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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ENV.Australia Pty Ltd was commissioned in October 2008 to undertake a flora and vegetation assessment of a site in Morawa, Western Australia, proposed for development as an accommodation camp. The site encompassed Lots 501, 502 and 504 on White Avenue, Morawa. The survey took place on 29 October 2008, with four person-days invested.

Thirteen quadrats were surveyed, and 71 flora taxa were recorded.

No Endangered or Vulnerable species under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, Declared Rare Flora species under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*, or Priority species were recorded during the survey.

Five introduced species were recorded during the survey. One taxon, \**Echium plantagineum* (Paterson's Curse), is Declared under the *Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976* as a weed species requiring management, and was well-established in the project area.

Four vegetation communities, two rehabilitated and two remnant, were mapped by ENV.Australia Pty Ltd within the project area. The largest community was a rehabilitated area: *Eucalyptus loxophleba* subsp. *supralaevis* low woodland over *Acacia ligulata / A. nigripilosa* subsp. *nigripilosa* open shrubland over *Maireana georgei / Enchylaena tomentosa* subsp. tomentosa / Chenopodium gaudichaudianum / Rhagodia sp. Watheroo open low heath. Across the two remnant vegetation types, vegetation condition ranged from Very Good to Very Poor. No communities listed as Threatened Ecological Communities or Priority Ecological Communities were recorded during the survey.

The regional vegetation association  $E_6$ Mi remains at only 15% of its pre-European settlement distribution, and Vegetation Type C described by ENV in the project area is considered representative of this vegetation association. The Environmental Protection Authority has set a target of 30% retention of the pre-European distribution of vegetation associations. Impact of the proposed Accommodation Camp on regional vegetation associations can be reduced if ENV Vegetation Type C is retained. Secondary impacts associated with the development include the risk of the introduction and spread of introduced species and an increase in dust.

No species or communities of conservation significance were recorded in the Accommodation Camp project area. However, Vegetation Type C is below the 30% retention threshold set by the Environmental Protection Authority and may be at variance with the related principle for the clearing of native vegetation.



### 1 INTRODUCTION

ENV.Australia Pty Ltd ('ENV') was commissioned in October 2008 to undertake a flora and vegetation assessment survey of Lots 501, 502 and 504 on White Avenue, Morawa, Western Australia ('the project area'). The survey was undertaken to provide information for environmental approval purposes.

The objectives of the flora and vegetation assessment were to:

- document all plant species in the project area;
- document and describe all plant species of conservation significance in the project area;
- document and describe the vegetation associations in the project area;
- describe the conservation significance of vegetation associations in the project area; and
- discuss the findings of the field survey in the context of the proposed development, and provide relevant recommendations.

### 1.1 LOCATION & PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

### Location

The project area is in the western section of Morawa Township, approximately 90 km south-east of Geraldton (Figure 1). The project area includes all of Lots 501, 502 and 504 on White Avenue, Morawa, and is approximately 38 ha in size. The project area comprises a rehabilitated area of approximately 22 ha and remnant native vegetation covering approximately 16 ha.

### Climate

The Morawa region has a dry warm mediterranean climate, with seven to eight dry months per year (Figure 2). The area experiences a wide range of temperatures throughout the year, with an average temperature of 27.4°C. During summer, maximum temperatures may reach 36.7°C, whilst in winter, minimum temperatures may reach 6.2°C (Bureau of Meteorology 2008).

### Geology and Landforms

The project area comprised a sand plain landform. Baxter & Lipple (1985) mapped the geology of the area as consisting of one unit:

Czc: Alluvial and colluvial deposits – transported clay, sand, lithic fragments; may be indurated.



## 1.2 BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

### IBRA

The Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia (IBRA) divides Australia into 85 bioregions based on major biological and geographical/geological attributes (Thackway & Cresswell 1995). These bioregions are subdivided into 404 subregions, as part of a refinement of the IBRA framework (Department of Environment, Water, Heritage & the Arts ('DEWHA') 2008).

The project area is in the Avon Wheatbelt bioregion and Ancient drainage subregion (Thackway & Cresswell 1995). Typically, the bioregion consists of proteaceous scrub-heaths, rich in endemics, on residual lateritic uplands and mixed eucalypt, *Allocasuarina huegeliana* and Jam-York Gum woodlands on Quaternary alluvials. The subregion is an ancient peneplain with low relief on a gently undulating landscape (Beecham 2001).

### **Beard Mapping**

The Accommodation Camp project area is in the Avon Botanical District, which forms part of the Wheatbelt Region in the Southwest Botanical Province of Western Australia, as per Beard (1990). The project area is in relatively close proximity to the boundary of the Eremaean and Southwest Botanical Districts. Beard (1975) mapped the survey area as comprising the following vegetation association:

### E<sub>6</sub>Mi: Sclerophyll Woodland; York gum (*Eucalyptus loxophleba*).

Shepherd *et al.* (2002) give an estimate of the percentage of each of Beard's vegetation associations that remains compared to its pre-European settlement extent, so an estimate of the scarcity of each association can be determined. For the Beard vegetation association of the project area,  $E_6$ Mi, it is estimated that 15.2% of its pre-European settlement extent remains.

### **Vegetation of Regional Significance**

Current EPA guidance recommends a standard level of native vegetation retention of at least 30% of each ecological community, based on its pre-European settlement extent in the State. Below this threshold level, species loss is known to accelerate exponentially at an ecosystem level (EPA 2000). These levels have been documented in the *National Objectives and Targets for Biodiversity Conservation 2001-2005* (Commonwealth of Australia 2001), which recognises that the retention of 30% or more of the pre-European settlement extent of each ecological community is generally necessary if Australia's biological diversity is to be protected. The Beard association  $E_6Mi$ , which is mapped for the Morawa area, is estimated to be retained at 15.2% of its pre-



European settlement extent, i.e. at less than 30% of the retention rate recommended for Western Australia by the EPA's Position Statement No. 2 (EPA 2000). This is considered a constraint to clearing with regard to the regional significance of the vegetation complex present.

### Previous Flora & Vegetation Surveys

In recent years several surveys have been commissioned in the vicinity (< 50 km) of the Morawa Township. These include;

### Flora and Vegetation Assessment of the Proposed Linear Infrastructure Corridor – Proposed Karara Iron Ore Project (Woodman Environmental 2008a);

Woodman Environmental was commissioned by Karara Mining Limited to conduct a Level Two survey of the proposed 100 km Linear Infrastructure Corridor from Karara Station to Lochada Road to intersect with the existing Oxiana Golden Grove transmission line. The transmission line crosses from the Eremaean Botanical Province in the east to the Southwest Botanical District in the west. The project area was traversed between October 2006 and July 2007, during which 15 vegetation communities were mapped and three priority flora species were located.

### Tilley Siding Mining Proposal Rare and Priority Flora Survey (ecologia Environment 2007);

*ecologia* Environment was commissioned by Midwest Corporation Limited to conduct a Declared rare and Priority flora search at Tilley Siding, located adjacent to the northern boundary of Morawa Township. The project area, approximately 105 ha in size, was traversed on foot on 28 September 2006, and no Declared Rare or Priority flora was located.

## • Vegetation and Flora Assessment, Koolanooka (ATA Environmental 2004);

ATA Environmental was commissioned by Midwest Corporation Limited to conduct a Level Two flora and vegetation assessment. The project area was 6400 ha in size and located 21 km east of Morawa, on the Koolanooka Hills. In October 2003 non-permanent transects, to 50 m in length, were traversed through each major vegetation type. Thirty-one vegetation types were mapped during the survey. No Declared Rare flora were recorded, but four Priority flora species were located during the survey.



## • Flora and Vegetation, Blue Hills (Bennett Environmental Consulting 2004).

Bennett Environmental Consulting was commissioned by ATA Environmental to conduct a Level Two flora and vegetation assessment of the Blue Hills at Karara Station. The project area was located on the boundary of the Eremaean and Southwest Botanical Districts, and consisted of banded ironstone formation hills. Flora information from 29 quadrats and 13 relévés was collected from 20-24 October 2003. Fourteen vegetation types, no Declared Rare flora and two Priority flora species were located during the survey.

Other surveys in the regional area (>50 km) include;

- Karara-Mungada Flora and Vegetation Survey (Woodman Environmental 2008b); and
- Cumulative Impact Flora and Vegetation Assessment (Woodman Environmental 2008c).

These surveys, however, were conducted in the Eremaean Botanical Province, and therefore are unsuitable for direct comparison to the results of the current survey, which was in the Southwest Botanical Province.



### 2 METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 BACKGROUND TO SURVEY METHODOLOGY

All surveys undertaken by ENV are designed to meet the requirements of the following State and Federal legislation:

- Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA) (EP Act 1986);
- Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 (WA) (WC Act 1950); and
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act 1999).

The survey was carried out in a manner designed to be compliant with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) requirements for the environmental surveying and reporting for flora and vegetation in Western Australia, as set out in the following documents:

- Environmental Protection of Native Vegetation in Western Australia: Clearing of Native Vegetation with Particular Reference to Agricultural Areas. Position Statement No. 2 (EPA 2000);
- Terrestrial Biological Surveys as an Element of Biodiversity Protection. Position Statement No. 3 (EPA 2002); and
- EPA Guidance for the Assessment of Environmental Factors: Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia No. 51 (EPA 2004).

The EPA Guidance Statement No. 51 (EPA 2004) outlines the expectations of the EPA and details the extent, design and intensity of field surveys for environmental assessments. Two formal levels of flora survey are defined by the EPA Guidance Statement No. 51:

- *Level One:* a 'desktop' study to collate historical knowledge conducted in conjunction with a reconnaissance survey (site inspection).
- *Level Two:* an intensive survey that incorporates a detailed and comprehensive survey to characterise the flora present, combined with a Level One survey.

The Guidance Statement states that where a project area in the Avon Wheatbelt bioregion is of more than 1 ha and disturbance is considered to be significant, a Level Two survey will be required. This is typically the case for most resource development projects. As a high level of disturbance to flora and vegetation (i.e.



clearing) is likely to be caused by the developments proposed by Karara Mining Limited, a Level Two survey was developed.

### 2.2 PROTECTION OF FLORA AND VEGETATION

Flora species are protected formally and informally by various legislative and non-legislative measures, which are as follows:

### Legislative Protection

*EPBC Act 1999*:

- Threatened Flora Species; and
- Threatened Ecological Communities (TECs).

WC Act 1950:

• Declared Rare Flora (DRF) species.

EP Act 1986:

 offers protection to DRF species, TECs and other environmentally sensitive areas.

### Non-Legislative Protection

Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) Priority lists:

- Priority Flora species; and
- Priority Ecological Communities.

Informal recognition of locally significant populations:

- endemic species;
- range extensions; and
- previously undescribed taxa.

Conservation categories and definitions are presented in Appendix A for Declared Rare and Priority Flora species and Threatened and Priority Ecological Communities.

### 2.3 INTRODUCED SPECIES

The Environmental Weed Strategy for Western Australia (Department of Conservation and Land Management 1999) contains criteria for the assessment



and ranking of weeds in terms of their environmental impact on biodiversity. The Strategy defines environmental weeds as 'plants that establish themselves in natural ecosystems and proceed to modify natural processes, usually adversely, resulting in the decline of the communities they invade.'

Plants may also be 'Declared' by the Agriculture Protection Board under the *Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1979* (WA) (ARRP Act). Declared Plants are gazetted under five categories (P1-P5), which define the action required. Details of the definitions of these categories are provided in Appendix B. A declaration may apply to the whole State, to districts, individual properties or even to single paddocks. If a plant is Declared, landholders are obliged to control that plant on their properties (Department of Agriculture and Food ('DAFWA') 2007).

### 2.4 SURVEY METHODOLOGY

### **Desktop Review**

The purpose of a desktop review is to gather background information on the project area and the flora species and vegetation it may support. This involves a search of literature, data, aerial photographs and maps for information pertaining to landforms likely to be found in the area.

A request for a database search was submitted to the DEC to ascertain whether any Declared Rare or Priority species have been recorded within the survey site and surrounding areas. A similar process was followed to establish whether there were any recorded Threatened or Priority Ecological Communities in the area. In addition, a review of literature was conducted along with a review of historical and current records of flora species for the project area. Collectively, these sources were used to compile a list of expected Declared Rare or Priority species, and Threatened or Priority Ecological Communities that could plausibly occur in the project area.

### Field Survey

The field survey took place on 29 October 2008, with four person-days invested. Thirteen quadrats, five in the native remnants and eight in the rehabilitated areas, were surveyed using 20 m x 20 m quadrats oriented cardinally (east-north-west-south). A GPS location and a photograph were taken for each quadrat from the north-west corner (Woodman Environmental methodology, D. Woodman, pers. comm.). Quadrats were positioned to be representative of the flora and vegetation of the project area. Relevés<sup>1</sup> and opportunistic collections were also

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this flora and vegetation assessment, a *relevé* is defined as an unconfined survey area in which a general statement about the floristic composition of the location can be made.



conducted where appropriate. For areas in which a 20 m x 20 m quadrat was inappropriate, (for example a drainage line 5 m wide), suitable quadrat dimensions were used whilst maintaining the same total search area.

The locations of the 13 quadrats from the survey are presented in Appendix C and Figure 3. Site photographs are presented in Appendix D.

Data was recorded at all sites using standardised field sheets. The information noted at each site included landscape features, soils, bare ground and disturbance levels. Vegetation condition was described using Trudgen's 2002 scale (Woodman Environmental methodology, D. Woodman pers. comm.; Appendix E). Each species of plant at each site was recorded, including information on height and percentage cover (data sheets are presented in Appendix F). The opportunistic collections and relevés focussed mainly on the location of new flora taxa not recorded in the quadrats, and in particular on Declared Rare and Priority Flora, and flora not well known.

### **Taxonomic Identification**

Where field identification of plant taxa was not possible, specimens were collected systematically for later identification by expert taxonomists utilising the resources of the Western Australian Herbarium ('WAH'). Species were identified through comparison with the reference collection and the use of identification keys.

The project species list was checked against FloraBase (WAH 2008) and Atkins (2008) Declared Rare and Priority Flora list to determine whether any of the species were listed as Rare or Priority species. Species were also checked against the EPBC Act 1999 listing of Threatened species to determine whether any were federally listed (DEWHA 2007).

### Vegetation Association Mapping

Quadrat vegetation descriptions were used to delineate vegetation associations in the project area. These vegetation associations were then mapped using notes and maps created in the field. Once the vegetation associations were determined they were also checked against the listings of State and Commonwealth Threatened or Priority Ecological Communities. Vegetation unit descriptions were then tabulated, and these communities were mapped. Floristic communities were inferred from those available in Shepherd *et al.* (2002) on the basis of species composition.



### 2.5 PERMITS

Specimens collected during the survey were taken by permit of and subject to the conditions of the following licences issued under sections 23C and 23F of the WC Act 1950:

- SL008008 to Rebecca McIntyre;
- SL008250 to Brett Neasham;
- SL008014 to Elaine Chua; and
- SL008269 to Dale Broun.



### **3 FLORA SURVEY LIMITATIONS AND CONSTRAINTS**

It is important to note the specific constraints imposed on individual surveys. Constraints are often difficult to predict, as is the extent to which they influence survey outcomes. Survey constraints of the flora and vegetation survey are detailed in Table 1.

Variable	Impact on Survey Outcomes
Access Problems	All areas were accessible.
Experience levels	The biologists who executed these surveys and completed related taxonomy and reporting were practitioners suitably qualified in their respective fields:
	Ms Rebecca McIntyre – Senior Botanist / Environmental Scientist
	Mr Brett Neasham – Senior Botanist / Taxonomist
	Mr Dale Broun – Environmental Biologist
	Ms Elaine Chua – Environmental Biologist
Timing <sup>2</sup> , weather, season.	The spring survey was undertaken on 29 October 2008. During the three months preceding the survey (July-September) the area received 126.4 mm of rainfall, which is slightly higher than the long-term average (115.7 mm) for these months (Bureau of Meteorology 2008). Flora composition changes over time, with flora species having specific growing periods, especially annuals and ephemerals (some plants lasting for a markedly brief time, some only a day or two). Therefore the results of future botanical surveys in this location may differ from the results of this survey.
Completeness	The adequate level of rainfall meant that most species likely to be present would be in flower and available for sampling.
	Species with insufficient material to be identified or those which were dead were either not collected or, where possible, were identified in the field to genus or family level only.
	A comprehensive species list has not been prepared for areas that do not constitute a natural vegetation area, such as areas that have been totally

**Table 1:** Limitations and Constraints Associated with the Flora and Vegetation Survey

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EPA Guidance Statement 51 (2004) stipulates that flora and vegetation surveys should be undertaken following the season that contributes the greatest rainfall in the region. In the Northern Wheat belt region this is spring.



Variable	Impact on Survey Outcomes
	cleared.
Determination	The taxonomy and conservation status of the Western Australian flora are dynamic. This report was prepared in reliance on taxonomy and conservation status current at the time of preparation, but it should be noted this may change.



### 4 RESULTS

### 4.1 DESKTOP REVIEW

A database search and desktop review of the area identified 66 flora species of conservation significance as potentially occurring in the project area. Six species were listed as Endangered and three species listed as Vulnerable under the EPBC Act. These species are also DRF under the WC Act. A further two DRF taxa also potentially occur, as well as 55 Priority Flora species. The List of conservation significant species potentially occurring in the project area is presented in Appendix A.

The desktop review determined that three TECs are known to occur in the vicinity of the project area. These communities are presented in Appendix A.

### 4.2 FIELD SURVEY

### 4.2.1 Flora

A total of 71 taxa (including species, subspecies and variants) were identified in the Accommodation Camp project area during the survey. These 71 taxa represented 27 families and 46 genera (refer to Appendix G for the flora species inventory).

The plant families most frequently recorded from the survey were:

- Chenopodiaceae (10 taxa);
- Mimosaceae (8 taxa); and
- Myrtaceae (8 taxa).

The most frequently recorded genera from the survey were:

- Acacia (8 taxa);
- Ptilotus (4 taxa) and
- Rhagodia (3 taxa).

The most common taxon recorded in the survey was *Waitzia acuminata*, which was recorded at 10 of the 13 sites, followed by *Solanum lasiophyllum*, which was recorded at nine sites. The flora species matrix is presented in Appendix H.



### 4.2.2 Protected Flora

No Endangered or Vulnerable species pursuant to the EPBC Act 1999 were located during the survey.

No plant taxa gazetted as Declared Rare pursuant to the WC Act 1950 were located in the survey area.

No plant taxa Listed as Priority Flora by the DEC were located in the survey area.

### 4.2.3 Locally Significant Flora

No plant taxa considered of local significance were located in the survey area.

### 4.2.4 Introduced Flora

Five introduced species were recorded within the Accommodation Camp project. The introduced species identified during the field surveys, with their ratings and criteria according to the Environmental Weed Strategy for Western Australia (CALM 1999) detailed in Table 2. Eleven sites contained introduced species, with the locations of these introduced species presented in Appendix I.

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*Avena fatua	Wild Oat	Moderate	Yes	Yes	-	1		
*Sonchus oleraceus	Common Sowthistle	Moderate	Yes	Yes	-	3		
* Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum	Slender Iceplant	Mild	-	Yes	-	8		
*Echium plantagineum	Paterson's Curse	To be Announced	Yes	-	Yes	6		
*Raphanus sp.	-	Not Listed	-	-	-	1		

**Table 2:** Introduced Flora Species Recorded During the Survey

Pursuant to Section 37 of the *Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act* 1976 (WA), the Agriculture Protection Board lists the classes of plants that are subject to a declaration made under Section 35 of the Act. One plant taxon recorded, *\*Echium plantagineum*, is listed as a Declared Plant by DAFWA.



### 4.2.5 Vegetation

Four vegetation communities were mapped by ENV within the project area. The descriptions of these vegetation communities, example sites and vegetation condition are presented in Table 3 and are mapped in Figure 4. Two of the ENV vegetation communities represented native remnants and two represented rehabilitated communities.

One of the ENV native remnant vegetation communities broadly corresponds to a Shepherd *et al.* (2002) vegetation type;

• ENV Vegetation Type C corresponding with Shepherd *et al.* vegetation type # 949 (Eucalyptus woodland / Acacia mixed open shrubland).

The second ENV native remnant vegetation community, Vegetation Type B, did not correspond to any Shepherd *et al.* (2002) vegetation types. This vegetation community was of Very Poor condition and lacked upper storey species.

The ENV Vegetation Types D and E were not compared to Shepherd *et al.* (2002) vegetation types, as they represent rehabilitated areas.



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Vegetation community	Vegetation description	Sites	Average Condition
Vegetation Type B (Native Remnant)	Solanum lasiophyllum / Ptilotus polystachyus subsp. polystachyus open low heath, over Austrostipa sp. / Aristida contorta grassland	GA27	Very Poor
Vegetation Type C (Native Remnant)	Melaleuca stereophloia low woodland over Acacia acuminata / A. Iongiphyllodinea open shrubland over Waitzia acuminata / Schoenia cassiniana / Dianella divaricata var. revoluta herbland	GA21, GA22, GA29	Very Good
Vegetation Type D (Rehabilitated)	<i>Eucalyptus loxophleba</i> subsp. <i>supralaevis / Allocasuarina huegeliana</i> low open woodland over <i>Acacia acuminata / A. nigripilosa</i> subsp. <i>nigripilosa</i> tall open shrubland over <i>Schoenia cassiniana /</i> mixed herbland	GA24, GA25, GBB14, GBB15	Good
Vegetation Type E (Rehabilitated with patches of remnant vegetation)	<i>Eucalyptus loxophleba</i> subsp. <i>supralaevis</i> low woodland over Acacia ligulata / A. nigripilosa subsp. nigripilosa open shrubland over Maireana georgei / <i>Enchylaena tomentosa</i> subsp. <i>tomentosa / Chenopodium gaudichaudianum / Rhagodia</i> sp. Watheroo open low heath	GA23, GA26, GA28 GA30, GA31	Good-Poor



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### 4.2.6 Threatened Ecological and Priority Ecological Communities

No communities listed as TECs under the EPBC Act 1999 or included on the State list were recorded in the project area.

No communities listed as PECs as per the DEC Priority list were recorded in the project area.

### 4.2.7 Vegetation Condition

The vegetation condition across the native remnant vegetation ranged from Very Good to Very Poor. Some disturbance was evident within sites. Disturbances recorded included clearing associated with tracks, introduced species, invasion and rubbish. The caravan park in the south-eastern corner of the project area was Completely Degraded. Vegetation condition is mapped in Figure 5.

The vegetation of the rehabilitated areas were not graded on the condition scale, as these areas have been completely altered from their natural state.



### 5 DISCUSSION

### Flora of Conservation Significance

No species listed under the EPBC Act, Declared Rare Flora species or Priority Flora species were recorded during the survey.

The DEC database search showed records of two Declared Rare Flora taxa, *Eucalyptus synandra* and *Grevillea bracteosa* subsp. *howatharra* and one Priority 1 species, *Acacia pterocaulon*, within a 3 km radius of the centre of the Morawa Township. All three of these species are long-lived perennials, and thus would have been located if present in the project area. *ecologia* Environment (2007) surveyed a similar area, on the northern limit of the Morawa Township, and, consistent with the results of this survey, located no Declared Rare or Priority flora.

### Flora Species Richness

Seventy-one plant species, representing 27 families and 46 genera, were recorded in the survey area. Dominant families were Chenopodiaceae (10 taxa), Mimosaceae (eight taxa) and Myrtaceae (eight taxa). The genera with most species were *Acacia* (eight taxa), *Ptilotus* (four taxa) and *Rhagodia* (three taxa).

The average floral species richness per quadrat of the native area in the project area was 16, whereas that of the rehabilitated areas was 11.95. Compared to the species richness per quadrat of 19.2 species found by Bennett Environmental Consulting (2004), the native vegetation is of similar richness, but the rehabilitated vegetation is of relatively low species richness per quadrat. The difference in species richness per quadrat is most likely a factor of disturbance. The Blue Hills area surveyed by Bennett Environmental Consulting (2004) was relatively undisturbed and located on the slopes and hills of the region, whereas the current study was on the lower plains near a township, and as a result reflected a high level of historical disturbance, some of which has been the subject of rehabilitation efforts.

Other surveys from the Morawa area collected flora information using transects and not quadrats, and therefore cannot be directly compared to the results of this survey.

### Introduced Flora Species

The species list for the Accommodation Camp survey included five introduced plant species: *\*Echium plantagineum, \*Avena fatua, \*Sonchus oleraceus, \*Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum* and *\*Raphanus* sp.



One taxon located in the project area, \**Echium plantagineum* (Paterson's Curse), is listed as a Declared Plant species by the Agriculture Protection Board (Department of Agriculture 2007). This species is a large (10-60 cm) bristly annual that can be easily identified by its numerous purple flowers (Hussey *et al.* 2007). \**Echium plantagineum* was well established in the project area, and has been recorded by several other studies in the local area (*ecologia* Environmental 2007; ATA Environmental 2004; Bennett Environmental Consulting 2004). The *Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976* (WA) lists this species as P1 for the whole State, and stipulates the infested area must be managed in such a way as to prevent the spread of seed or plant parts within and from the property. Therefore ENV considers that a weed management plan will be required for the site.

\**Avena fatua* is the main oat species found in crops, and is native to southern Europe (Hussey *et al.* 2007). This species is widespread throughout southern Western Australia, but was located at only one site in the north-eastern corner of the project area.

\*Sonchus oleraceus is a common weed of disturbed sites in Western Australia (WAH 2008). It is a yellow-flowered annual with flaccid leaves that are weakly prickly (Hussey *et al.* 2007). \*Sonchus oleraceus was located at three sites in the project area.

\**Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum* is a prostrate succulent, introduced from South Africa (Hussey *et al.* 2007). The ability of this species to accumulate salt has enabled it to establish in disturbed and saline areas across southern Australia (CSIRO 2004). \**Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum* was recorded at eight of the 13 sites in the project area, and was well established on the western side of the project area.

\**Raphanus sp.* was located at one site in the project area. There was insufficient material to identify this specimen to species level, however, this genus as a whole is introduced to Western Australia.

Overall, introduced species were located at 11 of the 13 sites in the project area. Sites GBB15 and GA25 were the only sites free from introduced species.

### Vegetation Communities

No TECs or PECs were recorded in the Accommodation Camp survey area. Four ENV vegetation communities were recorded and described during the survey; two native remnant and two rehabilitated communities. One of the remnant communities, Vegetation Type C, corresponds to a broad vegetation type described by Shepherd *et al.* (2002): #949. The rehabilitation areas could not be compared to Shepherd *et al.* (2002).



Shepherd *et al.* (2002) give an estimate of the percentage of each of Beard's vegetation associations that remain compared to the pre-European settlement extent, so an estimate of the scarcity of each association can be determined. For the Beard vegetation association of the project area,  $E_6Mi$ , it is estimated that 15.2% of its pre-European settlement extent remains, which is less than the 30% retention rate required by the EPA's Position Statement No. 2 (EPA 2000). However, only one vegetation type described by ENV, Vegetation Type C, is considered representative of this vegetation association. The rehabilitated areas and the native community, Vegetation Type B, are not considered representative of the regional significant vegetation type because of the level of disturbance they have experienced.

The Accommodation Camp survey area is in the western section of the Morawa Township, and therefore anthropogenic activities have influenced the vegetation condition. Disturbance factors including past clearing, earth-moving, tracks, rubbish and introduced species have left the native vegetation of the area in a Very Good to Very Poor Condition.

### Principles for Clearing Native Vegetation

The results of the flora and vegetation survey are discussed in Table 4 in relation to the relevant vegetation clearing principles detailed in Schedule 5.0 of the EP Act 1986, namely, clearing principles a, c, d, e, f and h.

**Table 4:** Clearing Principles Relevant to the Flora and Vegetation Assessment of the

 Survey Area

Clearing Principle	Survey Findings
A: Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises a high level of biological diversity	The average number of flora taxa recorded per quadrat in the native vegetation in the project area was 16. This is similar to the species richness of the study of Bennett Environmental Consulting (2004), which showed 19.2 species per quadrat. The average number of flora taxa recorded per quadrat in the rehabilitated areas was 11.95, and compared to other studies, this displays a low level of biological diversity. Clearing of native vegetation in the project area may be at variance with this principle.
C: Native vegetation should not be cleared if it includes, or is necessary for, the continued existence of, rare flora	No Declared Rare Flora listed under the EPBC Act or WC Act were recorded in the project area. No plant taxa listed as Priority Flora by the DEC were located in the survey area. The project is not at variance with this principle.



Clearing Principle	Survey Findings
D: Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of, a threatened ecological community	No TECs are present in the Accommodation Camp project area. The project is not at variance with this principle.
E: Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is significant as a remnant of native vegetation in an area that has been extensively cleared	The broad vegetation community ( $E_6Mi$ ) mapped by Beard (1975) for the Accommodation Camp project area is considered to exist at 15.2 % of its pre-European settlement extent (Shepherd <i>et al.</i> 2002). This vegetation community has been extensively cleared for agriculture in the region. Only one vegetation community, Vegetation Type C, described by ENV is considered to represent the regional vegetation. This vegetation community covers a small area on the western boundary of the project area. The remainder of the site consists of native vegetation of Very Poor condition and rehabilitation, and thus does not represent the vegetation community, $E_6Mi$ . As a result, the project area is considered significant as a remnant of native vegetation which has been otherwise extensively cleared. The project may be at variance with this principle.
F: Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is growing in, or in association with, an environment associated with a watercourse or wetland	No watercourses or wetlands are present in the survey area. The project is not at variance with this principle.
H: Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to have an impact on the environmental values of any adjacent or nearby conservation areas	The closest DEC-managed conservation estate, Watheroo National Park, is ~65 km away, and the closest Shire-managed reserve, Koolanooka Dam Nature Reserve, is ~10 km from the Accommodation Camp project area. The project area is therefore not adjacent to any designated conservation areas. The project is not at variance with this principle.



### 6 IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 6.1 GENERAL IMPACTS

The main impact associated with the proposed Accommodation Camp will be the loss of vegetation through the construction of the camp and access roads. One vegetation community in the Accommodation Camp project area is representative of the regional vegetation, assessed as being only 15.2% intact across its pre-European settlement extent in Western Australia (Shepherd *et al.* 2002). The vegetation community representing this community in the project area is on the western boundary of the project area and is relatively small. Clearing within this vegetation type should be avoided.

Another general impact associated with the Accommodation Camp is an increase in dust. Dust caused by clearing and construction may impact on surrounding flora and vegetation. This impact should be minor if appropriate management plans and dust suppression measures are implemented.

### 6.2 INTRODUCED SPECIES

The clearing of vegetation and construction of infrastructure related to the Accommodation Camp will see an increase in traffic and activity in the area. This could lead to introduced species being dispersed during clearing by soil movement or from seeds on heavy machinery, or from the increase in traffic.

The Declared Plant \**Echium plantagineum* (Paterson's Curse) was recorded in high numbers by ENV (2008) and in the surrounding region by previous surveys (*ecologia* Environmental 2007; ATA Environmental 2004; Bennett Environmental Consulting 2004). The presence of this introduced species in the area means that care should be taken to ensure it is not spread further and the current covers of the species is not increased. Effective management of the species in the project area should help to decrease its cover and minimise its spread.

### 6.3 MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The following actions are recommended to respond to identified impacts from the proposed works and to aid in conserving flora and vegetation of conservation significance:

### Clearing

- as much as possible of ENV Vegetation Type C should be retained to contribute to preservation of the regional vegetation complex;
- all clearing operations should be kept to a minimum to reduce impacts on surrounding native vegetation;



- the boundaries of areas that are to be disturbed should be clearly demarcated to prevent any erroneous damage to vegetation;
- where possible, current tracks should be used for site access to minimise impact on the area's flora and vegetation;
- temporarily disturbed areas are to be rehabilitated post-construction using stockpiled topsoil, vegetation and leaf litter from the site; and
- no vegetation should be disturbed for temporary laydown. Already disturbed areas should be used for this if possible.

### Introduced Species Management

• Prepare a weed management strategy for the project area that includes the following:

- clearing should be undertaken in accordance with an approved weed management strategy to help reduce the spread of introduced species;

- personnel should be made aware of the Declared Plant, \**Echium plantagineum* (Paterson's Curse), in the area to avoid its accidental spread;

- all heavy machinery and vehicles should be cleaned when moving onto site, should remain onsite for the duration of construction, and should be cleaned before moving offsite; and

- regular monitoring of disturbed areas should be undertaken to prevent further spread of introduced species, and further spot-spraying of any emergent weed plants should be executed where necessary.



### 7 CONCLUSIONS

A total of 71 taxa were recorded within the entire Accommodation Camp project area, including 66 native and five introduced taxa. No flora species of conservation significance were located.

Because of the presence of the declared weed \**Echium plantagineum* (Paterson's Curse), a weed management plan should be developed for the project area.

Four vegetation communities were identified within the Accommodation Camp project area, with no communities listed as TECs or PECs. One of the ENV vegetation communities in the Accommodation Camp project area has only 15.2% of its pre-European extent intact in Western Australia (Shepherd *et al.* 2002) and should be retained.

ENV concludes that the flora and vegetation of the project area in general should pose minimal constraints to the development proposal. The exception to this relates to clearing of the Beard  $E_6$ Mi vegetation association and restrictions may apply if impact on this vegetation is deemed to be at variance with Clearing Principle E.



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# **FIGURES**







**Figure 2:** Average monthly rainfall and maximum and minimum temperatures for Morawa Airport (Bureau of Meteorology 2008).






# **APPENDIX A**

## DEFINITIONS OF DECLARED RARE AND PRIORITY FLORA AND THREATENED/ PRIORITY ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES



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## APPENDIX A

Appendix A1 - Definition of Declared Rare and Priority Flora Species (Department of Environment and Conservation 2006)

Conservation Code	Category				
R	Declared Rare Flora - Extant Taxa				
	Taxa which have been adequately searched for and are deemed to be in the wild either rare, in danger of extinction, or otherwise in need of special protection, and have been gazetted as such.				
x	Declared Rare Flora - Presumed Extinct Taxa				
	Taxa which have not been collected, or otherwise verified, over the past 50 years despite thorough searching, or of which all known wild populations have been destroyed more recently, and have been gazetted as such.				
P1	Priority One - Poorly Known Taxa				
	Taxa which are known from one or a few (generally <5) populations which are under threat, either due to small population size, or being on lands under immediate threat, e.g. road verges, urban areas, farmland, active mineral leases, etc., or the plants are under threat, e.g. from disease, grazing by feral animals, etc. May include taxa with threatened populations on protected lands. Such taxa are under consideration for declaration as 'rare flora', but are in urgent need of further survey.				
P2	Priority Two - Poorly Known Taxa				
	Taxa which are known from one or a few (generally <5) populations, at least some of which are not believed to be under immediate threat (i.e. not currently endangered). Such taxa are under consideration for declaration as 'rare flora', but urgently need further survey.				
P3	Priority Three - Poorly Known Taxa				
	Taxa which are known from several populations, and the taxa are not believed to be under immediate threat (i.e. not currently endangered), either due to the number of known populations (generally >5), or known populations being large, and either widespread or protected. Such taxa are under consideration for declaration as 'rare flora' but are in need of further survey.				
P4	Priority Four - Rare Taxa				
	Taxa which are considered to have been adequately surveyed and which, whilst being rare (in Australia), are not currently threatened by any identifiable factors. These taxa require monitoring every 5-10 years.				

## Appendix A2 - Categories of Threatened Flora Species (Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999)

Category Code	Category				
Ex	Extinct				
	Taxa which at a particular time if, at the time, there is no reasonable doubt that the last member of the species has died.				
ExW	Extinct in the Wild				
	Taxa which is known only to survive in cultivation, in captivity or as a naturalised population well outside its past range; or it has not been recorded in its known and/or expected habitat, at appropriate seasons, anywhere in its past range, despite exhaustive surveys over a time frame appropriate to its life cycle and form.				
CE	Critically Endangered				
	Taxa which at a particular time, it is facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future, as determined in accordance with the prescribed criteria.				
E	Endangered				
	Taxa which is not critically endangered and it is facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild in the medium-term future, as determined in accordance with the prescribed criteria.				
v	Vulnerable				
	Taxa which is not critically endangered or endangered and is facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the medium-term future, as determined in accordance with the prescribed criteria.				
CD	Conservation Dependent				
	Taxa which at a particular time if, at that time, the species is the focus of a specific conservation program, the cessation of which would result in the species becoming vulnerable, endangered or critically endangered within a period of 5 years.				

Appendix A3 - Definition of Threatened Ecological Communities (Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999)

#### Presumed Totally Destroyed (PD)

An ecological community will be listed as presumed totally destroyed if there are no recent records of the community being extant and either of the following applies (A or B):

- records within the last 50 years have not been confirmed despite thorough searches or known or likely habitats;
- B) all occurrences recorded within the last 50 years have since been destroyed.

#### Critically Endangered (CR)

An ecological community will be listed as Critically Endangered when it has been adequately surveyed and is found to be facing an extremely high risk of total destruction in the immediate future. This will be determined on the basis of the best available information, by it meeting any one or more of the following criteria (A, B or C):

- A) the estimated geographic range, and/or total area occupied, and/or number of discrete occurrences since European settlement have been reduced by at least 90% and either or both of the following apply (i or ii):
  - i) geographic range, and/or total area occupied and/or number of discrete occurrences are continuing to decline such that total destruction of the community is imminent (within approximately 5 years);
  - ii) modification throughout its range is continuing such that in the immediate future (within approximately 5 years) the community is unlikely to be capable of being substantially rehabilitated.
- B) current distribution is limited, and one or more of the following apply (i, ii or iii):
  - geographic range and/or number of discrete occurrences, and/or area occupied is highly restricted and the community is currently subject to known threatening processes which are likely to result in total destruction throughout its range in the immediate future (within approximately 5 years);
  - ii) there are very few occurrences, each of which is small and/or isolated and extremely vulnerable to known threatening processes;
  - iii) there may be many occurrences but total area is very small and each occurrence is small and/or isolated and extremely vulnerable to known threatening processes.
- C) the ecological community exists only as highly modified occurrences which may be capable of being rehabilitated if such work begins in the immediate future (within approximately 5 years).

#### Endangered (EN)

An ecological community will be listed as Endangered when it has been adequately surveyed and is not Critically Endangered but is facing a very high risk of total destruction in the near future. This will be determined on the basis of the best available information, by it meeting any one or more of the following criteria (A, B or C):

A) the estimated geographic range, and/or total area occupied, and/or number of discrete occurrences since European settlement have been reduced by at least 70% and either or both of the following apply (i or ii):

- i) geographic range, and/or total area occupied and/or number of discrete occurrences are continuing to decline such that total destruction of the community is likely in the short term (within approximately 10 years);
- ii) modification throughout its range is continuing such that in the short term future (within approximately 10 years) the community is unlikely to be capable of being substantially restored or rehabilitated.
- B) current distribution is limited, and one or more of the following apply (i, ii or iii):
  - i) geographic range and/or number of discrete occurrences, and/or area occupied is highly restricted and the community is currently subject to known threatening processes which are likely to result in total destruction throughout its range in the short term future (within approximately 10 years);
  - ii) there are very few occurrences, each of which is small and/or isolated and extremely vulnerable to known threatening processes;
  - iii) there may be many occurrences but total area is very small and each occurrence is small and/or isolated and extremely vulnerable to known threatening processes.
- C) the ecological community exists only as highly modified occurrences which may be capable of being rehabilitated if such work begins in the short term future (within approximately 10 years).

#### Vulnerable (VU)

An ecological community will be listed as Vulnerable when it has been adequately surveyed and is not Critically Endangered or Endangered but is facing a high risk of total destruction in the medium to long term future. This will be determined on the basis of the best available information, by it meeting any one or more of the following criteria (A, B or C):

- A) the ecological community exists largely as modified occurrences which are likely to be capable of being substantially restored or rehabilitated;
- B) the ecological community can be modified or destroyed and would be vulnerable to threatening processes, is restricted in area and/or range and/or is only found at a few locations;
- C) the ecological community may still be widespread but is believed likely to move into a category of higher threat in the medium to long term future because of existing or impending threatening processes.

## Appendix A5 – Potentially Occurring Flora of Conservation Significance (Department of Environment and Conservation 2008)

Species	Conservation Code <sup>†</sup>
Daviesia speciosa	Endangered, R
Glyceria drummondii	Endangered, R
Grevillea murex	Endangered, R
Paracaleana dixonii	Endangered, R
Verticordia spicata subsp. squamosa	Endangered, R
Wurmbea tubulosa	Endangered, R
Eucalyptus blaxellii	Vulnerable, R
Eucalyptus synandra	Vulnerable, R
Tecticornia bulbosa	Vulnerable, R
Grevillea phanerophlebia	R
Pityrodia axillaris	R
Acacia congesta subsp. cliftoniana	1
Acacia lineolata subsp. multilineata	1
Acacia pterocaulon	1
Atriplex muelleri	1
Baeckea decipiens	1
Baeckea sp. Morawa (MA Langley MA4177)	1
Baeckea sp. Billeranga Hills (M.E.Trudgen 2206)	1
Chamelaucium repens	1
<i>Commersonia adenothalia</i> ms	1
<i>Enekbatus planifolius</i> ms	1
Gastrolobium rotundifolium	1

Gnephosis setifera	1
Lepidium fasciculatum	1
Lepidium sagittulatum	1
<i>Malleostemon</i> sp. Yalgoo Road (Morawa Tree Committee 329)	1
Melaleuca barlowii	1
Mesomelaena stygia subsp. deflexa	1
Micromyrtus rogeri	1
Rhodanthe collina	1
Scholtzia sp. Yandanooka (R. Soullier 646)	1
Stylidium pendulum	1
Stylidium xanthopis	1
Verticordia comosa	1
Acacia lanceolata	2
Epitriche demissus	2
Eucalyptus abdita	2
Fitzwillia axilliflora	2
Hemigenia pimelifolia	2
<i>Tricoryne</i> sp. Wongan Hills (BH Smith 794)	2
Acacia isoneura subsp. isoneura	3
Angianthus micropodioides	3
Calytrix drummondii	3
Calytrix ecalycata subsp. ecalycata	3
Cryptandra stellulata	3
<i>Darwinia</i> sp. Morawa (CA Gardner 2662)	3

Enekbatus longistylus ms	3
<i>Eucalyptus arachnaea</i> subsp. <i>arrecta</i>	3
Grevillea asparagoides	3
Grevillea candicans	3
Grevillea granulosa	3
Grevillea leptopoda	3
Grevillea makinsonii	3
Grevillea tenuiloba	3
Hibbertia glomerosa var. bistrata	3
<i>Lepidobolus densus</i> ms	3
Melaleuca sclerophylla	3
Microcorys tenuifolia	3
Persoonia pentasticha	3
Pityrodia viscida	3
Podotheca uniseta	3
Psammomoya implexa	3
<i>Thryptomene</i> sp. Mingenew (Diels & Pritzel 332)	3
Thysanotus vernalis	3
Eucalyptus diminuta	4
Verticordia capillaris	4

<sup>†</sup>R: Declared Rare, 1, 2, 3, 4 = Priority 1, 2, 3, 4

# Appendix A5 – Potentially Occurring Vegetation Communities of Conservation Significance

Community ID	Community Name	Status
Mound Spring (Three	Assemblages of the organic mound	TEC - Endangered
Springs Area)	springs of the Three Springs area	
Billeranga System	Plant assemblages of the Billeranga	TEC - Vulnerable
	System	
Moonagin System	Plant assemblages of the Moonagin	TEC - Vulnerable

# APPENDIX B DEFINITIONS OF INTRODUCED SPECIES CATEGORIES AND RATINGS



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### APPENDIX B

### Appendix B1 - Definition of Introduced Flora Species (CALM 1999)

The DEC's Environmental Weed Strategy for Western Australia ranks weeds in terms of their environmental impact on biodiversity using the criteria: invasiveness, distribution, and environmental impacts:

- **Invasiveness** ability to invade bushland in good to excellent condition or ability to invade waterways.
- **Distribution** wide current or potential distribution including consideration of known history of wide spread distribution elsewhere in the world.
- **Environmental Impacts** ability to change the structure, composition and function of ecosystems. In particular an ability to form a monoculture in a vegetation community.

The rating of each weed is determined by the following scoring system:

- *High* a weed species would have to score yes for all three criteria. Rating a weed species as high would indicate prioritising this weed for control and/or research i.e. prioritising funding to it.
- Moderate a weed species would have to score yes for two of the above criteria. Rating a weed species as moderate would indicate that control or research effort should be directed to it if funds are available, however it should be monitored (possibly a reasonably high level of monitoring).
- *Mild* a weed species scoring one of the criteria. A mild rating would indicate monitoring of the weed and control where appropriate.
- **Low** a weed species would score none of the criteria. A low ranking would mean that this species would require a low level of monitoring.

### Appendix B2 – Declared Plant Categories (Richardson 2007)

#### P1 - Prohibits movement.

The movement of plants or their seeds is prohibited within the State.

This prohibits the movement of contaminated machinery and produce including livestock and fodder.

#### P2 Aim is to eradicate infestation.

Treat all plants to destroy and prevent propagation each year until no plants remain. The infested area must be managed in such a way that prevents the spread of seed or plant parts on or in livestock, fodder, grain, vehicles and/or machinery.

#### P3 Aims to control infestation by reducing area and/or density of infestation.

The infested area must be managed in such a way that prevents the spread of seed or plant parts within and from the property on or in livestock, fodder, grain, vehicles and/or machinery.

Treat to destroy and prevent seed set all plants:

- within 50 m inside of the boundaries of the infestation;
- within 50 m of roads and high water mark on waterways;
- within 50 m of sheds, stock yards and houses.

Treatment must be done prior to seed set each year.

Properties with less than 20 ha of infestation must treat the entire infestation.

Additional areas may be ordered to be treated.

## P4 Aims to prevent infestation spreading beyond existing boundaries of infestation

The infested area must be managed in such a way that prevents the spread of seed or plant parts within and from the property on or in livestock, fodder, grain, vehicles and/or machinery.

Treat to destroy and prevent seed set all plants:

- within 50 m inside of the boundaries of the infested property for one-leaf and 20m for two-leaf;
- within 50 m of roads and high water mark on waterways;

• within 50 m of sheds, stock yards and houses.

Treatment must be done prior to seed set each year. Properties with less than 20 ha of infestation must treat the entire infestation.

Additional areas may be ordered to be treated.

Special considerations: In the case of P4 infestations where they continue across property boundaries there is no requirement to treat the relevant part of the property boundaries as long as the boundaries of the infestation as a whole are treated. There must be agreement between neighbours in relation to the treatment of these areas.

#### P5 Aims to control infestations on public lands.

## Appendix B3 – Introduced Flora Species Potentially Occurring within the Project Area

(Ratings CALM 1999; Descriptions WAH 2008)

Species	Rating	Description (WAM 2003)		
*Echium plantagineum	Declared Plant	Paterson's Curse Erect annual or biennial, herb, to 0.6 m high. Weed of roadsides, vacant lands and disturbed grounds		
*Galium aparine	Declared Plant	Goosegrass Lax, weak annual or herb, to 0.4 m high. Favours Rocky sites		
* Brassica tournefortii	High	Mediterranean Turnip Annual, herb, to 0.6 m high. Aggressive weed of disturbed ground.		
*Anagallis arvensis	Moderate	Pimpernel Erect or spreading annual, herb, to 0.4 m high. Gravelly soil, sand, loam, clay or wet soil. Favors disturbed areas.		
*Arctotheca calendula	Moderate	Cape weed Decumbent or ascending annual, herb, to 0.03–0.3 m high. Weed of roadsides, waste places and cultivated land.		
* Cuscuta epithymum	Moderate	Lesser Dodder Parasitic, twining annual, herb or climber. Often found on sandy soils over limestone or granite.		
*Ehrharta longiflora	Moderate	Annual Veldt Grass Caespitose annual or herb, to 0.6 m high. Found on white or grey sand, loam.		
* Erodium cicutarium	Moderate	Common Storksbill Decumbent, ascending or erect annual, herb, to 0.2 m high. A weed of wasteland, crops and pastures		

Species	Rating	Description (WAM 2003)
* Hypochaeris glabra	Moderate	Smooth Catsear Rosetted annual or perennial, herb, to 0.5 m high. Common weed of lawns, horticultural areas, roadsides and bushland
* Lamarckia aurea	Moderate	Goldentop Tufted annual or herb, to 0.2 m high. Found on sandy clay, clay. Favors roadsides and disturbed areas
*Pentaschistis airoides	Moderate	False Hairgrass Delicate tufted annual herb, 0.05–0.16 m high. Found on yellow to grey sand, loam, clay, sandy clay, granite and laterite.
* Rostraria pumila	Moderate	Tufted annual, grass-like or herb, to 0.2 m high. Found on grey, black or red sand, sandy clay and clay. Favors roadsides, sand dunes, cliff slopes
* Sonchus oleraceus	Moderate	Common Sowthistle Erect annual, herb, to 1.5 m high. Weed of disturbed ground.
* Urospermum picroides	Moderate	False Hawkbit Erect annual herb, to 1.2 m high. Found on sandy soils. Weed of moist situations, along watercourses, coastal inlets and roadsides
* Ursinia anthemoides	Moderate	Ursinia Erect annual, herb, to 0.5 m high. Weed of roadsides and waste places.
*Vulpia myuros var. myuros	Moderate	Slender annual, grass-like or herb, to 0.4 m high.
* Medicago minima	Mild	Small Burr Medic Prostrate annual, herb, to 0.1 m high. Found on grey loamy sand, red-brown clay loam, granite and ironstone.

Species	Rating	Description (WAM 2003)		
*Mesembryanthemum	Mild	Slender Iceplant		
nodiflorum		Prostrate or erect, succulent annual, herb, to 0.2 m high. Found on sandy clay, loam, clay loam. Prefers claypans and saline areas.		
* Silene nocturna	Mild	Mediterranean Catchfly		
		Erect or spreading annual, herb, to 0.5 m high. Found on roadsides		
* Chenopodium murale	Low	Nettle-leaf Goosefoot		
		Erect, annual, herb, to 1 m high. Agricultural weed, cultivated and disturbed areas.		
* Malva parviflora	Low	Marshmallow		
		Erect or decumbent herb, to 1.2 m high. Found on sandy and clayey soils. Favors disturbed areas		
* Vulpia muralis	Low	Slender annual, grass-like or herb, to 0.6 m high.		
* Spergula pentandra	тва	Five Anther Spurry		
		Spreading annual, herb, to 0.3 m high.		
* Cleretum papulosum subsp. papulosum	Not Listed	Succulent annual, herb, to 0.1 m high. Found on sandy loam, brown to red-brown clay, grey sandy gravel, granite, laterite.		

# APPENDIX C FLORA SURVEY QUADRAT LOCATIONS



## MORAWA PROPOSED ACCOMMODATION CAMP – FLORA & VEGETATION ASSESSMENT

## **APPENDIX C**

## FLORA SURVEY LOCATIONS

Site Number	<sup>#</sup> Easting	<sup>#</sup> Northing		
GA21	50402990	6768488		
GA22	50402975	6768915		
GA23	50403145	6769065		
GA24	50403314	6769333		
GA25	50403362	6769184		
GA26	50403360	6768983		
GA27	50403247	6768817		
GA28	50403390	6768502		
GA29	50403216	6768513		
GA30	50403362	6768706		
GA31	50403440	6768803		
GBB14	50403402	6769093		
GBB15	50403650	6769035		

# Australian Geocentric 1994 (GDA94), Zone 50K.

# APPENDIX D FLORA QUADRAT PHOTOGRAPHS



## MORAWA PROPOSED ACCOMMODATION CAMP – FLORA & VEGETATION ASSESSMENT

### APPENDIX D

### PHOTOGRAPHS OF SURVEY SITES



GA21









GA25









GA29





GA31



GBB14



GBB15

# APPENDIX E VEGETATION CONDITION SCALES



## MORAWA PROPOSED ACCOMMODATION CAMP – FLORA & VEGETATION ASSESSMENT

## APPENDIX E

### Definition of Condition Scales (Trudgen 2002)

Condition Code	Definition
E	Excellent
	Pristine or nearly so, no obvious signs of damage caused by the activities of European man.
VG	Very Good
	Some relatively slight signs of damage caused by the activities of European man, e.g. some signs of damage to tree trunks caused by repeated fire and the presence of some relatively non-aggressive introduced species such as <i>*Euphorbia hirta</i> , <i>*Ursinia anthemoides</i> or <i>Briza</i> species, or occasional vehicle tracks.
G	Good
	More obvious signs of damage caused by the activities of European man, including some obvious impact on the vegetation structure such as caused by low levels of grazing or by selective logging. Introduced species as above, possibly plus some more aggressive ones.
Р	Poor
	Still retains basic vegetation structure or ability to regenerate to it after very obvious impacts of activities of European man such as grazing or partial clearing (chaining) or very frequent fires. Introduced species as above, probably plus some more aggressive ones such as <i>Ehrharta</i> and <i>Cenchrus</i> species.
VP	Very Poor
	Severely impacted by grazing, fire, clearing or a combination of these activities. Scope for some regeneration but, not to a state approaching good condition without intensive management. Usually with a number of introduced species including aggressive species.
D	Completely Degraded
	Areas that are completely or almost completely without native species in the structure of their vegetation, e.g. areas that are cleared or "parkland cleared" with their flora comprising weed or crop species with isolated native trees or shrubs.

# APPENDIX F FLORA QUADRAT DATA SHEETS



#### MORAWA PROPOSED ACCOMMODATION CAMP – FLORA & VEGETATION ASSESSMENT

#### **APPENDIX F**

#### **DATA SHEETS**

Mingenew	to	Site	GA21				
Described Season	EL		Date	10/29/2008	Type Q Un	iformity	20 x 20 m
Location	Morawa Accommodation Camp (corner of White Ave and Waddlelove St - near water tank).						
MGA	50				402990	mE	6768488 <b>mN</b>
Habitat	Plain.						
Soil	Light orange	e, yellow	/ cream sandy	loam.			
Rock	Gravelly, lir	nestone.					
Vegetation	Melaleuca sp. and Grevillea sp. open health over Calytrix flavescens, Jacksonia sp., Hibbertia sp. and Dampiera lavandulacea low shrubland over Ecdeiocolea monostachya open grassland over Waitzia acuminata open herbland.						
Veg Conditio Fire	on Very Go	od - Goo	od				
Notes	Bare ground Litter cover: Disturbance	l: 70%. : + Logs type: Ea	, 5% Twigs, + arth moving, r	- Lvs. near residentia	l area and l	itter.	

Quad Name	Cover C	Height	Specimen	Notes
Acacia longiphyllodinea	+	1.55m	GA21.10	
Allocasuarina lehmanniana	+	1.8m	GAOPCOL	16
Baeckea megaflora	+	1m	GA21.07	
Borya sphaerocephala	1%	0.1m	GA21.13	
Calytrix flavescens	10%	0.5m	GA21.06	
Dampiera lavandulacea	1%	0.3m	GA21.02	
Dianella revoluta var. divaricata	10%	1.2m	GAOPCOL	21
Ecdeiocolea monostachya	25%	1.4m	GA21.01	
Echium plantagineum	1%	<1.2m	GA01.04	
Grevillea sp.	5%	1.4m	GA21.09	Require fruit
Grevillea sp.	2%	2m	GA01.01	
Hibbertia sp.	1%	0.5m	GA21.05	
Jacksonia sp.	5%	0.6m	GA21.04	
Malleostemon tuberculatus	+	1.2m	GA21.08	
Melaleuca sp.	25%	1.6m	GA21.03	
Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum	+	0.2m	GA01.15	Weed
Monachather sp.	+	0.45m	GA04.04	
POACEAE sp.	+	0.6m	GA21.11	
Ptilotus polystachyus var. polystachyus	+	0.8m	GAOPCOL	10
Raphanus sp.	+	0.5m	GA21.14	Weed
Schoenia cassiniana	+	0.15m	GA02.02	
Solanum lasiophyllum	+	0.6m	GAOPCOL	27
Sonchus oleraceus	+	0.35m	GAR07.07	Weed
Velleia cycnopotamica	+	0.05m	GA21.12	
Waitzia acuminata	20%	0.15m	GA01.02	

Mingenew	to	Site	GA22			
Described	EL		Date	10/29/2008 Type Q	20	0 x 20 m
Season	Uniformity					
Location	Morawa Acc	ommod	ation Camp (	along bike trail).		
MGA	50			402975	mE	6768915 <b>mN</b>
Habitat	Plain.					
Soil	Light red-bro	wn san	d.			
Rock						
Vegetation	Melaleuca ste tomentosa an Mesembryan	ereophle d Acac themun	oia and Acac ia nigripilosa n nodiflorum	ia acuminata shrubland c subsp. nigripilosa low s and Schoenia cassiniana	ver Enchylaena tome cattered shrubs over V herbland.	ntosa var. Vaitzia acuminata,
Veg Conditio	on Very Goo	od.				
Fire						
Notes	Bare ground:	75%.				

Litter cover: 10%	Logs, 20% Twigs, 20% Lvs.
Disturbance type:	Nearby tracks and litter.

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Quad Name	Cover C	Height	Specimen Notes
Acacia acuminata	2%	2.1m	GA22.02 Variable species
Acacia nigripilosa subsp. nigripilosa	1%	0.7m	GAR07.05
Comesperma integerrimum	+	CR	GA22.04 On Melaleuca
Dianella revoluta var. divaricata	1%	<1m	GAOPCOL21
Enchylaena tomentosa var. tomentosa	2%	0.2m	GAR07.02
Melaleuca stereophloia	15%	1.8m	GA22.01
Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum	15%	0.15m	GA01.15 Weed
Monachather sp.	+	0.3m	GA04.04
Ptilotus polystachyus var. polystachyus	+	0.25m	GAOPCOL10
Schoenia cassiniana	4%	0.1m	GA02.02
Sida sp. dark green fruit (S. van Leeuwen 2260)	+	0.15m	GA22.03
Solanum lasiophyllum	2%	0.3m	GAOPCOL27
Waitzia acuminata	30%	0.15m	GA01.02

Mingenew	to	Site	GA23			
Described	EL		Date	10/29/2008 <b>Type</b> Q		20 x 20 m
Season				1	U <b>niformity</b>	
Location	Morawa Ac	commo	dation Camp.			
MGA	50			40314	5 mE	6769065 mN
Habitat	Plain - very	open.				
Soil	Brown, oran	nge clay	sand.			
Rock						
Vegetation	Atriplex cir Ecdeiocolea	nerea, M a monos	aireana carnos tachya very op	a and Mesembryanther en grassland.	num nodiflorum lo	ow open heath over
Veg Conditie	on Poor.					
Fire						
Notes	Bare ground	d: 80%.				
	Litter cover	:: 5% Tw	vigs, 2% Lvs.			
	Disturbance	e type: C	learing, tracks	, looks like area has be	en rehabilitated.	

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Quad Name	Cover C	Height	Specimen Notes
Atriplex cinerea	40%	<1m	GA23.01
Ecdeiocolea monostachya	2%	0.8m	GAR05.13
Maireana carnosa	20%	0.25m	GAOPCOL42
Maireana georgei	2%	0.4m	GA23.02
Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum	5%	0.1m	GA01.15 Weed
Solanum lasiophyllum	+	1m	GAOPCOL27

Mingenew	to	Site	GA24						
Described Season	EL		Date	10/29/2008 <b>Typ</b>	e Q Ui	niformity	20 2	x 20 m	
Location	Morawa Ace	commod	lation Camp.						
MGA	50			4	03314	mE		6769333 mN	I
Habitat Soil	Plain - very Light cream	open. sand.							
Rock Vegetation	Eucalyptus acuminata h lasiophyllun and Angiant	loxophl igh oper n open s thus tom	eba subsp. sup 1 shrubland ov hrubland over entosus open 1	ralaevis and Euca er Acacia stereop Monachather sp. herbland.	lyptus hylla v very o	ewartiana var. stereop pen grassla	low woodla hylla and So and over Wa	nd over Acacia blanum itzia acuminata	
Veg Conditio Fire	on Good.								
Notes	Bare ground Litter cover: Disturbance	l: 90%. : + Logs type: C	, 15% Twigs, learing and ea	15% Lvs. rth moving.					
SPECIES									
Quad Nan Acacia acum Acacia stere Angianthus	ne iinata ophylla var. s tomentosus	stereoph	ylla	<b>Cover</b> 5% 2% 5%	2	Height <2.5m 1.75m 0.01m	<b>Specimen</b> GA22.02 GA24.06 GA24.03 CA24.08	Notes Variable species	
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		0.2011	012.000	family due to lack of identifying material			
Dianella revoluta var. divaricata	1%	<1.2m	GAOPCOL	.21			
Echium plantagineum	+	<1m	GA01.04				
Eucalyptus ewartiana	2%	2.4m	GA24.01	Photo: 2477			
Eucalyptus loxophleba subsp. supralaevis	10%	4m	GA24.02	Photo: 2478-2479			
Halgania anagalloides	+	0.15m	GA24.05				
Jacksonia sp.	1%	<1m	GA21.04				
Monachather sp.	1%	<0.7m	GA04.04				
Schoenia cassiniana	+	0.1m	GA02.02				
Senna glutinosa subsp. charlesiana	+	1.6m	GA24.07				
Solanum lasiophyllum	2%	0.7m	GAOPCOL	.27			
Waitzia acuminata	5%	0.15m	GA01.02				
Mingenew	to	Site	GA25				
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Described Season	EL		Date	10/29/2008 <b>Type</b>	Q Ur	niformity	20 x 20 m
Location	Morawa Ace	commod	lation Camp.				
MGA	50			403	362	mE	6769184 <b>mN</b>
Habitat	Open Plain.						
Soil	Light orange	e cream	sand.				
Rock							
Vegetation	Eucalyptus loxophleba subsp. supralaevis scattered low trees over Acacia acuminata and Grevillea sp. high open shrubland over Acacia nigripilosa subsp. nigripilosa open heath over Rhagodia sp. Watheroo (R.J. Cranfield & P.J. Spencer 8183) low scattered shrubs over Waitzia acuminata very open herbland.						
Veg Conditio	on Very Go	od – Go	od.				
Fire							
Notes	Bare ground Litter cover: Disturbance	l: 80%. : + Logs type: Ti	, 5% Twigs, 5 <sup>°</sup> racks, clearing	% Lvs. and signs of rabbits	5.		

Quad Name	Cover C	Height	Specimen	Notes
Acacia acuminata	5%	<2m	GA22.02	Variable species
Acacia nigripilosa subsp. nigripilosa	20%	<1.4m	GAR07.05	
Acacia nigripilosa subsp. nigripilosa	40%	<2.2m	GA25.06	Highly variable species.
Angianthus tomentosus	+	0.02m	GA24.03	
Dianella revoluta var. divaricata	+	0.6m	GAOPCOL2	21
Eucalyptus loxophleba subsp. supralaevis	2%	3.5m	GA25.02	
Grevillea sp.	5%	<2m	GA25.03	
Maireana georgei	+	1m	GA25.04	
Monachather sp.	+	0.3m	GA04.04	
Rhagodia sp.	+	0.6m	GA25.01	Need fruit/flowers.
Rhagodia sp. Watheroo (R.J. Cranfield & P.J.	1%	0.7m	GA25.05	
Spencer 8183)				
Waitzia acuminata	5%	<0.2m	GA01.02	

Mingenew	to	Site	GA26				
Described Season	EL		Date	10/29/2008 <b>Typ</b>	e Q Ui	niformity	20 x 20 m
Location	Morawa Ac	commod	lation Camp.				
MGA	50			4	03360	mE	6768953 mN
Habitat	Low open w	voodland	l.				
Soil	Red sand.						
Rock							
Vegetation	Eucalyptus loxophleba subsp. supralaevis low woodland over Senna charlesiana high open shrubland over Acacia nigripilosa subsp. nigripilosa scattered shrubs over Chenopodium gaudichaudianum, Enchylaena tomentosa var. tomentosa and Maireana georgei low open heath over Austrostipa elegantissima scattered grasses.						
Veg Conditio	on Very Go	ood – Go	od.				
Fire							
Notes	Bare ground Litter cover Disturbance	1: 50%. : + Logs : type: Ti	, 30% Twigs, 3 racks and earth	30% Lvs. 1 moving.			

Quad Name	Cover C	Height	Specimen Notes	
Acacia nigripilosa subsp. nigripilosa	1%	1.55m	GAR07.05	
Austrostipa elegantissima	1%	1.2m	GAR13.02	
Austrostipa sp.	+	0.5m	GAR09.01	
Chenopodium gaudichaudianum	25%	0.6m	GAR06.07	
Enchylaena tomentosa var. tomentosa	20%	0.2m	GAR07.02	
Eucalyptus loxophleba subsp. supralaevis	20%	6-8m	GA25.02	
Maireana carnosa	1%	0.15m	GAOPCOL42	
Maireana georgei	20%	0.25m	GA25.04	
Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum	+	0.3m	GA01.15 Weed	
Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus	+	0.4m	GA26.01	
Senna charlesiana	2%	2.3m	GA26.02	

Mingenew	to	Site	GA27			
Described	EL		Date	10/29/2008 <b>Type</b> Q		20 x 20 m
Season				Ur	niformity	
Location	Morawa Ac	commod	lation Camp.			
MGA	50			403247	mE	6768817 <b>mN</b>
Habitat	Grassy sand	l plain.				
Soil	Ash felt - lig	ght brow	/n loam.			
Rock						
Vegetation	Solanum lasiophyllum open heath over Austrostipa sp., Aristida contorta and Monachather sp. open grassland over Ptilotus polystachyus var. polystachyus and Echium plantagineum very open herbland.					
Veg Conditio	on Poor.					
Fire						
Note	Bare ground	1: 70%.				
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Litter cover: + Twigs, + Lvs. Disturbance type: Nearby road.

Quad Name	Cover C	Height	Specimen Notes
Angianthus tomentosus	+	0.02m	GA24.03
Aristida contorta	10%	0.4m	GA03.01
Austrostipa sp.	35%	0.3-0.5m	GAR09.01
Echium plantagineum	1%	0.8m	GA01.04
Echium plantagineum	+	0.25m	GA01.14
Enchylaena tomentosa var. tomentosa	+	0.15m	GAR07.02
Maireana carnosa	+	0.2m	GAOPCOL42
Monachather sp.	10%	0.6m	GA04.04
Ptilotus ? obovatus	+	0.45m	GA27.03 No flowers
Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus	+	0.5	GA27.02
Ptilotus polystachyus var. polystachyus	10%	0.6m	GAOPCOL10
Solanum lasiophyllum	30%	<1m	GAOPCOL27
Sonchus oleraceus	+	0.1m	GAR07.07 Weed
Waitzia acuminata	+	0.15m	GA01.02
Waitzia acuminata	+	0.2m	GA27.01

Mingenew	to	Site	GA28				
Described Season	EL		Date	10/29/2008 <b>Ty</b>	pe Q U	<b>niformity</b>	20 x 20 m
Location	Morawa	Accommo	dation Camp	(near caravan parl	c).		
MGA	50				403390	) mE	6768502 <b>mN</b>
Habitat	Plain.						
Soil	Orangey	Red Sandy	y Loam.				
Rock							
Vegetation	Acacia l nigripilo shrublar Solanun grasslan herblano	igulata and osa, Senna c ad over Ptile n lasiophyll d over Ptile l.	Alyogyne ha charlesiana an otus obovatus um low open otus gaudichar	keifolia high oper d Rhagodia sp. W var. obovatus, Er heath over Aristic udii var. parviflor	atheroc atheroc chylae la contc us, Wai	and over Ad o (R.J. Cran na tomentos orta and Aus itzia acumin	cacia nigripilosa subsp. field & P.J. Spencer 8183) a var. tomentosa and strostipa sp. very open ata and Echium plantagineum
Veg Conditio	on Very	v Good.					
Fire							
Note	Bare gro Litter co Disturba	ound: 60%. over: + Log ance type: N	s, 10% Twigs Nearby road.	, 10% Lvs.			
SPECIES							

Quad Name	Cover C	Height	Specimen Notes
Acacia ligulata	5%	2.6m	GA28.02
Acacia nigripilosa subsp. nigripilosa	5%	1.8m	GAR07.05
Acacia sp.	1%	1.2m	GA28.03
Alyogyne hakeifolia	1%	3.5m	GAOPCOL48
Aristida contorta	2%	0.4m	GA03.01
Austrostipa sp.	2%	<0.8m	GAR09.01
Comesperma integerrimum	+	CR	GA22.04
Dianella revoluta var. divaricata	+	0.6m	GAOPCOL21
Echium plantagineum	2%	<1.3m	GA01.04
Echium plantagineum	+	0.4m	GA01.14
Enchylaena tomentosa var. tomentosa	10%	0.3m	GAR07.02
Maireana carnosa	2%	0.1m	GAOPCOL42
Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum	+	0.2m	GA01.15 Weed
Ptilotus gaudichaudii var. parviflorus	35%	<0.5m	GA28.01
Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus	40%	<0.8m	GA27.02
Rhagodia sp. Watheroo (R.J. Cranfield & P.J.	2%	1.2m	GA25.05
Spencer 8183)			
Senna charlesiana	2%	1.8m	GA26.02
Solanum lasiophyllum	5%	<0.5m	GAOPCOL27
Sonchus oleraceus	+	0.2m	GAR07.07 Weed
Waitzia acuminata	+	0.15m	GA27.01
Waitzia acuminata	2%	0.25m	GA01.02

Mingenew	v to	Site	GA29			
Described Season	EL		Date	10/29/2008 <b>Type</b> Q Un	20 x 2 iformity	0 m
Location	Morawa Ac	commo	dation Camp.			
MGA	50			403216	mE	6768513 <b>mN</b>
Habitat	Very open p	olain.				
Soil	Light orang	e cream	sand.			
Rock						
Vegetation	Melaleuca stereophloia and Acacia acuminata high shrubland over Acacia sp. and Acacia nigripilosa subsp. nigripilosa shrubland over Enchylaena tomentosa var. tomentosa and Rhagodia sp. Watheroo (R.J. Cranfield & P.J. Spencer 8183) low open shrubland over Aristida contorta and Austrostipa sp. grassland over Pogonolepis stricta and Waitzia acuminata open herbland.					
Veg Conditi	on Good.					
Fire						
Note	Bare ground	d: 75%.				
	Litter cover	: 30% T	wigs, 50% Lv	S.		
	Disturbance	e type: N	lear road side,	litter.		

Quad Name	Cover C	Height	Specimen Notes
Acacia acuminata	10%	2.6m	GA29.01 Variable species
Acacia nigripilosa subsp. nigripilosa	2%	1.6m	GAR07.05
Acacia sp.	20%	1.2m	GA28.03
Aristida contorta	35%	0.25m	GA03.01
Austrostipa sp.	2%	0.8m	GAR09.01
Enchylaena tomentosa var. tomentosa	2%	0.2m	GAR07.02
Goodenia sp.	+	0.7m	GA29.03
Maireana carnosa	+	0.15m	GAOPCOL42
Melaleuca stereophloia	15%	2.4m	GA22.01
Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum	+	0.15m	GA01.15 Weed
Pogonolepis stricta	5%	0.01m	GA29.02
Ptilotus polystachyus var. polystachyus	+	1.2m	GAOPCOL10
Rhagodia sp. Watheroo (R.J. Cranfield & P.J.	2%	0.5m	GA25.05
Spencer 8183)			
Waitzia acuminata	5%	0.15m	GA01.02

Mingenew	to Site	GA30		
Described	EL	Date	10/29/2008 <b>Type</b> Q	20 x 20 m
Season			Uniformit	У
Location	Morawa Accomme	odation Camp	(near caravan park).	
MGA	50		403362 mE	6768706 <b>m</b> N
Habitat	Plain.			
Soil	Red brown sandy	loam.		
Rock				
Vegetation	Acacia ligulata and (R.J. Cranfield & I Austrostipa sp. sca	d Acacia sp. oj P.J. Spencer 81 ittered grasses	pen shrubland over Ptilotus obovat (83) and Maireana carnosa low ope over Ptilotus gaudichaudii var. par	us var. obovatus, Rhagodia sp. Watheroo en heath over Aristida contorta and rviflorus herbland.
Veg Conditio	on Very Good – C	bood.		

Inc	
Note	Bare ground: 70%.
	Litter cover: 20% Twigs, 20% Lvs.
	Disturbance type: Nearby road and litter.

Quad Name	Cover C	Height	Specimen Notes	5
Acacia ligulata	2%	1.9m	GA30.01	
Acacia sp.	1%	1m	GA28.03	
Aristida contorta	2%	0.2m	GA03.01	
Austrostipa sp.	2%	0.5m	GAR09.01	
Chenopodium gaudichaudianum	+	1.2m	GAR06.07	
Echium plantagineum	+	0.8m	GA01.04	
Echium plantagineum	+	0.3m	GA01.14	
Enchylaena tomentosa var. tomentosa	1%	0.4m	GAR07.02	
Maireana carnosa	5%	0.15m	GAOPCOL42	
Maireana georgei	+	0.8m	GA25.04	
Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum	+	0.15m	GA01.15 Weed	l
Ptilotus gaudichaudii var. parviflorus	40%	0.25m	GA28.01	
Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus	40%	<0.3m	GA27.02	
Ptilotus polystachyus var. polystachyus	+	0.4m	GAOPCOL10	
Rhagodia sp. Watheroo (R.J. Cranfield & P.J.	5%	0.6m	GA25.05	
Spencer 8183)				
Solanum lasiophyllum	2%	0.5m	0.5m GAOPCOL27	
Waitzia acuminata	+	0.2m	GA27.01	

Mingenew	' to Morawa	Site GA	431		
Described	EL	Date	10/29/2008 <b>Type</b> Q		20 x 20 m
Season			U	niformity	
Location	Morawa Accommoda	ation Camp.			
MGA	50		403440	mE	6768803 <b>mN</b>
Habitat	Low open Woodland	l.			
Soil	Red brown loamy sam	nd.			
Rock					
Vegetation	Eucalyptus loxophle Rhagodia sp. Wather tomentosa and Maire	ba subsp. sup oo (R.J. Cran eana georgei	oralaevis woodland over ( nfield & P.J. Spencer 818 low shrubland over Mese	Chenopodium gaud 33), Enchylaena ton embryanthemum nc	ichaudianum, nentosa var. odiflorum very open
Veg Conditie	on Poor.				
Fire					
Note	Bare ground: 70%.				
	Litter cover: 5% Log	s 60% Twio	60% LVs		

Litter cover: 5% Logs, 60% Twigs, 60% Lvs. Disturbance type: Nearby road and litter (mainly glass).

Quad Name	Cover C	Height	Specimen Notes
Acacia nigripilosa subsp. nigripilosa	+	1m	GAR07.05
Austrostipa sp.	+	0.8m	GAR09.01
Chenopodium gaudichaudianum	5%	0.8m	GAR06.07
Dianella revoluta var. divaricata	+	0.7m	GAOPCOL21
Enchylaena tomentosa var. tomentosa	2%	0.2m	GAR07.02
Eremophila clarkei	+	1.6	GA31.02
Eucalyptus loxophleba subsp. supralaevis	25%	10m	GA31.01 Photo: 2500 - 2502
Maireana carnosa	+	0.1m	GAOPCOL42
Maireana georgei	2%	0.2m	GA25.04
Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum	2%	0.15m	GA01.15 Weed
Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus	+	0.2m	GA26.01
Rhagodia sp. Watheroo (R.J. Cranfield & P.J.	2%	0.2m	GA25.05
Spencer 8183)			
Waitzia acuminata	+	0.15m	GA01.02

## Mingenew to Morawa Site GAOPCO

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Quad Name	Cover C	Height	Specimen Notes
? Goodenia sp.		0.15m	GAOPCOL44 403327 mE, 6769454 mN - 1 individual - Photo: 2480 - 2481, Morawa Accommodation Camp
Acacia jibberdingensis		>3m	GAOPCOL47 403229 mE, 6768763 mN - 10 individuals - Photo: 2490 - 2491, Morawa Accommodation Camp
Alyogyne hakeifolia		1.9m	GAOPCOL48 403411 mE, 6768465 mN - 2 individuals, Morawa Accommodation Camp
Dicrastylis fulva		0.7m	GAOPCOL45 403327 mE, 6769454 mN - 1 individual - Photo: 2482 - 2483, Morawa Accommodation Camp
Schoenia cassiniana		0.15m	GAOPCOL46 403351 mE, 6769328 mN - 100+ individuals, Morawa Accommodation Camp
Thysanotus manglesianus		CR	GAOPCOL50 403106 mE, 6768582 mN - 5 individuals - Photo: 2497, Morawa Accommodation Camp

Mingenew	to Morawa	Site GBB1	.4				
Described	DA	Date	10/29/2008	Type R			
Season				Uı	niformity		
Location	Morawa Accomm	odation Camp.					
MGA	50			403402	mE	6769093	mN
Habitat	Revegetated area	bordered by road	1.				
Soil	Pale orange clay s	sand.					
Rock							
Vegetation	Eucalyptus loxop woodland over Ad shrubland over sc	hleba subsp. sup cacia acuminata, attered mixed he	ralaevis, Euca Acacia nigrip rbs.	lyptus sp. a ilosa subsp	and Allocasuarina huegel p. nigripilosa and Greville	iana low ope ea sp. open	'n
Veg Conditio	on N/A.						
Fire	Very Old.						
Note	Bare ground: 75%	<b>o.</b>					

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	Litter cover: - logs, - Twigs, - Lvs.
	Disturbance type: Revegetated.

Quad Name	Cover C	Height	Specimen I	Notes
Acacia acuminata	+	3m	GBB01.07	
Acacia acuminata	2%	2m	GBB08.05	
Acacia nigripilosa subsp. nigripilosa	2%	2m	GBB05.29	
Acacia nigripilosa subsp. nigripilosa	+	0.3m	GBB05.29	
Acacia sp.	+	1.5m	GBB14.07	
Allocasuarina huegeliana	1%	8m	GBB14.05	
Aristida contorta	+	0.1m	GBB05.12	
Austrostipa elegantissima	+	0.8m	GBB08.08	
Avena fatua	+	0.4m	NC	
Echium plantagineum	+	0.4m	GBB03.03	Weed
Eucalyptus loxophleba subsp. supralaevis	5%	4m	GBB14.01	
Eucalyptus sp.	2%	4m	GBB14.03	
Eucalyptus sp.	2%	2m	GBB14.02	
Grevillea sp.	2%	2m	GBB14.04	
Lomandra sp.	+	0.3m	GBB14.09	
Maireana georgei	+	0.3m	GBB14.06	
Maireana tomentosa subsp. tomentosa	+	0.4m	GBB06.02	
Ptilotus gaudichaudii var. parviflorus	+	0.3m	GBB02.08	
Ptilotus polystachyus var. polystachyus	+	0.4m	GBB01.16	
Senna glutinosa subsp. charlesiana	+	1.2m	GBB14.08	
Solanum lasiophyllum	+	0.3m	GBB02.12	

Mingenew	to	Site	GBB15			
Described	DA		Date	10/29/2008 Type R		
Season				U	niformity	
Location	Morawa Ac	commod	lation Camp.			
MGA	50			403650	mE	6769035 <b>mN</b>
Habitat	Revegetated	l area bo	ordered by roa	d.		
Soil	Orange clay	vey sand				
Rock						
Vegetation	Eucalyptus woodland o scattered m	loxophle ver Acae nixed her	eba subsp. Sup cia acuminata, bs.	oralaevis, Eucalyptus sp., , Acacia ligulata and Aca	, and Allocasuarina huegeli icia acuminata high open sh	ana low open rrubland over
Veg Conditio	on N/A.					
Fire	Very Old.					
Note	Bare ground Litter cover	d: 70%. : - logs,	5% Twigs, 5%	% Lvs.		

Disturbance type: Revegetated. Notes: Older rehabilitated area to the west (same species) at 403479 mE, 6768897 mN.

Quad Name	Cover C	Height	Specimen	Notes
Acacia acuminata	2%	4m	GBB01.07	
Acacia acuminata	2%	2.4m	GBB08.05	
Acacia coolgardiensis	1%	2.5m	GBB05.07	
Acacia ligulata	2%	2.5m	GBB15.01	
Acacia sp.	+	0.6m	GBB14.07	
Allocasuarina huegeliana	2%	3m	GBB14.05	
Angianthus tomentosus	+	0.2m	GBB09.02	Variable species
Aristida contorta	+	0.2m	GBB05.12	
Austrostipa elegantissima	+	0.4m	GBB08.08	
Austrostipa elegantissima	+	0.4m	GBB08.08	
Enchylaena tomentosa	+	0.7m	GBB01.09	
Eucalyptus loxophleba subsp. supralaevis	2%	4m	GBB14.01	
Eucalyptus sp.	2%	4m	GBB14.03	
Eucalyptus sp.	2%	3m	GBB14.02	
Grevillea sp.	+	3m	GBB14.04	
Maireana tomentosa subsp. tomentosa	+	0.4m	GBB06.02	
Monachather paradoxus	+	0.4m	GBB05.06	
Podolepis canescens	+	0.2m	GBB05.23	
Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus	+	0.2m	GBB08.01	
Ptilotus polystachyus var. polystachyus	+	0.4m	GBB01.16	
Rhagodia drummondii	+	0.3m	GBB04.10	
Solanum lasiophyllum	+	0.3m	GBB05.05	
Solanum lasiophyllum	+	1.4m	GBB02.12	
Waitzia acuminata	+	0.2m	GBB01.12	

# APPENDIX G FLORA SPECIES INVENTORY



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## **APPENDIX G**

### Flora Species Inventory

Family	Species Name
Adiantaceae	Cheilanthes sieberi subsp. sieberi
Aizoaceae	*Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum
Amaranthaceae	Ptilotus ? obovatus
Amaranthaceae	Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus
Amaranthaceae	Ptilotus gaudichaudii var. parviflorus
Amaranthaceae	Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus
Amaranthaceae	Ptilotus polystachyus var. polystachyus
Anthericaceae	Thysanotus manglesianus
Asteraceae	Angianthus tomentosus
Asteraceae	Podolepis canescens
Asteraceae	Pogonolepis stricta
Asteraceae	Schoenia cassiniana
Asteraceae	*Sonchus oleraceus
Asteraceae	Waitzia acuminata
Boraginaceae	*Echium plantagineum
Boraginaceae	Halgania anagalloides
Boryaceae	Borya sphaerocephala
Brassicaceae	*Raphanus sp.
Caesalpiniaceae	Senna charlesiana
Caesalpiniaceae	Senna glutinosa subsp. charlesiana
Casuarinaceae	Allocasuarina huegeliana
Casuarinaceae	Allocasuarina lehmanniana
Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex cinerea
Chenopodiaceae	CHENOPODIACEAE sp.
Chenopodiaceae	Chenopodium gaudichaudianum
Chenopodiaceae	Enchylaena tomentosa

Family	Species Name
Chenopodiaceae	Enchylaena tomentosa var. tomentosa
Chenopodiaceae	Maireana georgei
Chenopodiaceae	Maireana tomentosa subsp. tomentosa
Chenopodiaceae	Rhagodia drummondii
Chenopodiaceae	<i>Rhagodia</i> sp.
Chenopodiaceae	<i>Rhagodia</i> sp. Watheroo (R.J. Cranfield & P.J. Spencer 8183)
Dasypogonaceae	Lomandra sp.
Dilleniaceae	<i>Hibbertia</i> sp.
Ecdeiocoleaceae	Ecdeiocolea monostachya
Geraniaceae	Erodium cygnorum
Goodeniaceae	Dampiera lavandulacea
Goodeniaceae	<i>Goodenia</i> sp.
Goodeniaceae	Velleia cycnopotamica
Lamiaceae	Dicrastylis fulva
Malvaceae	Alyogyne hakeifolia
Malvaceae	<i>Sida</i> sp. dark green fruit (S. van Leeuwen 2260)
Mimosaceae	Acacia acuminata
Mimosaceae	Acacia coolgardiensis
Mimosaceae	Acacia jibberdingensis
Mimosaceae	Acacia ligulata
Mimosaceae	Acacia longiphyllodinea
Mimosaceae	Acacia nigripilosa subsp. nigripilosa
Mimosaceae	Acacia sp.
Mimosaceae	Acacia stereophylla var. stereophylla
Myoporaceae	Eremophila clarkei
Myrtaceae	Baeckea megaflora
Myrtaceae	Calytrix flavescens
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus ewartiana
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus loxophleba subsp. supralaevis

Family	Species Name
Myrtaceae	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.
Myrtaceae	Malleostemon tuberculatus
Myrtaceae	<i>Melaleuca</i> sp.
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca stereophloia
Papilionaceae	Jacksonia sp.
Phormiaceae	Dianella revoluta var. divaricata
Poaceae	*Avena fatua
Poaceae	Aristida contorta
Poaceae	Austrostipa elegantissima
Poaceae	Austrostipa sp.
Poaceae	Monachather paradoxus
Poaceae	<i>Monachather</i> sp.
Poaceae	POACEAE sp.
Polygalaceae	Comesperma integerrimum
Proteaceae	<i>Grevillea</i> sp.
Solanaceae	Solanum lasiophyllum

# APPENDIX H FLORA SPECIES-BY-SITE MATRIX



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#### APPENDIX H

Matrix of Species Found Within Each Site

Species Name	GA21	GA22	GA23	GA24	GA25	GA26	GA27	GA28	GA29	GA30	GA31	GBB14	GBB15	GAOPCO
*Avena fatua												+		
*Echium plantagineum	1%			+			1%	2%		+		+		
*Mesembn/anthemum nodiflorum	+	15%	5%			+		+	+	+	2%			
*Panhanus sp		1070	0.0								2 /0			
Rapilanus sp.	Ŧ													
"Sonchus oleraceus	+	0.07		50/	50/		+	+	400/			0.0/	0.07	
Acacia acuminata		2%		5%	5%				10%			2%	2%	
Acacia coolgardiensis													1%	
Acacia jibberdingensis														+
Acacia ligulata								5%		2%			2%	
Acacia longinbyllodinea	+							0.0		270			270	
Acacia nigrinilosa subsp. nigrinilosa		10/			10%	10/		5%	20/2		+	20/-		
Acacia nigripilosa subsp. nigripilosa		1 70			40 /0	1 70		J /0	2/0	10/	т	2 /0		
Acacia sp.				00/				170	20%	170		Ŧ	<b>τ</b>	
Acacia stereophylia var. stereophylia				2%										
Allocasuarina huegeliana												1%	2%	
Allocasuarina lehmanniana	+													
Alyogyne hakeifolia								1%						+
Angianthus tomentosus				5%	+		+						+	
Aristida contorta							10%	2%	35%	2%		+	+	
Atriplex cinerea			40%											
Austrostina elegantissima						1%						+	+	
Austrostina sp						+	35%	2%	2%	2%	+	-		
Raeckea megaflora	±						5570	2 /0	270	2 /0	•			
Daeckea meganora	T 40/													
Dorya spriaerocepriala	1 70													
Calytrix flavescens	10%													
Cheilanthes sieberi subsp. sieberi														
CHENOPODIACEAE sp.				+										
Chenopodium gaudichaudianum						25%				+	5%			
Comesperma integerrimum		+						+						
Dampiera lavandulacea	1%													
Dianella revoluta var. divaricata	10%	1%		1%	+			+			+			
Dicrastylis fulva														+
Ecdeiocolea monostachva	25%		2%											
Enchvlaena tomentosa	-												+	
Enchylaena tomentosa var tomentosa		2%				20%	+	10%	2%	1%	2%			
Eremonhila clarkei		270				2070			270		+			
Erodium cyanorum											-			+
Eucalunt of ghorann				2%										
Eucalyptus ewantana				10%	20/2	20%					25%	<b>5</b> %	20/	
				10 /0	2 /0	20 /0					2370	J /0 20/	2 /0	
Eucalypius sp.												270	Z 70	
Goodenia sp.	00/				50/				+			00/		
Grevillea sp.	2%				5%							2%		
Halgania anagalloides				+										
Hibbertia sp.	1%													
Jacksonia sp.	5%			1%										
Lomandra sp.												+		
Maireana georgei			2%		+	20%				+	2%	+		
Maireana tomentosa subsp. tomentosa												+	+	
Malleostemon tuberculatus	+													
Melaleuca sp.	25%													
Melaleuca stereophloia		15%							15%					
Monachather paradoxus													+	
Monachather sp.	+	+		1%	+		10%							
POACEAE sp	+													
Podolenis canescens	-												+	
Pogonolenis stricta									5%					
Ptilotus 2 obovatus							1		570					
Ptilotus 2 obovalus						<u>ــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ</u>	т				<u>т</u>			
Prilotus exaltatus val. exaltatus						Ŧ		250/		400/	т			
Pliolus gaudichaudii val. parvillorus								30%		40%		Ŧ		
Plilotus obovatus var. obovatus							+	40%		40%			+	
Ptilotus polystachyus var. polystachyus	+	+					10%		+	+		+	+	
Rhagodia drummondii													+	
Rhagodia sp.					+									
Rhagodia sp. Watheroo (R.J. Cranfield & P.J. Spencer 8183)					1%			2%	2%	5%	2%			
Schoenia cassiniana	+	4%		+										+
Senna charlesiana						2%		2%						
Senna glutinosa subsp. charlesiana				+								+		
Sida sp. dark green fruit (S. van Leeuwen 2260)		+												
Solanum lasiophyllum	+	2%	+	2%			30%	5%		2%		+	+	
Thysanotus manglesianus														+
Velleia cvcnopotamica	+													
Waitzia acuminata	20%	30%		5%	5%		+	+	5%	+	+		+	

# APPENDIX I LOCATIONS OF INTRODUCED FLORA SPECIES



# MORAWA PROPOSED ACCOMMODATION CAMP – FLORA & VEGETATION ASSESSMENT

## **APPENDIX I**

## LOCATION OF INTRODUCED SPECIES

Таха	Site Number	<sup>#</sup> Easting	<sup>#</sup> Northing
*Avena fatua	GBB15	50403650	6769035
*Echium plantagineum	GA21	50402990	6768488
	GA24	50403314	6769333
	GA27	50403247	6768817
	GA28	50403390	6768502
	GA30	50403362	6768706
	GBB14	50403402	6769093
*Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum	GA21	50402990	6768488
	GA22	50402975	6768915
	GA23	50403145	6769065
	GA26	50403360	6768983
	GA28	50403390	6768502
	GA29	50403216	6768513
	GA30	50403362	6768706
	GA31	50403440	6768803
*Raphanus sp.	GA21	50402990	6768488
*Sonchus oleraceus	GA21	50402990	6768488
	GA27	50403247	6768817
	GA28	50403390	6768502

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