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Report for Madura Cattle Grid Replacement

> Preliminary Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan

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## 1. Introduction

Main Roads Western Australia – Goldfields-Esperance Region (Main Roads) proposes to replace the Madura Cattle Grid (Grid) on the Eyre Highway at 559.3 SLK (Appendix A, Figure 1). The Grid is nearing the end of its economical life and requires replacement. For the replacement of the Grid to occur, a side track is required on the northern side of the Eyre Highway (Appendix A, Figure 2). The sidetrack will be rehabilitated back to Main Roads specifications upon completion of the project.

The material for the sheeting of the sidetrack will be sourced from an existing gravel pit located approximately 500 m west of the Madura roadhouse. No assessment of the gravel source area is required given that no new clearing or ground disturbance is necessary.

In accordance with Main Roads corporate environmental assessment and approvals process, a Low Impact Environmental Screening Checklist was completed (Appendix B). This Preliminary Environmental Impact Assessment was required as the works involve clearing of native vegetation outside the maintenance zone. This report intends to fulfil this requirement. This report also intends to fulfil the requirements of Main Roads State-wide Project Purpose Clearing Permit (CPS 818/5) which is proposed for use for the project.

### 1.1 Project Location

The project area is located within the Shire of Dundas, 32 km east of Madura on the Eyre Highway (Appendix A, Figure 1).



## 2. Assessment Methodology

### 2.1 Preliminary Desktop Study

A preliminary assessment of the project and its potential constraints has been undertaken by reviewing a number of government agency managed databases. Appendix C contains relevant government database generated reports. The following sections provide a summary of the methodology used for each potential environmental aspect associated with the project.

### 2.1.1 Threatened Flora, Fauna and Communities

The presence of Threatened Flora and Fauna and Threatened and Priority Ecological Communities (TECs & PECs) was determined by a search of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) NatureMap (for threatened flora and fauna) and TEC and PEC databases.

### 2.1.2 Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) and Conservation Reserves

DEC's Native Vegetation Map Viewer was used to determine the location of any ESAs and Conservation Reserves (<u>http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/content/view/2920/1572/1/1/</u>).

### 2.1.3 Vegetation Type, Extent and Status

Vegetation associations were determined by examining the Shared Land Information Platform (SLIP) Natural Resource Management (NRM) database (<u>http://spatial.agric.wa.gov.au/slip/</u>). The native vegetation association extent and status represented in the survey areas is drawn from Shepherd, *et al.* (2002).

### 2.1.4 Air Quality

The need for a local air quality assessment was determined using the criteria outlined in the Main Roads environmental guideline, Air Quality (<u>http://intranet/online/branches/environment/word/guide\_air\_quality.doc</u>).

### 2.1.5 European Heritage

European heritage was examined by searching the Australian Heritage Places Inventory (<u>http://www.heritage.gov.au</u>) and the Heritage Council of Western Australia database (<u>http://register.heritage.wa.gov.au/</u>).

### 2.1.6 Aboriginal Heritage

A search of the Department of Indigenous Affairs' (DIA) database (<u>http://www.dia.wa.gov.au/Site-Search/Aboriginal-Heritage-Inquiry-System.aspx</u>) was undertaken to determine whether the project area contains or is located adjacent to any registered Aboriginal Heritage sites.

#### 2.1.7 Wetlands

The location of wetlands within the project area was determined by examining DEC's Wetland Base (<u>http://spatial.agric.wa.gov.au/wetlands/</u>).



#### 2.1.8 Sensitive Water Resources

The Department of Water's (DoW) Geographic Data Atlas

(<u>http://www.water.wa.gov.au/Tools/Maps+and+atlases/Geographic+data+atlas/default.aspx</u>) was examined to determine whether the project area supported, or was adjacent to, any significant lakes, rivers, wetlands or proclaimed areas including public drinking water source areas (PDWSAs).

#### 2.1.9 Contaminated Sites

The presence of contaminated sites in the project area was determined by examining DEC's contaminated sites database (<u>http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/content/view/5627/2295/</u>).

#### 2.1.10 Acid Sulphate Soils

A search of the Australian Soil Resources Information System (ASRIS) website (<u>http://www.asris.csiro.au/mapping/viewer.htm</u>) was conducted to determine the probability of the occurrence of acid sulphate soils within the project area.

#### 2.1.11 Weeds

Weeds were only considered a potential issue for the project if any Weeds of National Significance (WONS) or Declared Plants pursuant to the *Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act* 1976 were recorded in the project area during the site visit.

#### 2.1.12 Dieback

Dieback was only considered a potential issue for the project if both the mean annual rainfall of the area is >400 mm, and if the project area resides below the 26<sup>th</sup> parallel.

### 2.2 Statutory Referral Decisions

The decision whether to refer the project to the Commonwealth's Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPC) was based upon whether the project would impact upon matters of national environmental significance (refer to Appendix C– DSEWPC's EPBC Act Protected Matters Database search). These matters of national environmental significance are assessed for impact in Section 4.

The decision whether to refer the project to the Western Australian Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) was based upon whether the project would be a "significant proposal" as defined by the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. As a result, all potential environmental aspects relating to the project have been examined for their level of significance (refer Section 4).

#### 2.3 Site Investigation

A site visit was carried out by the GHD's Environmental Scientist, Casey Skalski, on the 10 April 2011 to examine the general features of the project area. Site photos were taken and are included in Appendix D.



# 3. Existing Environment

Information relating to the existing environment of the project area has been summarised in Table 1 below. This information has been compiled through both desktop assessments and the site visit.

Factor	Value		
Vegetation Association	122		
Vegetation Association Description	Succulent steppe with open low woodland; <i>Acaia papyrocarpa</i> over saltbush & bluebush		
	Vegetation Extent and Status		
Current Extent	Pre-European Extent (ha) in Hampton IBRA subregion	Current Extent (ha) in Hampton IBRA subregion	
(ha)	252377.905	252377.905	
% Pre-European Extent Remaining	100.00%	100.00%	
Topography /Geology^	Topography: The project area is flat. Geology: The geology of the project area consists of carbonate-rich shelf deposits; predominantly calcarenite and granule calcirudite with minor marginal sandstone.		
Climate <sup>#</sup> Closest Meteorological Station with representative data: Eyre		resentative data: Eyre	
	Avg. Annual rainfall: 307.5 mm		
	Avg. Max Temp ranges: 18.1 <sup>o</sup> C (Jul) to	o 26.5 ⁰C (Jan)	
Avg. Min Temp ranges: 5.8 <sup>o</sup> C (Jul) to 16.1 <sup>o</sup> C (Feb)		16.1 <sup>°</sup> C (Feb)	
Surrounding Land Use	Pastoral		
Weed prevalence	Low		

 Table 1
 Existing environment information

^ Source: Department of Mines and Petroluem (2011)

# Source: Bureau of Meteorology (2011)



## 4. Assessment of Aspects and Impacts

A summary of all potential environmental aspects associated with the project and their subsequent assessment for environmental impact is provided in Table 2. Environmental constraints are mapped in Figure 3, Appendix A.

Please note: The project area is defined as the extent of the proposed clearing footprint shown in Figure 2, Appendix A.

Aspect	Evaluation of Potential Impacts
Air quality	Likely to be a minor issue during earth works only (due to generation of dust). Implementation of the project is not expected to cause significant increases in traffic volumes in the area meaning that long term air quality levels are not expected to change. No major sensitive receivers are present within 10 km of the project area. No significant impacts expected.
Dust	Likely to be a minor issue during earth works. No major sensitive receivers are present within 10 km of the project area. No significant impacts expected.
Fauna	The following nationally (DSEWPC) protected species and/or their habitat have been identified as potentially occurring within the project area (refer to Appendix C for further information):
	<ul> <li>Slender-billed Thornbill (western) (Acanthiza iredalei iredalei)</li> </ul>
	Malleefowl ( <i>Leipoa ocellata</i> )
	Mulgara (Dasycercus cristicauda)
	Rainbow Bee-eater (Merops ornatus)
	Great Egret, White Egret (Ardea alba)
	White-bellied Sea-Eagle (Haliaeetus leucogaster)
	Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel (Charadrius veredus)
	Cattle Egret (Ardea ibis)
	Given the relatively small amount of clearing involved (1.25 ha) and the large areas of intact native vegetation surrounding the project area, no significant impacts are expected to any nationally protected species of fauna. Most species should be able to relocate to adjacent habitat, with the number of individual casualties caused by clearing activities considered highly unlikely to be significant. No active nesting sites were observed in the proposed clearing area when completing the site visit. The proposed clearing method involves felling of trees before reducing (cutting up) and re-spreading in adjacent areas. This should assist in maintaining some of the habitat value offered by the proposed clearing area.

#### Table 2 Aspects and Impacts



Aspect	Evaluation of Potential Impacts
Vegetation –	Vegetation clearing
clearing	A maximum of 1.25 ha of clearing of native vegetation is required to complete the proposed works. (For clearing boundaries, please refer to Figure 2 of Appendix A.)
	A breakdown of proposed clearing is as follows:
	<ul> <li>Indicative clearing area – 1.25 ha</li> </ul>
	The material for the sheeting of the sidetrack will be sourced from an existing gravel pit located approximately 500 m west of the Madura roadhouse. No assessment of the gravel source area is required given that no new clearing or ground disturbance is necessary.
	Vegetation condition
	The condition of native vegetation in the project area ranges from <i>degraded</i> to <i>very good</i> (using the Keighery scale (Keighery, 1994)). Vegetation was noted to be degraded alongside the road. Vegetation condition improved to very good as the distance from the road increased.
	The Hampton IBRA subregion in which the project area is located, is considered to be of <i>Least Concern</i> in terms of its regional extent with no apparent reduction in area recorded from its pre-European extent (>50% pre-European extent exists and subject to little or no degradation over a majority of this area.)
	The native vegetation to be cleared does not occur within an ESA and no ESAs are located within 10km of the project area.
Significant Flora / Ecological Communities	According to various database searches, there are no records of TECs or, Declared Rare Flora (DRF) located within the proposed clearing area. The following Priority Flora (PF) taxon has been recorded within 40 km of the project site:
	Galium leptogonium (P3).
	The following nationally (DSEWPC) protected species and/or their habitat have been identified as potentially occurring within 10 km project area (refer to Appendix C for further information):
	• Adenanthos eyrie (threatened).
	It is unlikely that <i>A. eyrie</i> will occur in the project area as the species prefers sand dunes on cliffs which is not present in the project area.
	The following PEC is located approximately 25 km from the project area:
	<ul> <li>'Priority 1' ecological community – 'Subterranean faunal ecosystems of Nullabor caves'.</li> </ul>
	No significant impacts to any significant flora or ecological communities are expected.
Vegetation – weeds	Weed prevalence within the proposed clearing areas is considered low but standard weed hygiene measures should still be applied in order to limit the risk of any further weed spread (Appendix E). No WoNS or Declared Plants pursuant to the <i>Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act</i> 1976 were identified in or near the project areas during the site visit.



Aspect	Evaluation of Potential Impacts
Vegetation – dieback	Dieback is not considered a potential issue for the project given that the project area receives less than 400 mm of average annual rainfall. (The nearest meteorological station with representative data is Eyre with an average annual rainfall of 307.5 mm.)
Reserves / Conservation areas	The closest DEC managed reserve/conservation area to the project area is the Nuytsland Nature Reserve (approximately 30 km south). Indirect impacts to this Reserve (e.g. breaking of habitat linkages etc.) are considered highly unlikely due to the condition of the surrounding environment. No significant impacts are expected.
	The Great Western Woodland, a Natural Heritage Place, exists 80 km west of the project area. No impacts as a result of the project are expected on the Great Western Woodland.
Heritage (European)	No potential significant European heritage sites were identified during the site visit nor are any sites listed in the relevant government databases.
	No significant impacts are expected.
Aboriginal heritage	A search of DIA's database revealed that there are two sites of Aboriginal heritage significance located within 20 km of the project area (Figure 3, Appendix A). These sites are not within with clearing boundary and are not within 10 km of the project area. No archaeological or ethnographic surveys are, therefore, considered necessary. No significant impacts are expected.
Native Title	Given the fact that works are confined to the road reserve and are relatively minor in nature, no actions in regards to native title are considered necessary.
Surface water/drainage	During the site visit, no drainage or surface run-off patterns were identified. As a result, the project is considered highly unlikely to significantly disturb or interrupt any surface water flows.
Wetlands	No wetlands are located within 10 km of the project area. As a result, no significant impacts to wetlands are expected.
Groundwater	Given that no dewatering or significant drainage modifications are required, no significant changes to the current groundwater level or quality are expected. Any water required for construction purposes is likely to be minimal and will be the responsibility of the contractor delivering the works to obtain.
Noise and vibration	No major sensitive local receivers are present within the immediate vicinity of the project area. The works are not expected to significantly contribute to noise levels at the nearest receivers (Madura township, 32 km west).
Visual amenity	No significant impacts to visual amenity are expected.
Hazardous substances	Not considered relevant to the proposed works.
Contamination	Given the relatively superficial nature of the required earthworks, there appears to be a low risk of any significant contamination issues. No significant impacts are expected.
	Furthermore, any risk of contamination from site works will be addressed in the environmental management plan (Appendix E).



Aspect	Evaluation of Potential Impacts
Salinity	Although water required for construction activities is likely to come from a brackish to saline groundwater resource, significant impacts are not considered likely given the small amount of water required (<1,000kL), and the proposed areas of application (road surface).
	The proposed clearing is not considered likely to result in any significant groundwater salinity issues given the fact that the surrounding landscape is not highly cleared.
Acid Sulphate Soils	According to a search of ASRIS, the occurrence of acid sulphate soils is considered to be "extremely low." Furthermore, no dewatering or excavation below the water table is planned and therefore the risk of exposing or exacerbating acid sulphate soils is considered to be low. No significant impacts are expected.
Environmentally Significant Landforms	No environmentally significant landforms were identified within 10 km of the project areas when carrying out the site visits. The Hampton Tableland exists approximately 2.5 km north of the project area. No significant impacts are expected.
Statutory Land Use Planning / Adjacent Land Use	Expansion of the existing road reserve is not required. No significant impacts to surrounding land uses are expected.



## 5. Clearing of Native Vegetation

Native vegetation for this project will be cleared using Main Roads State-wide Project Purpose Clearing Permit (CPS 818/5). Native vegetation describes all indigenous aquatic and terrestrial vegetation (living or dead). The term does not include vegetation that was intentionally sown, planted or propagated unless it was required under a statutory condition.

### 5.1 Avoiding, Minimising and Reducing the Impact of Clearing

In accordance with Condition 6 of CPS 818/5, the following measures are proposed in an effort to avoid, minimise and reduce the impact of clearing associated with the project:

- All efforts will be made during clearing activities to avoid any unnecessary impacts to native vegetation (e.g. marking of clearing lines, parking of machinery in already cleared areas etc.).
- Cleared vegetation will be cut up and respread in redundant cleared area in order to help prevent weed establishment and land degradation as well as to provide habitat and encourage natural regeneration of the redundant areas.

### 5.2 Assessment against the Clearing Principles

In accordance with condition 9 of CPS 818/5, the project has been assessed against the DEC's 10 clearing principles. The assessment has indicated that the project is not likely to be at variance with any of the clearing principles.

Principle (a)	Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises a high level of biological diversity.
Assessment	The proposed clearing area is not be considered to contain a high level of biological diversity given its small size and the extensive areas of native vegetation in very good or better condition that surround the project area. No priority flora were identified in the proposed clearing areas as a result of a desktop assessment of these areas.
	One flora species of Commonwealth significance was noted to potentially occur within the project area. The proposed clearing will not impact upon this species (refer to Table 2).
	One PEC was identified approximately 25 km south west of the project area:
	<ul> <li>'Priority 1' ecological community – 'Subterranean faunal ecosystems of Nullabor caves'.</li> </ul>
	It is unlikely that the proposed clearing will impact upon this PEC.
Conclusion	The proposal is not likely to be at variance with this clearing principle.

Table 3	Assessment against the 10 clearing principles
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Principle (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.
Assessment	Given the relatively small amount of clearing proposed and that the surrounding environment is virtually intact with its original vegetation remaining, no significant impacts to native fauna or its habitat are expected. No active nesting sites were observed in the proposed clearing area when carrying out the site visit.
Conclusion	The proposal is not likely to be at variance with this clearing principle.
Principle (c)	Native vegetation should not be cleared if it includes, or is necessary for the continued existence of, rare flora.
Assessment	No rare flora was identified within the proposed clearing areas as a result of a desktop assessment. The assessment did not identify any records of DRF within 40 km of the proposed clearing areas. It is therefore considered highly unlikely that any rare flora will be impacted by the proposed works.
Conclusion	The proposal is not likely to be at variance with this clearing principle.
Principle (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.
Assessment	No TECs were identified as being within 50 km of the project area.
Conclusion	The proposal is not at variance with this clearing principle.
Principle (e)	Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is significant as a remnant of native vegetation in an area that has been extensively cleared.
Assessment	Vegetation within and adjacent to the project area is considered to be of <i>Least Concern</i> , with approximately 100% remaining of the known Vegetation Association in the Hampton IBRA subregion. The project area is not considered to contain fragmented vegetation.
	Vegetation within the study area is not considered to contain communities required to maintain ecosystem services (e.g. hydrological processes).
Conclusion	The proposal is not at variance with this clearing principle.
Principle (f)	Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is growing in, or in association with, an environment associated with a watercourse or wetland.
Assessment	No defined wetlands or water courses are located within the clearing boundaries, nor within 10 km of the project area.
	No groundwater dependent ecosystems occur within or adjacent to the project area
Conclusion	The proposal is not at variance with this clearing principle.



Principle (g)	Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause appreciable land degradation.
Assessment	Erosion from wind or water is considered to be low. Much of the surrounding land surface is well vegetated. The clearing of native vegetation is not expected to alter the quality or quantity of water run-off in or adjacent to the project area. Waterlogging and changes to nutrient levels are not expected to be altered by the clearing of vegetation in the project area.
	The clearing of vegetation is not considered to alter soil acidity in or adjacent to the project area.
	The clearing of vegetation is not considered to significantly alter the hydrological balance and cause a change in the salinity either on- or off-site.
Conclusion	The proposal is not likely to be at variance with this clearing principle.
Principle (h)	Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to have an impact on the environmental values of any adjacent or nearby conservation area.
Assessment	The project area is not adjacent to, or in the vicinity of a conservation reserve or protected area. The closest conservation area is Nuytsland Nature Reserve, which is situated approximately 30 km south.
	The project area occurs in a region where the vegetation extent is of <i>Least Concern</i> . Little fragmentation of vegetation has occurred.
	The project area occurs in a region where the vegetation has not been significantly altered. The project area does not provide a buffer or outlier to a conservation area. Ecological linkages and corridors are not considered to be significantly altered by any proposed clearing activities in the project area
Conclusion	The proposal is not at variance with this clearing principle.
Principle (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.
Assessment	The project area does not occur within a proclaimed Public Drink Water Supply Area.
	The clearing of vegetation is not considered to cause an alteration to the quality of groundwater in or adjacent to the project area.
	No groundwater dependent ecosystems occur in or adjacent to the project area.
	The clearing of vegetation is not considered to cause an alteration to the quality of surface waters in or adjacent to the project area.
Conclusion	The proposal is not at variance with this clearing principle.
Principle (j)	Native vegetation should not be cleared if clearing the vegetation is likely to cause, or exacerbate, the incidence of flooding.
Assessment	No significant change to the hydrology of the area is expected given the climate and topography of the local area, and relatively superficial nature of the works. Natural surface water flow patterns will not be obstructed by the clearing meaning it is highly unlikely that the works will cause or exacerbate the incidence of flooding in the area.



### 5.3 Project Specific Requirements Relating to CPS 818/5

The project does include clearing for temporary works. As a result, a revegetation plan is required in accordance with the conditions of CPS 818/5. Appendix F contains the Main Roads Revegetation for Pastoral Areas.

No offsets or management strategies are required given that no variance with any of the ten clearing principles is considered likely to exist.



## 6. Stakeholder consultation

Given the minor nature of the project, no stakeholder consultation is considered necessary.



# 7. Environmental Management Plan

An Environmental Management Plan (EMP) has been developed for the project (Appendix E) taking into account the assessments carried out above. The main aim of this EMP is to provide a management plan to assist in minimising the environmental impacts of the activities associated with the proposed works and to identify who is responsible for the implementation of any subsequent management strategies. This EMP is predominantly for the Main Roads Project Manager's reference and provides basic requirements for any Contractor produced EMP (subject to any conditions outlined in the actual Contract). It may, however, be used to complement the contractor's EMP.

The EMP will only address site-specific issues that were identified during the PEIA. The areas that require special management will be addressed in terms of:

- the timing of various management actions;
- the topic (e.g. vegetation);
- the objectives for each area;
- the actions that are necessary to minimise the impact;
- the responsible party for implementing the action; and
- whether the action arose from external advice or is a Main Roads requirement.



# 8. Monitoring

No environmental monitoring is considered necessary given the small scale of the project.



## 9. Auditing

Audits against the EMP may be carried out depending on regional priorities and perceived risk. Onground checking post-construction will be carried out as a minimum by the Main Roads Goldfields-Esperance Region Environment Officer.



## 10. Decision to Refer

Given the small scale of the project, the low significance of its impacts to the surrounding environment, and the environmental management measures proposed, it is recommended that the project does not require referral to the EPA. It is also recommended that the project does not require referral to the DSEWPC as no items of national environmental significance were identified as likely to be significantly impacted by the proposed works.



## 11. Report limitations

This report presents the results of a field visit and desktop assessment findings, prepared for the purpose of this commission. The data and advice provided herein relate only to the project described herein and must be reviewed by a competent scientist before being used for any other purpose. GHD accepts no responsibility for other use of the data.

Where reports, searches, any third party information and similar work have been performed and recorded by others the data is included and used in the form provided by others. The responsibility for the accuracy of such data remains with the issuing authority, not with GHD.

For these investigations GHD has conducted desktop data searches and a field survey. The conclusions of this report were based on the information gathered during these investigations and thus reflect the environment of the project area at the time of survey. GHD accepts no responsibility for any variation in the flora present in the project area due to natural and seasonal variability.



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Appendix A

# Figures

Figure 1 – Project Location Figure 2 – Site Layout/ Clearing Boundaries

Figure 3 – Environmental Constraints



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Eyre Highway at 359.3 SLK Cattle Grid Replacement Sidetrack Scale 1,500 @ A3



Indicative Clearing Area (1.25ha)



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Data source: Landgate: Travellers Atlas 2004; GHD study area mga51 20110408. DEC: Madura GHD TecPecSearch Results 11042011 DIA: Aboriginal heritage clip 20110412 Created by: CSkalski



Appendix B

Low Impact Environmental Screening Checklist

### **Checklist - Low Impact Screening Checklist**

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

All projects are to be screened to identify those that are Low Impact.

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

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

Tick "Yes" or "No" for every item.

Project Name Remove and install new Grid Eyre Highway Slk:559.30

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ITEM			1			
NO.	ITEM	Y	N			
1	New road or road reserve to be created or expansion of existing road reserve.		~			
2	Works require clearing of native vegetation outside the maintenance zone.	~				
3	Works require clearing of native vegetation that is older than 10 years old within the maintenance zone.		~			
4	Works to occur outside normal working hours.		~			
5	Passes over, adjoins or drains directly into a wetland or sensitive watercourse.					
6	Local natural drainage regime / hydrology will be changed.		<b>~</b>			
7	Dewatering, or a new water bore required.		~			
8	Known potential source of hazardous materials within or adjoining project area. e.g. Acid Sulphate Soils, existing petrol station, industrial site or waste disposal site (landfill)		~			
9	Buildings will require demolition.		<b>~</b>			

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To be reviewed by a Main Roads Environment Officer	Signature Name	S-Weighell SIMON WEIGHELL	Date Title	21/3/11 ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

Comments: \_Project requires a two way sidetrack to be installed on LHS of road between shoulder hinge point and fence line.

Removal of existing Grid and supply and install new pre-cased Grid.

All wast material will be carted back to Norseman rubbish tip and sidetrack rehab back to Main Roads specification. Works to be completed by May 2011

MAIN ROADS Western Australia Form 670700101 Screening Checklist Rev 3.doc PELA & EMP Required

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Appendix C

Government Agency Managed Databases Search Results





#### Search Criteria

2 sites in a search box. The box is formed by these diagonally opposed corner points:

GD	GDA94							
Latitude	Longitude							
-31° 44' 3"	127° 8' 30"							
-32° 5' 23"	127° 34' 52"							



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#### Legend

Restriction		Access		Coordinate Accuracy			
Ν	No restriction	с	Closed	Accuracy is shown as a code in brackets following the site coordinates.			
М	Male access only	0	Open	[Reliable]	The spatial information recorded in the site file is deemed to be reliable, due to methods of capture.		
F	Female access	V Vulnerable		[Unreliable]	The spatial information recorded in the site file is deemed to be unreliable due to errors of spatial data capture and/or quality of spatial information reported.		

#### Status



#### \*Explanation of Assessment

Sites lodged with the Department are assessed under the direction of the Registrar of Aboriginal Sites. These are not the final assessment.

Final assessment and decisions will be determined by the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee (ACMC).

#### **Spatial Accuracy**

Index coordinates are indicative locations and may not necessarily represent the centre of sites, especially for sites with an access code "closed" or "vulnerable". Map coordinates (Lat/Long) and (Easting/Northing) are based on the GDA 94 datum. The Easting / Northing map grid can be across one or more zones. The zone is indicated for each Easting on the map, i.e. '5000000:Z50' means Easting=5000000, Zone=50.

#### **Sites Shown on Maps**

Site boundaries may not appear on maps at low zoom levels

### List of 2 Registered Aboriginal Sites with Map

Site ID	Status	Access	Restrictio	n Site Name	Site Type	Additional Info	Informants	Coordinates	Site No.
2002	R	0	Ν	Walpet Cave.	Artefacts / Scatter	Archeological Deposit, Rockshelter		327633mE 6483665mN Zone 52 [Unreliable]	W01197
2003	R	0	Ν	Joes Cave.	Artefacts / Scatter	Archeological Deposit, Rockshelter		328633mE 6481664mN Zone 52 [Unreliable]	W01198



### Aboriginal Heritage Inquiry System

Aboriginal Sites Database





### List of Other Heritage Places with Map

No results



### Aboriginal Heritage Inquiry System

Aboriginal Sites Database




Map Showing Registered Aboriginal Sites and Other Heritage Places



### Aboriginal Heritage Inquiry System

Aboriginal Sites Database





# EPBC Act Protected Matters Report: Coordinates

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.

Information on the coverage of this report and qualifications on data supporting this report are contained in the caveat at the end of the report.

You may wish to print this report for reference before moving to other pages or websites.

Information about the EPBC Act including significance guidelines, forms and application process details can be found at http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/assessmentsapprovals/index.html



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Coordinates Buffer: 10Km

# Summary

### Matters of National Environmental Significance

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

World Heritage Properties:	None
National Heritage Places:	1
Wetlands of International	None
Significance (Ramsar	
Wetlands):	
Great Barrier Reef Marine	None
Park:	
Commonwealth Marine Areas:	None
Threatened Ecological	None
Communitites:	
Threatened Species:	4
Migratory Species:	8

### 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 and the heritage values of a place on the Register of the National Estate. Information on the new heritage laws can be found at http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/index.html

Please note that the current dataset on Commonwealth land is not complete. Further information on Commonwealth land would need to be obtained from relevant sources including Commonwealth agencies, local agencies, and land tenure maps.

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. Information on EPBC Act permit requirements and application forms can be found at http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/permits/index.html.

Commonwealth Lands:	None
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Listed Marine Species:	5

Whales and Other Cetaceans: None

Critical Habitats: None None

Commonwealth Reserves:

## Report Summary for Extra Information

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

Place on the RNE:	None
State and Territory Reserves:	None
Regional Forest Agreements:	None
Invasive Species:	5
Nationally Important	None
Wetlands:	

# **Details**

## Matters of National Environmental Significance

National Heritage Places		[ Resource Information ]
Name	Status	
Natural		
Great Western Woodlands of	Nominated pla	ce
<u>Western</u>		
Threatened Species		[ Resource Information ]
Name	Status	Type of Presence
BIRDS		
Acanthiza iredalei iredalei Slender-billed Thornbill (western) [25967]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Leipoa ocellata Malleefowl [934]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
MAMMALS		
Dasycercus cristicauda		
Mulgara [328]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
PLANTS		
Adenanthos eyrei		
Toolinna Adenanthos [7763]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Migratory Species		[ Resource Information ]
Name	Status	Type of Presence
Migratory Marine Birds		
Ardea alba		
Great Egret, White Egret [59541]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Ardea ibis</u> Cattle Egret [59542]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<b>Migratory Terrestrial Species</b>	5	

Haliaeetus leucogaster White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Leipoa ocellata Malleefowl [934]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Merops ornatus		
Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Migratory Wetlands Species		
Ardea alba Great Egret, White Egret [59541] Ardea ibis		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Cattle Egret [59542]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Charadrius veredus		
Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Other Matters Protected	d by the EPB	C Act

Listed Marine Species		[ Resource Information ]
Name	Status	Type of Presence
Birds		
Ardea alba		
Great Egret, White Egr	et	Species or species habitat may occur within area
[59541]		
Ardea ibis		
Cattle Egret [59542]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Charadrius veredus</u>	1	
Oriental Plover, Orient	al	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Dotterel [882] Haliaeetus leucogaster		
White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Merops ornatus		
Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<b>Extra Information</b>		

# Invasive Species [Resource Information]

Weeds reported here are the 20 species of national significance (WoNS), along with other introduced plants that are considered by the States and Territories to pose a particularly significant threat to biodiversity. The following feral animals are reported: Goat, Red Fox, Cat, Rabbit, Pig, Water Buffalo and Cane Toad. Maps from Landscape Health Project, National Land and Water Resouces Audit, 2001.

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Mammals		
Felis catus Cat, House Cat, Domestic Cat [19]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Oryctolagus cuniculus</u> Rabbit, European Rabbit [128]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Vulpes vulpes

Red Fox, Fox [18]	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Plants	
Carrichtera annua Ward's Weed [9511]	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Lycium ferocissimum African Boxthorn, Boxthorn [19235]	Species or species habitat may occur within area

# Caveat

The information presented in this report has been provided by a range of data sources as acknowledged at the end of the report.

This report is designed to assist in identifying the locations of places which may be relevant in determining obligations under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. It holds mapped locations of World Heritage and Register of National Estate properties, Wetlands of International Importance, Commonwealth and State/Territory reserves, listed threatened, migratory and marine species and listed threatened ecological communities. Mapping of Commonwealth land is not complete at this stage. Maps have been collated from a range of sources at various resolutions.

Not all species listed under the EPBC Act have been mapped (see below) and therefore a report is a general guide only. Where available data supports mapping, the type of presence that can be determined from the data is indicated in general terms. People using this information in making a referral may need to consider the qualifications below and may need to seek and consider other information sources.

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.

For species where the distributions are well known, maps are digitised from sources such as recovery plans and detailed habitat studies. Where appropriate, core breeding, foraging and roosting areas are indicated under 'type of presence'. For species whose distributions are less well known, point locations are collated from government wildlife authorities, museums, and non-government organisations; bioclimatic distribution models are generated and these validated by experts. In some cases, the distribution maps are based solely on expert knowledge.

Only selected species covered by the following provisions of the EPBC Act have been mapped:

- migratory and
- marine

The following species and ecological communities have not been mapped and do not appear in reports produced from this database:

- threatened species listed as extinct or considered as vagrants
- some species and ecological communities that have only recently been listed
- some terrestrial species that overfly the Commonwealth marine area
- migratory species that are very widespread, vagrant, or only occur in small numbers.

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

- non-threatened seabirds which have only been mapped for recorded breeding sites;
- seals which have only been mapped for breeding sites near the Australian continent.

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

### Coordinates

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# **NatureMap Species Report**

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Method 'By Circle' Centre 127°21' 14" E,31°54' 14" S Buffer 40km

	Name ID	Species Name	Naturalised	Conservation Code	<sup>1</sup> Endemic To Query Area
1.	3213	Acacia anceps			
2.	3262	Acacia cochlearis (Rigid Wattle)			
3.	12672	Acacia cupularis			
4.	3440	Acacia merrallii			
5.	3473	Acacia oswaldii (Miljee)			
6.	3481	Acacia papyrocarpa (Western Myall)			
7.		Acacia verricula			
8.	24559	Acanthagenys rufogularis (Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater)			
9.		Acanthiza apicalis (Broad-tailed Thornbill (Inland Thornbill))			
10.		Acanthiza chrysorrhoa (Yellow-rumped Thornbill)			
11.		Acanthiza iredalei subsp. iredalei			
12.		Actitis hypoleucos			
13.		Aegotheles cristatus (Australian Owlet-nightjar)			
14.		Amphibolurus norrisi			
15.		Amyema melaleucae			
16.		Amyema miguelii (Stalked Mistletoe)			
17.		Amyema preissii (Wireleaf Mistletoe)			
18.					
18.		Anas gracilis (Grey Teal) Angianthus sp.			
20.					
		Anthochaera carunculata (Red Wattlebird)			
21.		Anthus novaeseelandiae			
22.		Aphelocephala leucopsis (Southern Whiteface)			
23.		Aprasia inaurita			
24.		Aquila audax (Wedge-tailed Eagle)			
25.		Arabidella trisecta			
26.		Ardea modesta		-	
27.		Ardeotis australis (Australian Bustard)		P4	
28.		Artamus cinereus (Black-faced Woodswallow)			
29.		Artamus cyanopterus (Dusky Woodswallow)			
30.		Asplenium trichomanes (Maidenhair Spleenwort)			
31.		Atriplex cinerea (Grey Saltbush)			
32.		Atriplex nummularia subsp. spathulata (Old Man Saltbush)			
33.		Atriplex vesicaria (Bladder Saltbush)			
34.		Austrodanthonia caespitosa			
35.		Austrostipa drummondii			
36.		Austrostipa nitida			
37.		Austrostipa platychaeta			
38.		Barbula calycina			
39.		Barnardius zonarius			
40.		Bettongia lesueur subsp. graii (Burrowing Bettong, Boodie)		2	
41.		Cacatua leadbeateri (Major Mitchell's Cockatoo)		S	
42.		Cacomantis flabelliformis (Fan-tailed Cuckoo)			
43.		Cakile maritima (Sea Rocket)	Y		
44.		Calamanthus campestris (Rufous Fieldwren)			
45.		Calamanthus cautus			
46.		Carrichtera annua (Ward's Weed)	Y		
47.		Cassytha melantha (Large Dodder-laurel)			
48.		Ceratodon purpureus subsp. convolutus			
49.		Cercartetus concinnus (Western Pygmy-possum, Mundarda)			
50.		Chalcites basalis			
51.		Chalcites lucidus			
52.		Chalcites osculans			
53.		Chalinolobus gouldii (Gould's Wattled Bat)			
54.		Chalinolobus morio (Chocolate Wattled Bat)			
55.		Charadrius bicinctus (Double-banded Plover)			
56.	24377	Charadrius ruficapillus (Red-capped Plover)			

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			Area
57.	25233	Christinus alexanderi	
58.	24980	Christinus marmoratus (Marbled Gecko)	
59.	-1637	Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae	
60.		Cincloramphus cruralis (Brown Songlark)	
61.		Cinclosoma castanotum	
62.		Cinclosoma castanotus (Chestnut Quail-thrush)	
63.	24289	Circus assimilis (Spotted Harrier)	
64.	24774	Cladorhynchus leucocephalus (Banded Stilt)	
65.	26677	Codium mamillosum	
66.	25675	Colluricincla harmonica (Grey Shrike-thrush)	
67.		Coracina maxima (Ground Cuckoo-shrike)	
68.		Coracina novaehollandiae (Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike)	
69.	29624	Corunastylis tepperi	
70.	24416	Corvus bennetti (Little Crow)	
71.	25592	Corvus coronoides (Australian Raven)	
72.	24417	Corvus coronoides subsp. perplexus	
73.		Corvus sp.	
74.		Coturnix pectoralis (Stubble Quail)	
75.		Cracticus nigrogularis (Pied Butcherbird)	
76.	25595	Cracticus tibicen (Australian Magpie)	
77.	25596	Cracticus torquatus (Grey Butcherbird)	
78.	7949	Cratystylis conocephala (Greybush)	
79.	32341	Crossidium davidai	
80.		Cryptoblepharus buchananii	
81.		Cryptoblepharus pulcher subsp. clarus	
82.		Ctenophorus maculatus subsp. dualis	
83.		Ctenophorus pictus (Painted Dragon)	
84.	30823	Ctenotus euclae	
85.	25052	Ctenotus leonhardii	
86.	25074	Ctenotus schomburgkii	
87.		Cuculus pallidus (Pallid Cuckoo)	
88.		Cyclodomorphus melanops subsp. siticulosus	
89.		Daphoenositta chrysoptera (Varied Sittella )	
90.	24089	Dasycercus cristicauda (Crest-tailed Mulgara) T	
91.	25247	Demansia psammophis subsp. psammophis	
92.	11636	Dianella revoluta var. divaricata	
93.	25607	Dicaeum hirundinaceum (Mistletoebird)	
94.		Didymodon australasiae	
95.		Didymodon torquatus	
96.		Dodonaea amblyophylla	
97.		Dodonaea stenozyga	
98.	24470	Dromaius novaehollandiae (Emu)	
99.	25300	Drysdalia mastersii (Master's Snake)	
100.	25104	Egernia richardi	
101.	-1577	Egretta novaehollandiae	
102.		Egretta sacra	
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103.		Eolophus roseicapiilus	
104.		Epthianura albifrons (White-fronted Chat)	
105.	24570	Epthianura tricolor (Crimson Chat)	
106.	7180	Eremophila alternifolia (Poverty Bush)	
107.	7198	Eremophila deserti	
108.		Eremophila weldii	
109.		Eriochiton sclerolaenoides (Woolly Bindii)	
110.		Erymophyllum ramosum subsp. ramosum	
111.		Eucalyptus brachycalyx (Gilja)	
112.	5576	Eucalyptus calcareana (Nundroo Mallee)	
113.	5624	Eucalyptus discreta	
114.	17728	Eucalyptus diversifolia subsp. hesperia	
115.		Eucalyptus gracilis (Yorrell)	
116.		Eucalyptus oleosa (Giant Mallee)	
110.		Eucalyptus rugosa (Kingscote Mallee)	
118.		Eucalyptus yalatensis (Yalata Mallee)	
119.	24368	Eurostopodus argus (Spotted Nightjar)	
120.	25621	Falco berigora (Brown Falcon)	
121.	25622	Falco cenchroides (Australian Kestrel)	
122.		Falco longipennis (Australian Hobby)	
123.		Frankenia sessilis var. sessilis	
123.		Fulica atra (Eurasian Coot)	
125.		Galium leptogonium P3	
126.	24959	Gehyra variegata	

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					Area
127.	4481	Geijera linearifolia (Oilbush)			
128.		Gemmabryum preissianum			
129.		Gerygone fusca (Western Gerygone)			
130.	24735	Glossopsitta porphyrocephala (Purple-crowned Lorikeet)			
131.	7535	Goodenia pinnatifida (Cutleaf Goodenia)			
132.	24443	Grallina cyanoleuca (Magpie-lark)			
133.					
		Grimmia laevigata			
134.	32473	Grimmia pulvinata var. africana			
135.	2802	Gunniopsis calcarea			
136.	25627	Haematopus fuliginosus (Sooty Oystercatcher)			
137.		Haematopus longirostris (Pied Oystercatcher)			
138.	2187	Hakea nitida (Frog Hakea)			
139.	6684	Halgania andromedifolia			
140.	24295	Haliastur sphenurus (Whistling Kite)			
141.		Hemiergis initialis subsp. brookeri			
142.	24961	Heteronotia binoei (Bynoe's Gecko)			
143.	24491	Hirundo neoxena (Welcome Swallow)			
144.	-1642	Hydroprogne caspia			
145.					
		Lagorchestes hirsutus subsp. hirsutus (Rufous Hare-wallaby)			
146.	24128	Lagostrophus fasciatus subsp. fasciatus (Bernier Is. Banded Hare-wallaby)		Т	
147.	-1641	Lalage sueurii			
148.	25638	Larus pacificus (Pacific Gull)			
				T	
149.		Leipoa ocellata (Malleefowl)		Т	
150.	34821	Lepidosperma sp. A2 Inland Flat (G.J. Keighery 7000)			
151.	24218	Leporillus apicalis (Lesser Stick-nest Rat)		Х	
152.		Leporillus conditor (Greater Stick-nest Rat)		т	
153.		Lerista baynesi			
154.	25131	Lerista distinguenda			
155.	25132	Lerista dorsalis			
156.	24573	Lichenostomus cratitius (Purple-gaped Honeyeater)			
157.		Lichenostomus leucotis (White-eared Honeyeater)			
158.	24576	Lichenostomus leucotis subsp. novaenorciae			
159.	24577	Lichenostomus ornatus (Yellow-plumed Honeyeater)			
160.	24581	Lichenostomus virescens (Singing Honeyeater)			
161.		Lichmera indistincta (Brown Honeyeater)			
162.	-1635	Lophochroa leadbeateri			
163.	36375	Lysimachia arvensis (Pimpernel)	Y		
164.	24168	Macrotis lagotis (Bilby, Dalgyte)		т	
165.		Maireana erioclada			
166.	2568	Maireana trichoptera (Downy Bluebush)			
167.	2570	Maireana turbinata			
168.	24326	Malacorhynchus membranaceus (Pink-eared Duck)			
169.		Malurus leucopterus (White-winged Fairy-wren)			
170.	24551	Malurus pulcherrimus (Blue-breasted Fairy-wren)			
171.	31351	Malva preissiana			
172.	4962	Malvastrum americanum (Spiked Malvastrum)	Y		
173.		Manorina flavigula (Yellow-throated Miner)			
174.		Melaleuca lanceolata (Rottnest Teatree)			
175.	-1570	Melanodryas cucullata			
176.	25663	Melithreptus brevirostris (Brown-headed Honeyeater)			
177.		Melopsittacus undulatus (Budgerigar)			
178.		Menetia greyii			
179.	24598	Merops ornatus (Rainbow Bee-eater)			
180.	2813	Mesembryanthemum crystallinum (Iceplant)	Y		
181.		Microeca fascinans (Jacky Winter)			
182.		Microlepidium pilosulum (Hairy Shepherds Purse)			
183.	8107	Minuria cunninghamii (Bush Minuria)			
184.	25240	Morelia spilota subsp. imbricata (Carpet Python)		S	
185.		Morethia adelaidensis			
186.		Morethia butleri			
187.	25192	Morethia obscura			
188.	-1595	Morus serrator			
189.		Muehlenbeckia adpressa (Climbing Lignum)			
190.	24223	Mus musculus (House Mouse)	Y		
191.	7291	Myoporum insulare (Blueberry Tree)			
192.	30941	Nephrurus milii (Barking Gecko)			
	09/5	Nicotiana goodspeedii			
193.					
193. 194.	4366	Nitraria billardierei (Nitre Bush)			
		Nitraria billardierei (Nitre Bush) Northiella haematogaster			
194.	-1608				

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	Name ib	opecies Name	Naturanseu	Conservation Code	Area
197.	24196	Nyctophilus timoriensis subsp. timoriensis (Greater Long-eared Bat)			
198.	15450	Olearia dampieri subsp. eremicola			
199.	8140	Olearia muelleri (Goldfields Daisy)			
200.		Olearia ramosissima (Much-branched Daisy Bush)			
201.		Omphalolappula concava (Burr Stickseed)			
		Onychogalea lunata (Crescent Nailtail Wallaby, Wurrung)		Y	
202.				Х	
203.		Oreoica gutturalis (Crested Bellbird)			
204.		Pachycephala pectoralis (Golden Whistler)			
205.	25680	Pachycephala rufiventris (Rufous Whistler)			
206.	25257	Parasuta spectabilis subsp. nullarbor			
207.	25681	Pardalotus punctatus (Spotted Pardalote)			
208.	24626	Pardalotus punctatus subsp. xanthopyge (Yellow-rumped Pardalote)			
209.	25682	Pardalotus striatus (Striated Pardalote)			
210.		Pardalotus striatus subsp. westraliensis			
211.		Parietaria debilis (Pellitory)			
211.		Pelecanus conspicillatus (Australian Pelican)			
213.		Petrochelidon nigricans			
214.		Petroica goodenovii (Red-capped Robin)			
215.		Phalacrocorax sulcirostris (Little Black Cormorant)			
216.	25699	Phalacrocorax varius (Pied Cormorant)			
217.	24409	Phaps chalcoptera (Common Bronzewing)			
218.	24098	Phascogale calura (Red-tailed Phascogale)		т	
219.		Phylidonyris novaehollandiae (New Holland Honeyeater)			
220.		Podargus strigoides (Tawny Frogmouth)			
221.		Podolepis rugata (Pleated Podolepis)			
222.		Pogona nullarbor (Nullabor Bearded Dragon)			
223.		Poliocephalus poliocephalus (Hoary-headed Grebe)			
224.		Pomaderris forrestiana			
225.	24683	Pomatostomus superciliosus (White-browed Babbler)			
226.	-1655	Psephotus varius			
227.	25201	Pseudemoia baudini			
228.	36137	Pseudocrossidium crinitum			
229.	24236	Pseudomys fieldi (Shark Bay Mouse)		Т	
230.		Pseudonaja affinis subsp. affinis (Dugite)			
231.		Psora decipiens			
232.		Pterostylis mitchellii (Mitchell's Greenhood)			
233.		Pterostylis mutica (Midget Greenhood)			
234.		Ptilotus obovatus (Cotton Bush)			
235.	2764	Ptilotus symonii			
236.	32417	Ptychostomum angustifolium			
237.	-1625	Purnella albifrons			
238.	24278	Pyrrholaemus brunneus (Redthroat)			
239.	4964	Radyera farragei (Knobby Hibiscus)			
240.	2580	Rhagodia crassifolia (Fleshy Saltbush)			
241.		Rhagodia preissii subsp. preissii			
241.		Rhipidura fuliginosa subsp. alisteri			
242.					
		Rhipidura leucophrys (Willie Wagtail)			
244.		Rhodanthe haigii			
245.		Rostraria pumila	Y		
246.		Rosulabryum campylothecium			
247.	2356	Santalum acuminatum (Quandong)			
248.	2599	Sclerolaena brevifolia			
249.	2609	Sclerolaena diacantha (Grey Copperburr)			
250.		Sclerolaena obliquicuspis (Limestone Bindii)			
251.		Sclerolaena patenticuspis (Spear-fruit Saltbush)			
252.		Sclerolaena uniflora (Two-spined Saltbush)			
252.					
		Senecio glossanthus (Slender Groundsel)			
254.		Senecio lacustrinus			
255.		Senecio spanomerus			
256.	-9718	Senna artemisioides subsp. artemisioides x filifolia			Y
257.	25534	Sericornis frontalis (White-browed Scrubwren)			
258.	16924	Sida spodochroma			
259.	3070	Sisymbrium irio (London Rocket)	Y		
260.		Smicrornis brevirostris (Weebill)			
261.		Solanum symonii			
261.		Stenopetalum saxatile			
263.		Strepera versicolor (Grey Currawong)			
264.		Swainsona affinis			
265.		Syntrichia antarctica			
266.	32438	Syntrichia pagorum			

	Name ID	Species Name	Naturalised	Conservation Code	<sup>1</sup> Endemic To Query Area
267.	24185	Tadarida australis (White-striped Freetail-bat)			
268.	33923	Tartarus murdochensis (Murdoch Sink Cave Spider)		Т	
269.	33925	Tartarus nurinensis (Nurina Cave Spider)		т	Y
270.	31492	Tecticornia disarticulata			
271.	28065	Teloschistes chrysophthalmus			
272.	4256	Templetonia retusa (Cockies Tongues)			
273.	2822	Tetragonia eremaea			
274.	-1622	Thalasseus bergii			
275.	-1621	Thinornis rubricollis			
276.	24844	Threskiornis molucca (Australian White Ibis)			
277.	25519	Tiliqua rugosa			
278.	25204	Tiliqua rugosa subsp. aspera			
279.	-8739	Tortella leucostega			Y
280.	-5643	Tortella rubripes			
281.	12652	Trichanthodium skirrophorum			
282.	19175	Triglochin sp. B Flora of Australia (P.G. Wilson 4294)			
283.	30815	Tympanocryptis houstoni (Nullabor Earless Dragon)			
284.	24386	Vanellus tricolor (Banded Lapwing)			
285.	24206	Vespadelus regulus (Southern Forest Bat)			
286.	11387	Vittadinia cervicularis var. cervicularis			
287.	32455	Weissia controversa			
288.	28108	Xanthoparmelia bellatula			
289.	28172	Xanthoparmelia reptans			
290.	28327	Xanthoparmelia semiviridis			
291.	30455	Xanthoria elixii			
292.	25765	Zosterops lateralis (Grey-breasted White-eye (Silvereye))			
293.	4387	Zygophyllum billardierei (Coast Twinleaf)			
294.	12359	Zygophyllum simile			

Conservation Codes T - Rate or likely to become extinct X - Presumed extinct IA - Protected under international agreement S - Other specially protected fauna 1 - Priority 1 2 - Priority 2 3 - Priority 3 4 - Priority 4 5 - Priority 5

<sup>1</sup> For NatureMap's purposes, species flagged as endemic are those whose records are wholely contained within the search area. Note that only those records complying with the search criterion are included in the calculation. For example, if you limit records to those from a specific datasource, only records from that datasource are used to determine if a species is restricted to the query area.



Appendix D Site Photos



Figure 1 Looking at the cattle grid from the west to the east



Figure 2 Looking at the vegetation north of the cattle grid from the west to the east



Figure 3 Looking at the vegetation on the north western side of the cattle grid



Figure 4 Looking at the vegetation on the north eastern side of the cattle grid



Figure 5 Looking west from the eastern extent of the clearing boundary



Figure 6 Looking at the vegetation east of the cattle grid from the south



Figure 7 Looking at the vegetation west of the cattle grid from the south



Appendix E Environmental Management Plan



### Table 4Environmental Management Plan

Timing	Торіс	Objective	Action(s)	Responsible Party	Advice
All phases of construction	Induction / Start- up meeting /	Create awareness in all personnel of the Main	Main Roads Environmental Policy to be communicated to all personnel.	Contractor	Main Roads
	Progress meetings	Roads Environmental Policy as well as the environmental aspects associated with the project.	All personnel to be informed of the environmental aspects associated with the project prior to undertaking any works.	_	
			Attendance / participation records for inductions / meetings to be kept. Such records must demonstrate adequate communication of environmental policies and aspects.		
All phases of construction	Vegetation Clearing - Record-keeping	All projects should maintain the required records relating to clearing native vegetation under CPS 818/5.	<ul> <li>Retain on records:</li> <li>a copy of the PEIA,</li> <li>a map showing the location where the clearing occurred, recorded in an ESRI Shapefile,</li> <li>the size of the area cleared (in hectares), and</li> <li>the dates on which the clearing was done.</li> </ul>	Main Roads Project Manager	DEC
All phases of construction	Weed Management	Ensure that the risk of weed spread or establishment is minimised as far as is practically possible.	Contractor is to ensure that all equipment brought on to site is free of soil and vegetative material. Weed infested material is to be cleaned from equipment prior to traversing areas of good or better quality native vegetation and prior to leaving the work site.	Contractor	Main Roads
			No weed infested material (e.g. spoil) to be stockpiled / moved adjacent to or within areas of good or better quality native vegetation.	_	



Timing	Торіс	Objective	Action(s)	Responsible Party	Advice
			No weed infested material / spoil to be removed to land other than that vested within Main Roads without approval from the landowner / manager, Main Roads Project Manager and Main Roads Environment Officer (unless removed to an approved Shire waste disposal facility – e.g. rubbish tip).	_	
			Movement of soil will be avoided in wet conditions.		
			If imported soils and materials are to be used, they will be certified weed free.	-	
			Any Declared Plant species located in the area will be controlled in accordance with Sections 49 and 51 of the <i>Agriculture and Related Resources</i> <i>Protection Act 1976.</i>		
All phases of construction	Aboriginal & European Heritage	"To ensure that changes to the biophysical environment do not	If during Project works, the Contractor uncovers any materials that could be considered significant to Aboriginal people, Main Roads will immediately	Contractor – ceasing of works	Main Roads / DIA
	adversely affect historical and cultural associations and comply with relevant heritage legislation" (EPA, 2009).	Main Roads Project Manager – obtaining of approvals			
			If during Project works, the Contractor uncovers any human skeletal material, work shall cease within 20 m of the material and it shall be reported to the Police as soon as possible.	Contractor	Main Roads



Timing	Торіс	Objective	Action(s)	Responsible Party	Advice
All phases of construction	Pollution and Litter	Ensure that the works are managed to a standard that minimises pollution or the risk of pollution occurring.	The designated servicing area is to be bunded to contain any spills or leaks or it will drain into a temporary sump. It is not to be located in an area adjacent to drainage areas or watercourses / wetlands.	Contractor	Main Roads
			Emergency cleanup procedures shall be implemented in the case of any spillage. These are to include the control of spilled material and removal of contaminated soil to an approved Shire waste disposal facility. Appropriate equipment is to be available on site at all times in the case of a spill.	-	
			All waste oil is to be collected for disposal / recycling and any empty fuel / oil containers, used filters and waste hydraulic parts are to be collected and stored in an allocated area before being removed to an approved Shire waste disposal / recycling facility.	-	
			The project area, including hardstand areas, are to be kept in a tidy manner at all times. No littering is to be tolerated and an adequate number of rubbish bins are to be provided on site at all times.	-	
All phases of construction	Flora and Fauna	"To maintain the abundance, diversity, geographic distribution and productivity of flora at species and ecosystem levels through the	Care is to be taken when clearing in order to avoid death of / injury to any native fauna. Any death of / injury to native fauna is to be reported to the Main Roads Project Manager immediately and the appropriate actions taken (e.g. contact DEC, RSPCA or Veterinarian).	Both	Main Roads / DEC
		avoidance or management of adverse impacts and improvement in knowledge" (EPA, 2009).	Where possible, nests or nesting sites are to be avoided or relocated.	-	



Timing	Торіс	Objective	Action(s)	Responsible Party	Advice
Construction	Clearing	To reduce the impact of project related clearing on the surrounding	Main Roads will seek to have the project clearing approved under the Main Roads State-wide Purpose Clearing Permit (CPS 818/5).	Main Roads	Main Roads
		environment	The areas to be cleared will be minimised by preferentially using areas of existing disturbance, including existing access tracks and former material pit areas. Where possible, removal of trees should be avoided.	Contractor	_
		Areas to be cleared will be pegged prior to commencing earthworks.	-		
			No vegetation outside the designated areas will be removed during earthworks, construction or operation.		
			Earthmoving equipment will be cleaned of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared.		
			Access tracks, vehicle parking and temporary materials storage will be located on existing cleared areas which incur minimum loss of trees and shrubs.	-	
	Material cleared will be utilised in rehabilitation works where practicable.	-			
			Cleared vegetation will be used in site rehabilitation and erosion control via mulching, chipping or brush cover. Larger logs will be left on-site to provide additional habitat.	_	
			Cleared vegetation will not be burnt on-site (as per Appendix F).		



Timing	Торіс	Objective	Action(s)	Responsible Party	Advice
			Stripped topsoil will be salvaged for use in site rehabilitation, where possible.	_	
			Materials and topsoil stockpiles will be located so as not to restrict or interfere with existing site drainage.		
Construction	Noise, Vibration and Dust	To protect the amenity of road-users and	All equipment will be regularly maintained and serviced, including exhaust systems.	Both	Main Roads
		construction staff from noise, vibration and dust impacts resulting from	A speed limit of 20 km/hr will be enforced on the site.	-	
		activities associated with the project area.	Smooth driving will be enforced, vehicles will not be permitted to accelerate quickly.		
			Any complaints regarding dust, noise or vibration are to be attended to and dealt with as soon as possible.		
			Dust from movement of vehicles will be managed at all times. This will include wetting down, road sweeping, and the implementation of suitable speed limits.	Contractor	Main Roads
Construction	Fire	Ensure that the fire risk associated with the construction of the project	No fires shall be lit within the project area and standard fire prevention methods (e.g. spark arresting mufflers) are to be employed at all times.	Contractor	Main Roads
		is minimised.	Fire response equipment to be present and readily available on site at all times.	_	
			All machinery will be shut down during periods of extreme fire hazard as advised by the DEC or Main Roads or the Shire of Dundas		



Timing	Торіс	Objective	Action(s)	Responsible Party	Advice
			All machinery to be fitted with fire extinguishers.	-	
			Smoking on site will be controlled and all cigarettes will be disposed of in an appropriate vessel.		
Construction	Environmental Incidents	Ensure that any environmental incidents that occur during works do not have a significant or long term impact on the environment.	Implement corrective and preventive actions in liaison with an environmental specialist and Main Roads Manager Environment where necessary.	Both	Main Roads
		Ensure that the details of any environmental incidents are recorded in accordance with corporate requirements.	Complete and submit environmental incident report forms in accordance with the Main Roads corporate procedure 6707/042 Environmental Incident Reporting and Investigation. Environmental Incident report forms are available on the Main Roads Internet site at <u>http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/</u>		
			<u>UnderstandingRoads/Environment/Pages/incident_</u> <u>report.aspx</u>		
Construction	Soil & Erosion Management	Ensure that soil is managed in a way that prevents future land degradation and erosion.	Stripped topsoil that is not infested with weeds is to be stockpiled separately and re-used on site.	Contractor	Main Roads
Construction	Ground and Surface Water Management	"To maintain the quantity of water so that existing and potential environmental	Water required for project activities to be sourced legally and used in a sustainable manner.	Contractor	Main Roads
	values, including Water extraction activities to be carried ou ecosystem maintenance, which prevents the potential for contamination	Water extraction activities to be carried out in a way which prevents the potential for contamination of the water source (e.g. bunding of pumping equipment).			



Timing	Торіс	Objective	Action(s)	Responsible Party	Advice
Post- Construction	Clean-up	Ensure that the project area is left clean and tidy.	All waste materials from the development are to be completely removed from the site and disposed of at an approved Shire waste disposal facility upon completion of works.	Contractor	Main Roads
			All remaining road building materials (e.g. gravel, aggregate) to be removed from the site upon completion of works to an approved stockpile site.	Both	Main Roads
			All rubbish, materials heaps or other debris will be removed.	Both	Main Roads
Post- Construction	Rehabilitation	To ensure, as far as practicable, that	Any compacted ground will be ripped or scarified where revegetation is required.	Contractor	Main Roads/ DEC
		rehabilitation achieves a stable and functioning landform which is	Site rehabilitation works will be conducted as per Appendix F.		
		consistent with the surrounding landscape and other environmental values.	If imported soils and materials are required, they will be certified weed free.	-	
			All rubbish, materials heaps or other debris will be removed.		

Note: "Both" refers to both the Main Roads Project Manager and Contractor.



Appendix F Main Roads Pastoral Revegetation Plan

### Main Roads WA – Revegetation Plan for Pastoral Areas Condition 14(e), CPS 818

Date:	Unknown.	Project:	Unknown.			
Manager:	Main Roads WA.					
Location and size of clearing:	1 5	For project areas located within the pastoral / rangelands region north of the agricultural area as lescribed in the Environmental Protection Authority's Position Statement No.2.				
Location and size of revegetation:	Primarily for areas that were cleared for searching and extracting road building materials (e.g. porrow pits, etc.), and other project related temporary clearing.					
Clearing description:	Machine clearing.	Machine clearing.				
Revegetation description:	Replacement of topsoil mat	Replacement of topsoil material regeneration.				
Reason for revegetation:	Revegetation of temporary CPS 818.	Revegetation of temporary cleared areas, in accordance with condition 14 of clearing permit CPS 818.				
Revegetation / rehabilitation requirements:						
Site preparation:	stockpiled. Stockpiled vege adjacent vegetation by mach	etation will be place hinery. Weed infest	area and non-weed infested vegetation is ed in a manner that will prevent damage to ted vegetation will be disposed of at an purposes. Burning of the cleared vegetation will			
	far as possible) area, as clos	se as possible to the	f 100mm, and will be stored in a weed free (as area to be rehabilitated. Topsoil will be placed instated as soon as practicable to maintain			
Weed control:	stripping and where weeds	become established	hen weeds are present, both prior to topsoil on or between the stockpiled materials. Weed of topsoil to ensure weeds are killed and not			
	such as by using herbicides	mixed in accordance ere practicable, wee	s to an approved dumpsite, or treatment of weeds ce with manufacturer's instructions and applied eds will be removed prior to or when they are in			
		All machinery will be cleared of soil build up and vegetative material before entering and leaving the site to help minimise the transportation of weeds and their seeds.				
	potential for weed establish weeds from within the proje	ment. Where work ect area are likely to	pits shall be promptly rehabilitated to reduce the s are adjacent to good quality vegetation, where o spread to and result in environmental harm to ed annually until 12 Dec 2011.			

Mai	n Roads WA – Revegetation Plan for Pastoral Areas Condition 14(e), CPS 818
Regeneration / direct seeding / planting at an	The following rehabilitation works are undertaken on areas of disturbed earth requiring rehabilitation:
optimal time:	• Topsoil is uniformly respread to a typical depth of 100mm over the project area. In project areas where topsoil has not been removed and/or is not available, other substrate, such as gravel, may be substituted as a growth medium.
	• Project areas will be ripped to a minimum depth of 200mm deep with rip lines approximately 300mm apart. Where slopes are present, rip lines shall follow natural contours.
	The following rehabilitation works are undertaken at borrow / gravel pits:
	• Overburden and then topsoil will be uniformly and evenly spread over the disturbed areas of the pit. Depending on the slope of drainage lines within the pit, small swales from the topsoil will be formed to reduce erosion velocities and encourage the deposition of seeds.
	• The whole of the existing pit floor, including drainage lines, will be ripped to a depth of 300-500mm deep with rip lines between 500-800mm apart (if the material in the pit is able to be ripped).
	• All stockpiled vegetation will be spread along the contour and the pit floor to help promote seed deposition and to reduce erosion velocities.
Vegetation establishment period:	The vegetation establishment period is for at least twelve months following the completion of the works. During this period, maintenance and monitoring will be undertaken (see below).
Ongoing maintenance and	After revegetation works, revegetated areas will be inspected annually for a minimum of two years to monitor and control weeds and to measure the effectiveness of revegetation works.
monitoring:	When unwanted weed foliage cover exceeds 25% after the initial two year period, further actions will be implemented to monitor and control these weeds. The additional monitoring and weed control will be conducted annually until 12 Dec 2010 or until the unwanted weed foliage cover falls below 25%, whichever is sooner.
Monitoring commitments:	Post revegetation site inspections will be carried out annually for a minimum of two years to monitor unwanted weeds and measure the effectiveness of revegetation works. Monitoring of sites where unwanted weed foliage cover exceeds 25% after the initial two year period will continue annually until 12 Dec 2010 or until the unwanted weed foliage cover falls below 25%, whichever is sooner.
Management commitments:	Undertake annual weed control of unwanted weeds annually until 12 Dec 2011 or until the unwanted weed foliage cover falls below 25%, whichever is sooner.
Agencies consulted and submissions received:	Nil.



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