

Annual Compliance Report 2025
Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme
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Glossary

Abbreviation	Definition
ACR	Annual Compliance Report
BT	Balance tank
CEMP	Construction Environmental Management Plan
CEP	Construction Environmental Plan
CET	Construction Environmental Table
DCCEEW	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
Eagle management constraint period	Means the period commencing on 1 July and ending on 31 January in the same financial year, unless a shortened or lengthened period of this name is determined (identified annually in November) and publicly advised by the Forest Practices Authority in writing
EPBC Act	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>
Farm WAP	Farm Water Access Plan
GGF	Green and gold frog
ha	hectare
HSE	health, safety & environment
km	kilometre
m	metre
Minister	The Australian Government Minister administering the EPBC Act, including any delegate thereof
MNES	Matters of National Environmental Significance
NBES	North Barker Environmental Services
NMIS	Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme
OMP	Offset Management Plan
PS	Pump Station
Reporting period	9 July 2024 to 9 July 2025
TI	Tasmanian Irrigation Pty Ltd

Introduction

Project Background

The Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme (the Project) involves the construction of a new irrigation scheme to supply 25,500 megalitres of water per annum from the Poatina Tailrace to 40 landowners located across the suburbs of Cressy, Campbell Town, Epping Forest, and Ross, in the Northern Midlands region of Tasmania.

The Project will allow for the irrigation of approximately 128,400 hectares and consists of the following key components:

- Approximately 155 km of large diameter pipeline
- An offtake dam, to be constructed adjacent to the Poatina Tailrace
- Two balance tanks, the Poatina BT, with an adjacent overflow dam, and the Valleyfield BT.
- Access roads to both the Poatina BT and Valleyfield BT.
- Three pump stations:
 - Valleyfield PS
 - Poatina PS
 - Barton PS

An overview of the NMIS is shown in Figure 1. Further information on the Project, including the locations of project elements is provided in Section 3 of Construction Environmental Management Plan (refer to Appendix 2 for schedule of documents and website links).

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to meet conditions 39 to 45 of EPBC permit 2022/09295 (the Permit), which requires preparation of an Annual Compliance Report (ACR) for each 12-month period following project approval by the Minister.

The NMIS project was approved by the Minister on 9 July 2024.

This report is the Project's inaugural report and details compliance with the Permit from 9 July 2024 to the 9 July 2025 (the reporting period). The report has been developed in accordance with the EPBC Act *Annual Compliance Report guidelines*.

Description of Activities During the ACR Reporting Period

Construction on the NMIS project commenced 28 August 2024. Over 80km of 152km pipeline was installed during the reporting period, including three major river pipeline crossings. Air valves, scour valves and isolation valves are progressively installed during pipeline construction.

Other construction activities that commenced during the reporting period include:

- Construction of the Poatina and Valleyfield balance tanks (construction was put on hold at these locations from 1 July 2025 as they are located within 1km of Tasmanian Wedge-tailed eagle (*Aquila audax fleayi*) nests and therefore subject to Condition 8 of the Permit).
- Construction of the Poatina and Valleyfield pump stations.
- Construction of the Poatina Offtake Dam (approximately 85% complete)

Construction on the Epping Forest pump station will commence in the next reporting period.

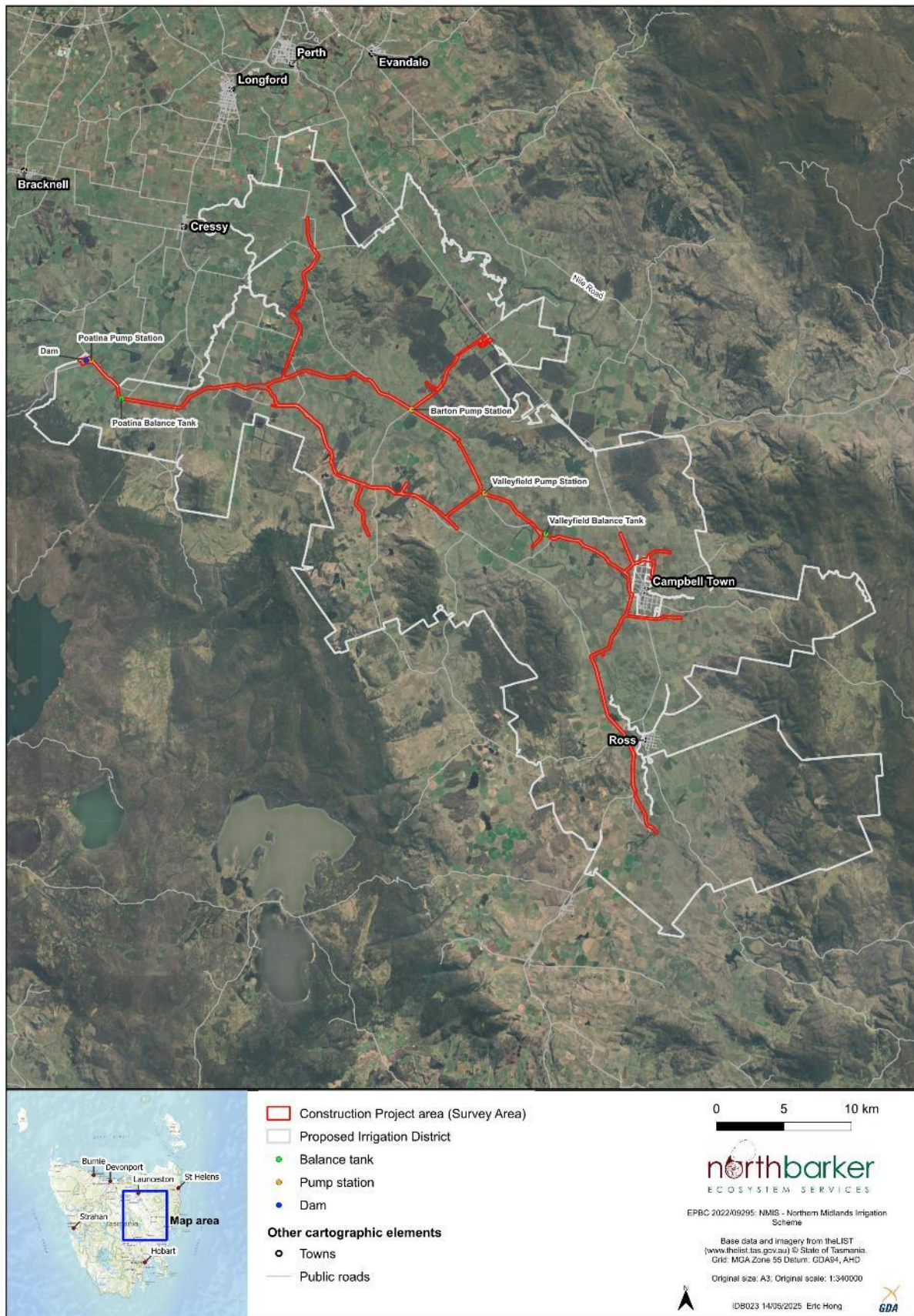


Figure 1 Overview of NMIS Project Area and Irrigation District

Statement of Compliance

Table 1 outlines how each of the conditions of approval for the NMIS Project have been addressed in the reporting period (9 July 2024 – 9 July 2025).

The designations of compliance in relation to each condition and summary of commitment has been undertaken in accordance with the EPBC Act *Annual Compliance Report guidelines*, and are as follows:

- Compliant - 'Compliance' is achieved when all the requirements of a condition have been met, including the implementation of management plans or other measures required by those conditions.
- Non-compliant - A designation of 'non-compliant' must be given where the requirements of a condition or elements of a condition, including the implementation of management plans and other measures, have not been met.
- Not applicable - A designation of 'not applicable' must be given where the requirements of a condition or elements of a condition fall outside of the scope of the current reporting period. For example, a condition that applies to an activity that has not yet commenced.

A schedule of the plans approved in accordance with EPBC 2022/09295 is provided in Appendix 1.

Table 1 – Compliance table for the Northern Midlands Irrigation Scheme for the reporting period 9 July 2024 to 9 July 2025.

Condition No.	Condition	Compliance Status	Comments/ Evidence
1	The approval holder must not: a) clear outside of the project area. b) construct outside of the project area.	Non-compliant	The project area was defined as the construction corridor during the reporting period. Two non-compliances with condition 1 occurred during the reporting period. The first non-compliance occurred 16 October 2024 when the contractor cleared approximately 14m² of low-lying roadside vegetation outside the construction corridor (N3_2100). The second non-compliance occurred 10 April 2025 when an excavator and pipe welding machine tracked outside of the construction corridor on the N5 line (approximate chainage ~850) to avoid a tree protection zone and impacted mapped optimal Tasmanian Devil, Eastern Quoll and Spotted-tail Quoll habitat. Both non-compliances occurred in the Project survey area and applicable protocol areas had been surveyed prior to the events occurring. No protected matters were impacted. Further detail on these non-conformances, including corrective actions is provided in Table 2. TI applied for a permit variation during the reporting period to change the project area definition to the survey area. The permit variation was approved by DCCEEW during publication of this report.
2	The approval holder must not clear more than: a) 17.47 hectares (ha) of Tasmanian Devil, Eastern Quoll and Spotted-tail Quoll habitat b) 12 potential hollow-bearing trees c) 4 square metres (m²) of Matted Flax-lily.	Compliant	A total of 10.72 hectares (ha) of optimal Tasmanian Devil, Eastern Quoll and Spotted-tail Quoll habitat was cleared in the reporting period. This total includes approximately 0.02 hectares of optimal habitat that was impacted as a result of the non-compliance that occurred 10 April 2025 (as detailed in Table 2). Four square metres (4 m²) of Matted Flax-lily was cleared on 4 December in accordance with the permit and CEP management measure requirements. TI approved the clearing and was present for the removal. No potential hollow bearing trees were cleared during the reporting period. Some trees identified on the Permit as potential hollow bearing trees were assessed by North Barker Environmental Services (NBES) during the reporting period and determined to not be habitat trees. These included CEF trees 187-189 on the E1 line (approximate chainage 5350), which are shown on Map 14 of the Permit, dated 9 July 2025. While not considered habitat trees, the trees were not cleared during construction as tree clearing is avoided where possible. Clearing maps for the reporting period are provided in Appendix 2. Clearing shapefiles are provided on the TI website under Project Documentation for the NMIS project.

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3	If the approval holder detects the presence, where likely to be affected by the Action, of any protected matter or the habitat of any protected matter not previously reported to the department as part of the referral of this Action or in accordance with this condition, the approval holder must: a) notify the department in writing of the presence and likely extent of any protected matter or the habitat of any protected matter not previously reported to the department within 10 business days of detecting the presence of any protected matter or the habitat of any protected matter not previously reported to the department, and b) not clear any area where the protected matter or the habitat of the protected matter is located unless: i. condition 2 provides for the clearing of that protected matter or habitat of that protected matter, and ii. clearing does not exceed the limit specified in condition 2 for that protected matter or habitat of that protected matter.	Compliant	DCCEEW were notified of the following protected matters that were identified during in the reporting period and not previously reported in the Action: 1. New Tasmanian wedge-tailed eagle (<i>Aquila audax fleayi</i>) nest on the N1b line. DCCEEW were notified 18 December 2024. 2. Four new matted flax lily locations on the CA line. DCCEEW were notified 20 June 2025. 3. One White-bellied Sea eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>) nest on the CB line. DCCEEW were notified 20 June 2025. This nest is being managed in accordance with conditions 8 to 11 in the permit given Tasmanian wedge-tailed eagles could potentially use the nest in future. All new locations and exclusion zone requirements were added to the Project's GIS planning map and CEPs. Appendix B of the CEMP was under review at the time additional protected matters were found (June 2025). A revised CEMP will be submitted to DCCEEW following the permit variation approval, which will include an updated Appendix B showing new protected matters that were identified June 2025.
4	To mitigate harm to the Tasmanian Devil, Eastern Quoll and Spotted-tail Quoll within the project area, the approval holder must commence implementing the Pre-clearance Check and Unanticipated Den Discovery Protocol no later than the commencement of the Action and continue to implement the Pre-clearance Check and Unanticipated Den Discovery Protocol for any construction works until completion of the Action.	Non-compliant	The Pre-clearance Check and Unanticipated Den Discovery Protocol was updated 26 July 2024 in accordance with Condition 26 of the Permit. The update removed the ability for the contractor to undertake surveys in optimal and sub optimal denning habitat, instead requiring these surveys to be undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist. The revised protocol was approved by DCCEEW 7 August 2024. During the reporting period, unsuitable denning habitat surveys were undertaken by the contractor or Project Environmental Consultant in accordance with the Protocol. Sub optimal and optimal habitat surveys were undertaken by the Project Environmental Consultant. Two non-compliances with the protocol occurred during the reporting period. These occurred on 9 September 2024 and 6 November 2024. The first non-compliance occurred when the contractor did not seek approval from TI to clear optimal habitat. The contractor had undertaken pre-clearance surveys in accordance with the protocol, however as specified in the CEMP, the contractor must seek TI approval to clear optimal habitat to ensure compliance with Condition 2. The second non-compliance occurred when the contractor started clearing within 50m of a den that was still under assessment. TI understands an exclusion zone was not in place at the time the event occurred. An additional <u>potential</u> non-conformance was reported to DCCEEW 2 June 2025. The contractor reduced a 50m exclusion zone to 5m at a den under assessment on the B2 line to allow for corridor access. The den was an active wombat burrow, and a one-way

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			gate had been installed by the ecologist to allow for decommissioning. No clearing or construction occurred within the exclusion zone. After further investigation, TI could not conclude that a non-conformance with the protocol had occurred due to inconsistencies with the protocol and questions around whether the protocol applies to access. Section 2A(i) implies that the protocol applies to clearing and construction only. Apparent contradictions and various interpretations of exclusion zone requirements in sections 2A(v) and 2A(vi) of the Protocol also made it difficult to conclude that a non-conformance occurred. TI acknowledged that the structure and wording of the protocol caused confusion and is subsequently updating the protocol to address issues identified during the investigation. No protected matters were impacted as a result of the non-compliances mentioned above, however a number of corrective actions were implemented to prevent recurrences, including (1) the implementation of a den survey checklist that summarises survey findings (instead of ecologist reports), (2) developing a pre-clearance checklist that supervisors can use to ensure all requirements have been met prior to commencing work, and (3) creating a den point layer that must be updated on the day of surveys and visible in the Project's GIS planning map. The person undertaking the survey is responsible for completing a den survey checklist and adding den points to the Project's GIS planning map. This information is then added to a pre-clearance checklist which is reviewed by supervisors prior to commencing works. Further information on non-compliances, including corrective actions is provided in Table 2. Twenty-four (24) dens were decommissioned during the reporting period. Details have been submitted to NRE Tasmania as part of the permit to take requirements. TI approves the decommissioning of dens in consultation with the Project Environmental Consultant.
5	To mitigate harm to the Tasmanian Devil, Eastern Quoll and Spotted-tail Quoll within the project area, the approval holder must commence implementing the Roadkill Mitigation Protocol/Strategy no later than the commencement of the Action and continue to implement the Roadkill Mitigation Protocol/Strategy for any construction works until completion of the Action.	Compliant	The Roadkill Mitigation Strategy was implemented upon commencement of the Action. The strategy was reviewed by NBES in March 2025 as part of a 6 monthly audit. A total of three Project-related mortalities were reported in the 6 months between commencement of construction and 28 February 2025, representing 1.2 % of recorded roadkill. No threatened species were killed by project vehicles. The audit concluded that mitigation measures were sufficient for reducing the risk of significant impacts to threatened species from increased construction traffic, however recommendations were provided regarding how data was collected. It was identified during the audit that the contractor was recording inaccurate coordinates. They were capturing roadkill information in a spreadsheet however

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			locations were inaccurate because the contractor was rounding latitude and longitude coordinates. Following the audit, the contractor was instructed to record and maintain data in shapefile. The new process was implemented 31 March 2025.
6	To mitigate harm to the Growling Grass Frog, within the project area, the approval holder must commence implementing the Green and Gold Frog Habitat Management and Impact Mitigation Protocol no later than the commencement of the Action and continue to implement the Green and Gold Frog Habitat Management and Impact Mitigation Protocol for any construction works until the completion of the Action.	Compliant	The Green and Golden Frog (<i>Litoria raniformis</i>) Habitat Management and Impact Mitigation Protocol was implemented upon commencement of the Action. Over 300 green and gold frog protocol surveys (including resurveys) were undertaken in the construction corridor during the reporting period, and no green and gold frogs were found. A green and gold frog survey checklist was implemented 1 October 2024 to assist with approval of CEMP hold points (prior to this information was only available in ecologist reports). A pre-clearance checklist was introduced 29 August 2024 and also includes information on green and gold frog surveys. The checklist has been progressively updated and now includes a hold point that requires TI review prior to the commencement of works to ensure all protocol requirements have been met, including the green and gold frog.
7	To mitigate harm to the Masked Owl within the project area, the approval holder must commence implementing the Habitat Tree (Hollow Bearing) Management Protocol no later than the commencement of the Action and continue to implement the Habitat Tree (Hollow Bearing) Management Protocol until the completion of the Action.	Compliant	The Habitat Tree (Hollow Bearing) Management Protocol was implemented upon commencement of the Action. No habitat trees cleared to date.
8	To mitigate harm to the Tasmanian Wedge-tailed Eagle, the approval holder must: a) not conduct construction works within 1000 m of an active eagle nest during the eagle management constraint period unless the works are not visible from any active eagle nest, b) not conduct construction works within 500 m of an active eagle nest during the eagle management constraint period, except in the circumstances specified in condition 10), c) not clear or construct within 200 m of any tree that contains a Tasmanian Wedge-tailed Eagle nest, d) if any construction is to occur during the eagle management constraint period, undertake an aerial nest search to detect all active eagle nests within 1250 m of any area within the project area where construction is planned during the eagle management constraint period. e) not conduct planned maintenance within 500 m of any active eagle nest during the eagle management constraint period.	Compliant	Works have been undertaken in accordance with condition 8 during the reporting period. Location of known eagle nests and exclusion zones are marked on the NMIS field planning maps and in Appendix B of the CEMP. The pre-clearance checklist also includes questions on whether the activity can be undertaken in accordance with this condition. TI will not approve commencement of works if this condition cannot be met. An aerial nest survey was undertaken by eagle specialists on 22 October 2024. The aerial search confirmed that two nests were inactive and therefore no longer subject to condition 8 during the 2024-2025 constraint period. A suspected new nest (3494) was found approximately 150 m southeast of Nest 3219 and was suspected to be a replacement nest for Nest 3219 which could not be found during the aerial search. The nest was subsequently lodged as a new nest in the Natural Values Atlas and planning maps subsequently updated with revised constraints. DCCEEW were also notified of the new nest in accordance with condition 3.

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9	The approval holder must ensure: a) all aerial nest searches conducted in relation to this Action are only undertaken: i) in accordance with the Fauna Technical Note 1: Eagle Nest Searching, Activity checking and Nest Management, ii) between 1 March to 30 June of any given year, iii) at least once within any given two-year period, within the project area, an aerial nest searches is undertaken in each area which fall within 1250 m of any area where construction is planned during the eagle management constraint period.	Compliant	Eagle nest surveys were undertaken prior to commencing the Action as per the project's Preliminary Documentation and Natural Values Assessment. This included: 1. Aerial nest survey across the project area (6 May 2021). 2. Assessment of 4 nests within 1km of the design corridor (2-3 March 2022) 3. Aerial nest survey across the project area (28 June 2023). 4. Ground survey for eagle nests not located during aerial searches (8 August 2023). Eagle nest aerial searches were undertaken June 2025 in accordance with Condition 9 or the permit. No new Tasmanian wedge-tailed eagle (<i>Aquila audax fleayi</i>) nests were found, however a suspected, white-bellied sea eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>) nest was identified. This nest is being managed in accordance with conditions 8 to 11 in the permit given Tasmanian wedge-tailed eagles could potentially use the nest in future. All new locations and exclusion zone requirements were added to the Project's GIS planning map and CEPs. Appendix B of the CEMP was under review at the time additional protected matters were found (June 2025). A revised CEMP will be submitted to DCCEEW following the permit variation approval, which will include an updated Appendix B showing new protected matters that were identified June 2025.
10	In the event that unplanned repair work or maintenance must be undertaken during the eagle management constraint period, unless the repair work is urgently required to avert serious threat to life, property or the environment, the approval holder must: a) unless an aerial nest search was undertaken in accordance with the Fauna Technical Note 1: Eagle Nest Searching, Activity checking and Nest Management to detect all active eagle nests within 1250 m of the location, assume that all known nests are active eagle nests, b) ensure that, before entering the project area, all workers are aware of the location of all active eagle nests, c) ensure that no person or vehicle enters any area within 200 m of an active eagle nest, d) ensure that no person looks directly towards an active eagle nest while they are within 1,000 m of an active eagle nest, e) ensure that, unless not visible from any active eagle nest, no heavy vehicles and no more than 2 light vehicles enter any area within 1,000 m of an active eagle nest and that, in any seven-day period, no vehicle enters within 1,000 m of an active eagle nest more than twice, f) ensure that no heavy vehicles, and no more than 2 light vehicles, enter any area within 500 m of an active eagle nest and that, in any seven-day period, or enters within 500m of an active eagle nest more than twice,	Not applicable	No unplanned repair work or maintenance occurred during the reporting period.

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	g) ensure that, in any seven-day period, unless not visible from any active eagle nest, no vehicle remains within 1,000 m of an active eagle nest any longer than 30 minutes and that regardless of visibility, no vehicle remains within 500 m of an active eagle nest any longer than 30 minutes, unless a suitably qualified eagle specialist has provided prior written agreement to the use of vehicles for longer than 30 minutes, specifying the required safeguards and mitigation measures and justification that harm will not result from the presence of the vehicles for longer than 30 minutes, h) if safety requirements allow, instruct workers to not wear hi-visibility clothing while in the allowed proximity to an active eagle nest, i) ensure that no vehicle is parked within sight of an active eagle nest. ensure workers always remain within 5 m of one another (where practical) and no work breaks are conducted while within 500 m of an active eagle nest.		
11	In the event that unplanned repair work or maintenance must be undertaken during the eagle management constraint period, and that repair work is urgently required to avert serious threat to life, property or the environment, the approval must adhere to the requirements of condition 10) as closely as possible while giving priority to avert the serious threat to life, property or the environment.	Not applicable	No unplanned repair work or maintenance occurred during the reporting period.
12	To avoid impacts to the Swan Galaxias, the approval holder must not clear in, dig in, or cause the pipeline to cross any waterway containing running or open water with potential Swan Galaxias habitat unless the approval holder has had an aquatic fauna expert undertake an aquatic survey of the waterway and the aquatic fauna expert has determined that Swan Galaxias is absent from the waterway. If the presence of Swan Galaxias is detected in any waterway the approval holder must submit a proposed waterway crossing method to the department for approval. The approval holder must not clear in, dig in, or cause the pipeline to cross that waterway unless the Minister has approved the method of crossing that waterway. The approval holder must implement the approved waterway crossing method.	Compliant	A prioritisation study and electrofishing survey were completed by an aquatic fauna expert from August to September 2024. Approximately 200 watercourses in the project area were considered unsuitable habitat for swan galaxias. Five watercourses with potential habitat were electro fished, and swan galaxias was found at one location downstream of the Project area in Dairy Creek. The species was not found in any other watercourses. The Dairy Creek Crossing Methodology and Construction Water Quality Management Plan was developed to help to mitigate the potential for harm to this species, in accordance with condition 12 of EPBC 2022/09295. Construction of the Dairy Creek crossing was completed 28 March 2025 in accordance with the methodology. Revegetation was completed 2 April. Long term maintenance and monitoring is ongoing as per the methodology.
13	Prior to commencement of the Action the approval holder must submit a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) to the department for the Minister's approval.	Compliant	The CEMP (version 2) was prepared to satisfy condition 13 and was approved by DCCEEW 23 August 2024.
14	The environmental objective of the CEMP must be to prevent and mitigate harm to protected matters.	Compliant	The environmental objective of the three approved versions of the CEMP is to prevent and mitigate harm to protected matters. No protected matters have been harmed during the reporting period, other than those allowed under condition 2 of the Permit.

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15	The approval holder must not commence the Action unless the Minister has approved the CEMP in writing. The approval holder must implement the approved CEMP until the completion of the Action.	Non-compliant	The CEMP (version 2) was approved by DCCEEW 23 August 2024. The Action commenced 26 August 2024. The CEMP was updated 22 November 2024 to include Appendix B1 <i>Poatina Buffer Dam Construction Environmental Plan and Table</i> . Version 3 was submitted to DCCEEW 22 November 2024 via the streamlined RAMP mechanism. DCCEEW concluded CEMP version 3 met the requirements of condition 26 and the streamlined RAMP Mechanism (Attachment C) 10 December 2024.
16	The CEMP must be consistent with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines. All commitments, including environmental outcomes, management measures, corrective actions, trigger values and performance indicators in the CEMP must be SMART and based on referenced or included evidence of effectiveness. The CEMP must include measures to protect, repair and mitigate harm to protected matters including, but not limited to, the mitigation measures proposed within the Preliminary Documentation and the following: a) ensuring that no person or vehicle enters within 5 metres (m) of Grassland Greenhood or Propellor Plant individuals or within 10 m of Matted Flax-lily plants (except in accordance with condition 2) c)), b) measures to control weeds and ensure pathogen and weed propagule hygiene within the project area, c) measures to prevent erosion, sedimentation, and surface run-off within or from the project area, d) measures to respond appropriately to unanticipated discoveries of aboriginal artefacts within the project area (i.e. unanticipated discovery protocol), e) measures, including directional drilling, to mitigate harm to protected matters at localities in which watercourses intersect the project area, f) measures to manage risk of fauna mortality resulting from trenching works, g) details of the relevant protected matters and a reference to the EPBC Act approval conditions to which the plan refers, h) a table of commitments made in the plan to achieve the environmental objectives, and a reference to exactly where these commitments are detailed in the plan, i) commitments capable of ensuring that the environmental objectives are achieved, j) reporting and review mechanisms to demonstrate compliance with the commitments made in the plan, k) an assessment of risks relating to achieving the environmental objectives and risk management strategies and/or mitigation measures that will be applied to address identified risks, l) impact avoidance, mitigation and/or repair measures, and the timing of those measures, m) a monitoring program, which must include: i) measurable performance indicators, ii) trigger values for corrective actions,	Compliant	The CEMP is consistent with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines and includes measures to mitigate harm the protected matters, both those referred to in the Preliminary Documentation and those discovered during the project. A revised CEMP (version 5) was submitted to DCCEEW during the reporting period to address new environmental risks identified during construction and update the CEMP and sub plans to improve mitigation measures and/or provide clearer recommendations. DCCEEW approved Version 5 of the CEMP 24 July 2025, during the development of this ACR. Updated conditions and reporting requirements associated with the permit variation will be addressed in the 2026 ACR. Version 2, 3 and 5 of the Project's CEMP is available on the TI website (see Appendix 1 for website links).

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	iii) the timing and frequency of monitoring, ensuring monitoring is capable of detecting trigger values and changes in the performance indicators, and iv) proposed corrective actions if trigger values are reached, and v) links to other relevant plans or conditions of approval (including state or territory approval conditions).																		
17	The approval holder must, at least until the completion of the Action, ensure that the Farm Water Access Plan Biodiversity Module is implemented on any property which is proposed to receive water from the Action and the outcomes of implementing the Farm Water Access Plan Biodiversity Module considered prior to any decision being made to allocate and supply irrigation water from the Action to that property.	Not applicable	Not applicable in this reporting period. Landholders are scheduled to receive water from the NMIS in October 2026. Information on the Farm Water Access Plan is available on the NMIS page of the TI website. https://www.tasmanianirrigation.com.au/source-assets/map-data/factsheets/Farm-WAP-Fact-Sheet-FAQs.pdf																
18	To compensate for the residual significant impacts of the Action on Tasmanian Devil, Eastern Quoll and Spotted-tail Quoll, the approval holder must implement the Offset Strategy. The approval holder must commence implementing the Offset Strategy from the date this approval is granted. The approval holder must continue to implement the Offset Strategy at least until the expiry date of this approval.	Compliant	The Offset Strategy is currently being implemented by TI. The Offset Strategy has been published on the TI website: https://www.tasmanianirrigation.com.au/source-assets/images/NMIS-Offset-Strategy-Ref-2022-09295-2-May-2024.pdf																
19	To compensate for the residual significant impacts of the Action on Tasmanian Devil, Eastern Quoll and Spotted-tail Quoll, prior to commencement of the Action and no later than 6 months following the date of this approval, the approval holder must submit to the department for approval by the Minister an Offset Management Plan (OMP) for the offset site. The approval holder must not commence operation unless the OMP has been approved in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must commence implementing the approved OMP from the date it is approved in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must continue to implement the approved OMP at least until the expiry date of this approval.	Compliant	The following presents the development of the Offset Management Plan: <table><tr><td>V1</td><td>31/05/2024 Initial Submission</td></tr><tr><td>V1.1</td><td>22/07/2024 Minor Changes – TI Review</td></tr><tr><td>V1.2</td><td>5/08/2024 Minor Changes – TI Review</td></tr><tr><td>V1.3</td><td>9/08/2024 Map changes – TI Review</td></tr><tr><td>V1.4</td><td>16/08/2024 Minor Changes – TI Review</td></tr><tr><td>V1.5</td><td>27/08/2024 Changes – DCCEEW review 1</td></tr><tr><td>V1.6</td><td>20/09/2024 Changes – DCCEEW review 2</td></tr><tr><td>V1.7</td><td>DCCEEW review 3 changes drafted and currently ready for submission to DCCEEW.</td></tr></table>	V1	31/05/2024 Initial Submission	V1.1	22/07/2024 Minor Changes – TI Review	V1.2	5/08/2024 Minor Changes – TI Review	V1.3	9/08/2024 Map changes – TI Review	V1.4	16/08/2024 Minor Changes – TI Review	V1.5	27/08/2024 Changes – DCCEEW review 1	V1.6	20/09/2024 Changes – DCCEEW review 2	V1.7	DCCEEW review 3 changes drafted and currently ready for submission to DCCEEW.
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V1.6	20/09/2024 Changes – DCCEEW review 2																		
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20	The OMP must meet the requirements of the Environmental Offsets Policy and the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines to the satisfaction of the Minister. All commitments, including environmental outcomes, management measures, corrective	Compliant	The OMP was developed in accordance with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines. V1.7 of the plan is ready for submission following DCCEEW review and feedback.																

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	actions, trigger values and performance indicators in the OMP must be SMART and based on referenced or included evidence of effectiveness.		
21	The OMP must be prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist and must include: a) detailed information on the residual impacts to protected matters that will be compensated for by the offset (Note: the offset comprises the securement of the offset site and the habitat quality improvements to be achieved at the offset site). This must include the area(s) of habitat for protected matters and its habitat quality at all locations impacted by the Action which the offset is to address. b) the relevant protected matters and a reference to the EPBC Act approval conditions to which the OMP refers. c) detailed information and a shapefile specifying the location, area and boundaries of the proposed offset site, d) detailed baseline information on the areas of habitat, their condition, and the presence (or not) of the protected matters on the offset site, e) commitments to achievable ecological benefits (completion criteria) at the offset site and the timeframes in which they will be achieved, f) a table summarising all commitments to achieve the ecological benefits for protected matters at the offset site and a reference to where each commitment is detailed in the OMP, g) reporting and review mechanisms to inform the department annually regarding compliance with the management and environmental outcome commitments, and attainment and maintenance of the ecological benefits specified in the OMP, h) an assessment of risks to achieving the ecological benefit(s) and what risk management measures and/or strategies will be applied to address these, i) a monitoring program, which must specify: i) measurable performance indicators and the timeframes for their achievement to gauge attainment of the ecological benefit(s) for the protected matters. ii) trigger values for corrective actions, and iii) the proposed timing (including season/time of day/frequency) methods and effort, and an explanation of how these will be effective for this purpose, of monitoring to detect trigger values, changes in the performance indicators and to gather evidence that effectively demonstrates actual progress towards, attainment of and maintenance of the ecological benefits for the protected matters, j) corrective actions to be implemented to ensure ecological benefits for the protected matters are achieved or maintained if trigger values are reached or performance indicators not achieved in the specified timeframes, k) links to relevant referenced plans or conditions of approval (including state/territory approval conditions), and how the offset site will be secured, and the ecological benefits maintained, at least until the expiry of the approval.	Compliant	The OMP was developed in accordance with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines. V1.7 of the plan is ready for submission following DCCEEW review and feedback.

Condition No.	Condition	Compliance Status	Comments/ Evidence
22	To compensate for the residual significant impacts of the Action on Tasmanian Devil, Eastern Quoll and Spotted-tail Quoll, the approval holder must secure the offset site. The approval holder must not commence operation unless the offset site has been secured. The approval holder must submit to the department evidence of the securement of the offset site within 5 business days of the securement of the offset site.	Not applicable	TI are currently in the process of securing a conservation covenant to provide enduring conservation protection on the title of land under Section 34 of the Tasmanian Nature Conservation Act 2002 (Tas).
23	The approval holder must achieve the completion criteria specified in the approved OMP at the offset site by the time specified for each completion criteria specified in the approved OMP. Once achieved, the approval holder must maintain or exceed the offset outcomes at least until the expiry date of this approval.	Not applicable	Not applicable to this reporting period.
24	The approval holder must, within 40 business days of the 20th anniversary of the commencement of the Action: a) have the offset site assessed by a suitably qualified ecologist to determine if the completion criteria specified in the approved OMP have been achieved, and b) submit to the department a report prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist detailing the areas and condition of Tasmanian Devil, Eastern Quoll and Spotted-tail Quoll habitat present in the month prior to the 20th anniversary of the commencement of the Action in the offset site, and c) notify the department in writing of any completion criterion that has not been achieved and the likely reasons that this/these completion criteria have not been met.	Not applicable	Not applicable to this reporting period as it is a post completion requirement.
25	The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister to revise a plan by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the EPBC Act. If the Minister approves a revised action management plan (RAMP) then, from the date specified, the approval holder must implement the RAMP in place of any previous version of the plan.	Compliant	TI submitted a request to DCCEEW during the reporting period to update the permit and approve the revision of the Construction Water Quality Management Plan and development of a new Action Management Plan titled 'Access Track and Service Locating Methodology'. DCCEEW approved the permit variation and associated plans during the development of this ACR. Updated conditions and reporting requirements associated with the permit variation will be addressed in the 2026 ACR.
26	The approval holder may choose to revise a plan required to be implemented under conditions 4, 5, 6, 7, 13 or 17 without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, if: a) the approval holder implements the mechanism to revise a plan, without submitting the RAMP for Minister approval, as specified in Attachment C, and b) the taking of the Action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.	Compliant	The CEMP was updated 22 November 2024 and submitted to DCCEEW via the streamline RAMP mechanism. The updated version (CEMP version 3) includes Appendix B1 <i>Poatina Buffer Dam Construction Environmental Plan and Table</i>. DCCEEW concluded that CEMP version 3 met the requirements of condition 26 and the streamlined RAMP Mechanism 10 December 2024.

Condition No.	Condition	Compliance Status	Comments/ Evidence
27	Whenever these conditions require the approval holder to submit any plan to the department, all such plans must be submitted to the department electronically.	Compliant	All plans associated with this approval have been submitted to DCCEEW electronically and are available on the TI website (excluding Appendix B of the CEMP Appendix which was redacted in accordance with condition 30). A schedule of plans (including website links) is provided in Appendix 1.
28	Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish each plan on the website within 15 business days of the date: a) of this approval, if the version of the plan to be implemented is specified in these conditions, b) the plan is approved by the Minister in writing, if the plan requires the approval of the Minister, or c) the plan is submitted to the department in accordance with a requirement of these conditions, if the plan does not require the approval of the Minister.	Non-compliant	TI identified a non-compliance with condition 28 while reviewing permit conditions prior to commencing construction. The Offset Strategy was due to be published on the TI website by 30 July 2024. TI became aware of the non-conformance 19 August 2024 and immediately uploaded the strategy to its website. DCCEEW were notified of the non-conformance 20 August 2024. See Table 2Table 2 for further information.
29	The approval holder must keep all plans required by these conditions published on the website, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, from the first date which that plan must be published and until the expiry date of this approval. This requirement applies to all current and superseded versions of plans.	Compliant	A schedule of the plans (including website links) approved under the Permit is provided in Appendix 1.
30	The approval holder is required to exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from any version of a plan before that plan is published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from a plan, the approval holder must notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website.	Compliant	Appendix B of the CEMP Appendix which was not published on the TI website due to sensitive ecological data contained in the construction environmental plans and tables. DCCEEW were notified of the redaction 12 September 2024.
31	The approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of commencement of the Action, within 5 business days following commencement of the Action.	Compliant	The Action commenced on the 26 August 2024 and DCCEEW were notified 28 August 2024.
32	The approval holder must not commence the Action later than 5 years after the date of this approval decision.	Compliant	The Action commenced 26 August 2024.
33	The approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of the first instance of operation, within 5 business days following the first instance of operation.	Not applicable	Operations are yet to commence.
34	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records and document the procedure for recording and storing compliance records.	Compliant	Compliance records have been kept in accordance with condition 34. Details from these records are provided in Table 2 in relation to the non-compliance incidents identified in this reporting period.

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35	If the department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the department within the timeframe specified in the request. Note: Compliance records may be subject to audit by the department, or by an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, and/or be used to verify compliance with the conditions. Summaries of the results of an audit may be published on the department's website or through the general media.	Compliant	DCCEEW requested further information about a non-conformance report that occurred 4 November 2024. TI issued the response and supporting documents to the Department as requested.
36	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the <i>Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data, Commonwealth of Australia 2018</i> , or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	Compliant	Surveys and mapping of protected matters and their habitats in the project area are undertaken in accordance with DCCEEW guidelines. Spatial information is available in Appendix B of the CEMP, GIS project planning maps and ecologist survey reports. Survey data was also provided to DCCEEW as part of the referral and impact assessment process. Additional data will be provided to the Department to meet condition 38 if required.
37	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects, Commonwealth of Australia 2021, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	Compliant	Surveys and mapping of protected matters and their habitats in the project area are undertaken in accordance with DCCEEW guidelines. Spatial information is available in Appendix B of the CEMP, GIS project planning maps and ecologist survey reports. Additional data will be provided to the Department to meet condition 38 if required.
38	Each year, the approval holder must submit all monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) electronically to the department within 20 business days of 30 September of that year.	Not applicable	There was no ecological survey data that required submission by the 30 September 2024. The action commenced on the 26 August 2024, and the surveys undertaken in the first month did not indemnify any new protected matters.
39	The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each Annual Compliance Report period (ACR period).	Compliant	This report has been developed in accordance with condition 39.
40	The approval holder must ensure each compliance report includes: a) accurate and complete details of compliance and any non-compliance with: i) each condition attached to this approval decision, and ii) all commitments made in each plan, b) a schedule of all plans in effect in relation to these conditions during the ACR period, c) accurate and complete details of how each plan was implemented during the ACR period, and d) if any incident occurred, accurate and complete details of each incident.	Compliant	This report has been developed in accordance with condition 40.

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41	The approval holder must ensure each compliance report is completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and is consistent with the Annual Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2023.	Compliant	This report has been developed in accordance with the ACR guidelines.
42	The approval holder must, within 20 business days following the end of each ACR period, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, publish on the website: a) Each compliance report, and b) A shapefile showing all clearing of protected matters, and their habitat, undertaken within the ACR period.	Compliant	The 2025 ACR and clearing shapefiles were uploaded to the TI website by the due date (6 August 2025). https://www.tasmanianirrigation.com.au/schemes/northern-midlands
43	The approval holder must: a) Exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from each compliance report and shapefile published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. b) If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from a version of a compliance report published or otherwise provided to a member of the public, submit the full compliance report to the department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. c) If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from a version of a shapefile published or otherwise provided to a member of the public, submit the full shapefile to the department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.	Not applicable	No sensitive ecological data is contained in the ACR or clearing shapefiles that requires application of this condition.
44	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 5 business days of each date of publication that the compliance report has been published on the website. In this notification, the approval holder must provide the department with the web address for where the compliance report and related shapefile are published on the website.	Compliant	DCCEEW will be notified of the publishing of this report by 12 August 2025. The Annual Compliance Report will be available on the TI website and evidence of compliance with this condition will be addressed in subsequent compliance reports.
45	The approval holder must keep each compliance report and related shapefile published on the website from the first date which that compliance report must be published and until the expiry date of this approval. Note: Compliance reports may be published on the department's website.	Compliant	The Annual Compliance Report will be available on the TI website and evidence of compliance with this condition will be addressed in subsequent compliance reports.
46	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 2 business days of becoming aware of any event. The approval holder must specify in each notification: a) Any condition or commitment made in a plan which has not been, or may have not been, complied with, b) A short description of the event, and	Compliant	DCCEEW were notified of non-conformances during the reporting period in accordance with condition 46. Further detail on non-conformances that occurred during the reporting period is provided in Table 2.

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	c) The location (if applicable, including co-ordinates), date and time of the event		
47	The approval holder must provide to the department in writing, within 20 business days of becoming aware of an event, the details of that event. The approval holder must specify: a) All corrective measures and investigations which the approval holder has already taken in respect of the event, b) The potential impacts of the event, c) The method and timing of any corrective measures that the approval holder proposes to undertake to address the event, and d) Any variation of these conditions or revision of a plan that will be required to prevent recurrence of the event and/or to address its consequences.	Compliant	DCCEEW were provided with final reports for all non-conformances that occurred during the reporting period in accordance with condition 47. Further detail on non-conformances that occurred during the reporting period is provided in Table 2.
48	The approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions is conducted for every audit period.	Not applicable	The Action commenced 26 August 2024. An independent audit is not due until August 2029 or unless otherwise specified by the Minister.
49	The approval holder must submit details of the proposed independent auditor and their qualifications to the department within 10 business days following the end of each audit period.	Not applicable	An independent audit is not due until August 2029 or unless otherwise specified by the Minister.
50	The approval holder must ensure the scope each independent audit is sufficient to determine the compliance status for each condition of approval, and each commitment made in each plan.	Not applicable	An independent audit is not due until August 2029 or unless otherwise specified by the Minister.
51	The approval holder must ensure the criteria for each independent audit and the undertaking of each independent audit are consistent with the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2019.	Not applicable	An independent audit is not due until August 2029 or unless otherwise specified by the Minister.
52	The approval holder must submit an audit report to the department for written agreement from the department within 3 months following the end of each audit period, or as otherwise directed by the Minister in writing.	Not applicable	An independent audit is not due until August 2029 or unless otherwise specified by the Minister.
53	The approval holder must ensure each audit report is completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and is consistent with the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2019.	Not applicable	An independent audit is not due until August 2029 or unless otherwise specified by the Minister.
54	The approval holder must publish each audit report on the website, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, within 10 business days of the date of the department agrees to the audit report in writing.	Not applicable	An independent audit is not due until August 2029 or unless otherwise specified by the Minister.

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55	The approval holder must notify the department within 5 business days of the date the audit report is published on the website. In this notification, the approval holder must provide the department with the web address for where the audit report is published on the website.	Not applicable	An independent audit is not due until August 2029 or unless otherwise specified by the Minister.
56	The approval holder must keep each audit report published on the website from the first date which that audit report must be published and until the expiry date of this approval.	Not applicable	An independent audit is not due until August 2029 or unless otherwise specified by the Minister.
57	Within 20 business days after the completion of the Action, and, in any event, at least 20 business days before this approval expires, the approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of completion of the Action and provide completion data. The approval holder must submit any spatial data that comprises completion data as a shapefile.	Not applicable	The Action is still in progress.
58	The approval holder must notify the department electronically 60 business days prior to the expiry date of this approval, that the approval is due to expire.	Not applicable	The approval is in effect until 2126.

Non-compliances

Five non-conformances and one potential non-conformance were reported to DCCEEW within the ACR period

The first non-conformance was an administrative error, while the remaining related to the following:

1. Contractor clearing 14m² of vegetation outside the project area while undertaking clearing in a road easement.
2. Unauthorised clearing of optimal denning habitat due to the contractor not seeking approval from TI prior to commencing works, and machinery tracking outside the construction corridor into optimal habitat while attempting to avoid a tree protection zone.
3. The contractor entering an exclusion zone while a den was under assessment.

No protected matters were impacted as a result of the non-conformances, nor did the non-conformances result in a contravention of condition 2 of the permit.

An additional potential non-conformance was reported to DCCEEW 2 June 2025 when the contractor reduced a 50m exclusion zone to 5m at a den under assessment on the B2 line to allow for corridor access. TI could not conclude in the final report that a non-conformance had occurred due to inconsistencies with the protocol and ambiguity around whether the protocol applied to access. TI acknowledged that the structure and wording of the protocol is causing confusion and is subsequently working on updating the protocol to address issues identified during the investigation.

Further information on the non-conformances and potential non-conformance is provided in Table 2 and Table 3, including details about what corrective measures were implemented to prevent recurrence.

Table 2. Non-conformances reported during the ACR period.

Event Summary	Details	Impact on Protected Matters	Actions / Mitigation Measures	
Failed to publish Offset Strategy on the TI website within 20 days of permit approval.	TI identified a non-compliance with condition 28 while reviewing permit conditions prior to commencing construction. The Offset Strategy was due to be published on the TI website by 30 July 2024. TI became aware of the non-conformance 19 August 2024 and immediately uploaded the strategy to the TI website. DCCEEW were notified of the non-conformance 20 August 2024.	No impact. Administrative non-compliance with condition 28.	TI immediately uploaded the Offset Strategy to the TI website upon becoming aware of the event. DCCEEW were subsequently notified of the non-conformance in accordance with condition 46 of the permit.	
Contractor failed to seek TI approval prior to clearing optimal habitat	The contractor failed to seek TI approval prior to clearing optimal habitat 29 August 2024. This was the first section of optimal habitat to be cleared on the project. Table 10.1 of the CEMP states that the contractor must seek approval from TI to clear optimal denning habitat. The purpose of the hold point is to ensure compliance with Condition 2 of the Permit. The contractor had undertaken pre-clearance den surveys prior to commencing clearing however they failed to seek TI approval before commencing. Location: E1 line, approximate chainage 2150 to 2325 Pre-clearance surveys: 21 Aug 2024 Clearing commenced: 29 Aug 2024 Date TI became aware of event: 6 Sep 2024 DCCEEW notified (condition 46): 9 Sep 2024 Final report issued by TI (condition 47): 3 Oct 2025	No impact. No protected matters were impacted, and clearing was compliant with Condition 2.	Action	Completed
			TI Issue Stop Works Notice for clearing activities.	6 Sep 2024
			TI meet with contractor to discuss event and reporting requirements.	9 Sep 2024
			Contractor to discuss incident with all personnel during prestart and reiterate importance of working within approved work areas and to consult people responsible for managing hold points if work plans change.	10 Sep 2024
			Contractor to implement pre-clearance checklist that includes hold points.	29 Aug 2024
			Contractor to commence issuing a 3 week look ahead to TI on a weekly basis.	10 Sep 2024
			Contractor to implement weekly environment meetings with TI to discuss planned works and upcoming hold points.	12 Sep 2024
			TI release stop works notice following implementation of corrective measures.	11 Sep 2024
			TI implement a TI hold point tracking register.	24 Sep 2024
Contractor cleared 14m ² of roadside vegetation outside the construction corridor	The contractor cleared approximately 14m² of low-lying roadside vegetation outside the construction corridor 14 October 2024. Condition 1(a) states the approval holder must not clear outside the project area which was defined as the construction corridor during this reporting period. Location: N3 line, approximate chainage 2100. Date of event: 14 Oct 2024 Date TI became aware of event: 16 Oct 2024 DCCEEW notified (condition 46): 17 Oct 2024	No impact. The impacted area was modified land within the project survey area. No MNES were identified in the impacted area during pre-clearance surveys.	Action	Completed
			Contractor's surveyor to install additional control points.	15 Oct 2024
			Contractor to confirm GPS issue has been resolved and no existing demarcation works was impacted by the mobile network issue.	25 Oct 2024

Event Summary	Details	Impact on Protected Matters	Actions / Mitigation Measures	
Final report issued by TI (condition 47): 12 Nov 2025				
Contractor commenced clearing within 50m of a potential den under assessment	The contractor breached 2A(v) of the Pre-clearance and Den Discovery Protocol (the protocol) by commencing clearing within the 50m buffer of a potential den site at Valleyfield pump station while the den was still under assessment. Cameras were put in place by ecologists 29 October 2024. An excavator commenced stripping at the pump station 4 November 2024, one day prior to the end of the den assessment. The operator noticed the cameras during clearing and stopped work. An ecologist checked the cameras 5 November 2024 (final day of the den monitoring assessment) and confirmed the potential den was inactive. Location: N4 line, Valleyfield pump station Date of event: 4 Nov 2024 Date TI became aware of event: 6 Nov 2024 DCCEEW notified (condition 46): 7 Nov 2024 Final report issued by TI (condition 47): 2 Dec 2025	None. The potential den was deemed inactive after the required monitoring period.	Action	Completed
			Contractor to submit an incident report to TI, outlining event and actions.	11 Nov 2024
			TI issue stop works notice for work relating to Section 2A(v) of the Protocol.	7 Nov 2024
			TI release stop works notice provided the following conditions are met: Person undertaking survey to enter point into NMIS Construction Planning Map (Field Maps) as an environmental observation point If a den is active, under assessment or requires assessment, an exclusion zone <u>must be implemented immediately</u> . A minimum 50m exclusion zone must be in place to prevent entry, regardless of distance from current work fronts. For modified agricultural land, the person undertaking the survey must notify contractor environmental representatives upon completion of the survey, so ecologists are aware of additional survey requirements. Den observation points must be updated in Field Maps when status changes.	18 Nov 2024
			TI to review and update contractor pre-clearance checklist to include more details on required preliminary checks (including confirmation that exclusion zones are in place, surveys and survey checklists have been completed and GIS is up to date) and a supervisor sign on section which aligns with supervisors responsibilities outlined in Section 5 of the CEMP.	21 Nov 2024
Contractor tracked machinery outside construction corridor within optimal habitat	An excavator and pipe welding machine tracked outside of the construction corridor 10 April 2025 into an area of optimal denning habitat. A pipe welding crew (a subcontractor to the Contractor) needed to demobilise from their current work area on the N5 line to a new work location and this required tracking machinery around a tree protection zone (TPZ) on the N5 line that was established by the contractor (note: the tree was not a habitat tree). TI understands the subcontractor mistakenly thought they needed to avoid the TPZ and subsequently tracked machinery around the TPZ outside the construction corridor. Because of the potential for ground disturbance from tracking machinery, TI reported the event to DCCEEW as a non-conformance with condition 1 of the Permit. The impacted area was	No impact. No protected matters were impacted, and clearing is covered by Condition 2.	Action	Completed
			TI issue stop works notice.	11 Apr 2025
			Contractor to submit proposed corrective measures to TI.	11 Apr 2025
			TI to review and comment on proposed corrective measures.	14 Apr 2025
			Site meeting with senior leadership team.	15 Apr 2025
			Contractor to develop a project declaration form to be signed by personnel after completing an induction.	14 Apr 2025

Event Summary	Details	Impact on Protected Matters	Actions / Mitigation Measures												
	also picked up and added to the Project’s optimal habitat clearing total to ensure compliance with condition 2 of the Permit. Location: N5, approximate chainage 800-950 Date of event: 10 Apr 2025 Date TI became aware of event: 10 Apr 2025 DCCEEW notified (condition 46): 11 Apr 2025 Final report issued by TI (condition 47): 14 May 2025		<table><tr><td>Contractor to re-induct site personnel on environmental controls, safety hazard identification and task hazard analysis process.</td><td>14 Apr 2025</td></tr><tr><td>Contractor to add a new resource to support subcontractor management.</td><td>14 Apr 2025</td></tr><tr><td>Contractor to review change management process and update the Project’s organisational chart.</td><td>15 Apr 2025</td></tr><tr><td>Contractor to provide a debrief of the incident with subcontractor supervisors and forepersons</td><td>14 Apr 2025</td></tr><tr><td>Contractor to develop a Project Leadership Team that meets fortnightly to assess contractor and subcontractor performance.</td><td>2 May 2025</td></tr><tr><td>TI to review new contractor induction and add requirement to review induction register as part of CEMP audits.</td><td>Ongoing</td></tr></table>	Contractor to re-induct site personnel on environmental controls, safety hazard identification and task hazard analysis process.	14 Apr 2025	Contractor to add a new resource to support subcontractor management.	14 Apr 2025	Contractor to review change management process and update the Project’s organisational chart.	15 Apr 2025	Contractor to provide a debrief of the incident with subcontractor supervisors and forepersons	14 Apr 2025	Contractor to develop a Project Leadership Team that meets fortnightly to assess contractor and subcontractor performance.	2 May 2025	TI to review new contractor induction and add requirement to review induction register as part of CEMP audits.	Ongoing
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Table 3 Potential non-conformance reported during reporting period

Event Summary	Details	Impact on Protected Matters	Actions / Mitigation Measures	
Contractor reduced a 50m den exclusion zone to 5m to allow for access in the construction corridor	The contractor reduced a 50m den exclusion zone on 20 May 2025 to allow for access. The den was monitored by the contractor’s ecologist from 12 to 19 May 2025 and determined to be an active wombat den. A one-way gate was subsequently installed 19 May and cameras remained in place until 26 May when the den was confirmed vacant and could be decommissioned.	None. The den under assessment was an active wombat burrow which had a one-way gate installed at the time of the event.	Action	Completed
	TI to implement temporary measures with Contractor to ensure TI’s interpretation of the protocol are followed whilst full review and modification to the protocol is undertaken.		2 June 2025	
	TI to review Pre-clearance Check and Unanticipated Den Discovery Protocol and seek variation in accordance with Attachment C of the Permit.		Ongoing	

New Environmental Risks

Environmental risks identified during the reporting period and TI's response to the risks are detailed below.

Project Area Definition

Condition 1 of EPBC 2022/09295 (the Permit) dated 9 July 2024 stated that clearing and construction must not occur outside the Project area, which under the original Permit is defined as the construction corridor.

Since the project was approved, changes have occurred that could not have reasonably been known during the planning, design and approvals phase of the project. This includes changes to surrounding infrastructure (e.g. Midland Highway upgrades), threatened flora distribution, land ownership and land use, and discovery of heritage artefacts within the construction corridor.

The project area definition in the Permit has limited TI's ability to adjust the construction corridor when presented with construction challenges and unforeseen events. Furthermore, the lack of flexibility has impacted TI's ability to adjust the corridor to reduce environmental impact (e.g. reduced tree clearing) in situations where the design could have been modified to minimise impact.

TI subsequently applied for a permit variation, which was approved by DCCEEW 24 July 2025. The new Project area encompasses the Project survey area, meaning the construction corridor can be adjusted to manage impacts described above provided realignments provided condition 1A (new condition) is met and it will not alter the Project's impacts, mitigation or offset requirements. Compliance with the revised permit conditions relating to the new Project area will be assessed in the next reporting period.

Access Tracks (Outside Project Area)

Accessing the site from entirely from within the Project area is not always possible. Existing surface access tracks are also unlikely to be available, meaning vehicles and machines need to be able to track through paddocks in the same manner a landholder would use to access the property. Access might also be restricted by waterways or infrastructure.

In addition to impacts to construction, restricting access to entirely within the Project area has the potential to significantly affect a landholder's ability to maintain their crops and manage their land.

Condition 1 of EPBC 2022/09295 (the permit) dated 9 July 2024 stated that clearing and construction must not occur outside the project area and that any work involving 'breaking of ground' or 'any associated excavation work' is considered construction. Because of the potential for light and heavy vehicles to break ground while accessing the Project area, TI sought approval to update the Permit to manage risks from access outside of the Project area.

DCCEEW issued a revised permit 24 July 2025. The revised clearing and construction definitions exclude minor physical disturbance associated with access tracks outside the Project area provided tracks are managed in accordance with the Access Track and Service Locating Methodology (CEMP Version 5, Appendix R).

Compliance with the revised permit conditions and new Access Track and Service Locating Methodology will be assessed in the next reporting period.

Service Locating (Outside Project Area)

Services must be located prior to clearing and construction. Normally, services can be identified within the construction corridor, however, there are occasions where the contractor may need to trace a service outside the Project area if trace wires are absent or have not been adequately installed. This occurred on a section of the pipeline during the reporting period and impacted construction. TI subsequently sought approval from DCCEEW to update the Permit to consider service locating outside the Project area.

DCCEEW issued a revised permit 24 July 2025. The revised clearing and construction definitions exclude minor physical disturbance associated with service locating outside the Project area provided activities are managed in accordance with the Access Track and Service Locating Methodology (CEMP Version 5, Appendix R).

Compliance with the revised permit conditions and Access Track and Service Locating Methodology will be assessed in the next reporting period.

Appendix 1 Schedule of Approved Plans

Plan	Approved version	Submitted version awaiting approval (if applicable)	Link on TI website
Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)	Version 2		https://www.tasmanianirrigation.com.au/source-assets/images/CEMP-NMIS-EPBC-Ref-2022-09295-Version-2.pdf
Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)	Version 3	Version 5	https://www.tasmanianirrigation.com.au/source-assets/images/CEMP-NMIS-EPBC-Ref-2022-09295-Version-3.pdf
Forest Clearance Guidelines	Version 1		https://www.tasmanianirrigation.com.au/source-assets/images/C_Forest-Clearance-Guidelines-1.pdf
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Appendix 2 – Protected Matters Clearing



M3379 NMIS Annual Compliance Overview

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-  Construction Project Area (Survey Area)
-  Construction Corridor (Impact Area)

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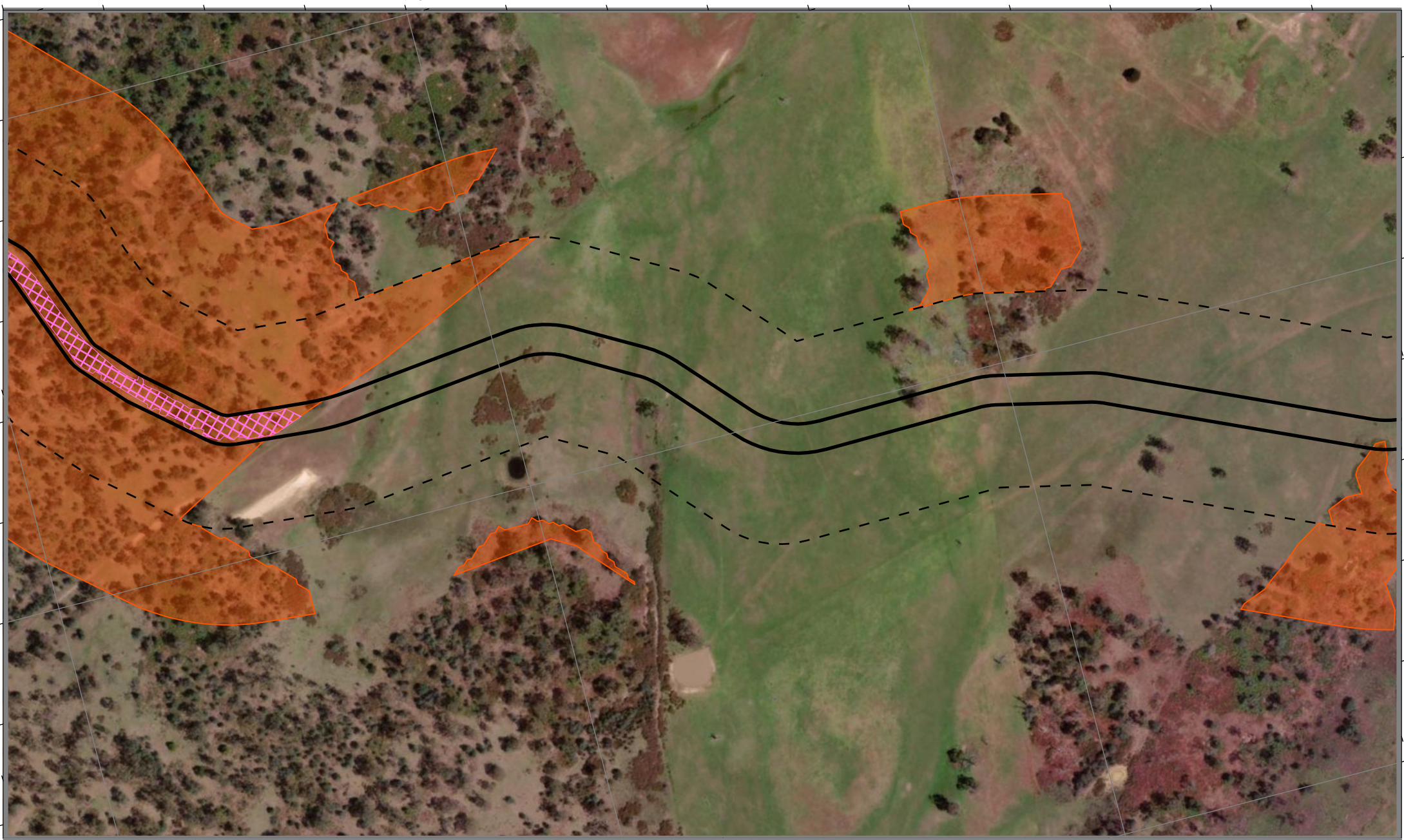
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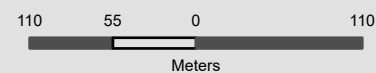


Annual Compliance Report Maps - 1

Legend

- Construction Project Area (Survey Area)
- Cleared Optimal Habitat
- Construction Corridor (Impact Area)
- Optimal Denning Habitat

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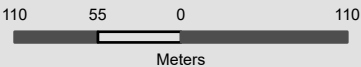


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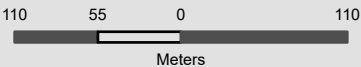


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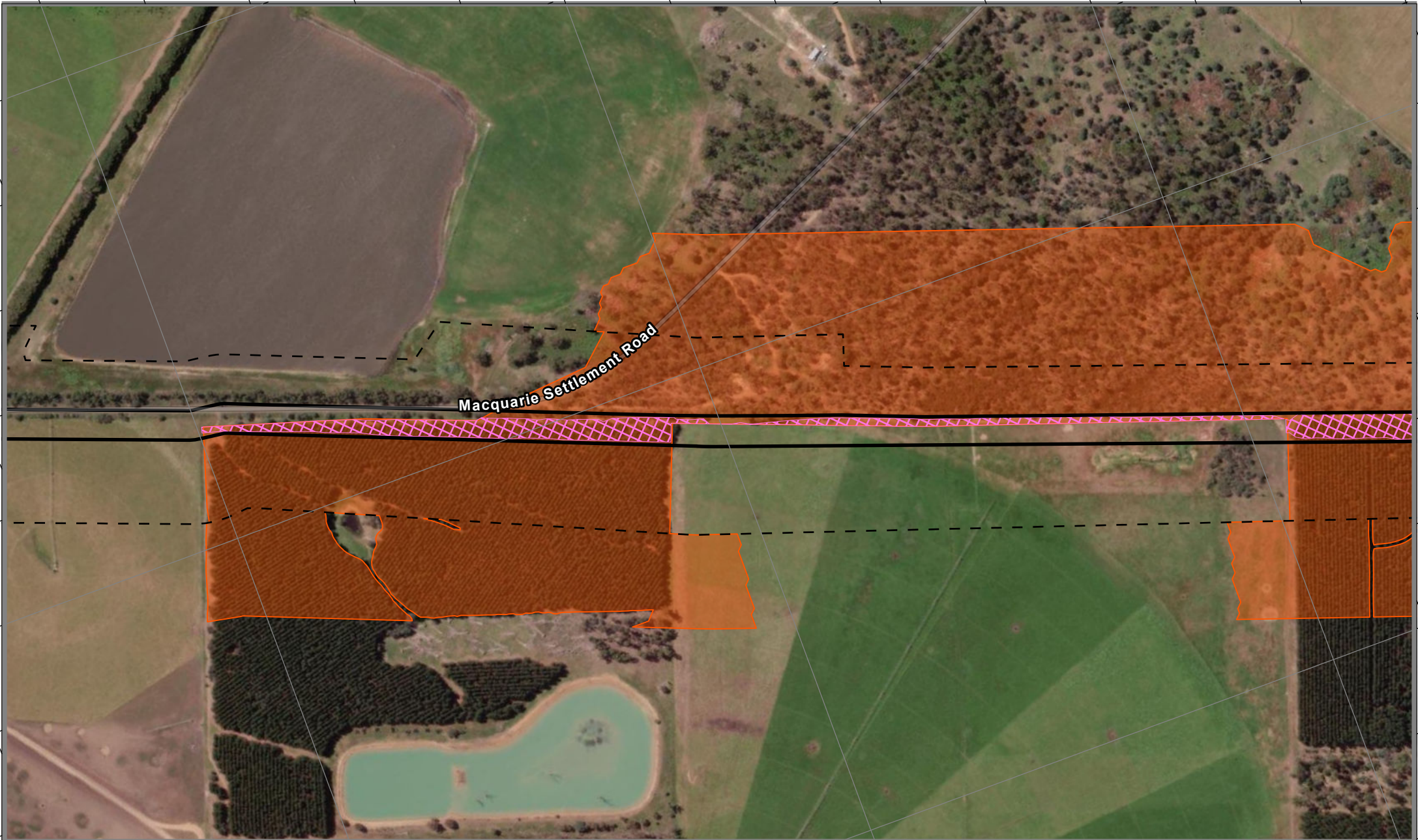


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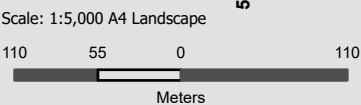
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Annual Compliance Report Maps - 4

- Legend
- Construction Project Area (Survey Area)
 - Cleared Optimal Habitat
 - Construction Corridor (Impact Area)
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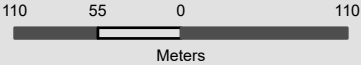


Annual Compliance Report Maps - 6

Legend

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- Cleared Optimal Habitat
- Construction Corridor (Impact Area)
- Optimal Denning Habitat

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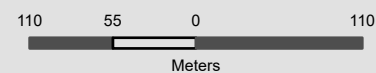


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- Construction Corridor (Impact Area)
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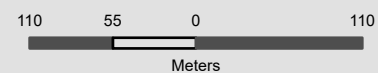


Annual Compliance Report Maps - 8

Legend

-  Construction Project Area (Survey Area)
-  Cleared Optimal Habitat
-  Construction Corridor (Impact Area)
-  Optimal Denning Habitat

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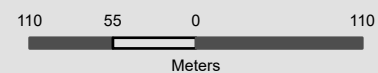


Annual Compliance Report Maps - 9

Legend

- Construction Project Area (Survey Area)
- Optimal Denning Habitat
- Construction Corridor (Impact Area)
- Cleared Optimal Habitat

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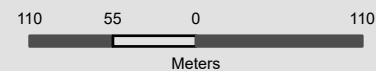


Annual Compliance Report Maps - 10

Legend

-  Construction Project Area (Survey Area)
-  Construction Corridor (Impact Area)
-  Cleared Optimal Habitat
-  Optimal Denning Habitat

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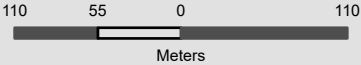


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Legend

-  Construction Project Area (Survey Area)
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-  Construction Corridor (Impact Area)

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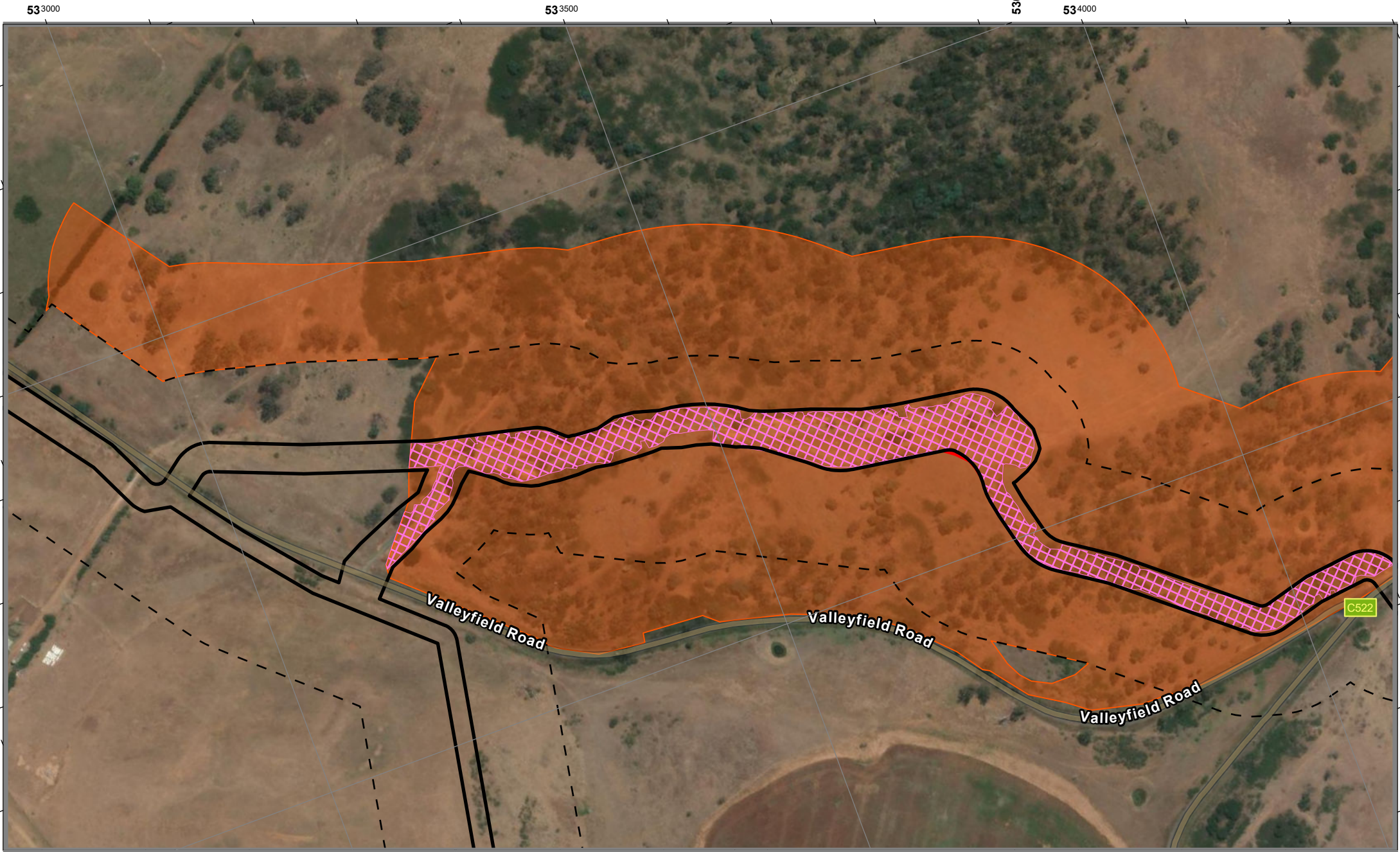


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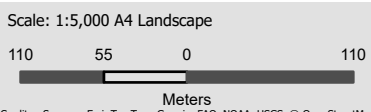
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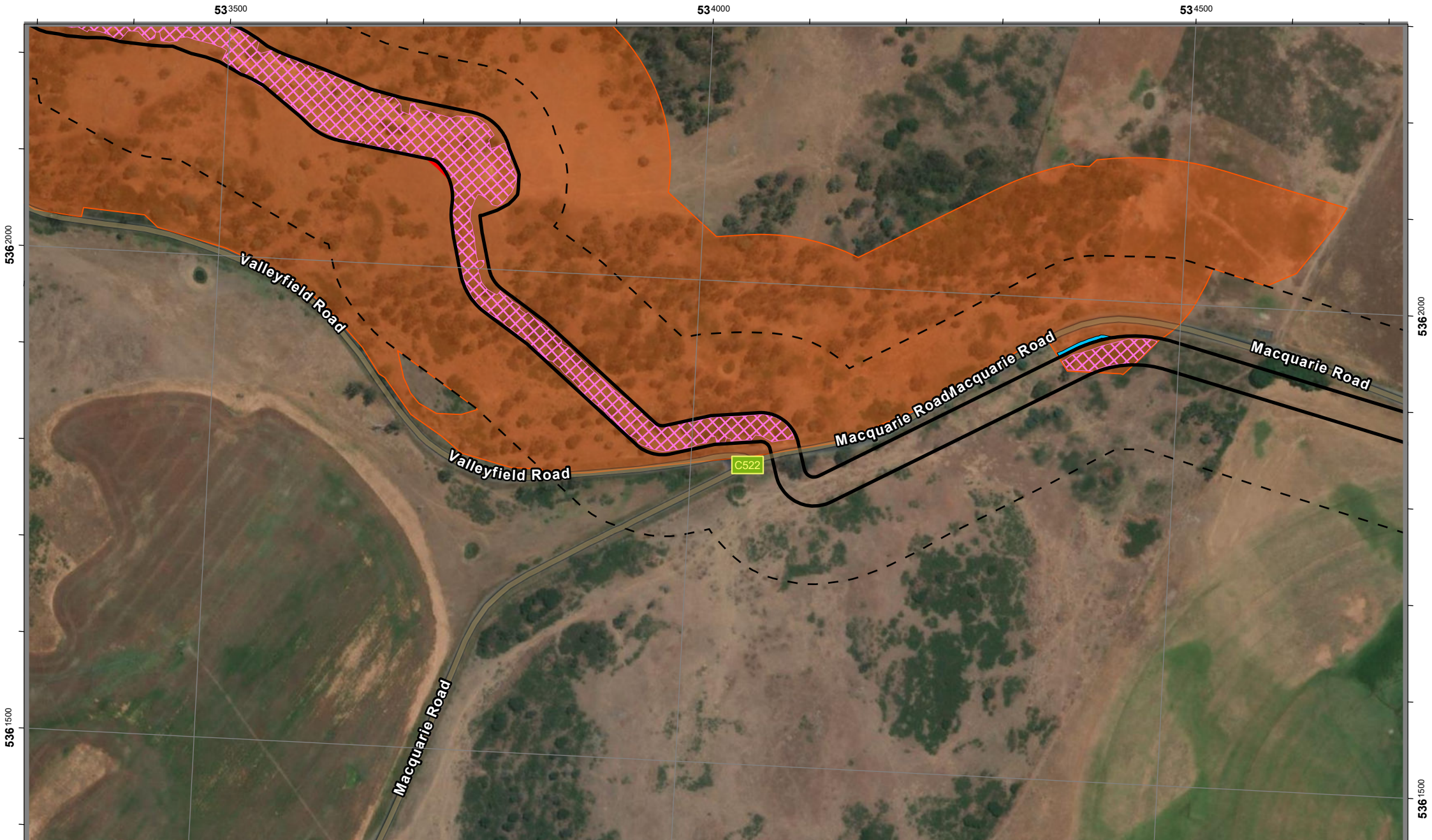
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- Legend
- Construction Project Area (Survey Area)
 - Construction Corridor (Impact Area)
 - Cleared Optimal Habitat
 - Potential Construction Corridor Discrepancy (Under Review)
 - Optimal Denning Habitat



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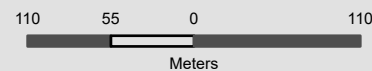


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