap (accessed 4 April 2019). Most records are concentrated around the larger nature reserves and remnants and particularly, to the south of the study area.

Birdlife Australia have indicated that black cockatoo nesting has been recorded around "Lake Magenta and further east" in recent years (A. Peck, personal communication, 4 April 2019). These areas are located roughly 40 km south and south east of Newdegate. NatureMap (accessed 4 April 2019) also shows some apparent Carnaby's cockatoo breeding records from a location about 34 km south east of Newdegate (dated November 2016).

These areas south of Newdegate may be favoured by Carnaby's cockatoos for breeding due to their proximity to the larger nature reserves where large expanses of quality foraging habitat are likely to occur.

A review of the 2018 Great Cocky Count report shows no roost sites within or near the study area, with the closest documented sites being situated over 130 km south east near the coast (Peck *et al.* 2018).

An assessment of the study area using the DoTEE's "foraging habitat scoring tool" (Commonwealth of Australia 2017) returned a habitat quality score of eight (8). This score equates to a habitat quality rating of "very high" to "high quality". While it could be argued that this rating has been incorrectly inflated by the lack of options for a starting score which better reflect the nature of the vegetation present, a score of seven (7) or six (6) would still result in a recommendation for referral being advisable.

It should be noted that if the removal of any one of the identified habitat trees is required then the proposed expansion qualifies as "likely to have a significant impact" using the draft revised DotEE criteria, in which case the submission of a referral, to ensure compliance with the *EPBC Act*, would be advisable in any event (if these referral guidelines were in place), irrespective of the habitat score rating.

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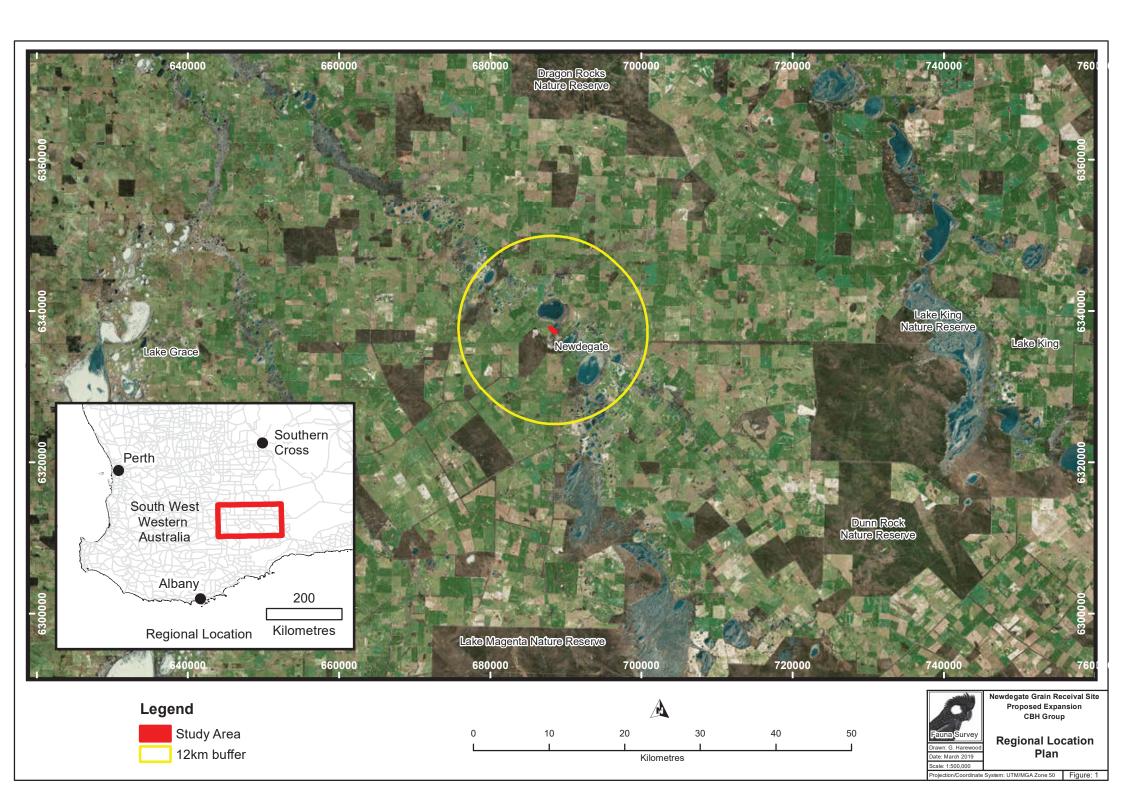
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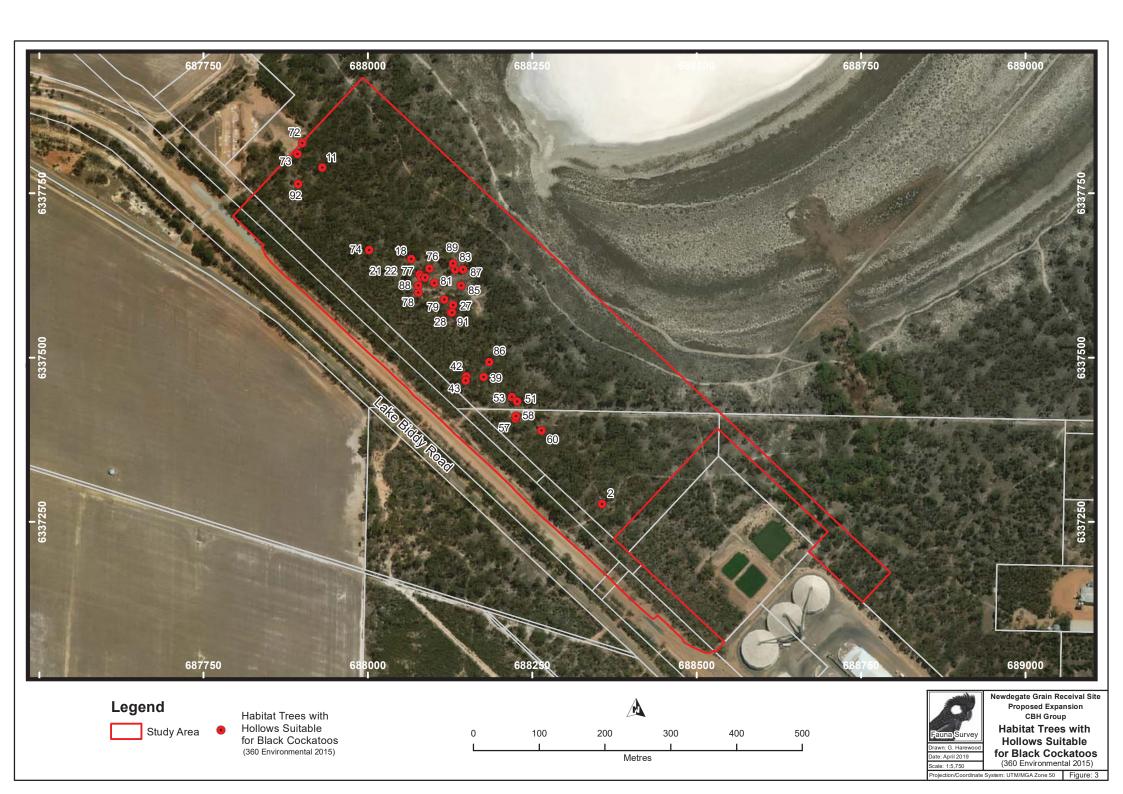
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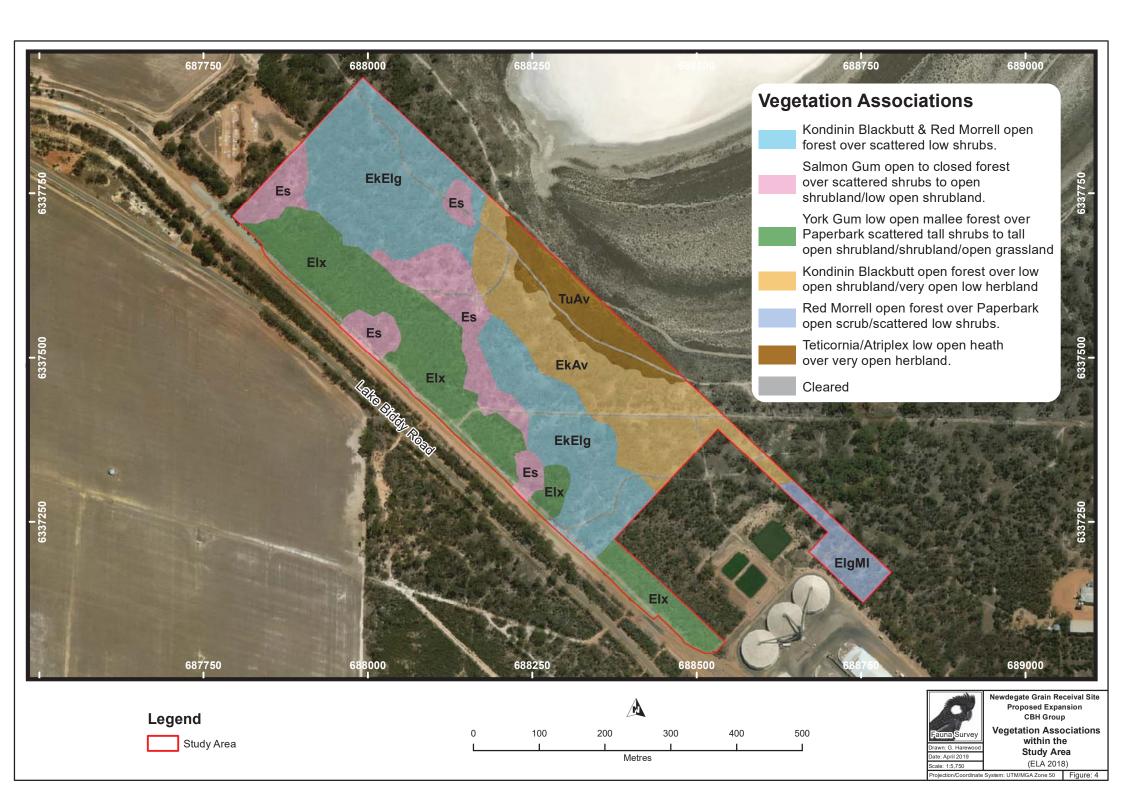
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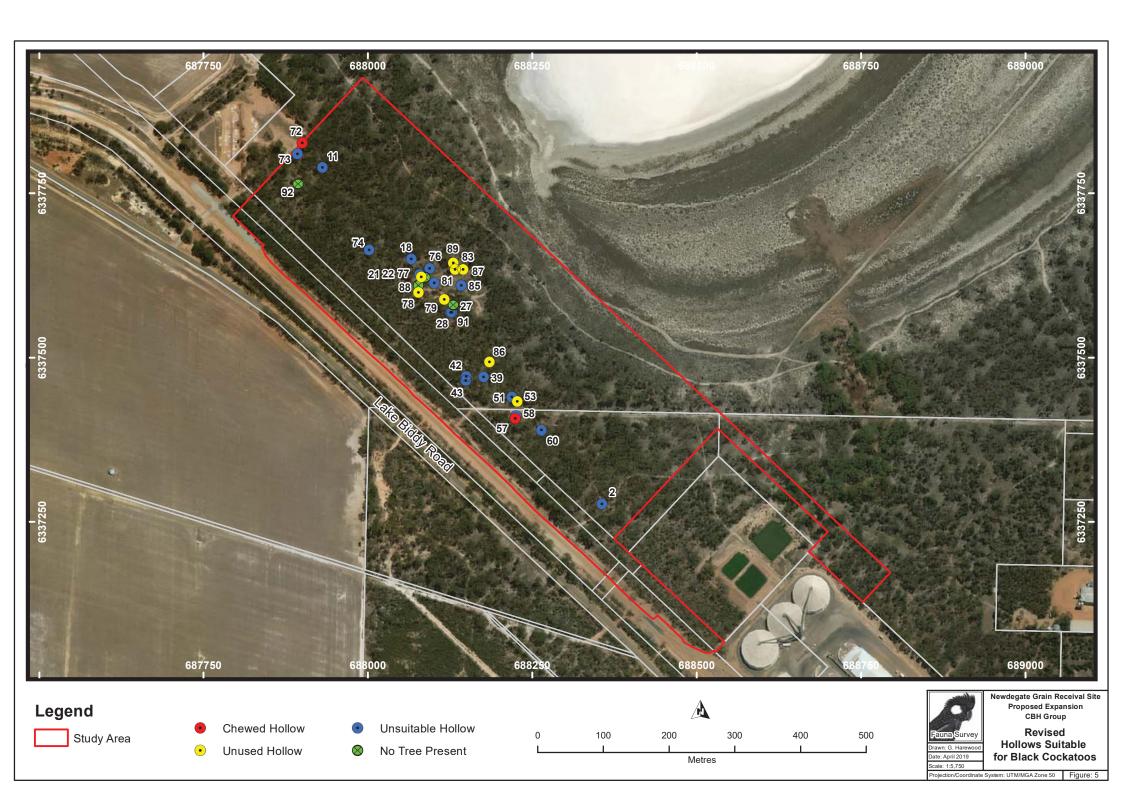
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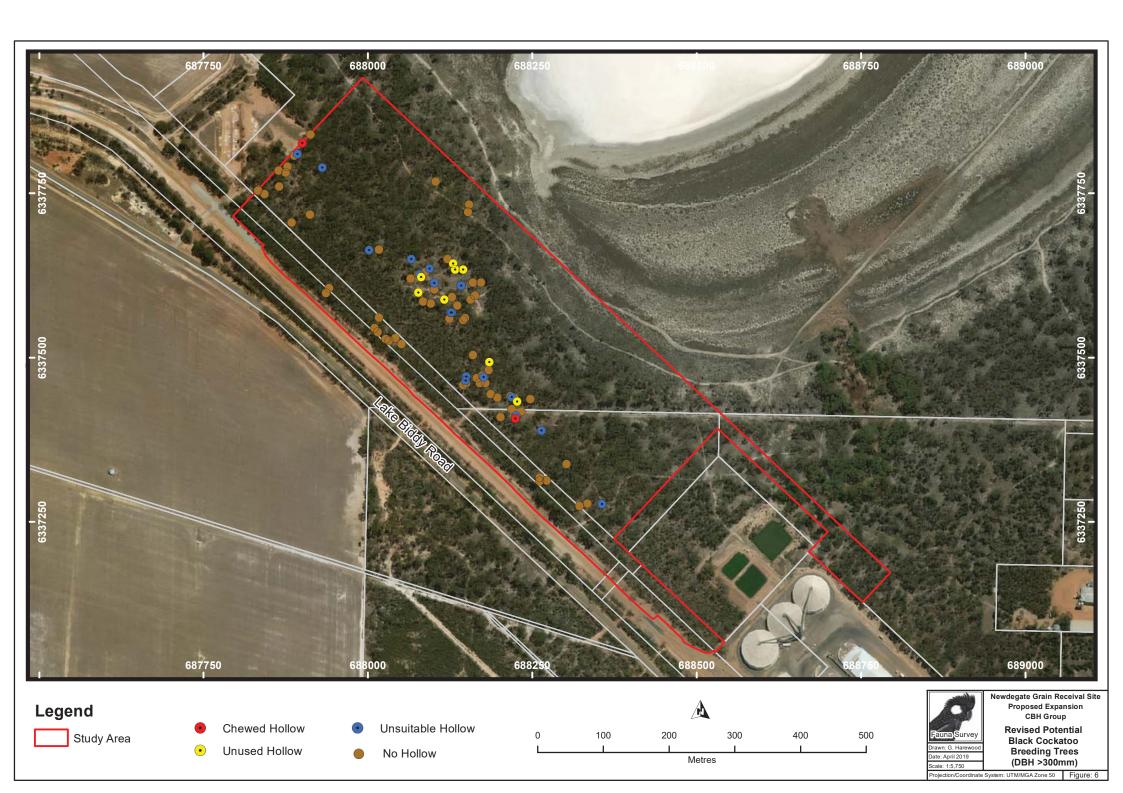


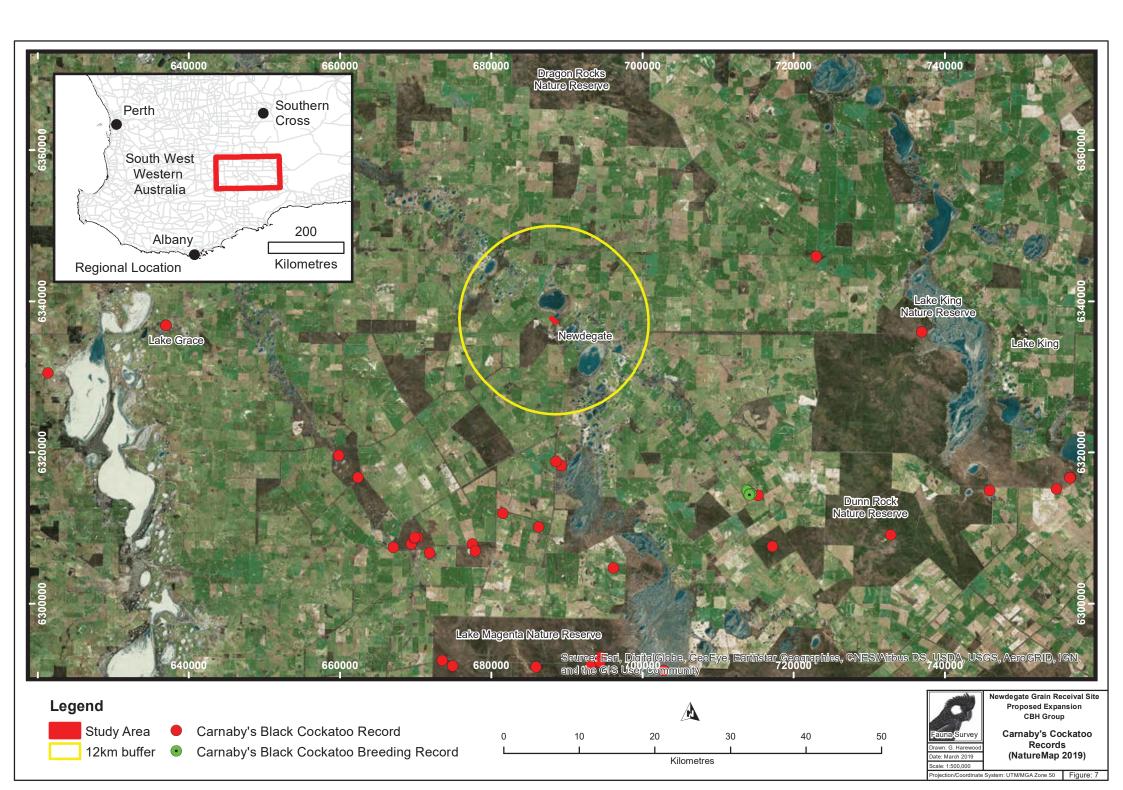












APPENDIX A

Hollow Bearing Habitat Tree Review

Results

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ID	Location Data (MGA 94)	Z 50	688356 mE	6337277 mN	Original Survey Date	26-27/05/2015	Photo Date	25/03/2019
2	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	One ho	One hollow (250mm entrance) in <i>Eucalyptus longicornis</i> (DBH 624mm).					Suitable Hollow
	Review Comments Low (2.5m) angled spout. Hollow has some depth though possibly too narrow. No signs of use. Overall characteristics suggest this hollow is unlikely to be suitable for cockatoos.				_	Revised Classification	Unsuitable Hollow	



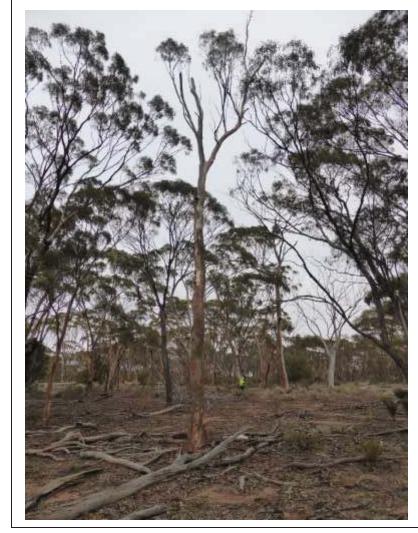






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	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	n).	Original Classification	Suitable Hollow				
11	Review Comments		•	• •	s too small for black cock at base of tree suggest u		Revised Classification	Unsuitable Hollow







ID	Location Data (MGA 94)	Z 50	688066 mE	6337650 mN	Original Survey Date	26-27/05/2015	Photo Date	25/03/2019
10	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	Two ho	llows (100mm ent	rances) in <i>Eucalyptus s</i>	Original Classification	Suitable Hollow		
10	Review Comments		outs in small brand oo. No signs of use		g enough to accommoda	te a nest black	Revised Classification	Unsuitable Hollows









ID	Location Data (MGA 94)	Z 50	688079 mE	6337626 mN	Original Survey Date	26-27/05/2015	Photo Date	25/03/2019
	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	One ho	ollow (100mm entra	ance) in <i>Eucalyptus sal</i>	Original	Suitable Hollow		
		feral be	ees.		Classification	Sultable Hollow		
21	Review Comments				t hole). Accommodating se for nesting. Spout beir		Revised Classification	Unsuitable Hollow (in use by feral bees)







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ID	Location Data (MGA 94)	Z 50	688081 mE	6337622 mN	Original Survey Date	26-27/05/2015	Photo Date	25/03/2019
22	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	One ho	llow (250mm entra	nce) in <i>Eucalyptus sal</i>	monophloia (DBH 478mn	n).	Original Classification	Suitable Hollow
22	Review Comments	Chimne	ey – appears possib	le suitable for black co	ockatoos though no sign c	of any use.	Revised Classification	Unused Hollow





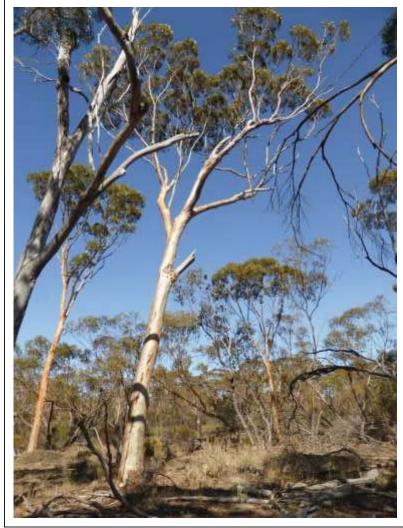


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27	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	One ho	llow (200mm entra	ance) in <i>Eucalyptus sal</i>	monophloia (DBH 318mn	n).	Original Classification	Suitable Hollow
	Review Comments	This tre	e appears of have	fallen over and/or bee	n used for firewood.		Revised Classification	No Tree Present





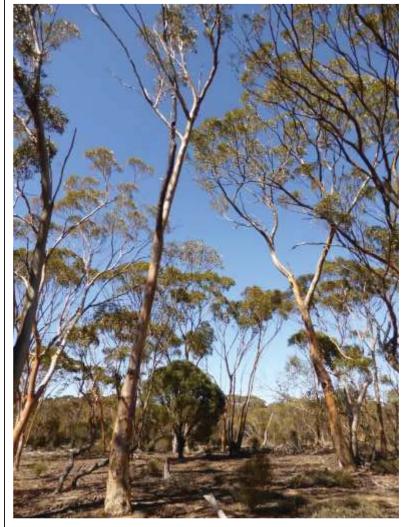
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28	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	Two ho	ollows (250mm enti	rances) in <i>Eucalyptus s</i>	salmonophloia (DBH 484n	nm).	Original Classification	Suitable Hollow
	Review Comments				row trunk which appears bout. No signs of use.	too small to be	Revised Classification	Unsuitable Hollow







ID	Location Data (MGA 94)	Z 50	688176 mE	6337470 mN	Original Survey Date	26-27/05/2015	Photo Date	25/03/2019	
	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	One ho	ollow (150mm entra	ance) in <i>Eucalyptus sal</i>	<i>monophloia</i> (DBH 433mn	n).	Original	Suitable Hollow	
20					Classification				
39	Review Comments		•	•	ard facing branch (picture lack cockatoos for nestin	,	Revised Classification	Unsuitable Hollow	







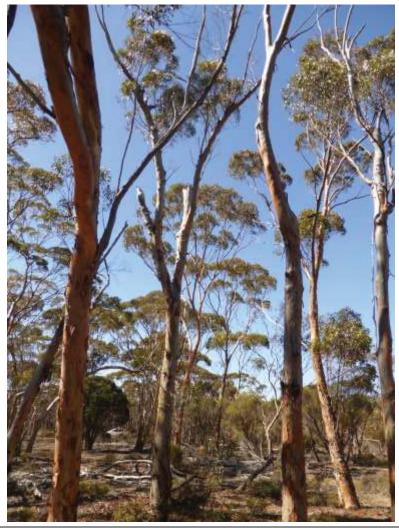
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12	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	One ho	ollow (100mm entra	ance) in <i>Eucalyptus sal</i>	monophloia (DBH 398mn	າ).	Original Classification	Suitable Hollow	
	42	Review Comments		ntry hollow into a na other smaller spout	·	II for black cockatoos to	use for nesting.	Revised Classification	Unsuitable Hollow



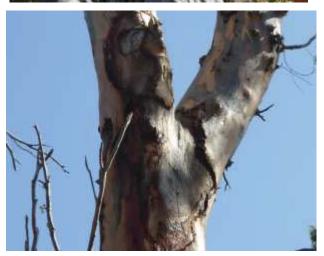




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42		Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	One ho	low (150mm entra	ance) in <i>Eucalyptus sal</i>	Original	Suitable Hollow		
	12		used by	nesting Galahs.		Classification	Juliable Hollow		
	43	Review Comments	One chi	mney (pictured) a	Revised	Unsuitable Hollows			
			appear too small for use by black cockatoos. Chew mark on tree by galahs (pictured).					Classification	(used by galahs)

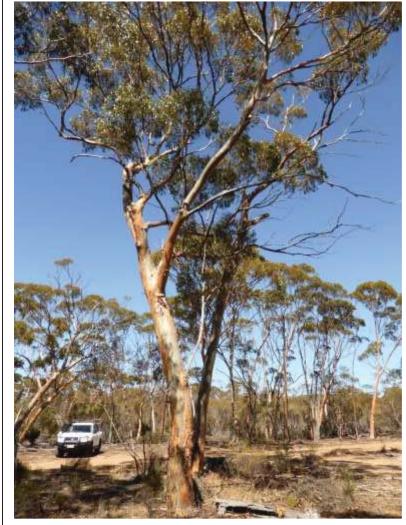








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	-4	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	One ho	ollow (100mm entra	ance) in <i>Eucalyptus sal</i>	Original Classification	Suitable Hollow		
5	1	Review Comments		for nesting. Chew	-	ppears to be too small fo meter of hollow entrance		Revised Classification	Unsuitable Hollow (used by galahs)







ID	Location Data (MGA 94)	Z 50	688227 mE	6337433 mN	Original Survey Date	26-27/05/2015	Photo Date	25/03/2019
	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	One ho	ollow (100mm entra	ance) in <i>Eucalyptus sal</i>	Original Classification	Suitable Hollow		
53	Review Comments	appear picture	rs too small for blac e) has a larger entra	ommodating branch for k cockatoos to use for nce into a hollow with possibly marginal dimer	Revised Classification	Unused Hollow		

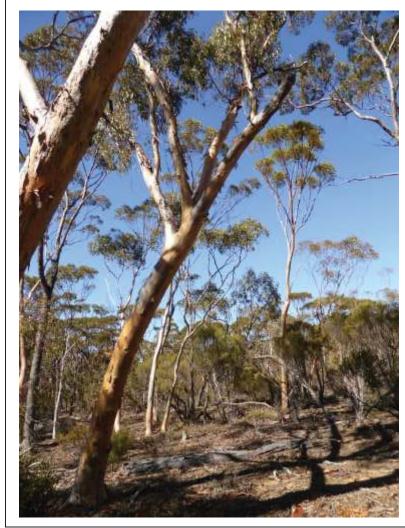








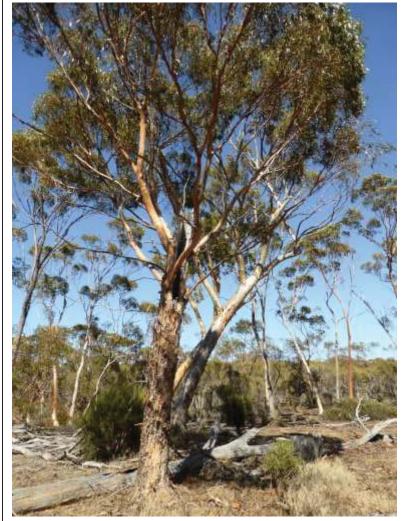
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57	E 7	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	One ho	llow (150mm entra	nce) in <i>Eucalyptus sal</i>	Original Classification	Suitable Hollow		
	3/	Review Comments			_	appears marginal in size f ence of chipping inside tl		Revised Classification	Chewed Hollow







ID	Location Data (MGA 94)	Z 50	688225 mE	6337411 mN	Original Survey Date	26-27/05/2015	Photo Date	25/03/2019
	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	One ho	ollow (250mm entra	ance) in <i>Eucalyptus sal</i>	Original Classification	Suitable Hollow		
58	Review Comments	lessens	s likelihood of actua		th. Hollow appears suital . Overall characteristics s	_	Revised Classification	Unsuitable Hollow

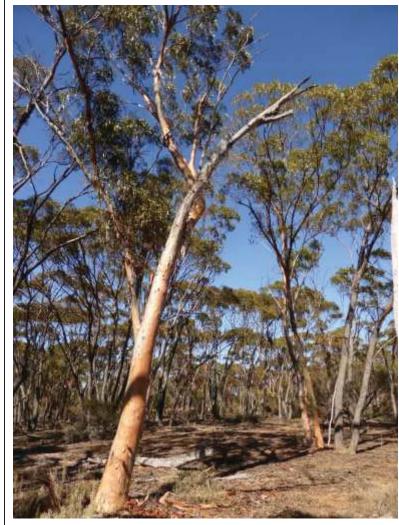






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	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	One ho	llow (100mm entra	ance) in <i>Eucalyptus sal</i>	Original Classification	Suitable Hollow						
60	Review Comments	cockato	oos. Chew marks a	_								







ID	Location Data (MGA 94)	Z 50	688264 mE	6337389 mN	Original Survey Date	26-27/05/2015	Photo Date	25/03/2019			
	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	Two ho	ollows (150mm enti	rances) in <i>Eucalyptus s</i>	Original Classification	Suitable Hollow					
72	Review Comments	for blac	ck cockatoos to use	for nesting though so	Chimney and smaller spout (left picture). Internal dimensions of chimney appear marginal for black cockatoos to use for nesting though some evidence of chipping (galahs?). Chew marks on tree trunk also suggest galah activity.						







ID	Location Data (MGA 94)	Z 50	687893 mE	6337809 mN	Original Survey Date	26-27/05/2015	Photo Date	25/03/2019
	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)		•	rances) in <i>Eucalyptus</i> s	nm). One hollow	Original	Suitable Hollow	
		occupied by feral bees.					Classification	
73	Review Comments Two side entry hollows (top and bottom left photos) and spout (centre photo) plus severa other much smaller spouts. One side entry hollow is in use by feral bees. Accommodating branches and trunk appear too small for black cockatoos to use for nesting. Chew marks on trunk by galahs.							Unsuitable Hollows (used by galahs/feral bees)











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ID	Location Data (MGA 94)	Z 50	688002 mE	6337663 mN	Original Survey Date	26-27/05/2015	Photo Date	25/03/2019
	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	Three h	nollows (100mm er	ntrances) in <i>Eucalyptus</i>	Original Classification	Suitable Hollow		
74	Review Comments	Accom	• • •	appear too small for I	one larger (top left phot plack cockatoos in all case	•	Revised Classification	Unsuitable Hollow (used by galahs)



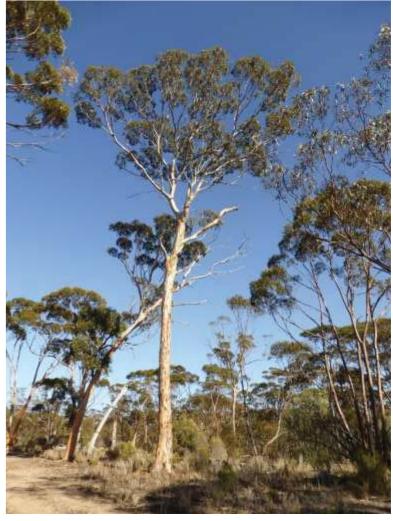




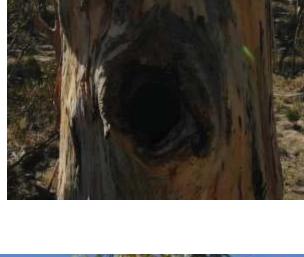




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ſ		Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)		•	m entrances) in <i>Eucal</i> y	l 713mm). One	Original	Suitable Hollow	
		Comments - 300 Environmental (2013)	hollow	occupied by feral b	pees. Galahs nesting in	Classification	Suitable Hollow		
	76	Review Comments	Several spouts. Accommodating branches appear too small for black cockatoos in all					Revised	Unsuitable Hollows
				•	ollow occupied by bees	Classification	(tree used by feral		
ļ									bees)











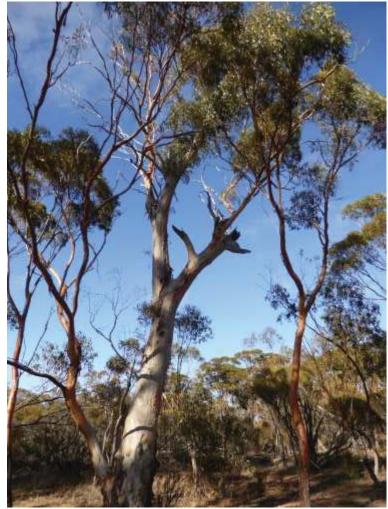


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	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)		•	n entrances) in <i>Eucaly</i>	Original	Suitable Hollow		
77	Comments - 300 Environmental (2013)	hollow occupied by feral bees. Elegant parrots present.					Classification	Sultuble Hollow
//	Review Comments	This tree appears of been felled and used for firewood.					Revised	No Tree Present
	Review Comments	11115 116	e appears or been	Telled alld used for fire	Classification	No free Fresent		





ID	Location Data (MGA 94)	Z 50	688077 mE	6337599 mN	Original Survey Date	26-27/05/2015	Photo Date	25/03/2019
	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	Four h	ollows (250mm ent	rances) in <i>Eucalyptus</i> s	salmonophloia (DBH 656r	nm). One hollow	Original	Suitable Hollow
	Comments - 300 Environmental (2013)	being ι	used by nesting Gala	ahs.		Classification	Sultable Hollow	
78	Review Comments	Two main spouts (top and bottom left photos) and a side entry hollow (centre bottom						
/0		photo). Other smaller spouts. Largest spout potentially suitable for breeding black					Revised	Unused Hollow
		cockatoos. No sign of use by black cockatoos by scarring on tree trunk consistent with					Classification	(used by galahs)
		previously reported galah breeding activity.						





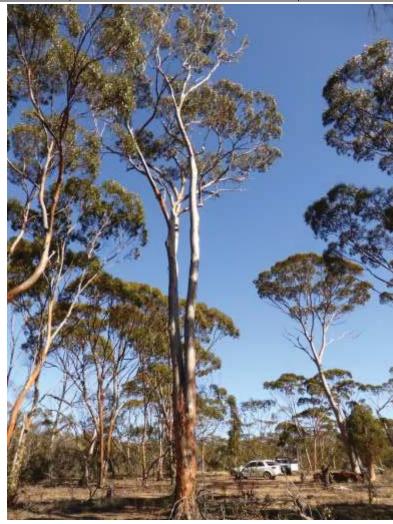


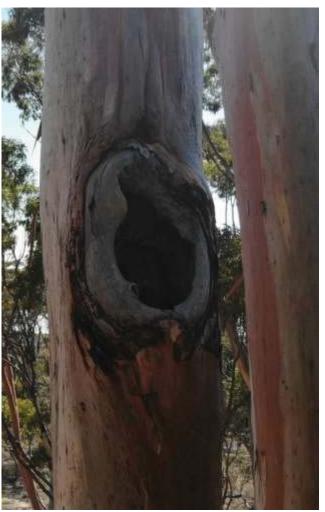






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	70		used by	nesting Galahs.		Classification	Suituble Hollow		
	13	Review Comments	Side entry hollow into main trunk. Appears to be suitable for black cockatoos though					Revised	Unused Hollow
			accommodating truck possibly marginal in size. Regent parrots observed nearby. Classification					Offused Fioliow	







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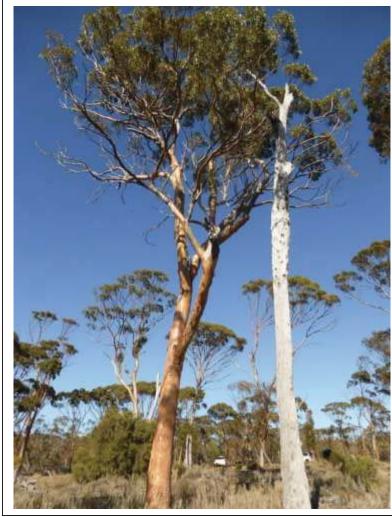
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	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015) One hollow (100mm entrance) in Eucalyptus salmonophloia (DBH 510mm).						
81	Review Comments	picture		spouts. Accommodation	oove small side entry holling branches in all cases to		Classification Revised Classification	Unsuitable Hollow







ID	Location Data (MGA 94)	Z 50	688133 mE	6337634 mN	Original Survey Date	26-27/05/2015	Photo Date	25/03/2019
	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	Three h	nollows (250mm er	ntrances) in <i>Eucalyptus</i>	Original Classification	Suitable Hollow		
83	Review Comments	left pho	oto) is too small for potentially suitable	black cockatoo to use	smaller hollow branches for nesting. Side entry he trunk (centre photo) ha	ollow (top left	Revised Classification	Unused Hollow (used by galahs)





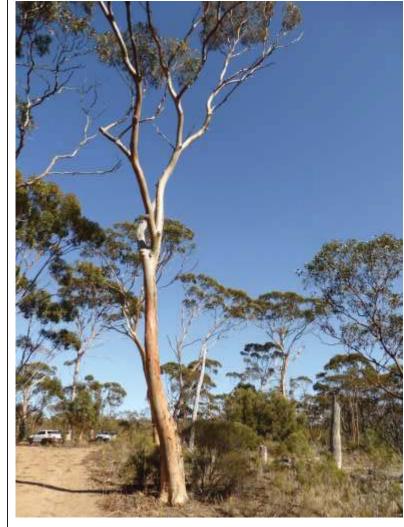






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0.5	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	Suitable Hollow						
85	Review Comments		k cockatoos to use		ccommodating branch apechew marks on trunk in	•	Revised Classification	Unsuitable Hollow (used by galahs)



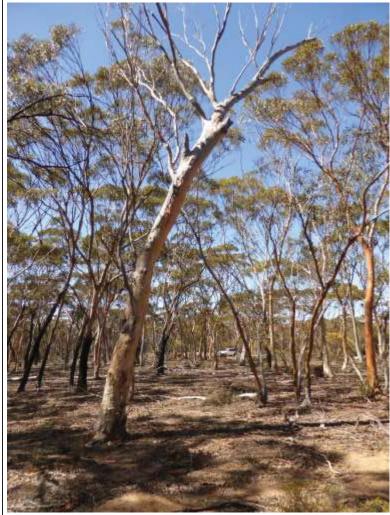






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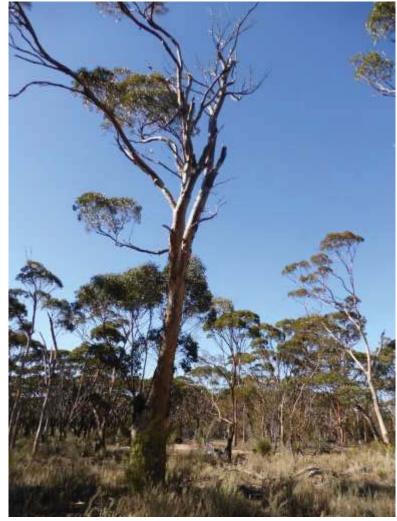
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	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	Two ho	ollows (150mm enti	rances) in <i>Eucalyptus</i> s	Original Classification	Suitable Hollow		
86	Review Comments				small for black cockatoos nd therefore may be suit	•	Revised Classification	Unused Hollow







Review Comments Comments - 360 Environmental (2015) Spout and side entry into trunk (top left photo) that appears suitable for black cockatoos. Other smaller spouts unsuitable (bottom left photo). Bees using small knot hole. No Classification Classification Unused Hollow (bees in other hollow)	ID	Location Data (MGA 94)	Z 50	688145 mE	6337634 mN	Original Survey Date	26-27/05/2015	Photo Date	25/03/2019
Review Comments Other smaller spouts unsuitable (bottom left photo). Bees using small knot hole. No Classification (bees in other		Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	Four h	ollows (250-300mm	n entrances) in <i>Eucalyp</i>	•	Suitable Hollow		
	87	Review Comments	Other	smaller spouts unsu					(bees in other









ID	Location Data (MGA 94)	Z 50	688077 mE	Photo Date	25/03/2019		
00	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	One ho	llow (200mm entra	H 414mm).		Original Classification	Suitable Hollow
88	Review Comments	This tre	e appears of have	felled and used for fire		Revised Classification	No Tree Present





ID	Location Data (MGA 94)	Z 50	688130 mE	Photo Date	25/03/2019			
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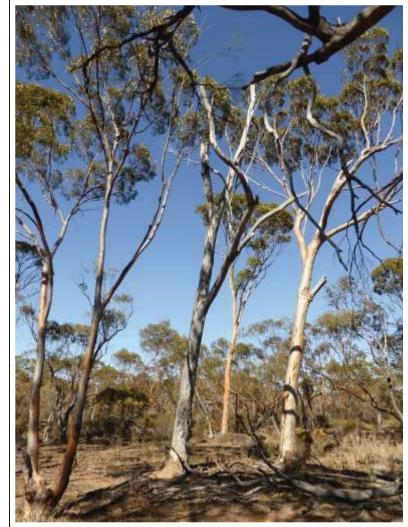








ID)	Location Data (MGA 94)	Z 50	688128 mE	6337568 mN	Original Survey Date	26-27/05/2015	Photo Date	25/03/2019
		Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	Three h	nollows (150-200m	m entrances) in dead s	Original Classification	Suitable Hollow		
9:	1	Review Comments	hollows		trunk/branches appea	and side entry (bottom le ar to be too small for blac		Revised Classification	Unsuitable Hollows











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ID	Location Data (MGA 94)	Z 50	687894 mE	Photo Date	25/03/2019		
02	Comments - 360 Environmental (2015)	Three h	ollows (150mm en	Original Classification	Suitable Hollow		
92	Review Comments	This tre	e appears to have	fallen over.		Revised Classification	No Tree Present





APPENDIX B

Revised Potential Black Cockatoo Breeding Trees (DBH >300mm)

Summary Details

ID	Tree Species	Common Name	mE	mN	DBH (mm)	Size Class (360 2015)	No. of Hollows	Hollow Entrance Size (mm)	360 (2015) Classification	360 (2015) Notes	Revised (2019) Classification	Review (2019) Notes
1	Eucalyptus longicornis	Red Morrell	688322	6337274	500	A			No Hollows			
2	Eucalyptus longicornis	Red Morrell	688356	6337277	624	В	1	250	Suitable Hollow		Unsuitable Hollow	Very low, marginal size, appears unsuitable
3	Eucalyptus longicornis Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Red Morrell Salmon Gum	688334 687913	6337278 6337839	599 433	B A			No Hollows No Hollows			
5	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	687878	6337790	318	A			No Hollows			
6	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	687875	6337781	350	A			No Hollows			
7	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	687864	6337784	331	A			No Hollows			
8	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	687833	6337754	331	A			No Hollows			
9	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	687843	6337748	344	A			No Hollows			
10	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	687865	6337760	465	A		450	No Hollows			
11	Eucalyptus salmonophloia Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum Salmon Gum	687931 687884	6337789 6337705	325	A A	1	150	Suitable Hollow No Hollows		Unsuitable Hollow	Appears too small, occupied by owls ?
13	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	687912	6337717	318 328	A			No Hollows		+	
	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	687941	6337605	338	A			No Hollows	+		
15	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	687936	6337598	366	A			No Hollows			
16	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688017	6337664	318	A			No Hollows			
17	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688103	6337767	322	A			No Hollows		I	
18	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688066	6337650	382	A	2	100	Suitable Hollow		Unsuitable Hollows	All appear too small
19 20	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum Salmon Gum	688065 688077	6337620 6337626	350 344	A			No Hollows No Hollows	1		
20	Eucalyptus salmonophloia Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688077	6337626	414	A A	1	100	Suitable Hollow	Bees	Unsuitable Hollow	Appears too small, in use by feral bees
22	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688081	6337622	414	A	1	250	Suitable Hollow	DCC3	Unused Hollow	Appears suitable, no sign of use
	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688084	6337585	318	A		250	No Hollows		0.14004 1.1011011	, appears sureasis, its sign of use
24	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688096	6337582	315	A			No Hollows			
25	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688128	6337592	320	Α			No Hollows			
	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688136	6337579	344	A			No Hollows			
	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688130	6337580	318	A	1	200	Suitable Hollow		No Tree Present	Fallen over/felled
28 29	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688126 688124	6337568	484 366	A A	2	250	Suitable Hollow No Hollows		Unsuitable Hollows	All appear too small
30	Eucalyptus salmonophloia Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum Salmon Gum	688145	6337559 6337557	398	A			No Hollows		+	
31		Salmon Gum	688148	6337560	360	A			No Hollows		+	
	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688156	6337588	465	A			No Hollows			
33	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688163	6337594	420	Α			No Hollows			
34	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688172	6337614	455	A			No Hollows			
35	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688152 688154	6337721	350	A A			No Hollows			
36 37	Eucalyptus salmonophloia Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum Salmon Gum	688160	6337732 6337504	318 325	A			No Hollows No Hollows			
38	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688184	6337481	392	A			No Hollows	+	-	
39	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688176	6337470	433	A	1	150	Suitable Hollow		Unsuitable Hollow	Appears too small
40	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688174	6337473	459	A			No Hollows	1		
41		Salmon Gum	688166	6337469	414	A			No Hollows			
	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688150	6337471	398	A	1	100	Suitable Hollow		Unsuitable Hollow	Appears too small
43	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688149	6337465 6337461	443 318	A	1	150	Suitable Hollow	Pink and Greys nesting	Unsuitable Hollow	Appears too small, used by galahs
	Eucalyptus salmonophloia Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum Salmon Gum	688150 688145	6337458	318	A A			No Hollows No Hollows		+	
46	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688170	6337461	408	A			No Hollows	1	+	
47	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688179	6337461	369	Ā			No Hollows			
48	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688187	6337444	424	Α			No Hollows			
49	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688197	6337439	344	A			No Hollows			
50	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688217	6337441	392	A		400	No Hollows			
51	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688219 688223	6337440	331 439	A	1	100	Suitable Hollow	1	Unsuitable Hollow	Appears too small, used by galahs
52 53	Eucalyptus salmonophloia Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum Salmon Gum	688223	6337439 6337433	439	A A	1	100	No Hollows Suitable Hollow		Unused Hollow	Appears suitable, no sign of use
	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688247	6337437	350	A		100	No Hollows	1	Olidaca Fioliow	reposito calcable, no sign of use
55	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688202	6337409	436	A			No Hollows	1		
56	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688219	6337422	318	A			No Hollows	İ	1	
57	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688224	6337407	382	A	1	150	Suitable Hollow		Chewed Hollow	Marginal size but possible evidence of use
58	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688225	6337411	478	A	1	250	Suitable Hollow		Unsuitable Hollow	Low, marginal size, appears unsuitable
59	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688233	6337418	446	A	4	100	No Hollows Suitable Hollow		Unquitable Usllaw	I Appears too small, used by galaba
60 61	Eucalyptus salmonophloia Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum Salmon Gum	688264 688261	6337389 6337317	376 318	A A	1	100	No Hollows		Unsuitable Hollow	Appears too small, used by galahs
62	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688261	6337312	398	A			No Hollows	1		
63	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688272	6337313	318	A			No Hollows	1	+	
64	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688302	6337338	312	A			No Hollows			
65	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688027	6337528	318	Α			No Hollows			

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66	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688032	6337526	334	Α			No Hollows			
67	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688051	6337520	350	Α			No Hollows			
68	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688042	6337530	382	Α			No Hollows			
69	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688017	6337561	398	Α			No Hollows			
70	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688010	6337545	344	Α			No Hollows			
71	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688015	6337539	363	Α			No Hollows			
72	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	687900	6337826	541	В	2		Suitable Hollow		Chewed Hollow	Marginal size but possible evidence of use, used by galahs
73	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	687893	6337809	631	В	4		Suitable Hollow	Bees	Unsuitable Hollows	All appear too small, used by galahs and feral bees
74	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688002	6337663	554	В	3	100	Suitable Hollow		Unsuitable Hollows	All appear too small, used by galahs
75	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688087	6337630	510	В			No Hollows			
76	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688094	6337635	713	В	4		Suitable Hollow	Bees, Pink and Greys nesting	Unsuitable Hollows	All appear too small, used by feral bees
77	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688087	6337621	669	В	2		Suitable Hollow	Bees, Elegant parrots	No Tree Present	Fallen over/felled
78	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688077	6337599	656	В	4		Suitable Hollow	Pink and Greys nesting	Unused Hollow	One hollow appears suitable, used by galahs
79	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688116	6337588	589	В	1	100	Suitable Hollow		Unused Hollow	Appears suitable, no sign of use
80	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688101	6337603	541				No Hollows			
81	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688101	6337613	510	В	1	100	Suitable Hollow		Unsuitable Hollow	Appears too small
82	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688121	6337650	510	В			No Hollows			
83	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688133	6337634	688	В	3	250	Suitable Hollow		Unused Hollow	One hollow appears suitable, used by galahs
84	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688160	6337614	535	В			No Hollows			
85	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688142	6337609	596	В	1		Suitable Hollow		Unsuitable Hollow	Appears too small, used by galahs
86	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688185	6337493	529	В	2	150	Suitable Hollow		Unused Hollow	One hollow appears suitable, no sign of use
87	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum	688145	6337634	1051	С	4		Suitable Hollow		Unused Hollow	One hollow appears suitable, feral bees
	Stag	Stag	688077	6337609	414	Ā	1		Suitable Hollow		No Tree Present	Felled
89	Stag	Stag	688130	6337643	389	A	2	300	Suitable Hollow		Unused Hollow	One hollow appears suitable, no sign of use
90		Stag	687888	6337807	573	B			No Hollows			
91		Stag	688128	6337568	516	В	3		Suitable Hollow		Unsuitable Hollows	All appear too small
92	Stag	Stag	687894	6337764	596	B	3	150	Suitable Hollow		No Tree Present	Fallen over

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