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# Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818

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Albany Highway (H001) Improvements near  
Beattie Road (SLK 343.45-344.45)

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# 1 PROPOSAL

## 1.1 Purpose and Justification

Albany Highway (H001) is the primary link between the Great Southern regional centre of Albany and Perth. It is used to transport commodities (principally grains and timber products) to and from the Port of Albany for export using Multi-Combination Vehicles (MCVs) up to 36.5m in length. Albany Highway is also used by commuters, school and commuter buses, and tourists.

In 2020, a Road Safety Inspection (Paul G Robertson Associates 2020, [D22#71884](#)) was commissioned to assess the safety of the intersections of Albany Highway with two Shire roads: West Beattie Road (No. 3120316, H001 SLK 343.66), and Beattie Road (No. 3120075, H001 SLK 343.85), as well as the parking bay south of the intersections. The intersections are located in a rural area within the Plantagenet Shire, north of Mount Barker.

As shown in **Figure 1**, the two local roads intersect Albany Highway in a staggered pattern within a sag curve that is speed zoned 110 km/hr and currently allows for overtaking. It also has an unconventional parking area (H001 SLK 343.67 – 343.84) with unclear access points, and a school bus stop that caters for ~10 school children every morning and afternoon. The northbound approach to the site is on a long, gradual downhill section of Albany Highway that tends to encourage increasing of vehicle speeds, followed by potential overtaking within the sag curve adjacent to the intersections and the access to the parking bay. The West Beattie Road intersection with Albany Highway was rated number 8 of the top 10 in the RAC's Risky Road Survey (2018/19). Between 2014 and 2019, five crashes were recorded at the site, including one single vehicle medical crash and three 2-vehicle crashes.

Due to the high risk of serious accident followed by road trauma, Main Roads proposes to construct:

- passing bulges on Albany Highway opposite sideroad crossovers;
- a southbound left turn pocket into Beattie Road; and
- a bus bay on the northbound verge (SLK 343.60), with a footpath linking to West Beattie Road.

### 1.1.1 Main Roads Approach to Road Safety and the Environment

Main Roads is committed to minimising the environmental impacts of all of its activities, and manages the State road network to achieve balanced economic, social, safety and environmental benefits for the community. Main Roads recognises that Western Australia's environment is significant from a global perspective and the unique conservation values that are contained within its road reserve. Main Roads road network often adjoins natural areas and, in some locations, the reserve itself hosts remnant vegetation with high environmental values. Although the reserves were not established for this purpose, Main Roads recognises that it has a responsibility to conserve the environmental values that occur within the State's road network and minimise the impact its proposals have on the environment. In addition to providing a safe and efficient road network for all people using the roads under its control, Main Roads is also committed to protecting and enhancing the natural environment.

In accordance with National and State Government road safety policies, Main Roads is also committed to substantially reducing road trauma on the road network through Safe System principles. The Safe System approach acknowledges that more than two thirds of all serious crashes are due to human error rather than deliberate risk taking (e.g. speeding or drink driving) and seeks to improve behaviour through education and enforcement while managing the safety of vehicles,

speeds and the road and road infrastructure. It is shown that improving sub-optimal road formation will substantially reduce the likelihood and severity of road crashes. For example, according to the Road Safety Management Guideline, increasing the sealed shoulder from 0.5 m to 2 m will reduce Killed and Seriously Injured numbers by more than 50%.

As the statutory authority responsible for providing and managing a safe and efficient main road network in Western Australia, Main Roads focuses on improving road safety by thoroughly considering all environmental, economic and community benefits and impacts. It operates on a hierarchy of avoiding, minimising, reducing and then, if required, offsetting our environmental impacts. This has been achieved through changes in proposal scope and design. Main Roads regularly reduces its clearing footprint by restricting earthworks limits for proposals, steepening batters, installing barriers, establishing borrow pits in cleared paddocks and avoiding temporary clearing for storage, stockpiles and turn around bays to avoid and minimise its impacts.

Further details on measures to avoid, minimise and reduce are provided in Section 1.5.

## 1.2 Proposal Scope

Main Roads proposes to construct:

- passing bulges on Albany Highway opposite sideroad crossovers;
- a southbound left turn pocket into Beattie Road; and
- a bus bay on the northbound verge (SLK 343.60) with a footpath linking to West Beattie Road.

The full scope is detailed in the drawings in **Appendix 1** and include

- traffic management;
- earthworks;
- culvert extension and ancillary drainage works;
- pavement and surfacing;
- installation and relocation of signage;
- line marking; and
- maintenance of existing roads and access tracks.

## 1.3 Proposal Location

The Development Envelope is located on Albany Hwy (H001) from SLK 343.45 to 344.45 in the Shire of Plantagenet, as shown in **Figure 1**. The desktop assessment Study Area was confined to a 10km radius from the Development Envelope, as shown in **Figure 2**.

## 1.4 Clearing Details

**Proposed Clearing to be undertaken using CPS 818:** up to **0.35ha** native vegetation within a 2.2ha Development Envelope that includes 1.06ha cleared areas and 0.06ha planted vegetation.

**Areas of Native Vegetation Clearing:** as shown in **Figure 3** and **Figure 4**.

**Type of Native Vegetation:** detailed below and shown in **Figure 3**:

| Native Vegetation Type                         | Area (ha)   |
|--|-------------|
| <i>Corymbia calophylla</i> Open Forest [CcOF]  | 0.07        |
| <i>Eucalyptus wandoo</i> Open Forest [EwOF]    | 0.06        |
| <i>Eucalyptus cornuta</i> Closed Forest [EcCF] | 0.22        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                   | <b>0.35</b> |

The clearing includes 0.06ha of planted *Corymbia calophylla* Open Forest.



**Figure 1. Development Envelope for Albany Highway (H001) Improvements near Beattie Road (SLK 343.45-344.45)**



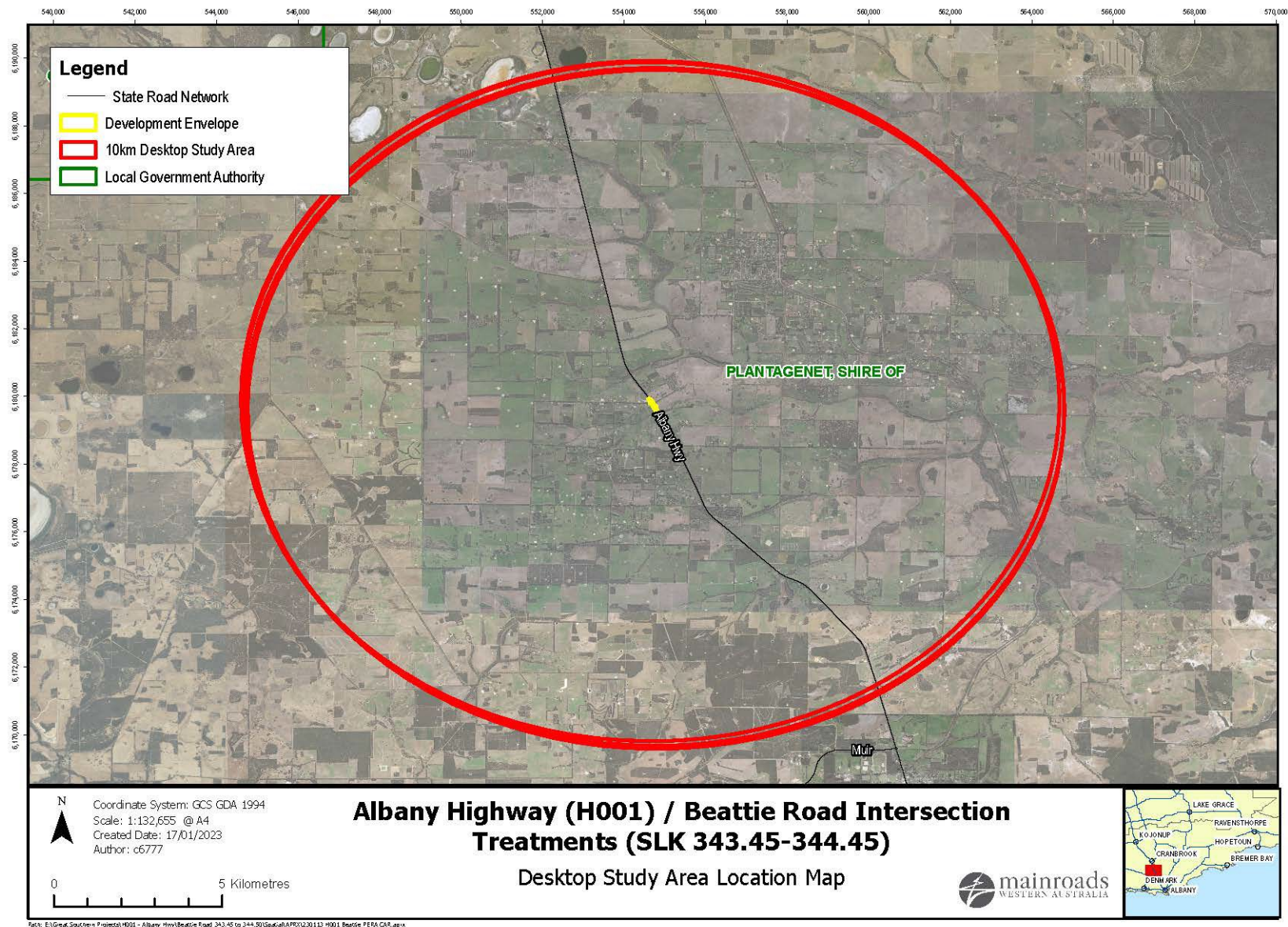


Figure 2. Desktop Study Area for Albany Highway (H001) Improvements near Beattie Road (SLK 343.45-344.45)



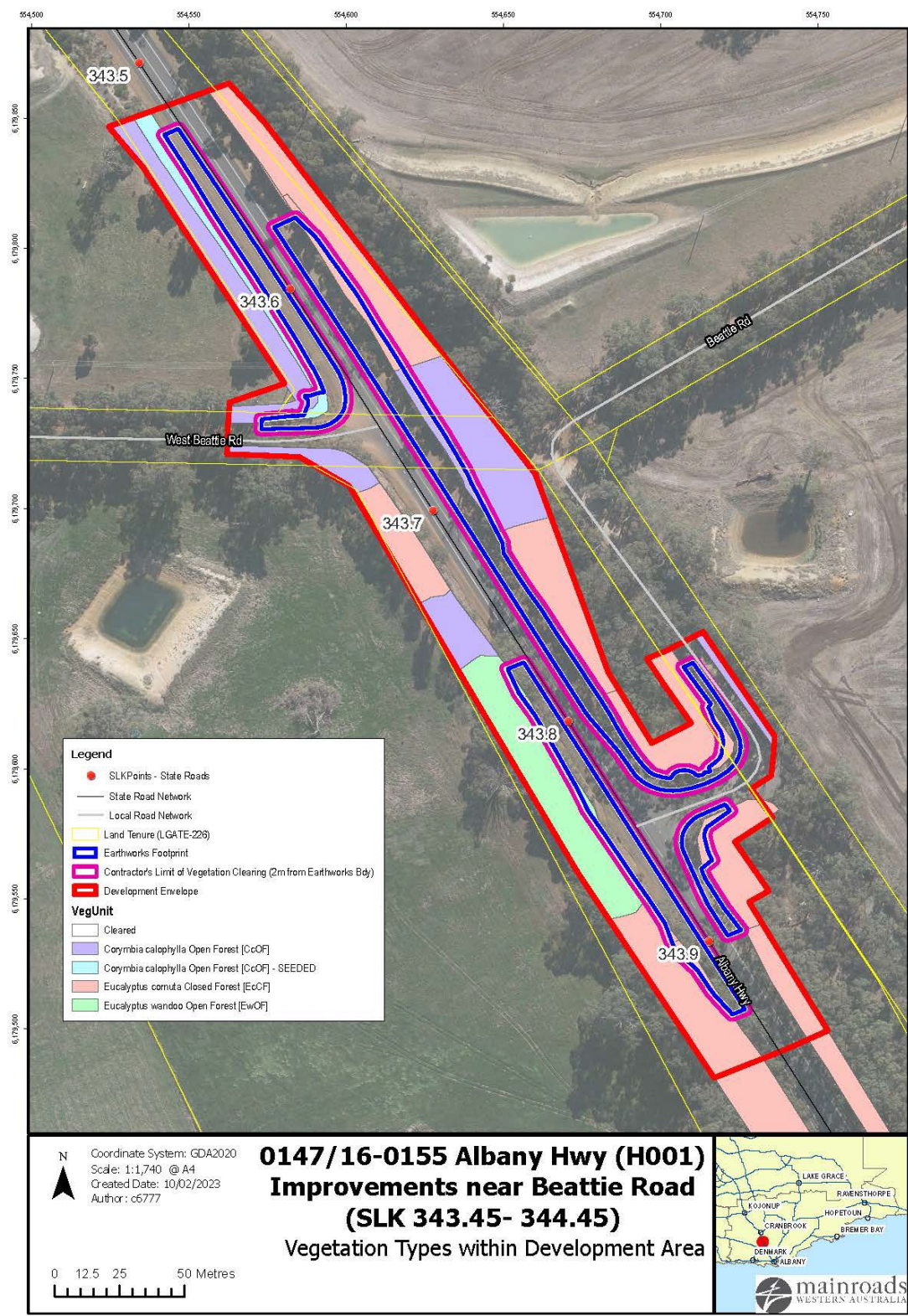
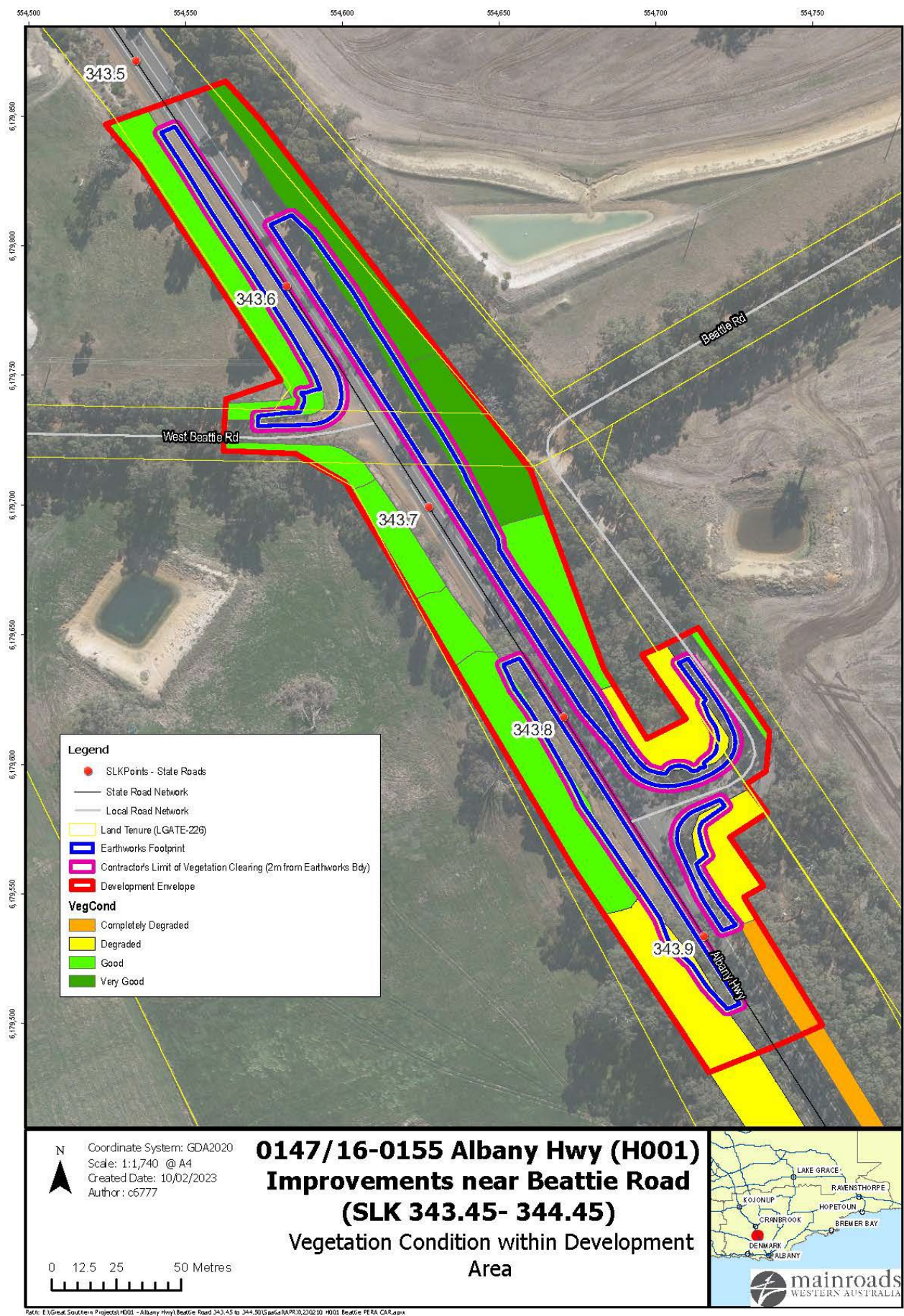


Figure 3 Vegetation Units within Development Envelope for Albany Highway (H001) Improvements near Beattie Road (SLK 343.45-344.45)





**Figure 4. Vegetation Condition within Development Envelope for Albany Highway (H001) Improvements near Beattie Road (SLK 343.45-344.45)**

## 1.5 Alternatives to Native Vegetation Clearing Considered During Proposal Development

The following alternatives to clearing were considered during the development of the Proposal:

- Different treatment options; however, this could potentially result in a poorer safety outcome and may result in future fatalities or serious injuries and further degradation of the State road asset;
- Steepening batter slopes; and
- Kerbing.

## 1.6 Measures to Avoid, Minimise, Reduce and Manage Proposal Clearing Impacts

The design and management measures implemented to avoid and minimise the potential clearing impacts of the Proposal are provided in Table 1.

**Table 1. Measures Undertaken to Avoid, Minimise, Reduce and Manage the Proposal Clearing Impacts**

| Design or Management Measure   | Discussion and Justification  |
|--|---|
| <b>Alignment to one side of existing road</b>  | Sections of the Proposal area which require clearing are in cut and hence re-alignment of the carriageway is not possible due to the topographical constraints of the Proposal area.  |
| <b>Simplification of design to reduce number of lanes and/or complexity of intersections</b> | Several different treatment options were considered to improve safety within the Proposal area. The widening scope of works cannot be further simplified whilst retaining the necessary safety benefits. Discussion with the design team and Main Roads Great Southern Region Network Manager identified necessary inclusions that were required for safety improvements e.g. extra width of carriageway to incorporate a southbound left turn pocket into Beattie Road is necessary to address the safety issues within the Proposal area. |
| <b>Steepen batter slopes</b>   | The use of 1:2 and 1:3 drain backslope (dependent on cut depth) on design as opposed to 3:1 or 6:1 has minimised environmental clearing as much as possible. It is not possible to implement steeper batters.   |
| <b>Installation of barriers</b>  | As the sections of the design that require clearing are in an area of cut, the installation of safety barriers would not reduce the clearing footprint due to the requirements of roadside drainage. Thus, this is not a suitable measure to avoid or minimise clearing.  |
| <b>Installation of kerbing</b>   | Kerbing was considered to minimise environmental clearing along certain sections of the design. Through discussion with the Main Roads Great Southern Region Network Manager, it was identified this would introduce safety concerns in some sections that are not acceptable, and hence was removed from these sections of the design. Kerbing has been included for sections that otherwise would not pose a safety risk when kerbed to minimise clearing.  |
| <b>Use of existing cleared areas for access tracks, construction storage and stockpiling</b> | No temporary clearing for storage, side tracks, stockpiles, turn around bays etc. will be undertaken as part of the Proposal activities.<br>All site facilities, including laydown areas, site offices, materials storage areas, construction vehicles/machinery parking areas and access tracks will be located on previously disturbed or cleared areas.  |

## 1.7 Approved Policies and Planning Instruments

The clearing of native vegetation in Western Australia is regulated under the EP Act and the *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004* (Clearing Regulations).

In addition to the matters considered in accordance with section 51O of the EP Act, Main Roads has also had regard to the below instruments where relevant.

### **Other Legislation potentially relevant for assessment of clearing and planning/other matters:**

- *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (WA) (BC Act)
- *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (WA) (CALM Act)
- *Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947* (WA) (CAWS Act)
- *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act)
- *Planning and Development Act 2005* (WA) (P&D Act)
- *Soil and Land Conservation Act 1945* (WA)
- *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914*
- *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (WA).

### **Other relevant policies and guidance documents:**

- Environmental Offsets Policy (Government of Western Australia, 2011)
- A guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation (Government of WA, December 2014)
- Procedure: Native vegetation clearing permits (Government of WA, October 2019)
- Environmental Offsets Guidelines (Government of Western Australia, 2014)
- Technical guidance – Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment (EPA, 2016)
- Technical guidance – Terrestrial Vertebrate Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment (EPA, 2020)
- Approved conservation advice under section 266B of the EPBC Act for threatened flora/fauna/vegetation communities.
- Approved Conservation Advice (including listing advice) for the Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt (Department of the Environment, 2015)
- Carnaby's Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*) Recovery Plan (Department of Parks and Wildlife, 2013)
- Referral guideline for 3 WA threatened black cockatoo species (DCCEEW, 2022)



## 2 SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY OF CLEARING ASSESSMENT

Native vegetation will be cleared to accommodate this Proposal. This clearing will be undertaken using the Main Roads Statewide Clearing Permit CPS 818.

To comply with CPS 818, Main Roads must prepare a Clearing Assessment Report (CAR).

The CAR outlines the key activities associated with the Proposal, the existing environment and an assessment of native vegetation clearing. This assessment provides an evaluation of the vegetation clearing impacts associated with the Proposal using the ten Clearing Principles listed under s51 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) and strategies used to manage vegetation clearing.

### 2.1 Report Terminology and Sources

The following terms are used in this Clearing Report

- **Native Vegetation Clearing Area** – The maximum amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the Proposal that will accommodate the designed earthworks and, typically, a nominal buffer to allow for the safe movement of machinery during construction.
- **Development Envelope** – The maximum extent within which the Clearing Area will be located. This envelope larger than the Clearing Area and the Proposal Area to allow for minor changes to the Proposal footprint as the design process continues, and to account for minor and unexpected changes that may occur during construction, such as working to avoid a large tree or encountering buried boulders or services. This flexibility allows the site personnel to make modifications to the Proposal to avoid areas that may contain better environmental values. The CAR has assessed all environmental values within the Development Envelope as though all of these values will be impacted, up to the amount specified within the Clearing Area.
- **Proposal Area** – The total footprint of the Proposal including both cleared and uncleared areas. This is based on the current design and is less than the development envelope. It usually includes a buffer to allow for constructability and the movement of machinery during construction.
- **Study Area** – Area covered by the Desktop Assessment. The Study Area for the Proposal is confined to a local area of a 10km radius.
- **Survey Area** – Area covered by the field surveys, which is typically larger than the Development Envelope.

### 2.2 Desktop Assessment

A desktop assessment of the Development Envelope was undertaken by viewing internal datasets and other government agency managed databases, and consulting with relevant stakeholders where necessary. Results from the search for Matters of National Significance can be found in **Appendix 2**.

GIS layer viewing and mapping is done using ArcMap and/or Main Roads corporate mapping system known as iMaps. Referencing of the GIS layers accessed is done under the relevant methodology section of each clearing principle. Government managed databases were searched to locate additional information, which are found under References in **Section 9**.

## 2.3 Surveys and Assessments

The following surveys/assessments were undertaken to inform this CAR:

- BioDiverse Solutions (2022) *Reconnaissance Flora, Vegetation And Basic Fauna Survey Report - Albany Highway (H001) / Beattie Road Intersection (SLK 343.45-344.50) Kendenup, WA*
- Main Roads WA (2002) *Environmental Site Inspection Report For A Clearing Desktop Report H001 Albany Highway – Beattie and West Beattie Roads Improvements (343.44 – 344.70 SLK)*

A summary of the methodology and the results of the above surveys are provided in Section 3.

## 3 SUMMARY OF SURVEYS

### 3.1 Overview of Surveys

Biological and targeted surveys conducted for the proposal are outlined in **Table 2**. A summary of the findings in these reports are presented in **Section 3.2**.

**Table 2. Summary of Biological and Targeted Surveys Relevant to the Proposal**

| Consultant & Survey Name  | Survey Details   |
|---|--|
| <b>BioDiverse Solutions (2022)</b><br><i>Reconnaissance Flora, Vegetation And Basic Fauna Survey Report - Albany Highway (H001) / Beattie Road Intersection (SLK 343.45-344.50) Kendenup, WA 6323</i> | <p><b>Survey Area:</b> Survey area comprised the Main Roads road reserve from Albany Highway SLK 343.50 to 344.28 (~3.51ha including cleared areas), with an additional TEC assessment area included during the field work (SLK 344.28-344.42 right hand side of Albany Highway road reserve).</p> <p><b>Type:</b> Out-of-season reconnaissance flora, vegetation and basic fauna survey, including a targeted flora, targeted black cockatoo habitat assessment and targeted TEC assessment.</p> <p><b>Timing:</b> Fieldwork conducted 23-24 March 2022 and 27 July 2022</p> <p><b>Survey Results Shapefile TRIM Ref:</b> <a href="#">D23#47402</a></p> <p><b>Document TRIM Ref:</b> Report <a href="#">D23#47388</a>, Recommendations Memo <a href="#">D23#47382</a></p> |
| <b>Main Roads WA (2002)</b><br><i>Environmental Site Inspection Report For A Clearing Desktop Report</i>  | <p><b>Survey Area:</b> Survey area comprised the Development Envelope (~3.69ha including cleared areas).</p> <p><b>Type:</b> Environmental site Inspection of the Development Envelope, including a targeted threatened and priority flora survey and re-mapping of BioDiverse Solution's vegetation type and condition mapping.</p> <p><b>Timing:</b> Fieldwork conducted 19 October 2022</p> <p><b>Survey Results Shapefile TRIM Ref:</b> <a href="#">D22#1180603</a> Vegetation Type and <a href="#">D22#1192920</a> Vegetation Condition</p> <p><b>Document TRIM Ref:</b> <a href="#">D22#1147518</a></p>  |

### 3.2 Summary of Surveys

In March 2022, BioDiverse Solutions (BDS) undertook an out-of-season flora and vegetation and fauna survey which included a targeted flora and Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) assessment for the Proposal.

Following an extension of the design footprint, BDS undertook a second survey in July 2022 of the additional Proposal areas to survey for significant fauna (incl. threatened and priority fauna) and to extend the fauna habitat mapping. A BDS botanist was not available, so no additional vegetation mapping was completed.

No priority or threatened flora was detected during BDS' surveys. However, given the BDS surveys were undertaken out of season, the post survey significant flora Likelihood of Occurrence (LOO) assessment concluded that it was possible for three species to occur: *Thelymitra psammophila* (T), *Stylidium lepidum* (P3)

and *Caladenia integra* (P4). Main Roads Environment Officers and botanists undertook an Environmental Site Inspection of the Development Envelope on 19 October 2022, which included a targeted threatened and priority flora survey of *Thelymitra psammophila* (T), *Stylidium lepidum* (P3) and *Caladenia integra* (P4). The inspection also included a review of the BDS *Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt* TEC assessment and mapping of vegetation condition and vegetation type mapping within the additional Proposal areas. The Main Roads Environmental Site Inspection found:

- No threatened or priority flora species within the Development Envelope. The desktop investigation and post survey likelihood-of-occurrence assessment revealed that the presence of these species was unlikely based on the incompatible habitat type and high amount of weed cover in the Development Envelope.
- No threatened or priority ecological communities within the Development Envelope (i.e. Wheatbelt TEC had been incorrectly mapped by BDS 2022).
- The vegetation condition was predominately found to be in Degraded to Completely Degraded Condition due to the high abundance of weed cover throughout the Development Envelope (i.e. some areas incorrectly mapped by BDS 2022). One smaller patch of good quality vegetation exists on the eastern side of the highway.
- One Declared Pest and WoNS was identified: *Asparagus asparagoides* and several patches of *Watsonia ?meriana*.

There are no known Black Cockatoo breeding areas within 10km of the Development Envelope, which is also outside the Western Ringtail Possum Management Zone. No fauna individuals, calls, tracks or scats were observed during the MRWA inspection (D22#1147518). BDS observed two threatened bird species during its survey (Baudin's (EN) and Forest Red-tailed (VU) Black Cockatoo), with only low to moderate foraging and roosting habitat deemed present for Black Cockatoos within the Development Envelope and no suitable DBH trees containing hollows suitable for Black Cockatoos. No high-quality potential habitat was deemed present for Western Ringtail Possums (CR), Brush-tailed Phascogale (CD) and Quenda (P4) and BDS observed no evidence of these species (e.g. scats, tree scratchings/markings, diggings, foliar feeding patterns etc) during its survey.

## 4 VEGETATION DETAILS

### 4.1 Proposal Site Vegetation Description

The Development Envelope is within the Southern Jarrah Forest (JAF02) subregion, and contains two Vegetation Associations:

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <b>System Association Name:</b>                                       | Narrikup   | Kendenup   |
| <b>Vegetation Association Number:</b>                                 | 3  | 967  |
| <b>Structure Description:</b>   | Forest   | Woodland other   |
| <b>Floristic Description:</b>   | Mainly jarrah <i>Eucalyptus marginata</i> and marri <i>Corymbia calophylla</i> . | Wheatbelt; York gum, salmon gum etc. <i>Eucalyptus loxophleba</i> , <i>E. salmonophloia</i> . Goldfields; gimlet, redwood etc. <i>E. salubris</i> , <i>E. oleosa</i> . Riverine; rivergum <i>E. camaldulensis</i> . Tropical; messmate, woolybush. |
| <b>Remnant Vegetation by Beard Association Rarity in LGA:</b>         | 36.37% remaining   | 22.72% remaining   |
| <b>Remnant Vegetation by Beard Association Rarity in IBRA Region:</b> | 67.10% remaining   | 23.09% remaining   |

Three vegetation units were identified during the BDS survey (**Figure 3**):

1. *Eucalyptus wandoo* Open Forest [EwOF] - *Eucalyptus wandoo* Open Forest, over *Bossiaea linophylla* Sparse Shrubland, over *Ehrharta calycina*, *Briza maxima*, *Avena barbata* Tussock Grassland.
2. *Corymbia calophylla* Open Forest [CcOF] - *Corymbia calophylla* Open Forest over *Ehrharta calycina*, *Briza maxima* Tussock Grassland.
3. *Eucalyptus cornuta* Closed Forest [EcCF] - *Eucalyptus cornuta* Closed Forest, over *Hakea laurina* Sparse Shrubland, over *Kennedia coccinea*, *Trifolium angustifolium* Sparse Forbland, over *Briza maxima* Sparse Tussock Grassland.

The MRWA inspection confirmed the north-western section of the Development Envelope also contains planted vegetation using species of the *Corymbia calophylla* Open Forest vegetation type, including *Callitris pyramidalis*, *Calothamnus quadrifidus*, *Hakea lissocarpa*, *Hakea undulata*.

The MRWA inspection confirmed there are no known threatened or priority flora species or threatened or priority ecological communities within the Development Envelope.

The vegetation condition of the Development Envelope was found to range from 'Completely Degraded' to 'Very Good' condition (Keighery, 1994) (**Figure 4**). The MRWA inspection confirmed the north-eastern and north-western sections of the Development Envelope varied between degraded (from Beattie Road) and increasing in condition to very good, displaying approximately 10% coverage of weed species, with no Weeds of National Significance (WONS) or Declared weed species in these areas. The south-eastern and south-western patches of the Development Envelope was mapped as degraded to completely degraded. The MRWA inspection identified that the Development Envelope had an 80% coverage of WONS Bridal Creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*) and dense patches of *Watsonia ?meriana*, providing a low vegetation condition rating.

**Table 3** and **Table 4** provide details of the vegetation types within the Proposal and the remaining extents of these associations.

For a full description of the existing vegetation, refer to the Main Roads Environmental Site Inspection Report (D22#1147518) and BioDiverse Solutions Survey Report (D23#47388).

**Table 3. Summary of Vegetation Types within Development Envelope and 5m from Earthworks Boundary**

| Vegetation Type  | Total Extent Mapped (ha) within Development Envelope | Total Extent Mapped (ha) within 5m of Earthworks Boundary |
|--|--|---|
| <i>Corymbia calophylla</i> Open Forest [CcOF]          | 0.32   | 0.07  |
| <i>Eucalyptus wandoo</i> Open Forest [EwOF]            | 0.16   | 0.06  |
| <i>Eucalyptus cornuta</i> Closed Forest [EcCF]         | 0.60   | 0.22  |
| <b>Total Native Vegetation (ha)</b>                    | <b>1.08</b>  | <b>0.35</b>   |
| <i>Corymbia calophylla</i> Open Forest [CcOF] – SEEDED | 0.06   | 0.06  |
| <b>Total Vegetation (Planted and Native) (ha)</b>      | <b>1.14</b>  | <b>0.41</b>   |
| Cleared areas  | 1.06   | 0.77  |
| <b>Total Area (ha)</b>                                 | <b>2.2</b>   | <b>1.18</b>   |

**Table 4. Pre-European Vegetation Representation**

| Pre-European Vegetation Association | Scale  | Pre-European Extent (ha) | Current Extent (ha) | % Remaining | % Current Extent in DBCA Managed Land (proportion of Current Extent) |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--|
| <b>Veg Assoc No.</b><br>3           | <b>Statewide</b>   | 2,661,404.62             | 1,803,437.48        | 67.76       | 81.50  |
|                                     | <b>IBRA Bioregion</b><br><i>Jarrah Forest</i>                    | 2,390,591.54             | 1,604,101.56        | 67.10       | 81.00  |
|                                     | <b>IBRA Sub-region</b><br><i>Southern Jarrah Forest</i>          | 1,482,491.85             | 880,655.65          | 59.40       | 78.50  |
|                                     | <b>Local Government Authority</b><br><i>Shire of Plantagenet</i> | 252,388.59               | 91,789.98           | 36.37       | 49.38  |
|                                     |  |                          |                     |             |  |
| <b>Veg Assoc No.</b><br>967         | <b>Statewide</b>   | 216,684.92               | 36,536.08           | 16.86       | 3.02   |
|                                     | <b>IBRA Bio region</b><br><i>Jarrah Forest</i>                   | 29,340.13                | 6,773.33            | 23.09       | 4.38   |
|                                     | <b>IBRA Sub-region</b><br><i>Southern Jarrah Forest</i>          | 29,340.13                | 6,773.33            | 23.09       | 4.38   |
|                                     | <b>Local Government Authority</b><br><i>Shire of Plantagenet</i> | 11,965.25                | 2,718.65            | 22.72       | 8.83   |
|                                     |  |                          |                     |             |  |

## 5 ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE TEN CLEARING PRINCIPLES

In assessing whether the Proposal's proposed clearing is likely to have a significant impact on the environment, the Proposal was assessed against the ten Clearing Principles (EP Act, Schedule 5).

Each principle has been assessed in accordance with the former Department of Environment Regulation (now Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) '[A Guide to the Assessment of Applications to Clear Native Vegetation](#)' (Department of Environment Regulation, 2014) and other relevant clearing permit application decision reports prepared by DWER.

The proposed clearing is **not likely to be at variance** with the ten Clearing Principles.

**(a) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises a high level of biological diversity.****Proposed clearing is not at variance to this Principle.****Assessment**

No priority or threatened flora were detected during BDS' reconnaissance survey, but since it was conducted outside of Spring, three species were deemed "Possible" to occur (*Thelymitra psammophila* (T), *Stylidium lepidum* (P3) and *Caladenia integra* (P4). Main Roads completed a Targeted Flora Survey of the Development Envelope during Spring 2022 and found none of these three targeted species. The desktop investigation and post survey likelihood-of-occurrence assessment revealed that the presence of these species was unlikely based on the incompatible habitat type and high amount of weed cover in the Development Envelope.

There are no known Black Cockatoo breeding areas within 10km of the Development Envelope, which is also outside the Western Ringtail Possum Management Zone. No fauna individuals, calls, tracks or scats were observed during the MRWA inspection ([D22#1147518](#)).

BDS observed two threatened bird species during its survey (Baudin's (EN) and Forest Red-tailed (VU) Black Cockatoo), with only low to moderate foraging and roosting habitat deemed present for Black Cockatoos within the Development Envelope and no suitable DBH trees with known nesting hollows or containing hollows potentially suitable for Black Cockatoos. No high-quality potential habitat was deemed present for Western Ringtail Possums (CR), Brush-tailed Phascogale (CD) and Quenda (P4) and BDS observed no evidence of these species (e.g. scats, tree scratchings/markings, diggings, foliar feeding patterns etc) during its survey.

According to the DPIRD-005 Native Vegetation Extent GIS layer, there is up to 4377.20ha native vegetation present within the 10km Desktop Study Area that could be potential foraging and roosting habitat for Black Cockatoos. The proposed clearing of up to 0.35ha of native vegetation within the Development Envelope equates to 0.008% of the native vegetation within the 10km Desktop Study.

The remnant vegetation condition ranges from Completely Degraded to Very Good; however, the small amount of native vegetation clearing proposed (0.0352ha within a 2.2ha Development Envelope) is unlikely to have a significant impact on the level of biodiversity of the Development Envelope or its surrounds.

Based on the above, the Development Envelope has limited biodiversity value and the proposed clearing is **not at variance** to this Principle.

**Methodology**

- BioDiverse Solutions (2022) *Reconnaissance Flora, Vegetation And Basic Fauna Survey Report - Albany Highway (H001) / Beattie Road Intersection (SLK 343.45-344.50) Kendenup, WA* ([D23#47388](#))
- Main Roads WA (2002) *Environmental Site Inspection Report For A Clearing Desktop Report H001 Albany Highway – Beattie and West Beattie Roads Improvements (343.44 – 344.70 SLK)* ([D22#1147518](#))
- DCCEEW Protected Matters Search Tool Report (**Appendix 2**, accessed 10 February 2023)
- Government GIS Shapefiles:
  - DBCA Threatened and Priority Ecological Community database search (Accessed 10 Nov 2022)
  - DBCA Threatened and Priority flora database search (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - DBCA Threatened fauna database search (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - DPIRD-005 Native Vegetation Extent (Accessed 23 February 2022)



**(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.**

**Proposed clearing is not at variance to this Principle.**

**Assessment**

Based on a search of the Desktop Study Area (10km from the Development Envelope, **Figure 2**), BDS identified 3 threatened and priority fauna species as being 'Likely' and 10 as 'Possible' to occur based on potential habitat being present within the Development Envelope.

Species assessed as 'Likely' to occur were:

1. Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus banksii* subsp. *naso*, VU);
2. Baudin's Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus baudinii*, EN); and
3. Carnaby's Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*, EN).

Species assessed as 'Possible' to occur were:

1. Muir's Corella (*Cacatua pastinator* subsp. *pastinator*, CD);
2. Quenda (*Isodon fusciventer*, P4);
3. Red-tailed phascogale (*Phascogale calura*, CD);
4. South-western brush-tailed phascogale (*Phascogale tapoatafa* subsp. *wambenger*, CD);
5. Fork-tailed swift (*Apus pacificus*, MI);
6. Australian bittern (*Botaurus poiciloptilus*, EN);
7. Sharp-tailed sandpiper (*Calidris acuminata*, MI);
8. Peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*, OS);
9. Black-striped dwarf galaxias (*Galaxiella nigrostriatal*, EN); and
10. Western ringtail possum (*Pseudocheirus occidentalis*, CR).

There are no known Black Cockatoo breeding areas within 10km of the Development Envelope. BDS found no trees with a suitable Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) (i.e. greater than 500mm or 300mm for Salmon Gum and Wandoo species) within the Development Envelope that contained known nesting hollows or hollows potentially suitable for Black Cockatoos.

The proposed Works will impact a maximum of 10 suitable DBH trees, none of which contain hollows suitable for Black Cockatoos. MRWA will liaise with its Contractor during the Works to try to minimise impacts to these trees, where possible.

Although BDS found potential Black Cockatoo foraging and roosting habitat within the Development Envelope, it was deemed to be low to moderate quality and represents a very small percentage of the potential foraging and roosting habitat available within the 10km Desktop Study Area (i.e. under 0.02%), as detailed below.

| Black Cockatoo Species   | Habitat Type   | Total Area (ha) in 2.2ha Development Envelope | % of 4377.20ha Potential Native Veg within 10km Study Area |
|--|--|---|--|
| <b>Forest Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo</b><br>( <i>Calyptorhynchus banksii naso</i> )<br>(Endangered)           | Potential Foraging (Low-Moderate Quality) Habitat              | 0.483   | 0.01%  |
|  | Potential Roosting Habitat                                     | 1.028   | 0.02%  |
| <b>Carnaby's Cockatoo</b> ( <i>Calyptorhynchus latirostris</i> or <i>Zanda latirostris</i> )<br>(Endangered) | Potential Roosting and Foraging (Low-Moderate Quality) Habitat | 1.019   | 0.02%  |
| <b>Baudin's Cockatoo</b> ( <i>Calyptorhynchus baudinii</i> or <i>Zanda baudinii</i> ) (Vulnerable)           | Potential Foraging (Low-Moderate Quality) Habitat              | 0.332   | 0.01%  |
|  | Potential Roosting Habitat                                     | 1.019   | 0.02%  |

The Development Envelope is outside the Western Ringtail Possum Management Zone. No fauna individuals, calls, tracks or scats were observed during the MRWA inspection (D22#1147518). BDS only observed two threatened bird species during its survey (Baudin's and Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo).

Given the small amount of vegetation clearing proposed (0.035ha within a 2.2ha Development Envelope), fauna impacts are unlikely and the risk can be managed using the Main Roads Principal Environmental Works Requirements (PEWR) document (D22#1209968, **Appendix 3**).

Based on the above, the proposed clearing is unlikely to be significant habitat for fauna indigenous to WA and is **not at variance** to this Principle.

### Methodology

- BioDiverse Solutions (2022) *Reconnaissance Flora, Vegetation And Basic Fauna Survey Report - Albany Highway (H001) / Beattie Road Intersection (SLK 343.45-344.50) Kendenup, WA* (D23#47388)
- Main Roads WA (2002) *Environmental Site Inspection Report For A Clearing Desktop Report H001 Albany Highway – Beattie and West Beattie Roads Improvements (343.44 – 344.70 SLK)* (D22#1147518)
- DCCEE Protected Matters Search Tool Report (**Appendix 2**, accessed 10 February 2023)
- Government GIS Shapefiles:
  - DBCA Threatened fauna database search (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - DPIRD-005 Native Vegetation Extent (Accessed 23 February 2022)

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

### Proposal is **not** at variance to this Principle.

#### Assessment

No significant flora was identified during BDS' surveys in March and July 2022, but since they were outside Spring, three species (VU *Thelymitra psammophila*, P3 *Stylidium lepidum* and P4 *Caladenia integra*) were considered to be "Possible" to occur.

Main Roads completed a Targeted Flora Survey of the Development Envelope during Spring 2022 and found none of these three targeted species. The desktop investigation and post survey likelihood-of-occurrence assessment confirmed that the presence of these species was unlikely based on the incompatible habitat type and high amount of weed cover in the Development Envelope.

Based on the above, the lack of significant flora within the Development Envelope and the small amount of proposed clearing, impacts to significant flora are unlikely and the proposed clearing is **not at variance** to this Principle.



**Methodology**

- BioDiverse Solutions (2022) *Reconnaissance Flora, Vegetation And Basic Fauna Survey Report - Albany Highway (H001) / Beattie Road Intersection (SLK 343.45-344.50) Kendenup, WA (D23#47388)*
- Main Roads WA (2002) *Environmental Site Inspection Report For A Clearing Desktop Report H001 Albany Highway – Beattie and West Beattie Roads Improvements (343.44 – 344.70 SLK) (D22#1147518)*
- DCCEEW Protected Matters Search Tool Report (**Appendix 2**, accessed 10 February 2023)
- Government GIS Shapefiles:
  - DBCA Threatened and Priority flora database search (Accessed 10 November 2022)

**(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.**

**Proposed clearing is **not** at variance to this Principle.**

**Assessment**

BDS (2022) reported two patches of Wheatbelt TEC within the Survey Area; however, the MRWA inspection noted that the vegetation canopy was dense, and forests were present. Therefore, it was determined that the conclusions given by BDS for the Wheatbelt TEC assessment were incorrect.

According to the conservation advice (DoE 2015), for vegetation to qualify as the Wheatbelt TEC, the canopy has to be greater than 10% but less than 40% and contain key indicator species. Patch 1 in the BDS report has 40-100% canopy cover and includes *Eucalyptus cornuta*, a species not listed in the conservation advice. Patch 2 in the BDS report varies from 40%-100% to 70-100% eucalypt canopy cover, again with quadrat three recording *E. cornuta*.

It was therefore determined that the Wheatbelt TEC is not present within the Development Envelope due to a co-dominant species in the canopy not being a recognised wheatbelt woodland species and the canopy cover forming forests, not woodlands.

Based on the above, the proposed clearing is **not at variance** to this Principle.

**Methodology**


- BioDiverse Solutions (2022) *Reconnaissance Flora, Vegetation And Basic Fauna Survey Report - Albany Highway (H001) / Beattie Road Intersection (SLK 343.45-344.50) Kendenup, WA (D23#47388)*
- Main Roads WA (2002) *Environmental Site Inspection Report For A Clearing Desktop Report H001 Albany Highway – Beattie and West Beattie Roads Improvements (343.44 – 344.70 SLK) (D22#1147518)*
- DCCEEW Protected Matters Search Tool Report (**Appendix 2**, accessed 10 February 2023)
- Government GIS Shapefiles:
  - DBCA Threatened and Priority Ecological Community database search (Accessed 10 Nov 2022)

**(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.**

**Proposed clearing is *not likely to be at variance* to this Principle.**

### Assessment

The Development Envelope is within the Southern Jarrah Forest (JAF02) subregion, and contains two Vegetation Associations:

|  |                     |                     |  |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| System Association Name:   | Narrikup            | Kendenup            |  |
| Vegetation Association No.   | 3                   | 967                 |  |
| Structure Description:   | Forest              | Woodland<br>other   |  |
| Remnant Vegetation by Beard<br>Association Rarity in LGA:            | 36.37%<br>remaining | 22.72%<br>remaining |  |
| Remnant Vegetation by Beard<br>Association Rarity in IBRA<br>Region: | 67.10%<br>remaining | 23.09%<br>remaining |  |

Vegetation Association 3 has over 30% remaining and is not considered under represented.

Vegetation 967 has less than 30% remaining, but only a small amount of native vegetation clearing is proposed (up to 0.35ha) and the majority of Vegetation 967 within the Development Envelope is in a degraded or completely degraded condition, as shown in **Figure 4**.

Based on the above, the proposed clearing is not considered to have a significant impact on remnant vegetation and is **not likely to be at variance** to this Principle.

### Methodology

- BioDiverse Solutions (2022) *Reconnaissance Flora, Vegetation And Basic Fauna Survey Report - Albany Highway (H001) / Beattie Road Intersection (SLK 343.45-344.50) Kendenup, WA (D23#47388)*
- Main Roads WA (2002) *Environmental Site Inspection Report For A Clearing Desktop Report H001 Albany Highway – Beattie and West Beattie Roads Improvements (343.44 – 344.70 SLK) (D22#1147518)*
- Aerial photography
- Government GIS Shapefiles:
  - Pre-European vegetation (Accessed 10 November 2022)
- Statewide Vegetation Statistics (Government of Western Australia 2018)

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

**Proposed clearing is *not likely to be* at variance to this Principle.**

**Assessment**

The BDS survey and Main Roads environmental inspection confirmed that the Development Envelope does not contain any native riparian vegetation that is grown in, or in association with, an environment associated with a watercourse or wetland.

One of the four *Eucalyptus occidentalis* (Swamp Yate) suitable DBH trees within the Development Envelope will require clearing (Tree ID #1). This species can be associated with riparian habitats, however, is also known from alluvial flats, low lying wet areas, around salt lakes and hills (Western Australian Herbarium 2023). In this instance it is not associated with a watercourse, lake or wetland.

Orup Creek is a tributary of the Kalgan River and crosses Albany Highway approximately 150m south of the Development Envelope. The Kalgan River is approximately 2km northeast of the Development Envelope. The desktop assessment confirmed there are no wetlands (Ramsar, geomorphic, etc.) within 10km of the Development Envelope.

It is considered that the removal of one suitable DBH *Eucalyptus occidentalis* (Swamp Yate) tree is unlikely to significantly disturb or interrupt any natural drainage or surface run-off patterns and will not impact the bed or banks of a watercourse.

Based on the above, the proposed clearing is **not likely to be at variance** to this Principle.

**Methodology**

- BioDiverse Solutions (2022) *Reconnaissance Flora, Vegetation And Basic Fauna Survey Report - Albany Highway (H001) / Beattie Road Intersection (SLK 343.45-344.50) Kendenup, WA (D23#47388)*
- Main Roads WA (2002) *Environmental Site Inspection Report For A Clearing Desktop Report H001 Albany Highway – Beattie and West Beattie Roads Improvements (343.44 – 344.70 SLK) (D22#1147518)*
- DCCEEW Protected Matters Search Tool Report (**Appendix 2**, accessed 10 February 2023)
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  - DBCA Threatened and Priority Ecological Community database search (Accessed 10 Nov 2022)
  - DBCA Threatened and Priority flora database search (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - DBCA Threatened fauna database search (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Geomorphic Wetlands (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Ramsar Wetlands (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Important Wetlands (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Watercourses (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - RIWI Act Rivers (Accessed 10 November 2022)

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

**Proposed clearing is not at variance to this Principle.**

**Assessment**

The Development Envelope lies within the Kent System (254Ke), which is described as *"Undulating lateritic plain with lakes and poorly drained flats. Duplex sandy gravels, loamy gravels, grey deep sandy duplexes semi-wet soils and wet soils"*.

The Proposal is in an area classified as low risk of occurrence of acid sulphate soils, and the proposed clearing of up to 0.35ha is unlikely to significantly change flood risk and salinity, waterlogging, water erosion and wind erosion risk, none of which are mapped as being of high likelihood/risk within the Development Envelope:

- 10-50% of the map units have a high to extreme wind erosion risk.
- 10-30% of the map units have a moderate to very high water logging risk
- <30% of the map units have a high to extreme water erosion risk
- 10-30% of the map units have a moderate to high salinity risk or is presently saline.
- <30% of the map units has a moderate to high flood risk

Based on the above, the proposed clearing is **not at variance** to this Principle.

**Methodology**

- BioDiverse Solutions (2022) *Reconnaissance Flora, Vegetation And Basic Fauna Survey Report - Albany Highway (H001) / Beattie Road Intersection (SLK 343.45-344.50) Kendenup, WA (D23#47388)*
- Main Roads WA (2002) *Environmental Site Inspection Report For A Clearing Desktop Report H001 Albany Highway – Beattie and West Beattie Roads Improvements (343.44 – 344.70 SLK) (D22#1147518)*
- Government GIS Shapefiles:
  - Acid Sulphate Soil Risk Map (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Soil landscape land quality – Water Erosion Risk (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Soil landscape land quality – Wind Erosion Risk (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Soil landscape land quality – Salinity Risk (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Soil landscape land quality – Surface Acidity (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Soil landscape land quality – Waterlogging Risk (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Soil landscape land quality – Flood Risk (DPIRD-007) (Accessed 10 November 2022)

**(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.**

**Proposed clearing is not at variance to this Principle.**

**Assessment**

The Development Envelope is within a highly modified landscape consisting of agricultural properties adjacent to the road reserve. There are no nature reserves, conservation areas or Bush Forever Sites within 9.5km of the Development Envelope

Based on the above, the proposed clearing is **not at variance** to this Principle.

**Methodology**

- BioDiverse Solutions (2022) *Reconnaissance Flora, Vegetation And Basic Fauna Survey Report - Albany Highway (H001) / Beattie Road Intersection (SLK 343.45-344.50) Kendenup, WA (D23#47388)*
- Main Roads WA (2002) *Environmental Site Inspection Report For A Clearing Desktop Report H001 Albany Highway – Beattie and West Beattie Roads Improvements (343.44 – 344.70 SLK) (D22#1147518)*
- DCCEEW Protected Matters Search Tool Report (**Appendix 2**, accessed 10 February 2023)
- Government GIS Shapefiles:
  - DBCA Legislated Lands and Waters & Lands of Interest (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Geomorphic Wetlands (conservation category wetlands only) (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Ramsar Wetlands (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Important Wetlands (Accessed 10 November 2022)

**(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.**

**Proposed clearing is **not** at variance to this Principle.**

**Assessment**

There are no Public Drinking Water Source Areas (PDWSAs) or groundwater or surface water catchments proclaimed under the *WA Rights in Water and Irrigation (RIWI) Act 1914* within 10km of the Development Envelope. There are no catchments proclaimed under the *Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947* (CAWS Act) within 8.5km of the Development Envelope. No dewatering nor drainage modifications are required to undertake the Works, hence no change to groundwater level or quality is anticipated.

Orup Creek is ~150m south of the Development Envelope, which is a tributary of the Kalgan River ~2km northeast of the Development Envelope. The proposed clearing will not disturb or interrupt any natural drainage or surface run-off patterns and will not impact any bed or banks of a watercourse, including Orup Creek.

The Development Envelope is classified as low risk of occurrence of acid sulphate soils. Given the nature and scale of the proposed clearing, the risk to surface water and groundwater is considered negligible.

Based on the above, the proposed clearing is **not at variance** to this Principle.

**Methodology**

- BioDiverse Solutions (2022) *Reconnaissance Flora, Vegetation And Basic Fauna Survey Report - Albany Highway (H001) / Beattie Road Intersection (SLK 343.45-344.50) Kendenup, WA (D23#47388)*
- Main Roads WA (2002) *Environmental Site Inspection Report For A Clearing Desktop Report H001 Albany Highway – Beattie and West Beattie Roads Improvements (343.44 – 344.70 SLK) (D22#1147518)*
- DCCEE Protected Matters Search Tool Report (**Appendix 2**, accessed 10 February 2023)
- Government GIS Shapefiles:
  - RIWI Act, Surface Water Areas and Irrigation Districts (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - CAWSA Part 2A Clearing Control Catchments (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - RIWI Act, Groundwater Areas (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Soil landscape land quality - Salinity Risk (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Groundwater Salinity Statewide (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Soil Mapping (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Acid Sulphate Soil risk mapping (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Soil landscape land quality - Subsurface Acidification Risk (Accessed 10 November 2022)

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

**Proposed clearing is **not** at variance to this Principle.**

**Assessment**

The ground disturbance associated with the proposed clearing is minor in nature and scale and is unlikely to cause or exacerbate the incidence of flooding. The proposed works will not disturb or interrupt any natural drainage or surface run-off patterns and will not impact any bed or banks of a watercourse.

Based on the above, the proposed clearing is **not at variance** to this Principle

**Methodology**

- BioDiverse Solutions (2022) *Reconnaissance Flora, Vegetation And Basic Fauna Survey Report - Albany Highway (H001) / Beattie Road Intersection (SLK 343.45-344.50) Kendenup, WA (D23#47388)*
- Main Roads WA (2002) *Environmental Site Inspection Report For A Clearing Desktop Report H001 Albany Highway – Beattie and West Beattie Roads Improvements (343.44 – 344.70 SLK) (D22#1147518)*
- Government GIS Shapefiles:
  - Soil Mapping (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Soil landscape land quality - Waterlogging Risk (Accessed 10 November 2022)
  - Soil landscape land quality - Flood Risk (Accessed 10 November 2022)



## 6 COMPLIANCE WITH CPS 818

Table 5 summarises what further pre-clearing impact assessment is required in accordance with CPS 818.

**Table 5. Summary of Additional Management Actions Required by CPS 818**

| Impact of Clearing  | Yes/No or NA | Further Action Required   |
|---|--------------|---|
| 1. The CAR indicates that the clearing is 'At Variance' or 'May be at Variance' with one or more of the Clearing Principles.  | No           | No further action required.   |
| 2. Clearing is at variance or may be at variance with Clearing Principle (g) land degradation, (i) surface or underground water quality <u>or</u> (j) the incidence of flooding.  | N/A          |   |
| 3. Clearing is at variance with Clearing Principle (g) land degradation, (i) surface or underground water quality <u>and</u> (j) the incidence of flooding.   | N/A          |   |
| 4. The Proposal involves clearing for temporary works (as defined by CPS 818).  | No           | No further action required.   |
| 5a. Proposal is within a Region that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has rainfall greater than 400mm; and,</li> <li>is South of the 26<sup>th</sup> parallel; and,</li> <li>works are necessary in 'Other than dry conditions'; and,</li> <li>works have potential for <b>uninfested</b> areas to be impacted.</li> </ul> | No           | Standard Vehicle and Plant management actions from Principal Environmental Works Requirements (PEWR) document ( <a href="#">D22#1209968</a> , <b>Appendix 3</b> ) and <u>Hygiene Checklists</u> will be applied   |
| 5b. Do the proposed works require clearing within or adjacent to DBCA managed lands in non-dry conditions?  | No           | No further action required.   |
| 6. Main Roads has been notified by DWER or an environmental specialist that the area to be cleared is susceptible to a pathogen other than dieback.   | No           | No further action required.   |
| 7. Weeds are likely to spread to and result in environmental harm to adjacent areas of native vegetation that are in good or better condition.  | No           | Standard Vehicle and Plant management actions from Principal Environmental Works Requirements (PEWR) document ( <a href="#">D22#1209968</a> , <b>Appendix 3</b> ) and <u>Hygiene Checklists</u> will be applied<br>MRWA sprayed the Development Envelope in October 2022 to eradicate the Bridal Creeper population prior to construction and will undertake further monitoring with follow-up sprays in coming years, as required. |
| 8. Did an environmental specialist conduct the survey or field assessment?  | Yes          | The Environmental Specialist undertaking the biological assessments was suitably qualified and had more than three years' experience.   |
| 9. Did an environmental specialist prepare the Assessment Report and any other associated documentation including the VMP, Dieback Management Plan or Offset Proposal?  | Yes          | The Environmental Specialist preparing the Assessment Report was suitably qualified and had more than three years' experience.  |



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## APPENDIX 1: EXTRACT FROM DESIGN DRAWINGS



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INTERSECTION TREATMENTS

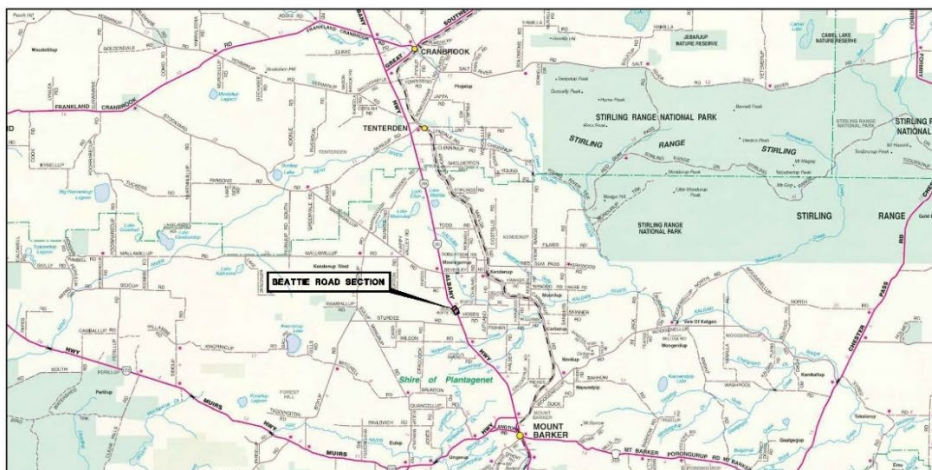
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BEATTIE ROAD SECTION

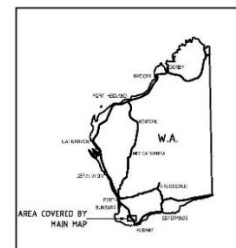
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SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET

DRAWINGS - ROADWORKS



LOCALITY PLAN



KEY PLAN

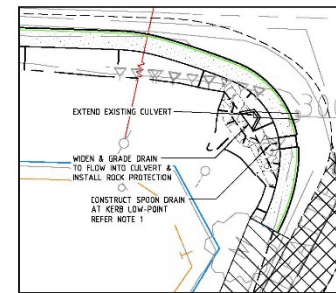
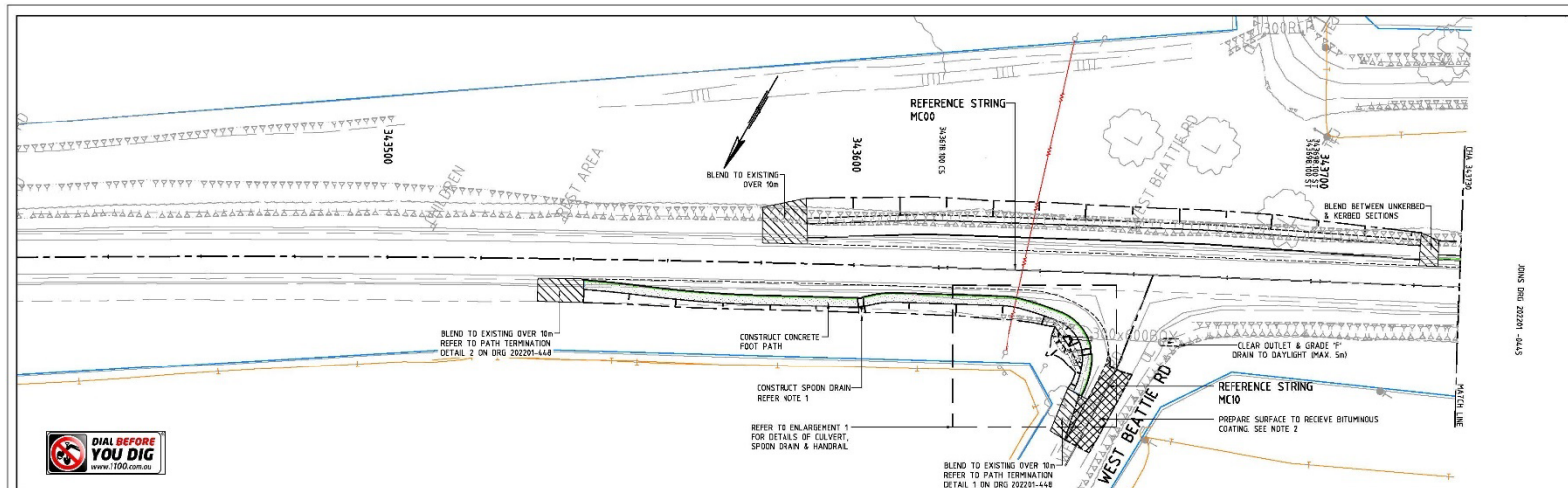
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| DRAWING NUMBER                    | DESCRIPTION   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>ROAD CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS</b> |   |
| 202201-0443                       | INDEX & LOCALITY PLAN - ROAD CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS    |
| 202201-0444                       | PLAN PROFILES - CHA 343580.00 TO 343730.00            |
| 202201-0445                       | PLAN PROFILES - CHA 343730.00 TO 343916.00            |
| 202201-0447                       | TYPICAL CROSS SECTIONS                                |
| 202201-0448                       | TYPICAL DETAILS - SHEET 1 OF 2                        |
| 202201-0449                       | TYPICAL DETAILS - SHEET 2 OF 2                        |
| 202201-0450                       | CULVERT SCHEDULE & PROFILES                           |
| 202201-0451                       | PAVEMENT MARKING & SIGN LOCATION                      |
| 202201-0453                       | CROSS SECTIONS ALBANY HIGHWAY - CHA. 343542 TO 343630 |
| 202201-0454                       | CROSS SECTIONS ALBANY HIGHWAY - CHA. 343640 TO 343730 |
| 202201-0455                       | CROSS SECTIONS ALBANY HIGHWAY - CHA. 343740 TO 343830 |
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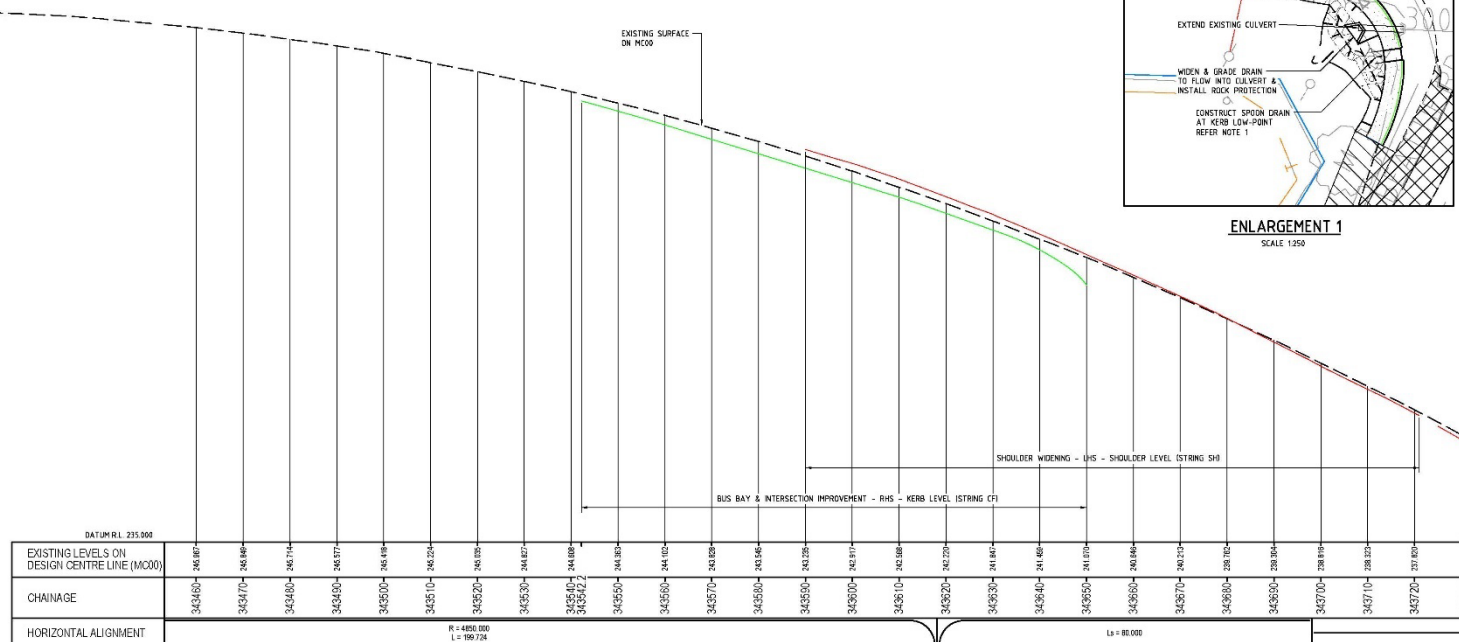
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| 9331-0376      | KERB TYPES   |
| 9331-0377      | KERB TREATMENTS  |
| 9931-0198      | PAVEMENT MARKING LINE TYPES  |
| 200331-0182    | PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND RRPMS AT TYPE "BA" AND TYPE "AU" INTERSECTIONS ON RURAL ROADS  |
| 200431-0002    | STOP AND GIVE WAY LINES  |
| 200631-0038    | LONGITUDINAL DIVIDING LINES TO PROHIBIT OVERTAKING IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON TWO LANE, TWO WAY ROADS   |
| 201031-0027    | RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS - GENERAL APPLICATIONS - FREEWAYS, HIGHWAYS, MAIN ROADS AND ARTERIAL ROADS IN RURAL AND OUTER METROPOLITAN AREAS |
| 201331-0026    | MOWA PATTERN CHANGE MARKS - FOR BARRIER LINES ON CURVES OR CRESTS  |
| 8720-0762      | LOCATION DETAILS FOR TWO AND THREE POST SIGNS  |
| 9548-106       | LOCATION DETAILS FOR ONE POST SIGNS  |
| 9220-0180      | UNBRACED SIGN BLANKS, BOLT HOLE LOCATIONS  |
| 8720-0657      | POSTS FOR UNBRACED SIGNS: COMMON LENGTHS USED  |
| 201131-0064    | SMALL BOX CULVERTS - CONSTRUCTION DETAILS - SHEET 1  |
| 201131-0065    | SMALL BOX CULVERTS - CONSTRUCTION DETAILS - SHEET 2  |
| 201131-0066    | SMALL BOX CULVERTS - CONSTRUCTION DETAILS - SHEET 3  |
| 9831-5497      | OFF-ROAD DRAINAGE - TYPICAL PLAN   |
| 9831-5498      | OFF-ROAD DRAINAGE - CROSS SECTIONS   |
| 201131-0069    | KERBED BATTER DRAINS - TYPICAL DETAILS   |
| 201331-0032    | TYPICAL DETAILS GRANULAR TRANSVERSE JOINTS   |
| 201631-0084    | TYPICAL TIE-IN DETAILS (GRANULAR PAVEMENT)   |
| 8820-0257      | TYPICAL MOUNTING FOR SINGLE SIDED & BACK TO BACK SIGNS   |
| 9020-0693      | TYPICAL MOUNTING DETAIL SINGLE SIDE & BACK TO BACK SIGNS   |
| 9320-316       | TRAFFIC SIGN BRACKETS  |
| 9531-2303      | STANDARD FINGER BOARD SIGN BRACKETS  |
| 200631-0004    | LOCATION DETAILS KILOMETRE PLATE G10-3   |

# Albany Hwy/Beattie Rd Intersection Improvements (SLK 343.45-344.45) - CLEARING ASSESSMENT REPORT



ENLARGEMENT 1  
SCALE 1:250



| AMENDMENTS |      |             |          |
|------------|------|-------------|----------|
| No.        | DATE | DESCRIPTION | APPROVED |
|            |      |             |          |

| NOTES  |  |
|--|--|
| 1. FOOTPATH TO TRAVERSE OVER SPOON DRAIN & KERB OPENING SEE DRAWING 202201-0449 FOR DETAILS. |  |
| 2. REFER TO INFORMATION FOR TENDER SECTION 3 FOR DETAILS.                                    |  |

| LEGEND |  |
|--------|--|
|        | TELSTRA CABLE                          |
|        | OVERHEAD POWER LINE                    |
|        | CADASTRAL BOUNDARY                     |
|        | PROPOSED PAVEMENT CUT EDGE             |
|        | PROPOSED CONCRETE PATH                 |
|        | PROPOSED KERB REAR EDGE                |
|        | ADDITIONAL SEAL OVER EXISTING PAVEMENT |

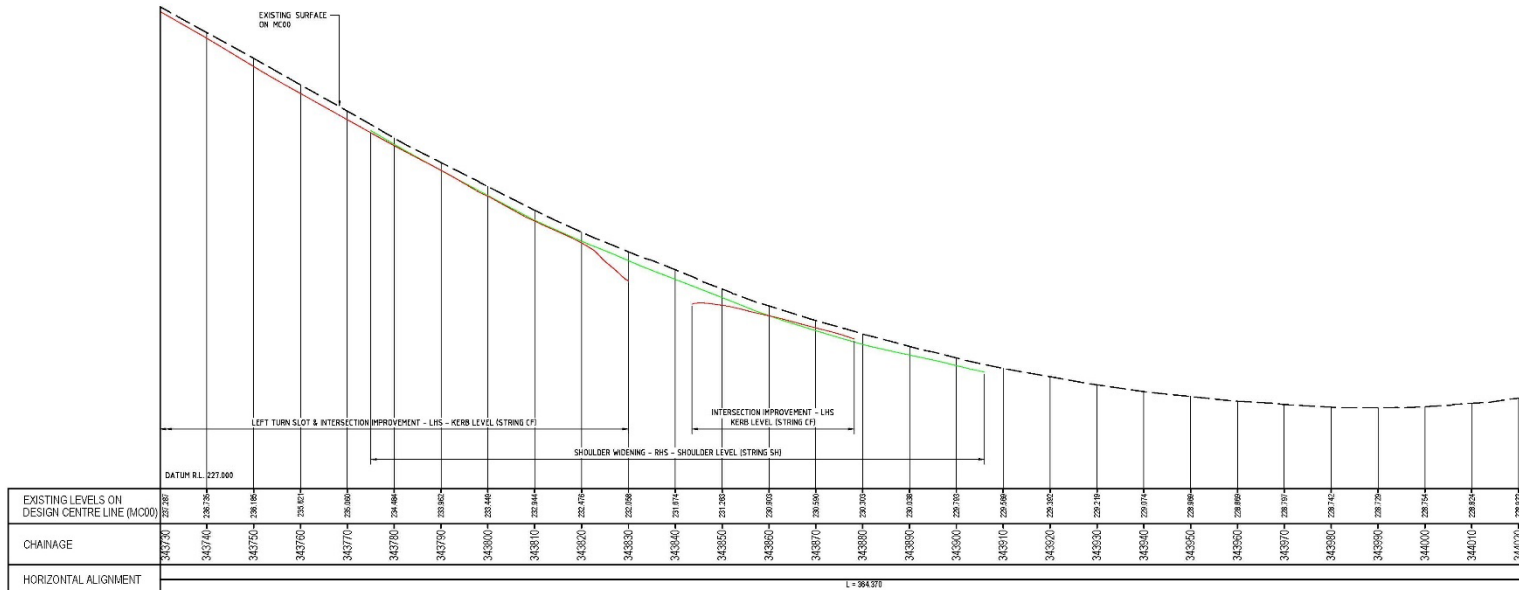
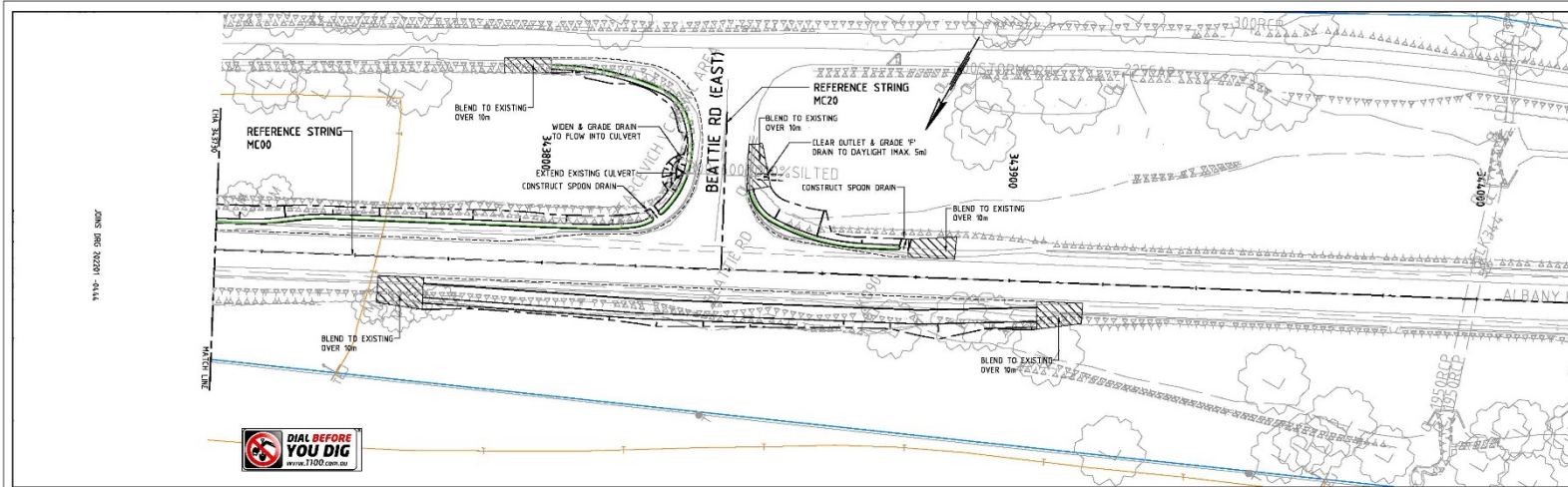
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| DATE OF CAPTURE:         | -        |
| MAIN ROADS PROJECT ZONE: | CRANBK94 |
| HEIGHT DATUM:            | A.H.D.   |

|   |                   |
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| <br>METRO & SOUTHERN REGIONS DIRECTORATE<br>GREAT SOUTHERN REGION<br>CHESTER PASS ROAD<br>Telephone (08) 9492 9555 Albany W.A. 6330<br>Fax (08) 9492 9577                           |                   |
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| APPROVED  | B.LENTON 9/2/2023 |
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| NOTES |  |
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## APPENDIX 2: MATTERS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE SEARCH



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,  
the Environment and Water

### EPBC Act Protected Matters Report

This report provides general guidance on matters of national environmental significance and other matters protected by the EPBC Act in the area you have selected. Please see the caveat for interpretation of information provided here.

Report created: 10-Feb-2023

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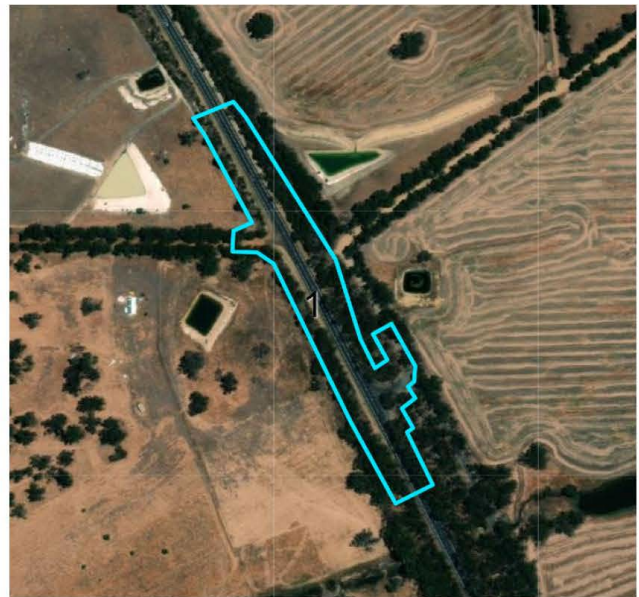
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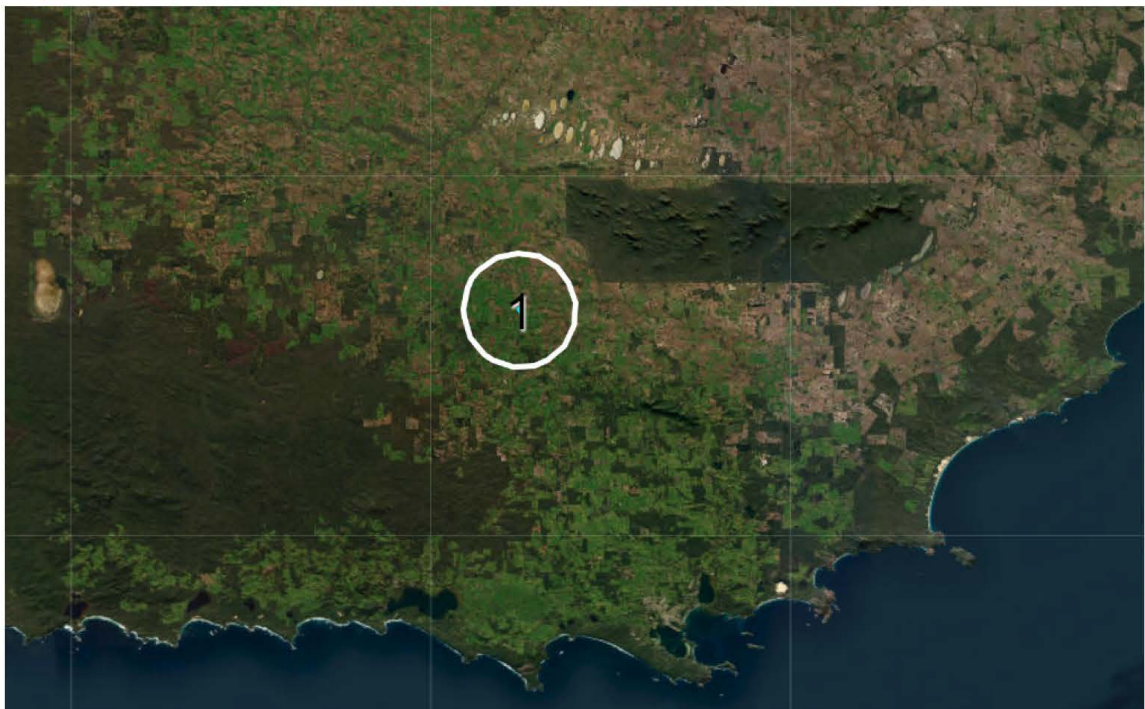
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DEVELOPMENT ENVELOPE



PMST STUDY AREA (10KM FROM DEVELOPMENT ENVELOPE)





## Summary

### Matters of National Environment 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](#).

|   |      |
|---|------|
| <a href="#">World Heritage Properties:</a>                    | None |
| <a href="#">National Heritage Places:</a>                     | None |
| <a href="#">Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar)</a> | None |
| <a href="#">Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:</a>               | None |
| <a href="#">Commonwealth Marine Area:</a>                     | None |
| <a href="#">Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:</a>     | 2    |
| <a href="#">Listed Threatened Species:</a>                    | 23   |
| <a href="#">Listed Migratory Species:</a>                     | 9    |

### Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

This part of the report summarises other matters protected under the Act that may relate to the area you nominated. Approval may be required for a proposed activity that significantly affects the environment on Commonwealth land, when the action is outside the Commonwealth land, or the environment anywhere when the action is taken on Commonwealth land. Approval may also be required for the Commonwealth or Commonwealth agencies proposing to take an action that is likely to have a significant impact on the environment anywhere.

The EPBC Act protects the environment on Commonwealth land, the environment from the actions taken on Commonwealth land, and the environment from actions taken by Commonwealth agencies. As heritage values of a place are part of the 'environment', these aspects of the EPBC Act protect the Commonwealth Heritage values of a Commonwealth Heritage place. Information on the new heritage laws can be found at <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage>

A [permit](#) may be required for activities in or on a Commonwealth area that may affect a member of a listed threatened species or ecological community, a member of a listed migratory species, whales and other cetaceans, or a member of a listed marine species.

|   |      |
|---|------|
| <a href="#">Commonwealth Lands:</a>                                 | None |
| <a href="#">Commonwealth Heritage Places:</a>                       | None |
| <a href="#">Listed Marine Species:</a>                              | 14   |
| <a href="#">Whales and Other Cetaceans:</a>                         | None |
| <a href="#">Critical Habitats:</a>                                  | None |
| <a href="#">Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:</a>                  | None |
| <a href="#">Australian Marine Parks:</a>                            | None |
| <a href="#">Habitat Critical to the Survival of Marine Turtles:</a> | None |

### Extra Information

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

|   |      |
|---|------|
| <a href="#">State and Territory Reserves:</a>           | 1    |
| <a href="#">Regional Forest Agreements:</a>             | 1    |
| <a href="#">Nationally Important Wetlands:</a>          | None |
| <a href="#">EPBC Act Referrals:</a>                     | 4    |
| <a href="#">Key Ecological Features (Marine):</a>       | None |
| <a href="#">Biologically Important Areas:</a>           | None |
| <a href="#">Bioregional Assessments:</a>                | None |
| <a href="#">Geological and Bioregional Assessments:</a> | None |

## Details

### Matters of National Environmental Significance

#### Listed Threatened Ecological Communities [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are derived from recovery plans, State vegetation maps, remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

Status of Vulnerable, Disallowed and Ineligible are not MNES under the EPBC Act.

| Community Name   | Threatened Category   | Presence Text                         | Buffer Status   |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <a href="#">Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt</a>   | Critically Endangered | Community likely to occur within area | In feature area |
| <a href="#">Proteaceae Dominated Kwongan Shrublands of the Southeast Coastal Floristic Province of Western Australia</a> | Endangered            | Community may occur within area       | In feature area |

#### Listed Threatened Species [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Status of Conservation Dependent and Extinct are not MNES under the EPBC Act.

Number is the current name ID.

| Scientific Name  | Threatened Category   | Presence Text  | Buffer Status       |
|--|-----------------------|--|---------------------|
| <b>BIRD</b>  |                       |  |                     |
| <a href="#">Botaurus poiciloptilus</a><br>Australasian Bittern [1001]                            | Endangered            | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area | In feature area     |
| <a href="#">Calidris ferruginea</a><br>Curlew Sandpiper [856]                                    | Critically Endangered | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area | In feature area     |
| <a href="#">Calyptorhynchus banksii naso</a><br>Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Karrak [67034] | Vulnerable            | Species or species habitat known to occur within area  | In feature area     |
| <a href="#">Falco hypoleucos</a><br>Grey Falcon [929]  | Vulnerable            | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area | In feature area     |
| <a href="#">Leipoa ocellata</a><br>Malleefowl [934]  | Vulnerable            | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area | In buffer area only |



| Scientific Name   | Threatened Category   | Presence Text  | Buffer Status       |
|---|-----------------------|--|---------------------|
| <a href="#"><u>Numenius madagascariensis</u></a><br>Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]  | Critically Endangered | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area | In feature area     |
| <a href="#"><u>Zanda baudinii listed as Calyptorhynchus baudinii</u></a><br>Baudin's Black-Cockatoo, Long-billed Black-cockatoo [87736]         | Endangered            | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area | In feature area     |
| <a href="#"><u>Zanda latirostris listed as Calyptorhynchus latirostris</u></a><br>Carnaby's Black Cockatoo, Short-billed Black-cockatoo [87737] | Endangered            | Species or species habitat known to occur within area  | In feature area     |
| <b>MAMMAL</b>   |                       |  |                     |
| <a href="#"><u>Dasyurus geoffroii</u></a><br>Chuditch, Western Quoll [330]  | Vulnerable            | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area | In feature area     |
| <b>PLANT</b>  |                       |  |                     |
| <a href="#"><u>Adenanthos pungens subsp. pungens</u></a><br>Spiky Adenanthos [19429]  | Vulnerable            | Species or species habitat may occur within area       | In feature area     |
| <a href="#"><u>Banksia anaton</u></a><br>Cactus Dryandra [82758]  | Critically Endangered | Species or species habitat may occur within area       | In buffer area only |
| <a href="#"><u>Banksia brownii</u></a><br>Brown's Banksia, Feather-leaved Banksia [8277]  | Endangered            | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area | In buffer area only |
| <a href="#"><u>Banksia pseudoplumosa</u></a><br>False Plumed-Banksia [82760]  | Endangered            | Species or species habitat may occur within area       | In buffer area only |
| <a href="#"><u>Caladenia christineae</u></a><br>Christine's Spider Orchid [56716]   | Vulnerable            | Species or species habitat known to occur within area  | In feature area     |
| <a href="#"><u>Caladenia dorrienii</u></a><br>Cossack Spider-orchid [6596]  | Endangered            | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area | In buffer area only |
| <a href="#"><u>Caladenia harringtoniae</u></a><br>Harrington's Spider-orchid, Pink Spider-orchid [56786]  | Vulnerable            | Species or species habitat may occur within area       | In buffer area only |

| Scientific Name  | Threatened Category | Presence Text  | Buffer Status       |
|--|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| <a href="#">Conostylis misera</a><br>Grass Conostylis [21320]                      | Endangered          | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area | In buffer area only |
| <a href="#">Darwinia meeboldii</a><br>Cranbrook Bell [21512]                       | Vulnerable          | Species or species habitat may occur within area       | In buffer area only |
| <a href="#">Diuris micrantha</a><br>Dwarf Bee-orchid [55082]                       | Vulnerable          | Species or species habitat may occur within area       | In buffer area only |
| <a href="#">Drakaea micrantha</a><br>Dwarf Hammer-orchid [56755]                   | Vulnerable          | Species or species habitat may occur within area       | In buffer area only |
| <a href="#">Isopogon uncinatus</a><br>Albany Cone Bush, Hook-leaf Isopogon [20871] | Endangered          | Species or species habitat may occur within area       | In buffer area only |
| <a href="#">Kennedia glabrata</a><br>Northcliffe Kennedia [16452]                  | Vulnerable          | Species or species habitat may occur within area       | In buffer area only |
| <a href="#">Sphenotoma drummondii</a><br>Mountain Paper-heath [21160]              | Endangered          | Species or species habitat may occur within area       | In buffer area only |

| Listed Migratory Species                                       |                     |  | [ Resource Information ] |
|--|---------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Scientific Name  | Threatened Category | Presence Text  | Buffer Status            |
| Migratory Marine Birds   |                     |  |                          |
| <a href="#">Apus pacificus</a><br>Fork-tailed Swift [678]      |                     | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area | In feature area          |
| Migratory Terrestrial Species                                  |                     |  |                          |
| <a href="#">Motacilla cinerea</a><br>Grey Wagtail [642]        |                     | Species or species habitat may occur within area       | In feature area          |
| Migratory Wetlands Species                                     |                     |  |                          |
| <a href="#">Actitis hypoleucos</a><br>Common Sandpiper [59309] |                     | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area | In feature area          |

| Scientific Name   | Threatened Category   | Presence Text  | Buffer Status       |
|---|-----------------------|--|---------------------|
| <a href="#">Calidris acuminata</a><br>Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]                    |                       | Species or species habitat may occur within area       | In feature area     |
| <a href="#">Calidris ferruginea</a><br>Curlew Sandpiper [856]                         | Critically Endangered | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area | In feature area     |
| <a href="#">Calidris melanotos</a><br>Pectoral Sandpiper [858]                        |                       | Species or species habitat may occur within area       | In feature area     |
| <a href="#">Numenius madagascariensis</a><br>Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847] | Critically Endangered | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area | In feature area     |
| <a href="#">Pandion haliaetus</a><br>Osprey [952]                                     |                       | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area | In buffer area only |
| <a href="#">Tringa nebularia</a><br>Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]               |                       | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area | In buffer area only |

### Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

| Listed Marine Species   |                     |  | [ Resource Information ] |
|---|---------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Scientific Name   | Threatened Category | Presence Text  | Buffer Status            |
| Bird  |                     |  |                          |
| <a href="#">Actitis hypoleucos</a><br>Common Sandpiper [59309]      |                     | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area                     | In feature area          |
| <a href="#">Apus pacificus</a><br>Fork-tailed Swift [678]           |                     | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area | In feature area          |
| <a href="#">Bubulcus ibis as Ardea ibis</a><br>Cattle Egret [66521] |                     | Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area       | In feature area          |

| Scientific Name   | Threatened Category   | Presence Text  | Buffer Status       |
|---|-----------------------|--|---------------------|
| <a href="#">Calidris acuminata</a><br>Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]                                      |                       | Species or species habitat may occur within area                           | In feature area     |
| <a href="#">Calidris ferruginea</a><br>Curlew Sandpiper [856]   | Critically Endangered | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area | In feature area     |
| <a href="#">Calidris melanotos</a><br>Pectoral Sandpiper [858]  |                       | Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area       | In feature area     |
| <a href="#">Chalcites osculans as Chrysococcyx osculans</a><br>Black-eared Cuckoo [83425]               |                       | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area | In feature area     |
| <a href="#">Haliaeetus leucogaster</a><br>White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]                                 |                       | Species or species habitat may occur within area                           | In feature area     |
| <a href="#">Merops ornatus</a><br>Rainbow Bee-eater [670]   |                       | Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area       | In feature area     |
| <a href="#">Motacilla cinerea</a><br>Grey Wagtail [642]   |                       | Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area       | In feature area     |
| <a href="#">Numenius madagascariensis</a><br>Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]                   | Critically Endangered | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area                     | In feature area     |
| <a href="#">Pandion haliaetus</a><br>Osprey [952]   |                       | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area                     | In buffer area only |
| <a href="#">Thinornis cucullatus as Thinornis rubricollis</a><br>Hooded Plover, Hooded Dotterel [87735] |                       | Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area  | In buffer area only |



| Scientific Name                        | Threatened Category | Presence Text   | Buffer Status       |
|--|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| <a href="#">Tringa nebularia</a>       |                     |   |                     |
| Common Greenshank, Greenshank<br>[832] |                     | Species or species<br>habitat likely to occur<br>within area overfly<br>marine area | In buffer area only |

## Extra Information

| State and Territory Reserves |                |       | <a href="#">[ Resource Information ]</a> |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------|--|
| Protected Area Name          | Reserve Type   | State | Buffer Status                            |
| Wamballup                    | Nature Reserve | WA    | In buffer area only                      |

| Regional Forest Agreements                                  |  |                   | <a href="#">[ Resource Information ]</a> |
|---|--|-------------------|--|
| Note that all areas with completed RFAs have been included. |  |                   |  |
| RFA Name  |  | State             | Buffer Status                            |
| <a href="#">South West WA RFA</a>                           |  | Western Australia | In feature area                          |

| EPBC Act Referrals   |           |   |                   |                     | <a href="#">[ Resource Information ]</a> |
|--|-----------|---|-------------------|---------------------|--|
| Title of referral  | Reference | Referral Outcome                          | Assessment Status | Buffer Status       |  |
| Not controlled action  |           |   |                   |                     |  |
| <a href="#">Improving rabbit biocontrol: releasing another strain of RHDV, sthrn two thirds of Australia</a> | 2015/7522 | Not Controlled Action                     | Completed         | In feature area     |  |
| <a href="#">INDIGO Central Submarine Telecommunications Cable</a>  | 2017/8127 | Not Controlled Action                     | Completed         | In feature area     |  |
| <a href="#">Martagallup and Woogenellup Passing Lanes, Plantagenet Shire WA</a>                              | 2015/7566 | Not Controlled Action                     | Completed         | In buffer area only |  |
| Not controlled action (particular manner)  |           |   |                   |                     |  |
| <a href="#">INDIGO Marine Cable Route Survey (INDIGO)</a>  | 2017/7996 | Not Controlled Action (Particular Manner) | Post-Approval     | In feature area     |  |

# Caveat

## 1 PURPOSE

This report is designed to assist in identifying the location of matters of national environmental significance (MNES) and other matters protected by the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) which may be relevant in determining obligations and requirements under the EPBC Act.

The report contains the mapped locations of:

- World and National Heritage properties;
- Wetlands of International and National Importance;
- Commonwealth and State/Territory reserves;
- distribution of listed threatened, migratory and marine species;
- listed threatened ecological communities; and
- other information that may be useful as an indicator of potential habitat value.

## 2 DISCLAIMER

This report is not intended to be exhaustive and should only be relied upon as a general guide as mapped data is not available for all species or ecological communities listed under the EPBC Act (see below). Persons seeking to use the information contained in this report to inform the referral of a proposed action under the EPBC Act should consider the limitations noted below and whether additional information is required to determine the existence and location of MNES and other protected matters.

Where data are available to inform the mapping of protected species, the presence type (e.g. known, likely or may occur) that can be determined from the data is indicated in general terms. It is the responsibility of any person using or relying on the information in this report to ensure that it is suitable for the circumstances of any proposed use. The Commonwealth cannot accept responsibility for the consequences of any use of the report or any part thereof. To the maximum extent allowed under governing law, the Commonwealth will not be liable for any loss or damage that may be occasioned directly or indirectly through the use of, or reliance

## 3 DATA SOURCES

Threatened ecological communities

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are generated based on information contained in recovery plans, State vegetation maps and remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

Threatened, migratory and marine species

Threatened, migratory and marine species distributions have been discerned through a variety of methods. Where distributions are well known and if time permits, distributions are inferred from either thematic spatial data (i.e. vegetation, soils, geology, elevation, aspect, terrain, etc.) together with point locations and described habitat; or modelled (MAXENT or BIOCLIM habitat modelling) using

Where little information is available for a species or large number of maps are required in a short time-frame, maps are derived either from 0.04 or 0.02 decimal degree cells; by an automated process using polygon capture techniques (static two kilometre grid cells, alpha-hull and convex hull); or captured manually or by using topographic features (national park boundaries, islands, etc.).

In the early stages of the distribution mapping process (1999-early 2000s) distributions were defined by degree blocks, 100K or 250K map sheets to rapidly create distribution maps. More detailed distribution mapping methods are used to update these distributions

## 4 LIMITATIONS

The following species and ecological communities have not been mapped and do not appear in this report:

- threatened species listed as extinct or considered vagrants;
- some recently listed species and ecological communities;
- some listed migratory and listed marine species, which are not listed as threatened species; and
- migratory species that are very widespread, vagrant, or only occur in Australia in small numbers.

The following groups have been mapped, but may not cover the complete distribution of the species:

- listed migratory and/or listed marine seabirds, which are not listed as threatened, have only been mapped for recorded
- seals which have only been mapped for breeding sites near the Australian continent

The breeding sites may be important for the protection of the Commonwealth Marine environment.

Refer to the metadata for the feature group (using the Resource Information link) for the currency of the information.

## Acknowledgements

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- [Office of Environment and Heritage, New South Wales](#)
- [Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Victoria](#)
- [Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, Tasmania](#)
- [Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, South Australia](#)
- [Department of Land and Resource Management, Northern Territory](#)
- [Department of Environmental and Heritage Protection, Queensland](#)
- [Department of Parks and Wildlife, Western Australia](#)
- [Environment and Planning Directorate, ACT](#)
- [Birdlife Australia](#)
- [Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme](#)
- [Australian National Wildlife Collection](#)
- Natural history museums of Australia
- [Museum Victoria](#)
- [Australian Museum](#)
- [South Australian Museum](#)
- [Queensland Museum](#)
- [Online Zoological Collections of Australian Museums](#)
- [Queensland Herbarium](#)
- [National Herbarium of NSW](#)
- [Royal Botanic Gardens and National Herbarium of Victoria](#)
- [Tasmanian Herbarium](#)
- [State Herbarium of South Australia](#)
- [Northern Territory Herbarium](#)
- [Western Australian Herbarium](#)
- [Australian National Herbarium, Canberra](#)
- [University of New England](#)
- [Ocean Biogeographic Information System](#)
- [Australian Government, Department of Defence](#)
- [Forestry Corporation, NSW](#)
- [Geoscience Australia](#)
- [CSIRO](#)
- [Australian Tropical Herbarium, Cairns](#)
- [eBird Australia](#)
- [Australian Government – Australian Antarctic Data Centre](#)
- [Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory](#)
- [Australian Government National Environmental Science Program](#)
- [Australian Institute of Marine Science](#)
- [Reef Life Survey Australia](#)
- [American Museum of Natural History](#)
- [Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Inveresk, Tasmania](#)
- [Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart, Tasmania](#)
- Other groups and individuals

The Department is extremely grateful to the many organisations and individuals who provided expert advice and information on numerous draft distributions.

Please feel free to provide feedback via the [Contact us](#) page.



## APPENDIX 3: PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS REQUIREMENTS (PEWR, D22#1209968): Albany Highway (H001)/Beattie Road Intersection Treatments (SLK 343.45-344.30)



### Principal Environmental Works Requirements:

**0147/16-0155 Albany Highway (H001) / Beattie Road Intersection  
Treatments (SLK 343.45-344.30)**

#### Pre Construction

- ✓ The Contractor must prepare, implement and maintain processes to ensure that the movement of all vehicles, plant and machinery (including turnaround areas) does not occur outside the **Limits of Vegetation Clearing shown on Figure 1**.
- ✓ The Contractor must ensure that all areas associated with the storage, parking, servicing, wash down and refuelling of all vehicles, plant and machinery are located within designated areas approved by the MRWA Representative prior to works commencing.
- ✓ The Contractor must ensure that all site personnel are aware of the negative impacts caused by unauthorised access beyond the Limits of Vegetation Clearing and the meaning of the pegging/flagging colours, as well as the requirements of this document.
- ✓ The Contractor must comply with the following agencies requirements for fire prevention, including fire and vehicle movement bans: Local Government Authority; Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCAs); and Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).
- ✓ The Contractor must only undertake fuel storage, chemical storage, vehicle refuelling, servicing and maintenance activities within designated areas approved by the MRWA Representative prior to works commencing. Designated areas must be demarcated and at least 100m away from watercourses and hardstand and bunded to contain any potential spills.
- ✓ Where the Works are proposed to be undertaken outside 7am-7pm on any day (or on any Sunday or public holiday) with noise levels anticipated to exceed assigned levels (as defined in Regulation 8 of the *WA Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*) at noise sensitive premises, the Contractor must undertake the Works in accordance with a noise management plan approved by the Local Government Authority.
- ✓ The Contractor must complete the MRWA Vehicle/Machine Hygiene Checklist to verify that all machinery, vehicles and equipment are clean on entry to site (i.e. free of soil and plant material), particularly on the tyres, mud flaps and underbody.

#### During Construction

- ✓ The Contractor must peg/demarcate the Limits of Vegetation Clearing with PINK flagging tape and vegetation proposed to be retained with WHITE flagging tape.
- ✓ The Contractor must report any damage to vegetation beyond the Limits of Vegetation Clearing to MRWA as an Environment Incident using EQSafe.
- ✓ The vegetation within the Limit of Works may contain transient individuals of conservation significant fauna. The Contractor must undertake tree clearing in the following manner to allow fauna escape:
  - Prior to clearing, use machinery to tap large trees to encourage any animals evacuate.
  - Undertake clearing in one direction and towards areas of native vegetation to allow animals to escape to adjacent habitat.
- ✓ The Contractor must ensure that all onsite personnel undertake visual monitoring and are vigilant to the presence of fauna. Any sightings of fauna, including injury or fatality, must be reported to MRWA as an Environmental Incident using EQSafe.
- ✓ The Contractor must contact the WILDCARE Helpline on (08) 9474 9055 for assistance if sick, injured or orphaned wildlife are found on site and report it to MRWA as an Environmental Incident in EQSafe.
- ✓ The Contractor must undertake pruning in accordance with AS 4373 - 2007 *Pruning of amenity trees*, neatly pruning back branches by hand close to the trunk of the tree or main branches to minimise disturbance to vegetation growing outside the Limits of Vegetation Clearing.
- ✓ The Contractor must ensure the Works do not cause an unreasonable emission of dust that is:
  - a nuisance to the local community or nearby landowners;
  - a visual obstruction and/or safety hazard to the public travelling on roads; and/or
  - harms environmental receptors (e.g. vegetation) within proximity to the Works.
- ✓ The Contractor must maintain spill response equipment suitable for the volume and the type of material that is known to be stored on site.
- ✓ Where spills cannot be cleaned up immediately, the Contractor must ensure the spill is appropriately isolated (i.e. the spill discharge is ceased) and contained, then reported to MRWA via EQSafe.

- ✓ The Contractor must ensure that surface water run-off from the Limit of Works are managed to prevent adverse effects to vegetation, water resources and properties beyond the Limit of Works.

#### **Post Construction**

- ✓ The Contractor must submit records of checking all vehicles, machinery and plant are clean on entry to the MRWA Representative.
- ✓ The Contractor must clean up the site and dispose of waste to the satisfaction of the MRWA Representative and in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Authority, WA state regulations and local government bylaws.
- ✓ The Contractor must provide the MRWA Representative with the following data within 2 weeks of clearing being completed, who will forward it to the MRWA Environment Officer for processing:
  - Start and end date of clearing in a dd/mm/yyyy format.
  - The total area in hectares of vegetation cleared.
  - Shapefile of the area cleared in accordance with the MRWA Environment and Heritage Data Management Standards (<https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/globalassets/community-environment/environment/environmental-and-heritage-data-standards.pdf>).

#### **Caution – Remember**

- 👉 No clearing of vegetation is permitted beyond the Limits of Vegetation Clearing.
- 👉 Use the MRWA Vehicle/Machine Hygiene Checklist to verify all materials, plant and equipment are certified clean, uncontaminated and free from rubble, weeds and disease.
- 👉 Do not communicate with External Parties (direct enquiries to the MRWA Representative).
- 👉 Report all environmental incidents and near misses using EQSafe.

#### **Road Building Material**

Road building materials are supplied to the Contractor by the Principal at the location defined in the Information for Tenderers (IFT) Document i.e.

- ✓ **Taylor's Gravel Pit – Albany Highway (H001) SLK 346.61**

The Contractor must:

- ✓ contact the landowner prior to access.
- ✓ only use stockpiled material.
- ✓ only use existing tracks/routes approved by the landowner.
- ✓ not undertake vegetation clearing.
- ✓ practice good hygiene and complete the MRWA's [Vehicle and Plant Hygiene Checklist](#) prior to entry into the pit.
- ✓ ensure all discharges (including noise, dust, waste and drainage) do not leave the pit.

#### **Spoil Disposal**

Spoil disposal is nominated to the Contractor by the Principal at the location defined in the Information for Tenderers (IFT) Document i.e.

- ✓ **Taylor's Gravel Pit and Spoil Site – Albany Highway (H001) SLK 346.61**

The Contractor must:

- ✓ contact the landowner prior to access
- ✓ only use existing tracks/routes approved by the landowner.
- ✓ not undertake vegetation clearing.
- ✓ practice good hygiene and complete the MRWA's [Vehicle and Plant Hygiene Checklist](#) prior to entry into the pit.
- ✓ not deposit spoil within 50m of any existing natural drainage lines, or in a manner that adversely obstructs or restricts water flows.
- ✓ stockpile spoil in windrows with an approx. height of 2.5m and a distance of 5m between them.
- ✓ ensure all discharges (including noise, dust, waste and drainage) do not leave the pit.
- ✓ manage all project spoil (including cleared vegetation, soil and topsoil) **as dieback infested**.
- ✓ only use spoil stockpile locations approved by the MRWA Representative.



**Water**

Potential water sources available to the Contractor by the Principal are defined in the Information for Tenderers (IFT) Document i.e:

- **Frost's Water Source – Albany Highway (H001) SLK 344.55**

The water source is a pre-1950 man-made earth dam in Orup Creek, which is a minor, non-perennial water course and is mapped as having a high probability of Acid Sulphate Soils. No impact is anticipated, since no dewatering is proposed and only a small amount of surface water will be extracted for the Project, with measures taken to ensure that anoxic soils are not exposed.

The Contractor must

- ✓ contact the landowner prior to access.
- ✓ only use existing tracks/routes approved by the landowner.
- ✓ not undertake vegetation clearing.
- ✓ practice good hygiene and complete the MRWA's [Vehicle and Plant Hygiene Checklist](#) prior to entry into the water source.
- ✓ report water usage via the MRWA [Combined Contractor Monthly Report - Works](#)
- ✓ not undertake earthworks that will disturb more than 100m<sup>3</sup> of soil, dewatering or soil draining activities.
- ✓ cease work activities and immediately notify the MRWA Representative if ASS are suspected to have been uncovered due to any of the following being observed:
  - sulfurous smell e.g. hydrogen sulfide or 'rotten egg' gas
  - jarositic horizons or substantial iron oxide mottling in the surface encrustations or in any material dredged or excavated and left exposed;
  - unusually clear or milky blue-green water flowing from or within the area (aluminium released by ASS acts as a flocculating agent);
  - oily-looking bacterial surface scum; or
  - extensive iron stains on any drain or pond surfaces, or iron-stained water and ochre deposits.

**Key Contacts**

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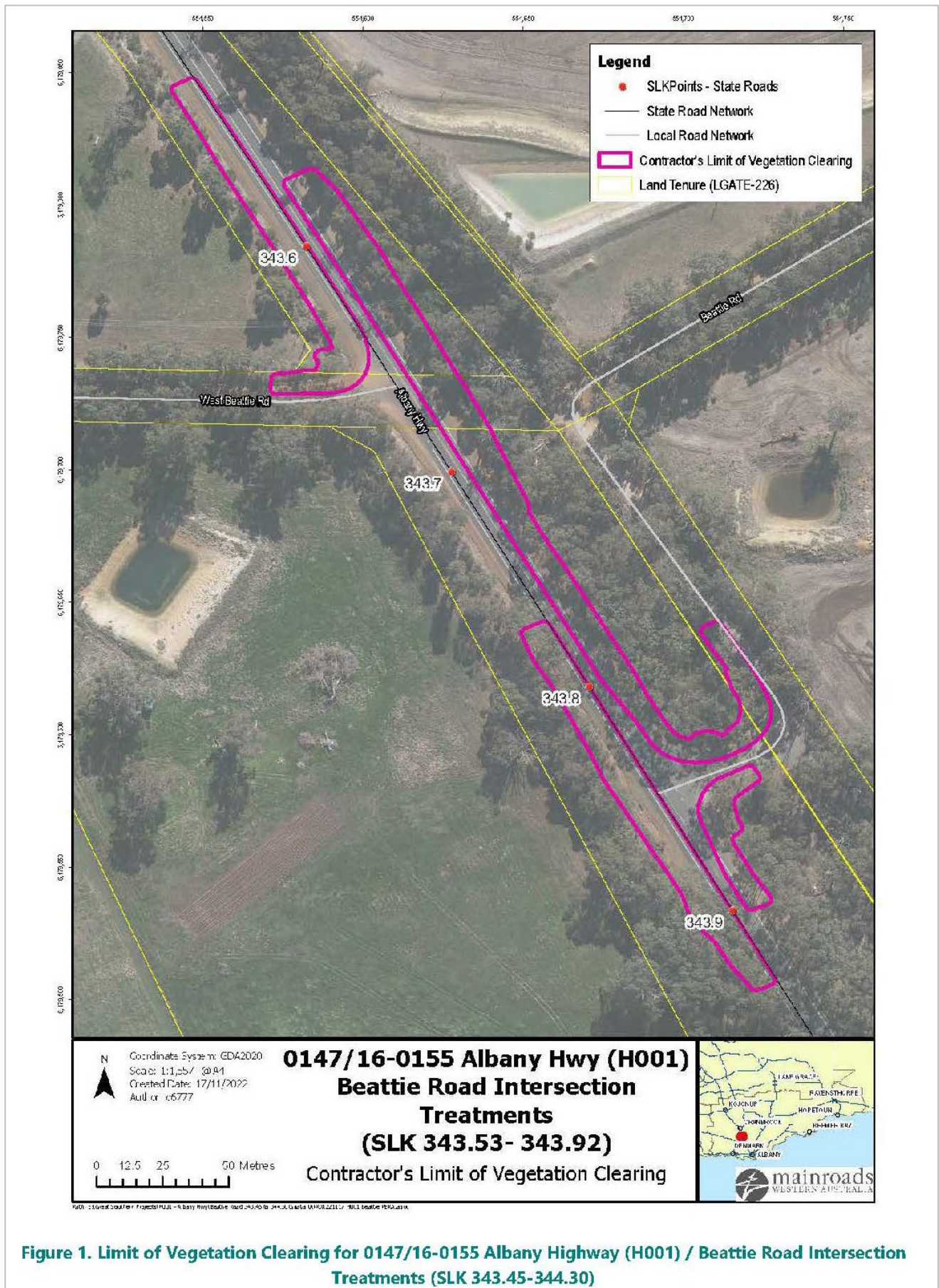
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**Contractor Sign-off**

All Personnel signing on and undertaking the Works have read and understood this document.

| NAME | SIGNATURE | DATE |
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*Contractor must forward signed PEWR to MRWA Representative, to forward to MRWA Environment Officer*







# Vehicle / Machine Hygiene Checklist –

**0147/16-0155 Albany Highway (H001) / Beattie Road Intersection  
Treatments (SLK 343.45-344.30)**

*Vehicles, machinery, equipment and plant can transport invasive species like Phytophthora cinnamomi, pests and weeds into remnant vegetation. This checklist ensures that plant and vehicles do not arrive at Main Roads sites containing material from another site.*

**Table 1: Vehicle / Plant Details**

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Date &amp; Time:</b>               |  |
| <b>Location of Inspection:</b>        |  |
| <b>Owner / Operator:</b>              |  |
| <b>Plant Type / Make/ Model:</b>      |  |
| <b>Registration Number:</b>           |  |
| <b>Odometer / Hour Meter Reading:</b> |  |

**Table 2: Hygiene Checklist**

Check the following sections of the vehicle / plant to ensure they are clean and free of vegetative and soil material

| Item   | Type<br>(front, rear, sides)   | Not<br>Applicable        | Not<br>Clean             | Clean                    |
|--|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Scrub bar  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Air filter   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fenders  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Radiator area  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Belly plates /underside                                  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bucket, blade and forks,<br>backhoe attachment , scraper |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rippers  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Suspension   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Spare wheels   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wheels and tracks, skids                                 |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Drill bits   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mud flaps  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Flat sections  | <i>Esp. horizontal</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cupped sections  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Chassis areas  | <i>H or C sections</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hinged points  | <i>Esp. articulated areas e.g. truck, crane,<br/>excavator arm</i>             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Leaks  | <i>Motor, transmission, hoses, hydraulics to<br/>be stuck down, reservoirs</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Item   | Type<br>(front, rear, sides) | Not<br>Applicable        | Not<br>Clean             | Clean                    |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Spill kits   |                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fire suppression gear  |                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trailers   |                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cargo space  |                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Inside Cabin   |                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Under the Bonnet / Engine Bay  |                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lights, Bumpers and<br>Accessories e.g. toolboxes,<br>spare tyres.   |                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hydraulics and any<br>attachments e.g. arms/booms,<br>tyres and rippers, support<br>frames, hydraulic hoses etc. |                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>OTHER COMMENTS ON HYGIENE OF VEHICLE</b>  |                              |                          |                          |                          |

**INSPECTION SIGN OFF**

I declare that the vehicles, plant and equipment listed above has been thoroughly inspected by myself and is free of all vegetative and soil material.

|           |  |          |  |
|-----------|--|----------|--|
| Name      |  | Position |  |
| Signature |  | Date     |  |

I concur that the plant / equipment meets to required Hygiene Standards and is therefore suitable for entry to this site.

|           |  |          |  |
|-----------|--|----------|--|
| Name      |  | Position |  |
| Signature |  | Date     |  |

**OR**

This vehicle / plant does not meet the required hygiene standards, and is therefore not suitable for entry to this site until the following areas are further cleaned.

|           |  |          |  |
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|           |  |          |  |
| Name      |  | Position |  |
| Signature |  | Date     |  |

**PHOTOS**

<Insert photos if required>