

**PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT and ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PLAN**
Gibb River Road Upgrade SLK 62.3 – 110.22



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GIBB RIVER ROAD UPGRADE SLK 62.3 – 110.22

PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

Main Roads Kimberley proposes to improve the formation and drainage of approximately 48 km of pavement along the Gibb River Road (SLK 62.3 – SLK 110.22). The proposed work will restore road condition, provide increased serviceability, reduce maintenance and freight costs and improve the level of service to the local community.

No clearing of remnant native vegetation will occur for road upgrade works and all road rehabilitation work will occur within the maintenance zone. However, three areas outside the road reserve will be disturbed to remove gravel and borrow material for road upgrade works. Therefore, the environmental assessments undertaken in this report will only relate to clearing and ground disturbance necessary for the extraction of gravel and borrow materials.

The proposed works are located within the Shire of Derby-West Kimberley.

2. BACKGROUND

The Gibb River Road runs approximately 650km between Derby and intersects with the Great Northern Highway between Wyndham and Kununurra. The original Gibb River Road, predominantly built of gravel, provided road user access to remote Kimberley stations and served as an access point for vehicles travelling to Kalumburu on the Kalumburu Road.

Of late, the Gibb River Road has developed into one of the Kimberley's premier wilderness tourist attractions. During the dry season the average daily traffic (ADT) increases to approximately 140 vehicles per day, with approximately 95% being light vehicles, some with caravans and trailers.

As per Main Roads' Environmental Assessment and Approval process, the Low Impact Environmental Screening Checklist has been completed for the proposal, refer Appendix A. As the project will involve ground disturbance and clearing of native vegetation the project will require further environmental investigations such as the preparation of a project specific Preliminary Environmental Impact Assessment. This report fulfils this requirement.

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The proposed scope of works will involve resealing of the current road pavement, upgrade of floodways through cement stabilisation and extraction of gravel and borrow material for construction works. Road rehabilitation works will be contained within the road reserve.

Figures 1 and 2 on the following page provide broad locality maps of the proposed works.

Borrow and gravel is to be sourced from three different areas (SLK 64, SLK 68 and SLK 110.22) (refer to Figures 3 and 4). It is proposed to investigate the areas delineated on the aerial maps and locate naturally occurring gravels suitable for the upgrade and seal of the Gibb River Road project. Not all of the areas detailed will be required to be cleared and excavated but the best available materials will be sourced from within the areas. Therefore materials may be extracted from one or several locations within the proposed investigation areas. An investigation of the entire proposed areas may not be required as once suitable materials are located the investigation will be terminated due to time and cost constraints.

To source and extract the quantity of materials required for the works it is estimated that a maximum additional clearing of 4 ha will be required to be cleared at each of the proposed materials search areas. This includes clearing to accommodate access tracks and vehicle/plant turnaround areas, initial search cleared lines are used where possible for access tracks and widened to 8.0 m wide to allow vehicles to safely pass each other.

Maximum required clearing is estimated below:

Proposed Area	Estimated Total Area Ha	Maximum Investigation Clearing Ha	Material Extraction Clearing Ha	Est. Total Clearing Ha
SLK 64	62.5	12.5	4	16.5
SLK 68	93	18.6	4	22.6
SLK 110.22	46.5	9.3	4	13.3
Total Clearing Ha				52.4

Of the three material extraction areas, SLK 64 and 68 will be rehabilitated. However, materials at SLK 110.22 may continue to be accessed at a later date for further excavation. Therefore, altogether approximately 39 ha of land will be rehabilitated once road construction work is finalised.

Permanent Clearing = 13.3 ha approx.

Temporary Clearing = 39 ha approx.

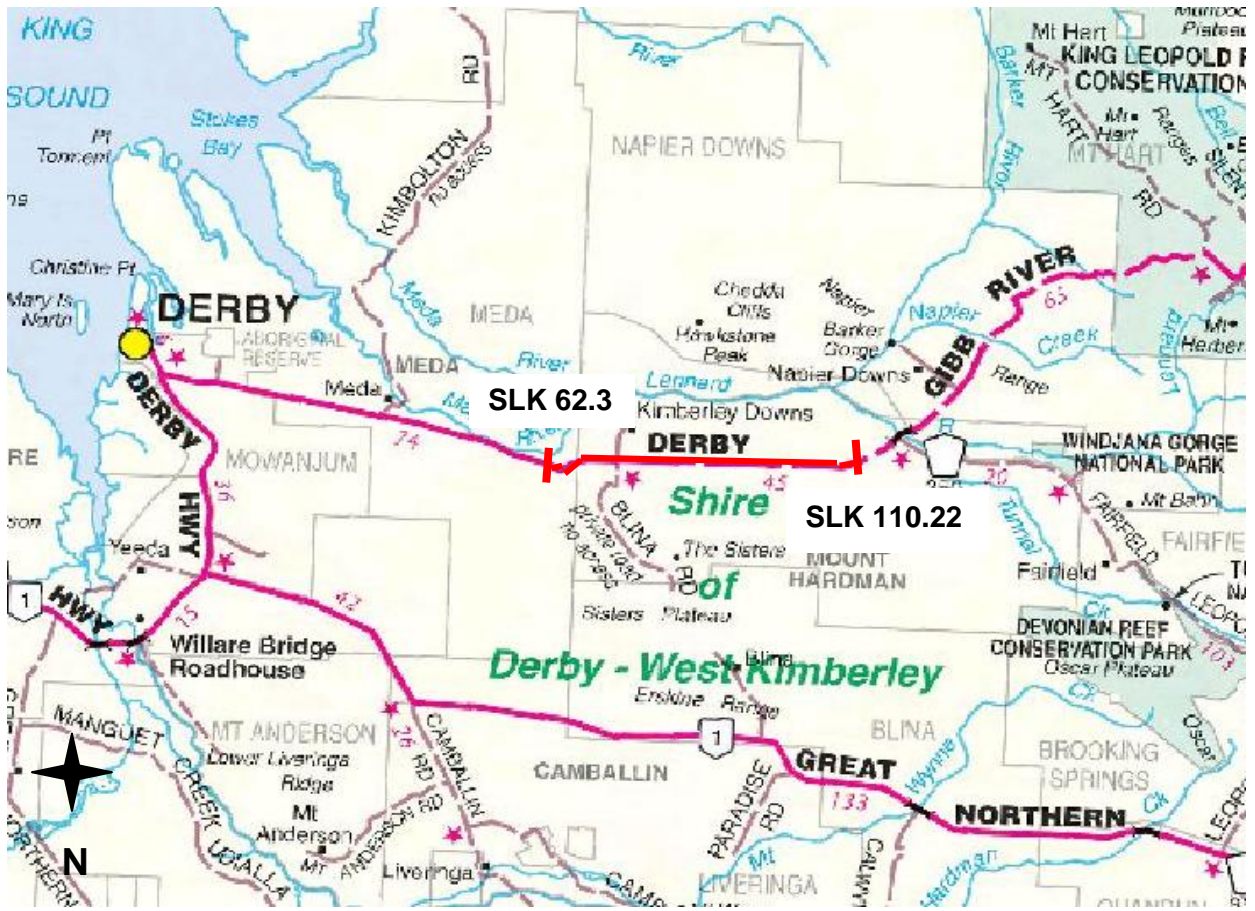


Figure 1...Broad Locality Map

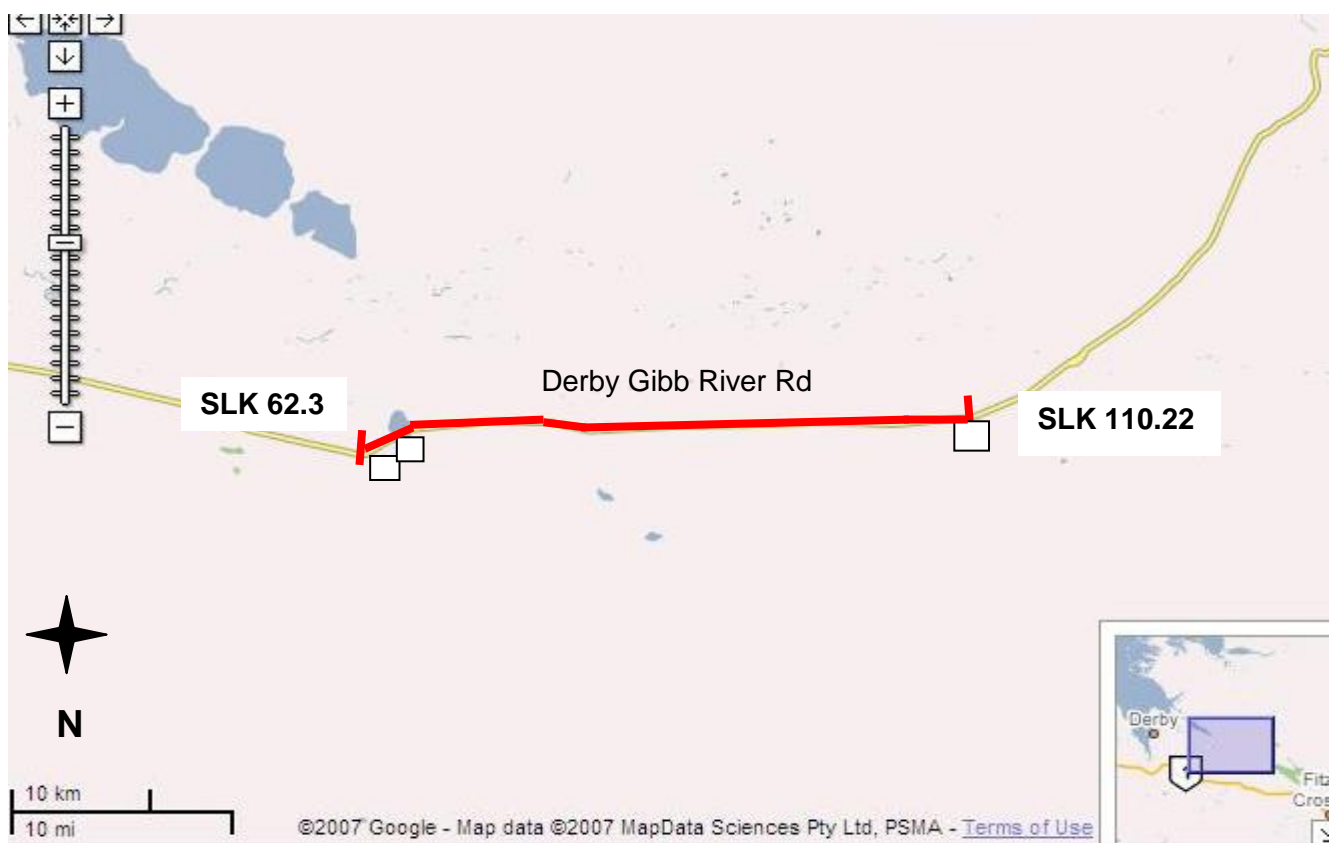


Figure 2...Proposed Materials Investigation Areas



Figure 3...Proposed Materials Investigation Areas, SLK 64 & SLK 68

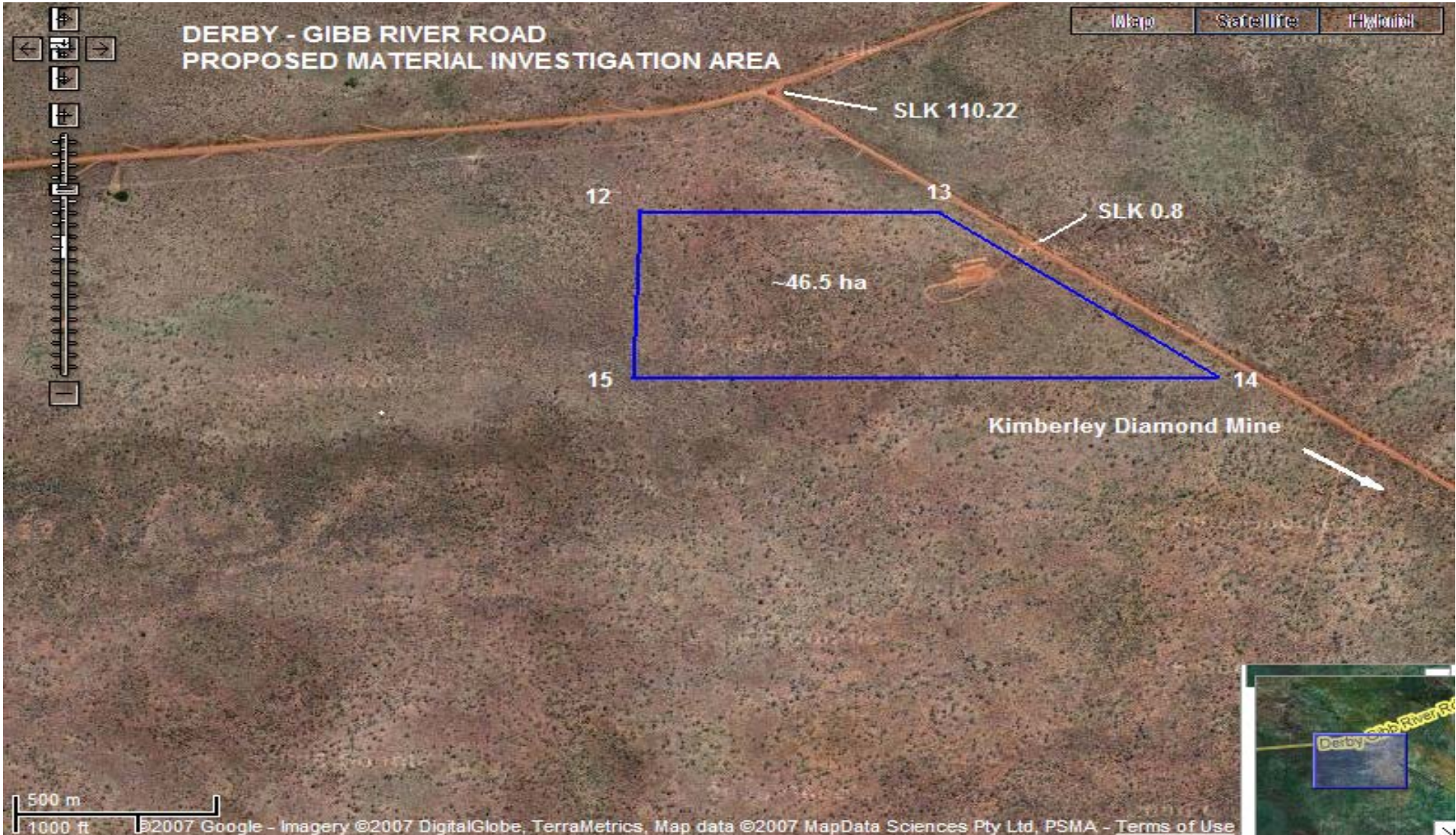


Figure 4...Proposed Materials investigation Area, SLK 110.22



Image 1...Gibb River Road...Looking East



Image 2...Gibb River Road...Looking East



Image 3...Vegetation, Borrow Pit 1



Image 4...Vegetation, Borrow Pit 2

3.1 Methodology

3.1.1 Preliminary Desktop Study

An assessment of the project area and its potential constraints was undertaken by reviewing a number of government agency managed databases.

Wetlands

The locations of wetlands and ESAs within the project area were determined using the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) mapping tool (http://portal.environment.wa.gov.au/portal/page?_pageid=53,2569721&_dad=portal&_sc_hema=PORTAL), refer Appendix B, and by seeking advice from the regional DoW officer, refer Appendix F.

Threatened Flora, Fauna and Communities, Conservation Reserves and ESAs

DEC database was searched for known populations of threatened flora, fauna and Threatened Ecological Communities (TECs) and conservation reserves, refer Appendix C.

Air Quality

The need for a local air quality assessment was determined using the criteria outlined in the MRWA environmental guideline, Air Quality.

Heritage

Non-indigenous heritage was examined utilising the Australian Heritage Places Inventory (<http://www.heritage.gov.au>), Heritage Council of Western Australia (<http://register.heritage.wa.gov.au/>) and the Broome Shire Municipal Heritage Inventory refer Appendix D.

Aboriginal Heritage

A Search of the Department of Indigenous Affairs' (DIA's) (<http://www.dia.wa.gov.au/Heritage/SitesSurveysSearch.aspx>) database was undertaken to determine whether the project area contains any sites of Aboriginal heritage, refer Appendix E.

Sensitive Water Resources

The Water Information Officer of the Department of Water's (DoW's) regional office was consulted on sensitive water resources (including Public Drinking Water Source Areas) to determine whether the project area supported, or was adjacent to, any significant lakes, rivers or wetlands or proclaimed areas, refer Appendix F.

Contaminated Sites

There are no known previous land use activities on or adjacent to the project area that have the potential to create contamination, eg petrol station.

Acid Sulfate Soils

The Western Australian Planning Commission's acid sulfate soils maps were reviewed and the self assessment done (<http://www.wapc.wa.gov.au/Publications/213.aspx>) to determine what level of risk the project area is exposed to, refer Appendix G.

Weeds

Consultation was undertaken with the Department of Agriculture and Food to determine whether there are any known populations of declared plants or significant weeds in or adjacent to the project area, refer Appendix H.

Dieback

Dieback is not an issue in the area where proposed works are expected to be undertaken.

Commonwealth Referral

The decision to refer the project to the Commonwealths Department of Environment and Ware Resources (DEW) was based upon whether the project was going to impact upon matters of national significance, eg World Heritage properties, protected wetlands and migratory species, Commonwealth marine areas, threatened species or communities or nuclear actions (refer to the Commonwealth webpage www.deh.gov.au/epbc/assessmentsapprovals/index.html for further information and the search tool page at <http://www.deh.gov.au/erin/ert/epbc/imap/map.html>), refer Appendix I.

3.1.2 Site Investigation

A site visit was carried out by Project Manager Wayne Blisner and Environment Officer Marni Baetge on 6/8/07 to examine the general features of the area. The broad vegetation types in the vicinity of the project area were identified. Other issues that were considered included topography, the impacts on creek lines, property access and the potential for noise and vibration impacts (dilapidation).

4. EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

The proposed works along the Gibb River Road are located within the Dampierland Botanical District, which is broadly characterised by pindan formation on sandplains (Beard, 1979).

Vegetation data that has been developed between DEC and the Development Assessment Forum (DAF) indicated that the different vegetation types that exist within the project areas are as follows:

- Grasslands, tall bunch grass savanna, sparse low tree; ribbon grass & paperbarks. This vegetation association is well represented throughout the region with 100% remaining;
- Shrublands, pindan; Acacia tumida shrubland with scattered low bloodwood & Eucalyptus setosa over curly spinifex. This vegetation association is well represented throughout the region with 100% remaining;
- Grasslands, tall bunch grass savanna, mitchell & ribbon/blue grass. This vegetation association is well represented throughout the region with 99.5% remaining;
- Grasslands, tall bunch grass savanna sparse low tree; Acacia suberosa & bauhinia over mitchell & ribbon/blue grass on black soil. This vegetation association is well represented throughout the region with 100% remaining;
- Shrublands, pindan; acacia shrubland with scattered low trees over spinifex. This vegetation association is well represented throughout the region with 100% remaining;
- Shrublands, pindan; Acacia tumida & A. oimpressa shrubland with scattered low bloodwood & Eucalyptus setosa over ribbon & curly spinifex. This vegetation association is well represented throughout the region with 100% remaining;

- Shrublands, pindan; *Acacia tumida* & *A. oimpressa* shrubland with scattered low bloodwood & *Eucalyptus setosa* over ribbon & curly spinifex. This vegetation association is well represented throughout the region with 100% remaining;

No declared weeds or serious environmental weeds were detected in either of the project areas.

5. CLEARING OF NATIVE VEGETATION

Under the amended *Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act)* clearing of native vegetation must be under the authority of a clearing permit. In assessing whether the project is likely to have a significant impact on the environment, the project has been assessed against the DEC's 10 principles of clearing, see report below.

MRWA Vegetation Clearing Assessment Report

This report has been prepared to assist MRWA in addressing condition 7 "Assessment of Clearing Impacts" under Clearing Permit CPS 818/3.

For guidance on how to complete the form, refer to DEC completed reports (active permits) at http://203.20.251.100/cps_reports/.

AREA UNDER ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Proponent details

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Property:

Jumbuck Pastoral Company.

Colloquial name:

Gibb River Road Upgrades, KDC Access

Area under assessment

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:	Site Plan Attached
52.4 ha	Many	Mechanical	Materials Extraction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

BACKGROUND

Existing environment and information

Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

- Grasslands, tall bunch grass savanna, sparse low tree; ribbon grass & paperbarks
- Shrublands, pindan; Acacia tumida shrubland with scattered low bloodwood & Eucalyptus setosa over curly spinifex
- Grasslands, tall bunch grass savanna, mitchell & ribbon/blue grass
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Clearing Description

The proposal includes clearing of vegetation for the purpose of road construction. The proposed area to be cleared is 52.4 hectares.

Vegetation Condition

Fairly Good but has been somewhat degraded due to fire. **Comment**

(suggestion: To determine Vegetation Condition use - Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.)

Site Visit Undertaken	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fauna / Flora Survey Undertaken	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Site Report Attached	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fauna / Flora Survey Report Attached	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Site Photos Attached	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Other Relevant References Attached	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Vegetation Complex	Clearing Description	Vegetation Condition	Comment
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ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATION AGAINST CLEARING PRINCIPLES

(a) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises a high level of biological diversity.

Comments **Proposal is not at variance to this Principle**
The area proposed to be cleared is highly homogenous and the condition of vegetation is somewhat degraded. Diversity will not be compromised and therefore the proposal is not at variance with this Principle.

Methodology Site visit (06/08/07)
Vegetation data developed between DEC and the Development Assessment Forum (DAF)

(b) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or a part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of, a significant habitat for fauna indigenous to Western Australia.

Comments **Proposal is not at variance to this Principle**
The EPBC Act Protected Matters Report listed a number of threatened, migratory and marine species potentially occurring in the project area. A search of the DEC threatened and priority fauna database also identified a number of fauna species within the area where material extraction is proposed. A habitat assessment was carried out in August 2007 to determine if it was likely that any of the threatened species would be utilising the areas that will be impacted on as a consequence of the proposed works. No specific habitats identified during the assessment appear to be spatially restricted to the area of impact or to be supporting important populations of significant species of fauna communities. Proposed works will have at worst a short term effect on any fauna species utilising this habitat. This proposal is therefore not at variance to this Principle.

Methodology Site visit (06/08/07)
EPBC Act Protected Matters Report database
DEC threatened and priority fauna database

(c) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it includes, or is necessary for the continued existence of, rare flora.

Comments **Proposal is not at variance to this Principle**
DEC Threatened Flora Database search indicated that no Declared Rare or Priority Flora species are within close proximity to the project area. This proposal is therefore not at variance with this Principle.

Methodology DEC Threatened Flora Database

(d) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or a part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of a threatened ecological community.

Comments **Proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle**
The proposal is not at variance to this Principle as no Threatened Ecological Communities (TEC's) have been identified within the project area.

Methodology Site visit (06/08/07)
DEC Threatened Flora Database

(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.

Comments **Proposal is not at variance to this Principle**
The vegetation types under application are representative of Beard Vegetation Associations 67, 706, 737, 744, 745, 755, 757 (Hopkins et al. 2001) of which there is at least 99.5% extent remaining (Shepherd et al. 2001). In addition the application falls within the Dampierland IBRA Bioregion which has 99.8% of the pre-European extent remaining (Shepherd et al. 2001). Beard Vegetation Associations and the Dampierland IBRA Bioregion are both of 'least concern' for biodiversity conservation and therefore this proposal is not at variance with this Principle.

Methodology GIS Databases:
- Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation of Australia – 10/07/07
- Pre-European Vegetation

(f) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is growing in, or in association with, an environment associated with a watercourse or wetland.

Comments **Proposal is not at variance to this Principle**
The area under application does not consist of a watercourse or wetland. This proposal is therefore not at variance with this Principle.

Methodology Site visit (06/08/07)
DEC's web based Geographic Data Atlas mapping tool

(g) Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause appreciable land degradation.

Comments **Proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle**
The clearing of remnant vegetation will possibly cause some alterations to the health of adjacent lands, such as through weed dispersal. The proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle as impacts will be minimised to that which is essential.

Methodology Site visit (06/08/07)

(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 area.

Comments **Proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle**
The proposal is not at variance with this Principle as remnant native vegetation in the project area is not associated with any adjacent or nearby conservation areas.

Methodology Site Visit (06/08/07)
DEC's web based Geographic Data Atlas mapping tool

(i) Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause deterioration in the quality of surface or underground water.

Comments **Proposal is not at variance to this Principle**
The potential clearing of remnant native vegetation is considered unlikely to cause deterioration in the quality of surface or underground waters. Therefore, clearing is not likely to be at variance with this Principle.

Methodology Site Visit (06/08/07)
DEC's web based Geographic Data Atlas mapping tool

(j) Native vegetation should not be cleared if clearing the vegetation is likely to cause, or exacerbate, the incidence or intensity of flooding.

Comments **Proposal is not at variance to this Principle**
The proposal is not at variance with this Principle as clearing of native vegetation for this project is not considered to be likely to cause or exacerbate the incidence or intensity of flooding. Proposed upgrading should aim to minimise changes to natural flows and reduce the impact of flooding and channel erosion.

Methodology Site Visit (06/08/07)

Planning instrument, Native Title, RIWI Act Licence, EP Act Licence, Works Approval, Previous EPA decision or other matter.

Comments

There is no further requirement for a RIWI Act Licence, Works Approval or EP Act Licence for the area under application.

Methodology

SUBMISSIONS

If required have submissions been requested and addressed

Submission Requested from	Request Sent (Date)	Submission Received (Date)	Issues Raised / Comments Made
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ASSESSOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

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Upgrade works along the Gibb River Road are expected to involve clearing of, at the most, approximately 52.4 hectares of vegetation. All vegetation to be impacted is well

represented in the region and no Declared Rare Flora, Priority Flora or TEC's have been detected within the project area.

All clearing associated with sourcing raw materials, access tracks and plant lay-down areas shall be kept to an absolute minimum and mature and selected trees shall be conserved as far as practicable to provide for faunal habitat and environmental integrity. The Contractor shall take all precautions necessary to prevent damage to growing trees and shrubs outside the designated areas and to selected trees within areas designated for clearing.

Prior to clearing the Contractor shall mark out clearing limits and certify to MRWA that the clearing areas are clearly defined. Clearing for the truck breakdown area shall be carried out only in the areas shown on the drawings, or as otherwise directed by the Superintendent. All clearing shall comply with **Specification 301: Clearing**. The removal and re-spread of topsoil shall be undertaken in accordance with **Specification 302: Earthworks**.

6. ASSESSMENT OF ASPECTS AND IMPACTS

Table 1: Aspects and Impacts – Gibb River Road Upgrade SLK 62.3 – 110.22

Aspect	Evaluation of Potential Impacts
Air quality	Not relevant to the proposed works. Local air quality assessment is not required for the project since: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the predicted traffic flow is less than 15,000 vehicles per day; residential and other sensitive receptors are not within 200 meters of the road centre
Dust	Likely to be a minor issue during earthworks. Standard dust control measures shall be undertaken to minimise dust production during construction.
Fauna	The EPBC Act Protected Matters Report listed a number of threatened, migratory and marine species potentially occurring in the general areas of each of the project sites (Appendix I). However, subsequent consultation with DEC confirmed that the West Kimberley Rock Wallaby is the only fauna species that potentially inhabits material excavation areas at SLK 64 and 68. Assessment of the two project areas identified that the vegetation to be cleared for the proposed works is not likely to support important populations of significant species of fauna communities. The presence of similar habitat in adjacent areas will enable fauna to relocate if necessary.
Vegetation – clearing	At the most, a total of 52.4 hectares of vegetation is expected to be cleared using the purpose permit. The vegetation type expected to be impacted by the proposed works is well represented throughout the region.
Vegetation – TECs/DRF	No known occurrences of Threatened Ecological Communities, Declared Rare or Priority Flora were recorded in the project area.
Vegetation – weeds	No declared weeds or environmental weeds were identified in the project areas.
Vegetation – dieback	Not an issue given that the project area lies within the Kimberley Region.
Reserves / Conservation areas	No reserves or conservation areas are expected to be impacted by the proposed works.
Heritage (non-indigenous)	A search of the Australian Heritage Places Inventory and Heritage Council of Western Australia databases has indicated that there are no heritage significant listed sites present in the proposed works areas.
Aboriginal heritage	A search of the DIA database identified no sites of Aboriginal heritage significance in either of the project areas. However, since some of the project area may not have been surveyed, the Kimberley Land Council has been consulted. If any issues relating to Aboriginal heritage arise, these issues will be managed separately before any construction work proceeds.
Surface water/drainage	Consultation with DoW has confirmed that the proposed works will not disturb or interrupt any natural drainage and surface run-off patterns (Appendix F).
Wetlands	No wetlands will be impacted by the proposed works.
Groundwater	A search of the DoW Geographic Data Atlas indicated that the three study areas are not within any Gazetted Public Drinking Water Source Areas. However, they do lie within the Canning-Kimberley Groundwater Area which covers the entire Kimberley sub-region. No dewatering or drainage modifications are required, hence no change to groundwater level or quality.
Noise and vibration	No major sensitive local receivers. Construction works would not be expected to significantly contribute to noise levels at the nearest sensitive receivers, provided

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Aspect	Evaluation of Potential Impacts
	works are limited to normal working hours. The requirements of the Shire of Broome must be met in respect of noise management and construction working hours.
Visual amenity	The proposed works will result in minor and short-term visual impacts during construction. Suitable site completion treatments, including landscape planting and rehabilitation, could result in an improvement in local visual amenity.
Public safety and risk	Provided traffic management and signage to Main Roads standards is employed, none of the proposed works present any significant hazards to public safety. The proposed works will serve to enhance public safety by improving road conditions during flooding events.
Hazardous substances	Not relevant to the proposed works.
Contamination	There are no known previous land use activities on or adjacent to the project area that have the potential to create contamination, eg petrol station.
Salinity	There were no visual signs of salinity observed in the project area.
Acid Sulfate Soils	The WAPC's self-assessment (Planning Bulletin 64) indicates that no further soil investigation is required for the project.
Statutory Land Use Planning	As the proposed works is entirely within the existing road reserve, no further amendments would be required to the Local Government Planning Scheme or Region Scheme.

7. DECISION TO REFER

Given the scale of the project, the low significance of its impacts to the surrounding environment and the environmental management measures proposed, the project does not require referral to the WA Environmental Protection Authority or the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Water Resources.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

This section of the report (the EMP) has been developed for the project area following the completion of the above sections. The main aims of this EMP is to provide a management plan to assist in minimising the environmental impacts of the activities associated with the proposed works and identify who is responsible for the implementation of the management strategies.

This EMP will only address the actions already listed as well as any site-specific issues that were identified during the Environmental Review. The environmental management measures/conditions in Main Road's Specifications 203, 204, 301, 302 and 304 will be followed where applicable.

The areas that require special management will be addressed in terms of:

- area of management (eg vegetation);
- the timing of the various management requirements;
- the management objectives for each area;
- the management strategies that are necessary to minimise the impact;
- the person/s responsible for implementing the management action; and
- on whose advise or Main Roads requirement.

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Area of management	Timing	Management objective	Management Strategy	Responsibility	Whose advice
Induction	Pre-Construction	Inform all personnel of the management actions/strategies required of them	Develop and implement a communication plan including response to complaints, liaising/reporting to government agencies, engagement with the community and others when work is performed, with specific reference to nuisance issues such as noise, dust and lighting spill	Project Manager	Main Roads
Vegetation Clearing - Record-keeping	All phases of Construction	All projects should maintain the required records relating to clearing native vegetation under the purpose permit	<p>Clearing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a copy of the PEIA & EMP (Minor projects) for small projects; • a map showing the location where the clearing occurred, recorded in an ESRI Shapefile; • the size of the area cleared (in hectares); • the dates on which the clearing was done. 	Environment Officer	DEC
Vegetation - Clearing	Pre-Construction	Ensure that the overall objectives of the alignment and construction works are compatible with maintaining and, where possible, enhancing the biological integrity of the surrounding environment and minimising vegetation loss and degradation	<p>Selection of designs/locations that minimise adverse impacts on the biological environment</p> <p>Construction works to be undertaken in the dry season to reduce the potential for soil erosion and drainage line siltation due to vegetation removal and heavy rains</p> <p>Any stockpiled vegetation from clearing works shall not be burnt. This vegetation shall be used during any rehabilitation works and either chipped or replaced according to the EMP</p> <p>All clearing shall be done in accordance with Main Roads Specification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 301: Clearing 	Project Manager	Main Roads

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Area of management	Timing	Management objective	Management Strategy	Responsibility	Whose advice
Weeds	Construction	Prevent and reduce the introduction and spread of weeds	<p>Control any weed species, if present, within the project area prior to construction to limit the amount of propagative material that may be spread during disturbance</p> <p>Ensure all machinery/vehicles are clean prior to entering the works area. If a new weed infection is identified within the area, measures to reduce its spread should be established such as vehicle wash/brush-down points</p> <p>Main Roads Specifications applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 204: Environment • 301: Clearing 	Project Manager	Main Roads
Water Courses and Surface Drainage	Pre-Construction/ Construction	Maintain the hydrological regime that exists prior to the construction of the proposal and prevent erosion in areas subject to flooding	<p>Areas subject to erosion as a result of clearing shall be stabilised and designed to minimise rainfall/runoff impacts</p> <p>Works should minimise vegetation and soil disturbance to prevent soil movement. Finished works should be left in a stable condition to minimise the risk of scouring</p> <p>If washdown facilities or chemical storage takes place on site, best management practices will be utilised in accordance with DEC's <i>Water Quality Protection Notes, Mechanical Equipment Washdown</i> to minimise impact on water resources</p> <p>Stormwater drainage shall be treated and disposed of in accordance with DEC requirements</p>	Project Manager	Main Roads

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Area of management	Timing	Management objective	Management Strategy	Responsibility	Whose advice
			Ensure Main Roads design is followed. Main Roads Specifications applicable: • 402: Surface Drains • 405: Drainage Structures		
Visual Amenity	Pre-Construction	Ensure that the road blends in with the surrounding environment	Ensure that the road blends in with the surrounding environment	Project Manager	Main Roads
Noise, Vibration and Dust	Construction	Ensure that the construction of the proposal does not become a nuisance to the public	Access to private property and appropriate traffic management measures should be planned and implemented prior to the construction of works Works associated with the construction of the development should not prevent public access along the adjacent reserve. Public access should be maintained along the reserve at all times Any complaints regarding dust will be attended to as soon as possible Where it is found that trucks leaving the site are carrying excessive material onto sealed surfaces, these areas will be swept to reduce dust generation and maintain traffic safety Watering shall be used as a mitigation measure to protect loose surfaces	Project Manager	Main Roads

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Area of management	Timing	Management objective	Management Strategy	Responsibility	Whose advice
Pollution and Litter	Construction	Ensure that the construction of the proposal is managed to a standard that minimises any adverse impacts on the environment	<p>Emergency cleanup procedures shall be implemented in the case of any spillage. These will include control of spilled material and removal of contaminated soil to an approved site</p> <p>The Contractor shall ensure appropriate equipment is available at all times to control any spills and shall notify the Project Manager as soon as possible following a spill</p> <p>All waste oil will be collected for recycling and any empty fuel/oil containers, used filters and waste hydraulic parts to be collected and stored in an allocated area then removed to an approved site</p> <p>Dumping or temporary storage of bitumen, asphalt, concrete or aggregate should only occur at designated depots or controlled hardstands</p> <p>The project areas, including hardstand areas, will be kept in a tidy manner at all times. All litter on the project will be placed into lidded bins and disposed of at an approved landfill</p>	Project Manager	Main Roads
Fire	Construction	Ensure that the fire risk associated with the construction of the proposal is minimised	<p>A water tanker will be on site at all times</p> <p>No fires shall be lit within the project area</p>	Project Manager	Main Roads

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Area of management	Timing	Management objective	Management Strategy	Responsibility	Whose advice
Aboriginal Heritage	Construction	Ensure that there is no unauthorised disturbance to Aboriginal heritage sites during construction	<p>If any materials of significance to Aboriginal people are discovered, works will immediately cease within 100m of the material and the site will be examined by a qualified archaeologist</p> <p>The DIA will be notified in the event of any significant Aboriginal Heritage discovery</p> <p>If skeletal material is uncovered during works the WA Police Service will also be advised immediately</p>	Project Manager	DIA
Rehabilitation	Post-Construction	Leave the project area free from debris	All waste materials from the development are to be completely removed from the site upon completion of the development. Final clean-up shall be to the satisfaction of the Project Manager and the Site Superintendent	Project Manager	Main Roads

9. REFERENCES

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Appendix A
Low Impact Screening Checklist

Checklist - Low Impact Environmental Screening

The Low Impact Environmental Screening Checklist is part of the environmental assessment and approval process, explained in Figure 2 and in the procedures. It should be noted that the checklist does not address Aboriginal heritage issues. Please refer to Main Roads guideline *Aboriginal Heritage* for the heritage assessment process.

All projects are to be screened to identify those that are Low Impact, ie that will have a low impact on the environment and that can be adequately managed through standard contract clauses.

Projects that have “No” to all items are classed as Low Impact and should be implemented using standard contract clauses in the Tender Document Process.

Projects that have “Yes” to any item will require further environmental assessment and will be implemented using an Environmental Management Plan.

Tick “Yes” or “No” for every item. Circle the relevant part of the item.

Project NameGIBB RIVER ROAD UPGRADE, KDC ACCESS SLK 62 – 110.....

ITEM NO.	ITEM	Y	N
1	New road or road reserve to be created or expansion of existing road reserve.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Works require ground disturbance or clearing of native vegetation.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	New, or expansion of existing, pits or quarries. (non-commercial sources)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Adjoining sensitive land use. eg residential or hospital or education centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Passes over, adjoins or drains directly into a wetland or sensitive watercourse.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Local natural drainage regime / hydrology will be changed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Within/immediately adjacent to surface/underground Public Drinking Water Source Area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Dewatering, or a new water bore.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	Known potential source of hazardous materials within or adjoining the road reserve. e.g. Acid Sulphate Soils, existing petrol station, industrial site or waste disposal site (landfill)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Buildings will require demolition.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Completed By: Signature [Signature] Date 6.8.2007
 Name W.K. BILGAPER Title PM

To be reviewed by Signature [Signature] Date 6.8.2007
 a Main Roads Name MARIE BAETGE Title ENVIRONMENT OFFICER
 Environment Officer

Comments: _____

Appendix B

Wetlands and Watercourses within the Project Area

Multi-tool. Press and hold a button, dragging mouse to navigate.

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Welcome Search Metadata Help

Welcome

Welcome to the Native Vegetation Map Viewer. This site helps you to identify the following:

- The location of environmentally sensitive areas, as declared by a Notice under section 51B of the Environmental Protection Act 1986.
- Areas where low impact mineral and petroleum activities can NOT occur, as defined under Schedule 1 of the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004.

Click on the links below for more information on:

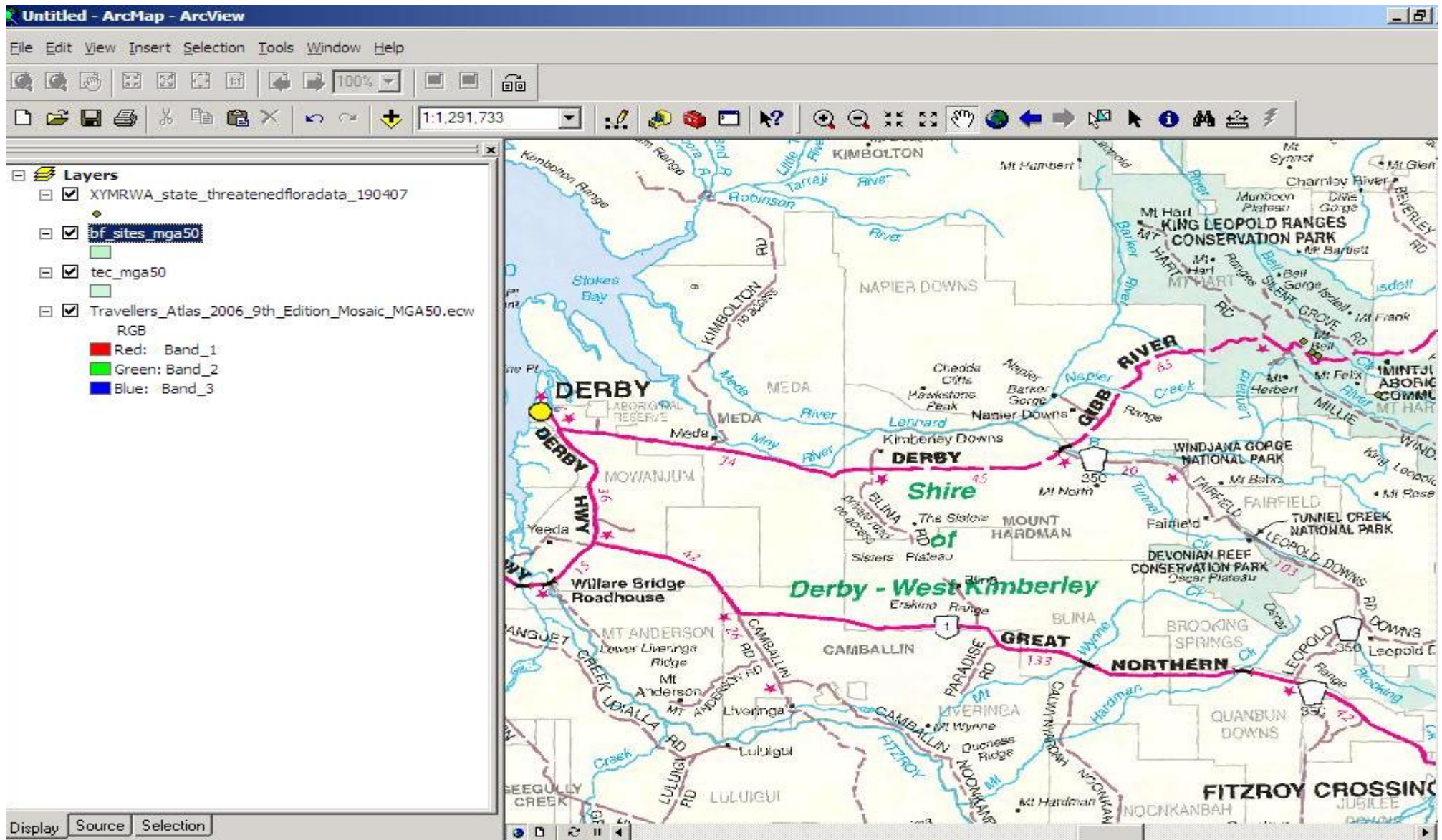
- [Environmentally Sensitive Areas](#)
- [Low Impact Mineral and Petroleum Activities](#)
- [Native Vegetation Disclaimer](#)

Click [here](#) for a quick tutorial on using the Native Vegetation Protection map viewer.

Results from DEC's Native Vegetation Map Viewer, August 2007

Appendix C

Department of Environment and Conservation Threatened Flora and Fauna Database Searches



Results from ArcView GIS – Threatened Ecological Communities, Declared Rare and Priority Flora, August 2007

CORRESPONDENCE WITH DEC REGARDING THREATENED FLORA IN PROJECT AREA

Hi Marnie

Attached are the search results (result!) for Gibb River Road upgrades. This record is located in the pit areas that are in close proximity to each other. There were no records for ~20km from the 3rd pit site.

Cheers
Kellie

*Kellie Mantle
Species and Communities Branch
Department of Environment and Conservation
Phone (08) 93340579
Fax (08) 93340278*

From: BAETGE Marni (GEnv) [mailto:marni.baetge@mainroads.wa.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 6 August 2007 10:59 AM
To: Mantle, Kellie
Subject: Threatened Fauna - Gibb River Road Upgrades, KDC Access

Kellie,

Main Roads Kimberley region is proposing to improve the formation and drainage of a section of the Derby – Gibb River Road from SLK 62.3 (end of seal) to SLK 110.22 (Kimberley Diamond Mine Access). No clearing of remnant native vegetation will occur for road upgrade works and all road rehabilitation work will occur within the maintenance zone. However, three areas outside the road reserve will be disturbed to remove gravel and borrow material for road upgrade works. Approximately 40,000 cubic metres of naturally occurring road building materials are required to complete the planned works.

Please find attached one word document with a broad locality map of where road works are proposed to be undertaken, two aerial maps of the three areas where we are proposing to extract road building materials and a table of coordinates of the borrow pit areas.

Could you please determine if any threatened fauna exist within each of the three borrow pit areas and if so please name each species.

Thank you for your assistance.

Regards,

Marni Baetge
Environment Officer
MAIN ROADS Western Australia
Kimberley Region
Ph: (08) 9158 4318 Fax: (08) 9158 4334
marni.baetge@mainroads.wa.gov

17.4445°S 124.2615°E / 17.467°S 124.2935°E

Gibb River KDC Pit SLK64&68

* *Date* *Certainty* *Seen* *Location Name**Method***Schedule 1 - Fauna that is rare or is likely to become extinct***Petrogale lateralis ssp. (WAM M15135)* **West Kimberley Rock-wallaby** *1 records*

This species thrives in steep, complex rocky habitats providing tunnels, caves and crevices for shelter and protection from predators.
 Recorded on the Great Northern Hwy, approx 150m to the east of a rocky sandstone outcrop on the southside of the Hwy. 65.2 km east of the Derby/Fitzroy/Broome

Date	Certainty	Seen	Location Name	Method
1992	1	1	Liveringa/Camballin	Dead

* Information relating to any records provided for listed species:-

Date: date of recorded observation

Certainty (of correct species identification): 1=Very certain; 2=Moderately certain; and 3=Not sure.

Seen: Number of individuals observed.

Location Name: Name of reserve or nearest locality where observation was made

Method: Method or type of observation

Appendix D

Australian Heritage Places Inventory, Heritage Council of Western Australia and the Municipal Heritage Inventory Database Searches

WHAT IS THE STATE REGISTER? OTHER HERITAGE LISTS

The **State Register of Heritage Places** recognises a place's value and importance to Western Australia. The State Register includes buildings, structures, gardens, cemeteries, landscapes and archaeological sites and has more than 1,200 places on it. The State Register is managed by the Heritage Council and provides a place with statutory protection to ensure it is conserved into the future.

The entire **Places Database** includes places listed in the State Register as well as those included in a Local Government's Municipal Inventory, the Commonwealth's Register of the National Estate and the National Trust's List of Classified Places. There are more than 17,500 places on the Places Database.

To do a search simply enter the details of the place; select whether you want to search the State Register or the Entire Database; and click the 'Search' button below.

It is important to note that the entry of a place in the State Register of Heritage Places does not make the place available for public access.

If you need further advice on whether a property is heritage listed, please call the Heritage Council on 9221 4177.

[SEARCH](#)[HELP](#)

Search In: State Register of Heritage Places Entire Database

Place No:

Name Contains:

Street:

Suburb/Town:

Local Govt:

Search logic:

[SEARCH](#)[HELP](#)

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[LOCATION REPORT](#)
[SAVE DATA](#)

There are no Places matching your search criteria.

If you'd like to perform a new search, please select a new Places database search, from the menu on the left-hand side.

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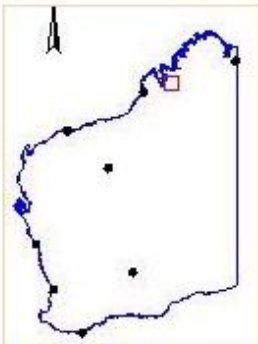
OTHER REGISTER INFORMATION:

[WHAT IS THE STATE REGISTER?](#)
[OTHER HERITAGE LISTS](#)

Appendix E

Department of Indigenous Affairs Database Search

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Show on map

- Aboriginal Sites
- Heritage Surveys

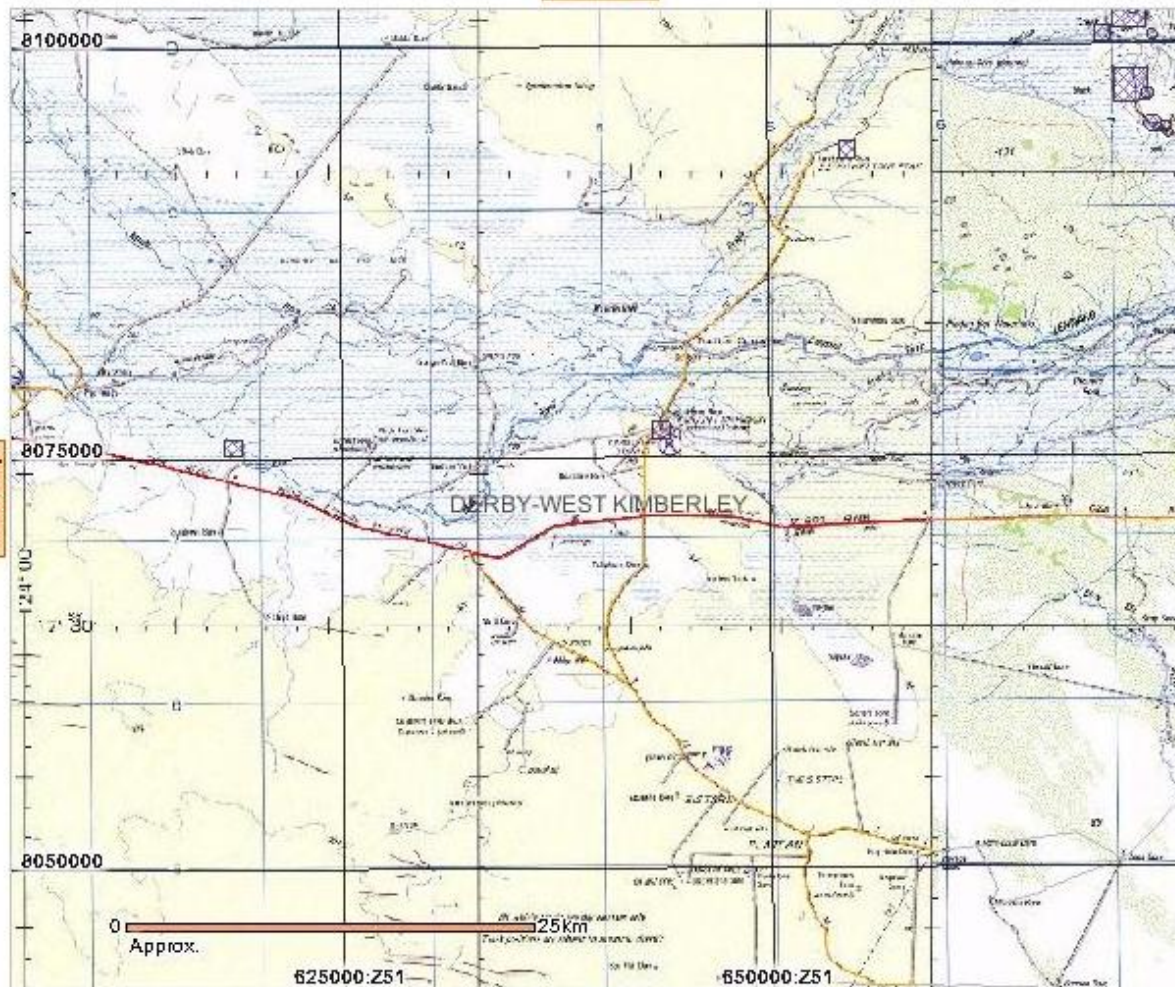
refresh more

Map size

- Small
- Medium
- Large



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Street

State

Getting Started

1. Zoom in to an area of interest by dragging a box with your mouse in the map.
2. Display sites or surveys by selecting the layer and click refresh (under "show on map" box on the screen's left).
3. Search for site or survey report details by selecting from the "What do you want to do" drop down list, selecting the  red arrow and dragging a selection area on the map. Results and links to the PDF reports are displayed on the right.

Please Note:

DIA Aboriginal Heritage Inquiry System August 2007

Appendix F

Department of Water Sensitive Water Resources Database Search

Enquiries: Marni Baeltje on 9158 4318
Our Ref: 07/3989
Your Ref: 20

6 August 2007

Dave Munday
Natural Resource Management Officer
Department of Water
PO Box 625
Kununurra WA 6743

Dear Dave,

SENSITIVE WATER RESOURCES – GIBB RIVER ROAD

Main Roads Kimberley region plans to improve the formation and drainage of a section of the Derby – Gibb River Road from SLK 62.3 (end of seal) to SLK 110.22 (Kimberley Diamond mine Access). Approximately 40,000 cubic metres of naturally occurring road building materials are required to complete the planned works.

Three areas are of interest to source the required materials. These areas are tabled below:

PROPOSED PIT SLK 64 ~ 150 m RHS			
Polygon of ~ 62.5 ha			
Boundary Point No.	Zone	Easting Datum GDA	Northing
1	51K	06333948	8068965
2	51K	06343303	8068957
3	51K	0634796	8069257
4	51K	0635639	8068956
5	51K	0635465	8068469
PROPOSED PIT SLK 68 ~ 150 m RHS			
Polygon of ~ 93 ha			
Boundary Point No.	Zone	Easting Datum GDA	Northing
6	51K	0636605	8070356
7	51K	0636604	8069159
8	51K	0636948	8069159
9	51K	0637149	8069424
10	51K	0637527	8070621
11	51K	0637381	8070789
PROPOSED PIT SLK 110.22 ~ 800m RHS			
Rectangle of ~ 46.5 ha			
Boundary Point No.	Zone	Easting Datum GDA	Northing
12	51K	0678536	8071155
13	51K	0679276	8071155
14	51K	0679953	8070530
15	51K	0678535	8070530

Please find attached a broad locality map of where the road upgrade works are to take place and two aerial images of the areas where materials are proposed to be sourced from.

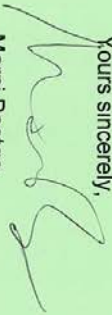
Could you please identify if any of the following sensitive water resources exist in the three project areas:

- Public Drinking Water Source Areas;
- Significant lakes, rivers or wetlands; and/or
- Proclaimed areas

If you require further information do not hesitate to contact me on 9158 4318 or email me at marni.baetge@mainroads.wa.gov.au

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Marni Baetge
ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

Enc.



Department of Water
Government of Western Australia

Marni Baetge
Main Roads WA
PMB 959
Derby WA 6728



Your ref: 07/3989
Our ref: KN1173
Enquiries: Kellie Loge 9166 4113

CORRESPONDENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Doc No	DOT# 123737
<input type="checkbox"/> File	07/3989
<input type="checkbox"/> Action	M. O'Neill
<input type="checkbox"/> Action	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Distribute to	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> RO Action Complete	_____

Dear Marni,

RE: Sensitive Water Resources – Gibb River Road

Thank you for referring the proposal to improve the formation and drainage of a section of the Derby – Gibb River Road from SLK 62.3 to SLK 110.22.

The Department of Water offers the following advice based on the location of the proposed improvement section of the Derby – Gibb River Road and the three areas of interest to source required building materials, as defined in the map and coordinates you supplied:

- The subject land is not within a Public Drinking Water Source Area.
- The subject land does not contain any significant lakes, rivers or wetlands.
- The subject land is within the Canning-Kimberley Groundwater Area, which is proclaimed under the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act, 1914*. Therefore if there is a need for groundwater, application must be made to the Department of Water. Licences if granted, may contain conditions on the sustainable use of water.

Please find enclosed Water Quality Protection Note #44, Roads Near Sensitive Water Resources. This guideline outlines considerations for the placement and construction of both sealed and unsealed roads near watercourses and wetlands.

If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact Kellie Loge in the Kununurra Office on 9166 4113.

Yours sincerely

for
Dave Munday
Regional Manager - Kimberley
9 August 2007

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Appendix G

WAPC's Acid Sulfate Soils Mapping



ACID SULFATE SOILS

APPLICANT SELF - ASSESSMENT FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SELF-ASSESSMENT FORM AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

STEP 1:

IS THERE EVIDENCE OF A SIGNIFICANT RISK OF DISTURBING ACID SULFATE SOILS AT THIS LOCATION?

Question 1:

Is the land depicted in Figures 1 - 10 of the Western Australian Planning Commission's Planning Bulletin No. 64: Acid Sulfate Soils as having a 'high risk of Actual Acid Sulfate Soil (AASS) & Potential Acid Sulfate Soil (PASS) < 3m from surface'?

Note: Planning Bulletin No. 64: Acid Sulfate Soils can be downloaded from:
<http://www.wapc.wa.gov.au/publications/policies/bulletins/PB64/64Nov03.html>



TICK BOX AS APPROPRIATE:

YES

NO

Question 2:

Is the land located in an area, whether depicted in Figures 1 - 10 or not, where site characteristics and local knowledge lead you to form the view that there is a significant risk of disturbing acid sulfate soils at this location?



TICK BOX AS APPROPRIATE:

YES

NO

If YES to either of these two questions go to Step 2.

If NO to both of these questions no further investigation is required. Sign this form and submit it with your application.

STEP 4:

CARRY OUT DETAILED SITE ASSESSMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT GUIDELINES.

Question 7:

Did the Detailed Site Assessment reveal the presence of acid sulfate soils?



TICK BOX AS APPROPRIATE: YES NO

If YES to this question either modify the design of the proposal to ensure that there is no disturbance to acid sulfate soils at this location or, alternatively, prepare an Acid Sulfate Soil Management Plan to mitigate the potential adverse effects of acid sulfate soil disturbance. Sign this form and submit it with your application together with the written results of the Preliminary and Detailed Site Assessments and, if applicable, the completed Acid Sulfate Soil Management Plan.

If NO to this question then no further investigation is required. Sign this form and submit it with your application together with the written results of the Preliminary and Detailed Site Assessments.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE:

▶ MARNI BAETGE
Full Name
▶ Marni Baetge
Signature
▶ 4. 8. 2007
Date

TICK BOX FOR ATTACHMENTS AS APPROPRIATE:

- Preliminary Site Assessment Results
- Detailed Site Assessment Results
- The Proposal Has Been Designed To Avoid Disturbance Of Acid Sulfate Soils At This Location
- Completed Acid Sulfate Soil Management Plan

Appendix H

Department of Agriculture and Food Advice on Declared Weeds

From: Everett, Mick [mailto:meverett@agric.wa.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 16 August 2007 11:37 AM
To: BAETGE Marni (GEnv)
Subject: RE: Declared/Environmental Weeds - Gibb River Road Reconstruction Project

Hi Marni

Thanks for the plant images of your environmental survey for Gibb River Road Reconstruction Project. No declared plants or serious environmental weeds seem to be present at the 3 materials investigation areas.

Regards
Mick Everett
Department of Agriculture
PO Box 278 DERBY WA 6728
Phone (08) 91910328
Mobile 0404904971
Fax (08)91910334
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-----Original Message-----

From: BAETGE Marni (GEnv) [mailto:marni.baetge@mainroads.wa.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 7 April 2007 9:08 AM
To: Everett, Mick
Subject: Declared/Environmental Weeds - Gibb River Road Reconstruction Project

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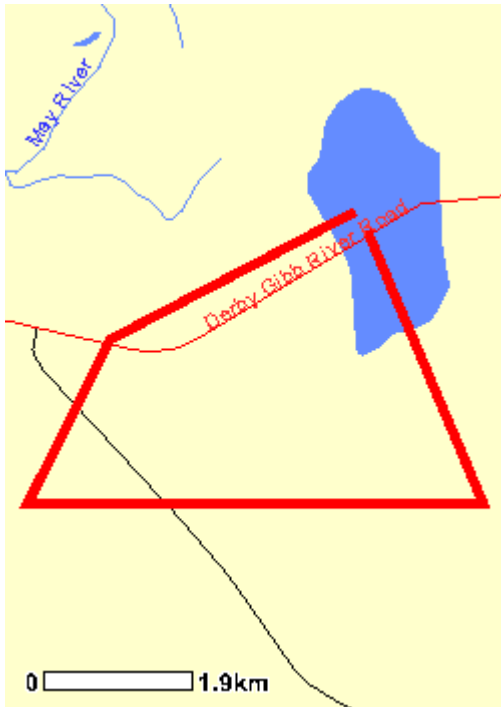
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Department of Agriculture and Food WA

Appendix I

Department of Environment and Water Resources

DEWR DATABASE SEACH – Materials Investigation Areas, Pits 1 and 2

Protected Matters Search Tool



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Search Type: Line

Buffer: 0 km

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Summary

Matters of National Environmental Significance

This part of the report summarises the matters of national environmental significance that may occur in, or may relate to, the area you nominated. Further information is available in the detail part of the report, which can be accessed by scrolling or following the links below. If you are proposing to undertake an activity that may have a significant impact on one or more matters of national environmental significance then you should consider the Administrative Guidelines on Significance - see

World Heritage Properties:	None
National Heritage Places:	None
Wetlands of International Significance: (Ramsar Sites)	None
Commonwealth Marine Areas:	None
Threatened Ecological Communities:	None
<u>Threatened Species:</u>	2
<u>Migratory Species:</u>	13
Commonwealth Lands:	None
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Places on the RNE:	None
<u>Listed Marine Species:</u>	13
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	None
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves:	None

Extra Information

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

State and Territory Reserves:	None
Other Commonwealth Reserves:	None
Regional Forest Agreements:	None

Details

Matters of National Environmental Significance

Threatened Species [Dataset Information]	Status	Type of Presence
Birds		
Rostratula australis * Australian Painted Snipe	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Sharks		
Pristis microdon * Freshwater Sawfish	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Migratory Species [Dataset Information]	Status	Type of Presence
Migratory Terrestrial Species		
Birds		
Haliaeetus leucogaster White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

<u>Hirundo rustica</u> Barn Swallow	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Merops ornatus</u> * Rainbow Bee-eater	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area

Migratory Wetland Species

Birds

<u>Ardea alba</u> Great Egret, White Egret	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Ardea ibis</u> Cattle Egret	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Charadrius veredus</u> Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Glareola maldivarum</u> Oriental Pratincole	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Numenius minutus</u> Little Curlew, Little Whimbrel	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Rostratula benghalensis s. lat.</u> Painted Snipe	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area

Migratory Marine Birds

<u>Apus pacificus</u> Fork-tailed Swift	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Ardea alba</u> Great Egret, White Egret	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Ardea ibis</u> Cattle Egret	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area

Migratory Marine Species

Reptiles

<u>Crocodylus porosus</u> Estuarine Crocodile, Salt-water Crocodile	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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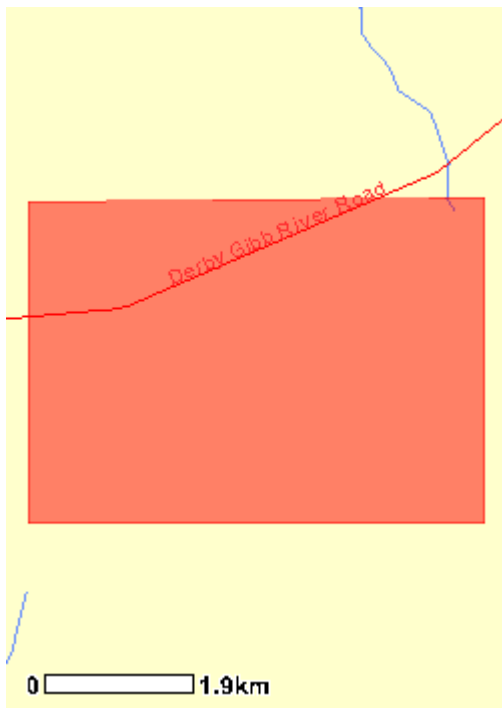
Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Listed Marine Species [[Dataset Information](#)]

Birds

	Status	Type of Presence
<u>Anseranas semipalmata</u> Magpie Goose	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Apus pacificus</u> Fork-tailed Swift	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Ardea alba</u> Great Egret, White Egret	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Ardea ibis</u>	Listed -	Species or species habitat may occur

Cattle Egret	overfly marine area	within area
<u>Charadrius veredus</u> Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Glareola maldivarum</u> Oriental Pratincole	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Haliaeetus leucogaster</u> White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Listed	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Hirundo rustica</u> Barn Swallow	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Merops ornatus</u> * Rainbow Bee-eater	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Numenius minutus</u> Little Curlew, Little Whimbrel	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Rostratula benghalensis s. lat.</u> Painted Snipe	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Reptiles		
<u>Crocodylus johnstoni</u> Freshwater Crocodile	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Crocodylus porosus</u> Estuarine Crocodile, Salt-water Crocodile	Listed	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area



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<http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/assessmentsapprovals/guidelines/index.html>.

World Heritage Properties:	None
National Heritage Places:	None
Wetlands of International Significance: (Ramsar Sites)	None
Commonwealth Marine Areas:	None
Threatened Ecological Communities:	None
<u>Threatened Species:</u>	3
<u>Migratory Species:</u>	13

Commonwealth Lands:	None
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Places on the RNE:	None
<u>Listed Marine Species:</u>	13
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	None
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves:	None

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Other Commonwealth Reserves:	None
Regional Forest Agreements:	None

Details

Matters of National Environmental Significance

Threatened Species [Dataset Information]	Status	Type of Presence
Birds		
<i>Malurus coronatus coronatus</i> * Purple-crowned Fairy-wren (western)	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<i>Rostratula australis</i> * Australian Painted Snipe	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Sharks		
<i>Pristis microdon</i> * Freshwater Sawfish	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Migratory Species [Dataset Information]	Status	Type of Presence
Migratory Terrestrial Species		

Birds

[Haliaeetus leucogaster](#)
White-bellied Sea-Eagle

Migratory Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

[Hirundo rustica](#)
Barn Swallow

Migratory Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Merops ornatus](#) *
Rainbow Bee-eater

Migratory Species or species habitat may occur within area

Migratory Wetland Species

Birds

[Ardea alba](#)
Great Egret, White Egret

Migratory Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Ardea ibis](#)
Cattle Egret

Migratory Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Charadrius veredus](#)
Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel

Migratory Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Glareola maldivarum](#)
Oriental Pratincole

Migratory Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Numenius minutus](#)
Little Curlew, Little Whimbrel

Migratory Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Rostratula benghalensis s. lat.](#)
Painted Snipe

Migratory Species or species habitat may occur within area

Migratory Marine Birds

[Apus pacificus](#)
Fork-tailed Swift

Migratory Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Ardea alba](#)
Great Egret, White Egret

Migratory Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Ardea ibis](#)
Cattle Egret

Migratory Species or species habitat may occur within area

Migratory Marine Species

Reptiles

[Crocodylus porosus](#)
Estuarine Crocodile, Salt-water Crocodile
Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Migratory Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Listed Marine Species [Dataset Information]

Status

Type of Presence

Birds

[Anseranas semipalmata](#)
Magpie Goose

Listed - overfly marine area Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Apus pacificus](#)
Fork-tailed Swift

Listed - overfly marine area Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Ardea alba](#)

Listed - Species or species habitat may occur

Great Egret, White Egret	overfly marine area	within area
<u>Ardea ibis</u> Cattle Egret	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Charadrius veredus</u> Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Glareola maldivarum</u> Oriental Pratincole	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Haliaeetus leucogaster</u> White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Listed	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Hirundo rustica</u> Barn Swallow	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Merops ornatus</u> * Rainbow Bee-eater	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Numenius minutus</u> Little Curlew, Little Whimbrel	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Rostratula benghalensis s. lat.</u> Painted Snipe	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Reptiles		
<u>Crocodylus johnstoni</u> Freshwater Crocodile	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Crocodylus porosus</u> Estuarine Crocodile, Salt-water Crocodile	Listed	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area