

Site Number 20	
Planning and Location:	
Local Government Area (LGA):	Richmond Valley Shire Council
Zoning:	1(a) Rural (Primary Agriculture Land)
MGA Co-ordinates of general locality:	X: 537,703 Y: 6,785,772
Assessment Summary	
<p>The property is located at Broadwater, New South Wales, approximately 99 km from Tugun. Broadwater National Park lies to the east of the property and agricultural activities occupy much of the surrounding land.</p> <p>This site has been heavily disturbed due to agricultural and horticultural activities, resulting in extensive clearing of vegetation over much of the parcel. Horticultural and agricultural activities currently occupy much of the eastern side of the parcel. Approximately 20 hectares of coastal lowland vegetation occurs on the eastern portion of the property. Wallum Sedge Frog is known to occur from numerous records within Broadwater National Park and there are also extensive records of Common Planigale and Wallum Froglet within close proximity. Cleared areas of the site show a sandy geology, which is consistent with the habitat requirements of Wallum Sedge Frog. Despite the apparent extent of disturbance, the aerial imagery suggests there is substantially more potential habitat present than the minimum 11 hectares.</p> <p>This site is located in Zone No. 1(a) Rural (Prime Agricultural Land) Zone under the Richmond River Shire Council LEP. Clause 11(2)(a), Part 3 Special Provisions, Division 2 – Rural Development relating to subdivision, identifies the minimum lot size of not less than 40 hectares. This LEP provision can be achieved with the conceptual configuration as shown in orange on the aerial photograph. Alternative configurations may also be considered however the proposed option minimises the amount of boundary length in both the current and potential scenarios</p>	
Conclusion	POTENTIALLY SUITABLE
<p>Assessment of this site indicates that vegetation clearing is likely to have been undertaken over the area of potential habitat. Despite this the proximity of a large number of records of the target species in this general vicinity suggests this site represents a potentially suitable site.</p>	

APPENDIX 5: MINUTE MEETINGS

APPENDIX 6: LANDHOLDER DISCUSSIONS SUMMARY TABLE

APPENDIX 7: AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 11.1: Site 5, Russell Island (target wetland)



Figure 11.2: Site 5, Russell Island (adjacent wetland already in Council ownership)



Figure 11.3: Site 14, Skidders Shoot

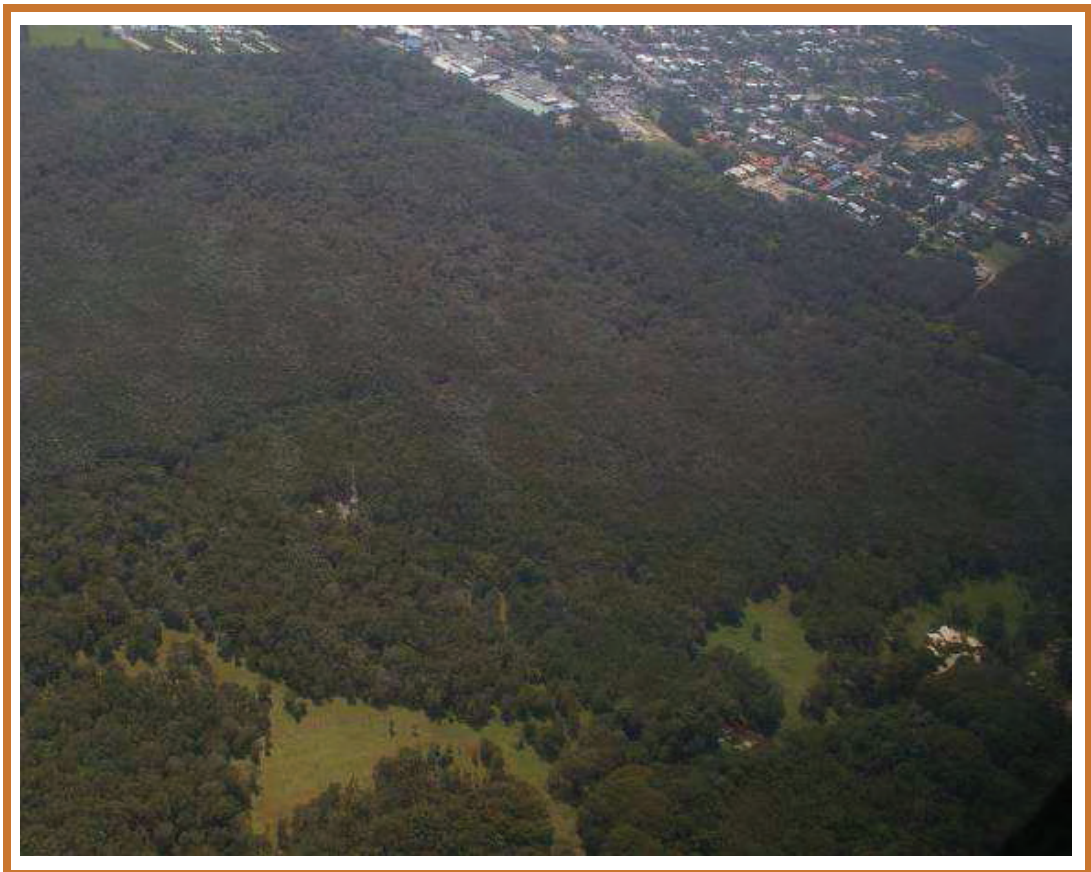


Figure 11.4: Site 15, Skidders Shoot



Figure 11.5: Site 18, Broadwater



Figure 11.6: Site 18, Broadwater



Figure 11.7: Site 19, Broadwater



Figure 11.8: Site 20, Broadwater