

Compliance Report

**Coomera Connector Stage 1 - EPBC 2020/8646, 17 March 2023 – 17
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Acronym definitions

| Acronym | Definition |
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| Biodiversity Assessment and Management | BAAM |
| Brisbane City Council | BCC |
| Central Queensland University | CQU |
| Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary | CWS |
| Department of Climate Change Energy and the Environment | DCCEEW |
| Department of Environment, Science and Innovation | DESI |
| Department of Transport and Main Roads | TMR |
| Endeavour Veterinary Ecology | EVE |
| <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> | EPBC Act |
| Fulton Hogan/Hull/McIlwain Joint Venture | FHHMJV |
| Greenridge Offset Area | GOA |
| Griffith University | GU |
| International Union for Conservation of Nature | IUCN |
| Koala Management Plan | KMP |
| Offset Area Management Plan | OAMP |
| Population Viability Analysis | PVA |
| Public Environmental Report | PER |
| Queensland Institute of Medical Research | QIMR |
| Queensland University of Technology | QUT |
| Rapid Antigen Test | RAT |
| Regional Ecosystem | RE |
| Revised Action Management Plan | RAMP |
| Tabooba Offset Area | TOA |
| Threatened Ecological Community | TEC |
| University of Southern Queensland | USQ |
| University of Sunshine Coast | USC |
| University of Sydney | USYD |
| University of Queensland | UQ |
| Water Quality Management Plan | WQMP |

1. Description of activities

1.1 Background

The Coomera Connector will be a future six-lane motorway extending for approximately 45 kilometres from the Pacific Motorway (M1) / Logan Motorway (M6) interchange at Loganholme to Nerang-Broadbeach Road, Nerang (in proximity to the current Exit 71 on the M1). The Coomera Connector represents a significant investment for the Australian and Queensland governments; and is seen as a program investment to be delivered over 10-to-20-year timeframe. Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is planning to deliver the Coomera Connector in discrete and stand-alone sections which:

- contribute to the overall objectives for the Coomera Connector,
- suit the traffic demands and the availability of funding.

The highest priority section is a 16-kilometre section between Shipper Drive, Coomera and Nerang-Broadbeach Road, Nerang which is known as *Coomera Connector Stage 1, Queensland* (EPBC 2020/8646) (The Project).

The Australian and Queensland governments have jointly committed to building the initial aspects of the Project. The initial works comprises the construction of a four/six-lane divided motorway (future capacity for 6-lanes) between Coomera and Nerang with grade-separated connections to the local road network and an adjacent shared use path with connections to the local footpath network and the heavy and light rail stations. The Project has funding of \$2.59 billion at time of writing. The EPBC 2020/8646 approval date was 17 March 2023 and TMR has commenced main construction of the road as of 27 March 2023.

1.2 EPBC Act approval requirements

This compliance report has been prepared in accordance with condition 44 of the EPBC Act approval (2020/8646) which outlines all project conditions identified in the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) referral determination (EPBC 2020/8646) for the Coomera Connector Stage 1 and currently employed measures and evidence to demonstrate compliance with each of these conditions.

Note that under **condition 47e** of these conditions, sensitive ecological data is to be excluded or redacted from compliance reports published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public, and therefore will not be included in this document.

Management plan conditions pertaining to environmental offsets and water quality management will be covered in sections 3 and 4 respectively.

The reporting period presented in this document is from 17 March 2023 to 17 March 2024.

2. Approval conditions

As per the Coomera Connector Stage 1, Queensland (2020/8646) EPBC Referral, the following section identifies approval conditions and current measures demonstrating compliance with the approval.

Table 1 EPBC approval conditions compliance table

| Condition number | Condition | Is the project compliant with this condition? | Evidence/comments |
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| 1 | The approval holder must not clear or construct outside of the development area as part of this Action | Compliant | Entirety of corridor has not yet been cleared. Current clearing areas are within the development area. |
| 2 | Within the development area, the approval holder must not clear or cause the functional loss of more than: | | |
| 2(a) | 73.8 ha of koala habitat | Compliant | Vegetation retained on site. Significant storm event occurred on 25 December 2023 which resulted in damage to vegetation on and close to site (see Appendix A). |
| 2(b) | 68.756 ha of Grey-headed Flying-fox habitat | Compliant | Vegetation retained on site. Significant storm event occurred on 25 December 2023 which resulted in damage to vegetation on and close to site (see Appendix A). |
| 2(c) | 15.928 ha of Coastal Swamp Oak TEC | Compliant | Vegetation retained on site. Significant storm event occurred on 25 December 2023 which resulted in damage to vegetation on and close to site (see Appendix A). |
| 3 | To minimise the risk of injury or death to the Koala and Grey-headed Flying-fox within the development area, the approval holder must: | | |
| 3(a) | ensure that a suitably qualified fauna spotter catcher who is given sufficient authority to delay and/or cease any clearing and construction is present during all clearing, to ensure Koalas and Grey-headed Flying-foxes have safely vacated the area of works before the Koala habitat and Grey-headed Flying-fox habitat is cleared | Compliant | All fauna spotter/catchers working on the project are suitably qualified. Procedures are in place to ensure procedures are adhered to. |
| 3(b) | clear only in accordance with the Nature Conservation (Koala) Conservation Plan 2017 (Qld), so as to allow Koalas to safely relocate out of any area to be cleared and into nearby appropriate areas of remaining Koala habitat, or be translocated as a last resort to areas of suitable Koala habitat | Compliant | Procedures are in place to ensure processes are adhered to. Koala Management Plan ensures all koalas within any area to be cleared are actively dispersed/relocated/translocated prior to clearing. |
| 3(c) | install temporary or permanent Koala exclusion fencing around all areas of construction proposed within 150 metres of remaining Koala habitat, prior to the commencement of construction in that area, so as to prevent Koalas entering any area where construction is taking place | Compliant | Detailed in Environmental Management Plans and evidenced per internal inspection program. |

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| 3(d) | ensure temporary Koala exclusion fencing remains in place around any construction area that is within 150 metres of remaining Koala habitat, until all construction activities within that fenced area are completed, or until permanent Koala exclusion fencing is installed | Compliant | Detailed in Environmental Management Plans and evidenced per internal inspection program. |
| 3(e) | implement safe movement solutions during construction, to ensure that the speed of all vehicles on construction roads in the development area where Koalas are likely to be present is no greater than 40 km/h at any time (except in an emergency and on existing roads), so as to minimise the risk to Koalas from vehicle strike | Compliant | Detailed in Environmental Management Plans and evidenced per internal inspection program. |
| 3(f) | implement the Koala-sensitive Design Guidelines in all parts of the development area that are within 150 metres of remaining Koala habitat | Compliant | Detailed in Environmental Management Plans and evidenced per internal inspection program. |
| 3(g) | ensure that any clearing or construction within 50 meters of a Grey-headed Flying-fox camp is conducted consistently with the Grey-headed Flying-fox mitigation standards | Not applicable | No Grey-headed Flying-fox camps are located within 50m of development area. |
| 3(h) | prohibit people bringing dogs into the development area during clearing and construction, except where the dog is brought into the development area by the approval holder for the purposes of construction in a way that maintains the protection of the Koala | Compliant | Dogs are prohibited at all construction sites. Procedures are in place to ensure processes are adhered to. |
| 4 | To maintain Koala habitat connectivity so that Koalas can move through the development area and maintain breeding patterns, the approval holder must ensure that: | | |
| 4(a) | safe movement solutions or temporary safe movement solutions are implemented during construction, where their implementation during construction does not pose a risk to the Koala | Not applicable | Koala movement has not yet been fragmented where safe movement solutions are required during construction. |
| 4(b) | any area of Koala movement as identified by the review required under condition 14(a) is only fragmented by construction for a maximum period of 2 Koala breeding seasons | Not applicable | Commencement date documented. Two breeding seasons have not yet passed. |
| 4(c) | safe movement solutions that facilitate Koala movement required by condition 14(d) are installed and accessible to Koalas on or before the maximum period of 2 Koala breeding seasons in any area of Koalas movement where construction is being undertaken | Not applicable | Has not yet occurred. |
| 4(d) | at minimum, all safe movement solutions required by condition 14(d) are installed and accessible to Koalas prior to opening the corresponding road for public access within the development area as part of this Action | Not applicable | Has not yet occurred. |

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| 5 | To ensure the ongoing health and viability of the East-Coomera Koala Population and Parkwood-Coombabah Koala Population, the approval holder must: | | |
| 5(a) | fund and commence the Koala research within 2 years of the approval decision, and | Not applicable | Two-year deadline has not yet been reached. |
| 5(b) | include in each Compliance Report a summary of the progress and any findings of each project of the Koala research at least until the end of year 10. | Compliant | Redacted from this version as per condition 47e. |
| 6 | To maintain the quality of retained Coastal Swamp Oak TEC within 30 m of clearing and/or construction as a result of this Action, the approval holder must: | | |
| 6(a) | Ensure that the quality and/or extent of retained Coastal Swamp Oak TEC within 30 m of clearing and/or construction does not degrade due to impacts attributable to this Action | Not applicable | Vegetation retained on site. Significant storm event occurred on 25 December 2023 which resulted in damage to vegetation on and close to site (see Appendix A). |
| 6(b) | engage an independent suitably qualified expert to: | | |
| 6(bi) | assess and document the quality and extent of Coastal Swamp Oak TEC to be retained within 30 m of clearing and/or construction, prior to the commencement of clearing and/or construction within 30 m of Coastal Swamp Oak TEC. | Compliant | Report completed by BAAM on 05/04/2023 - "Coastal Swamp Oak TEC condition Monitoring February 2023 Coomera Connector Stage 1". |
| 6(bii) | at least once each calendar year following the commencement of clearing and/or construction within 30 m of retained Coastal Swamp Oak TEC, and continuing for at least two calendar years after clearing and/or construction within 30 m of retained Coastal Swamp Oak TEC, assess and document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the quality and extent of retained Coastal Swamp Oak TEC within 30 m of clearing and/or construction, and any degradation in quality and/or extent of retained Coastal Swamp Oak TEC within 30 m of clearing and/or construction, that is attributable to this Action. | Not applicable | Annual assessment currently under procurement. Has not yet reached two calendar years. |
| 6(biii) | provide a report of the assessment required by condition 6(b)(ii) to the approval holder by 1 February of each calendar year following the undertaking of such assessment. | Not applicable | Annual assessment currently under procurement. Has not yet reached two calendar years. |
| 7 | If a report by the independent suitably qualified expert documents any degradation in the quality and/or extent of retained Coastal Swamp Oak TEC that is attributable to this Action, within 20 business days of receiving the report required by 6(b)(iii), write to the department noting the outcome and providing a copy of the report to the department. | Not applicable | No degradation in quality and/or extent in retained Coastal Swamp Oak TEC have been identified. Significant storm event occurred on 25 December 2023 which resulted in damage to vegetation on and close to site (see Appendix A). |

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| 8 | To compensate for any additional significant residual impact to the Coastal Swamp Oak TEC identified in condition 7, within 6 months of receiving the report required by 6(b)(iii), the approval holder must submit to the department for the Minister's approval a revised OAMP-TOA&GOA that identifies an additional environmental offset(s) that meets the requirements of the EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy to the satisfaction of the Minister. | Not applicable | No additional significant residual impacts to Coastal Swamp Oak TEC have been identified. |
| 9 | To compensate for the loss of up to 73.8 ha of Koala habitat, up to 15.928 ha of Coastal Swamp Oak TEC and up to 68.756 ha of Grey-headed Flying-fox habitat, the approval holder must: | | |
| 9(a) | Legally secure a minimum of 313.38 ha of land within the Tabooba offset area and 77.7 ha of Coastal Swamp Oak TEC, 45.35 ha of Koala and Grey-headed Flying-fox offsets within the Greenridge offset area within 12 months of this approval decision. | Compliant | Voluntary Declaration received on 15 March 2024. |
| 9(b) | Within 20 business days of legally securing the areas within the Tabooba offset area and Greenridge offset area specified in condition 9(a), provide the department with: | | |
| 9(bi) | Written evidence demonstrating that the areas within the Tabooba offset area and Greenridge offset area specified in condition 9(a), have been legally secured | Compliant | Sent to DCCEEW on 15 March 2024. |
| 9(bii) | Shapefiles and offset attributes of the areas within the Tabooba offset area and Greenridge offset area specified in condition 9(a). | Not applicable | Timeframe not yet reached at time of writing. |
| 9(c) | Achieve all the habitat quality uplift outcomes within the timeframes specified. | Not applicable | Timeframes have not yet been reached. |
| 10 | Within 6 months of this approval decision, the approval holder must submit an Offset Area Management Plan for the Tabooba offset area and Greenridge Offset area (OAMP-TOA&GOA) to the department for the Minister's approval. The OAMP-TOA&GOA must meet the requirements of the Environmental Offsets Policy, the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines and meet the requirements specified in Attachment F to the satisfaction of the Minister. | Compliant | OAMP-TOA&GOA submitted on 16 May 2023. Email sent to DCCEEW titled 2020/8646 Stage 1 Coomera Connector - submission of OAMP sent on 16 May 2023. Email acknowledgement by DCCEEW received on 17 May 2023. |

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| 11 | If the Minister writes to the approval holder stating that he/she considers that the OAMP-TOA&GOA, required under condition 10 is not likely to achieve the outcomes required under condition 9(c), the approval holder must cease all clearing and/or construction at the development area within 2 months of receiving such a notice, or as otherwise directed by the Minister. Clearing and/or construction may only restart after the Minister notifies the approval holder that the Minister has approved the revised OAMP-TOA&GOA, or otherwise with the Minister's written direction. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 12 | The approval holder must implement the OAMP-TOA&GOA as approved by the Minister until the expiry of this approval. | Not applicable | OAMP-TOA&GOA has not yet been approved. |
| 13 | For the ongoing protection and viability of the Koala populations within the development area, the approval holder must implement the Koala Management Plan until the expiry of this approval. | Compliant | Koala Management Plan currently being implemented. |
| 14 | To ensure the ongoing effectiveness of the Koala Management Plan, the approval holder must, within 9 months of this approval decision submit to the department for approval by the Minister a revised Koala Management Plan consistent with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines, that includes: | Compliant | Draft, peer reviewed, revised KMP was submitted to DCCEEW on 15 December 2023. Design stage within areas of the project were not yet advanced enough to provide specific data required for the final KMP, which has not yet been assessed. An extension of time was requested by TMR on 15 December 2023. |
| 14(a) | a review completed by a suitability qualified Koala ecologist of: | | |
| 14(ai) | baseline Koala movement, prior to any clearing and construction associated with this Action, within and adjacent to the development area | Compliant | Completed by Endeavour Veterinary Ecology, review completed by Wattle Eco. Awaiting assessment by DCCEEW. |
| 14(aii) | safe movement solutions to be installed by the approval holder to maintain baseline Koala movement within and adjacent to the development area, with reference to Koala sensitive design guidelines and the Queensland's wildlife signing guidelines | Not applicable | Completed by Endeavour Veterinary Ecology. Awaiting assessment by DCCEEW. |
| 14(aiii) | modelled sea level rise from climate change, and whether the safe movement solutions proposed will at least maintain baseline Koala movement until at least 2100 | Not applicable | Awaiting assessment by DCCEEW. |
| 14(b) | a peer-review by an independent suitability qualified Koala ecologist of all findings made, as required under condition 14(a) | Not applicable | Completed by Wattle Eco. Awaiting assessment by DCCEEW. |

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| 14(c) | all peer review comments and recommendations made by the independent suitably qualified Koala ecologist required under condition 14(b) and a statement from the independent suitably qualified Koala ecologist that they are independent and carried out the peer review to evaluate the adequacy of all findings made, as required under condition 14(a) | Not applicable | Awaiting assessment by DCCEEW. |
| 14(d) | the exact locations, dimensions and maintenance intervals of safe movement solutions to be implemented within the development area, and an explanation of how the safe movement solutions proposed are consistent with or diverge from the recommendations made in respect of condition 14(a) and 14(c), and how they will maintain or enhance Koala movement | Not applicable | Awaiting assessment by DCCEEW. |
| 14(e) | procedures to ensure safe movement solutions are installed prior to opening any road as part of this Action to public motorists | Not applicable | Written into the revised draft KMP. Awaiting assessment by DCCEEW. |
| 14(f) | a Koala translocation plan consistent with the IUCN translocations guideline and Environmental Management Plan Guidelines. | Compliant | Completed by Endeavour Veterinary Ecology |
| 15 | Include in each Compliance Report in respect of each year in which any Koala translocation and/or monitoring of translocated koalas was undertaken, details of: | | |
| 15(a) | all Koalas that have been translocated and the history and current status of each translocated Koala since its translocation | Compliant | All data has been recorded by TMR and redacted from this report as per condition 47e. |
| 15(b) | what alternatives to translocation were considered and/trialled prior to each translocation, and why translocation was necessary for each individual | Compliant | All data has been recorded by TMR and redacted from this report as per condition 47e. |
| 15(c) | alternative measures that will be undertaken in the event that translocation resulted in the death of a Koala. | Compliant | No deaths as a result of translocation have occurred. Measures recorded in Koala Translocation Plan included in revised KMP (awaiting assessment by DCCEEW). |
| 16 | The approval holder must complete and publish a population viability analysis for each of the East-Coomera Koala Population and Parkwood-Coombabah Koala Population within 2 years of opening any road as part of this Action to public motorists within the East-Coomera Koala Population and Parkwood-Coombabah Koala Population | Not applicable | No road has yet been opened as a part of this Action. |

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| 17 | If either population viability analysis shows that this Action has resulted in impacts to the Parkwood Coombabah Koala Population and/or East-Coomera Koala Population to the extent that either population is or will become non-viable as a result of this Action, the approval holder must submit within 3 months of the publication of the population viability analyses, a revised version of the Koala Management Plan to the department for the Minister's approval. The revised Koala Management Plan must include measures to achieve the viability of the affected Koala population(s) within 12 months of the publication | Not applicable | Population viability analyses have not yet commenced. |
| 18 | If the Koala tagging and monitoring program specified within the Koala Management Plan shows that any safe movement solution required under condition 4 does not achieve Koala movement equivalent to or greater than the Koala movement determined by the baseline studies required by condition 14(a), the approval holder must submit a revised version of the Koala Management Plan to the department for the Minister's approval within 18 months of opening any road to public motorists within 25 metres of any safe movement solution associated with the reduction in Koala movement as part of this Action. The revised Koala Management Plan must include measures to restore baseline Koala movement, and a minimum 12-month period of monitoring to determine the effectiveness of the measures | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 19 | If the Minister approves a Koala Management Plan revised in accordance with condition 14, and within 2 years of the approval of the revised Koala Management Plan the monitoring in accordance with condition 18 find the measures proposed in the revised Koala Management Plan have not achieved baseline Koala movement, the approval holder must submit a revised version of the OAMP-TOA&GOA to the Minister for approval within 30 months. The revised OAMP-TOA&GOA must identify additional environmental offset(s) to compensate for the additional functionally lost Koala habitat as a result of this Action, that meets the requirements of the EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy to the satisfaction of the Minister. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |

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| 20 | If the Minister writes to the approval holder stating that he/she considers that a revised Koala Management Plan, submitted in accordance with condition 14, 17 or 18 is not likely to achieve the ongoing protection and viability of the Koala populations within the development area, all clearing and construction must cease at the development area within 2 months of receiving such a notice, or as otherwise directed by the Minister. The approval holder must not recommence clearing and/or construction after the Minister notifies the approval holder in writing that the Minister has approved the revised Koala Management Plan, or otherwise with the Minister's written direction. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 21 | The approval holder must implement the version of the Koala Management Plan most recently approved by the Minister until the expiry of this approval. | Compliant | Koala Management Plan currently being implemented. |
| 22 | The approval holder must ensure that this Action does not result in: | | |
| 22(a) | a substantial and measurable change in the hydrological regime of the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland | Compliant | Has not occurred. |
| 22(b) | the habitat or lifecycle of native species, including invertebrate fauna and fish species, dependent upon the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland being seriously affected | Compliant | Has not occurred. |
| 22(c) | a substantial and measurable change in the water quality of the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland | Compliant | Has not occurred. |
| 23 | Prior to commencing any clearing or construction within 50 metres of the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland at Coombabah Lake and Coombabah Creek, the approval holder must submit to the department for approval by the Minister a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP). The Water Quality Management Plan must: | Non-compliant | While the WQMP was being prepared, minor clearing inadvertently occurred between 48m-50m of the exclusion boundary to widen an existing track. DCCEEW was notified on 12 October 2023. Response was received from DCCEEW on 26 February 2024. The WQMP for Coomera Connector Central was submitted to DCCEEW on 21 December 2023. WQMP for North was submitted to DCCEEW on 9 November 2023. |
| 23(a) | specify how the approval holder will meet the requirements of condition 22 | Compliant | Implementation of approved Water Quality Management Plans - Condition 23 (awaiting approval from DCCEEW at time of writing). |
| 23(b) | be consistent with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines and National Water Quality Guidelines | Compliant | Documented through internal inspection program. |
| 23(c) | meet the requirements specified in Attachment H | Compliant | Documented through internal inspection program. |
| 23(d) | include all the comments of a peer-review of the Water Quality Management Plan by an independent suitably qualified hydrologist and a statement by the suitably qualified hydrologist that they independently completed the evaluation of the adequacy of the monitoring, mitigation and management measures proposed to achieve the requirements of condition 22 | Compliant | Completed by Water Technology. |

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| 24 | If the Minister writes to the approval holder stating that he/she considers that the Water Quality Management Plan required under condition 23 is not likely to achieve the outcomes required under condition 22, all clearing and/or construction must cease at the development area within 2 months of receiving such a notice, or as otherwise directed by the Minister. The approval holder must not recommence clearing and/or construction unless the Minister has notified the approval holder in writing that the Minister has approved the revised Water Quality Management Plan, or otherwise with the Minister's written direction. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 25 | The approval holder must implement the Water Quality Management Plan as approved by the Minister. | Not applicable | WQMP are being implemented, awaiting approval by DCCEEW at time of writing. |
| 26 | The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister for a variation to an action management plan approved by the Minister or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the EPBC Act. If the Minister approves a revised action management plan (RAMP) then, from the date specified, the approval holder must implement the RAMP in place of the previous Action management plan. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 27 | The approval holder may choose to revise an action management plan approved by the Minister under condition 13, or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, if the taking of this Action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 28 | If the approval holder makes the choice under condition 27 to revise an action management plan without submitting it for approval, the approval holder must: | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 28(a) | Notify the department electronically that the approved action management plan has been revised and provide the department with: | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 28(ai) | An electronic copy of the RAMP. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 28(aii) | An electronic copy of the RAMP marked up with track changes to show the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 28(aiii) | An explanation of the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |

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| 28(aiv) | The reasons the approval holder considers that taking this Action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 28(av) | Written notice of the date on which the approval holder will implement the RAMP (RAMP implementation date), being at least 20 business days after the date of providing notice of the revision of the Action management plan, or a date agreed to in writing with the department | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 28(b) | Subject to condition 30, implement the RAMP from the RAMP implementation date. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 29 | The approval holder may revoke its choice to implement a RAMP under 27 at any time by giving written notice to the department. If the approval holder revokes the choice under condition 27, the approval holder must implement the action management plan in force immediately prior to the revision undertaken under condition 27 | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 30 | If the Minister gives a notice to the approval holder that the Minister is satisfied that the taking of this Action in accordance with the RAMP would be likely to have a new or increased impact, then: | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 30(a) | Condition 27 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the RAMP | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 30(b) | The approval holder must implement the action management plan specified by the Minister in the notice | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 31 | At the time of giving the notice under condition 30, the Minister may also notify that for a specified period of time, condition 27 does not apply for one or more specified Action management plans | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 32 | The approval holder must submit all plans required by these conditions electronically to the department. | Compliant | All required plans submitted to DCCEEW within timeframes required or as specified elsewhere within this report. |
| 33 | Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish each plan on the website within 15 business days of the date: | | |
| 33(a) | of this approval, if the version of the plan to be implemented is specified in these conditions; or | Compliant | Koala Management Plan (as part of the Public Environmental Report) was published online 11 October 2022. Revised KMP as per condition 14 is awaiting submission to DCCEEW; WQMP is awaiting approval by DCCEEW; Offset Area Management Plan is awaiting approval by DCCEEW. |

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| 33(b) | the plan is approved by the Minister in writing, if the plan requires the approval of the Minister; or | Compliant | Koala Management Plan (as part of the Public Environmental Report) was published online 11 October 2022. Revised KMP as per condition 14 is awaiting submission to DCCEEW; WQMP is awaiting approval by DCCEEW; Offset Area Management Plan is awaiting approval by DCCEEW. |
| 33(c) | the plan is submitted to the department in accordance with a requirement of these conditions, if the plan does not require the approval of the Minister; or | Not applicable | Plans within these conditions require approval by DCCEEW. |
| 33(d) | the plan is approved by a state/territory government official as required under a state/territory government condition | Not applicable | Plans within these conditions require approval by DCCEEW. |
| 34 | The approval holder must keep all published plans required by these conditions on the website until the expiry date of this approval. | Compliant | All approved plans are currently available online or awaiting approval by DCCEEW. |
| 35 | The approval holder is required to exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. | Compliant | Sensitive information has not been included in any plan that is published online. OAMP, WQMPs and revised KMP are currently awaiting approval by DCCEEW. |
| 36 | If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from a plan in accordance with condition 35, the approval holder must notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website. | Not applicable | Sensitive information has not been included in any plan that is published online. OAMP, WQMPs and revised KMP are currently awaiting approval by DCCEEW. |
| 37 | The approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of commencement of the Action, within 5 business days of commencement of the Action. | Compliant | Email sent to DCCEEW on 22 March 2023 stating that the date of commencement of the Action was to be 22 March 2023. Email acknowledgement received on 30 May 2023. |
| 38 | If the commencement of the Action does not occur within 5 years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not commence the Action without the prior written agreement of the Minister. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 39 | The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records. | Compliant | All records retained within project documentation and internal inspection systems |
| 40 | If the department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the department within the timeframe specified in the request. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 41 | The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the department's Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data (2018), or any subsequent official version or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing. | Compliant | Surveys and monitoring data have been undertaken by a suitably qualified person and is in accordance with applicable guidelines. |

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| 42 | The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the department's Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects (2021), or any subsequent official version or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing. | Compliant | Surveys and ecological data have been undertaken by a suitably qualified person and is in accordance with applicable guidelines. |
| 43 | The approval holder must submit all monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) electronically to the department within 12 months of the approval or in accordance with the requirements of the Koala Management Plan and the OAMP-TOA&GOA. | Compliant | Sent to DCCEEW on 15 March 2024 |
| 44 | The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12-month period following the date of this approval, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister. | Compliant | This report. |
| 45 | Each compliance report must be consistent with the department's Annual Compliance Report Guidelines (2014), or any subsequent official version | Compliant | This report. |
| 46 | Each compliance report must include: | | |
| 46(a) | Accurate and complete details of compliance and any non-compliance with the conditions and the plans, and any incidents. | Compliant | This table. |
| 46(b) | One or more shapefile showing all clearing of any protected matters, and/or their habitat, undertaken within the 12-month period at the end of which that compliance report is prepared. | Compliant | All data has been recorded by TMR and redacted from this version as per condition 47e. Has been sent to DCCEEW as per condition 43. |
| 46(c) | A schedule of all plans in existence in relation to these conditions and accurate and complete details of how each plan is being implemented. | Compliant | See Appendix E |
| 47 | The approval holder must: | | |
| 47(a) | Publish each compliance report on the website within 60 business days following the end of the 12-month period for which that compliance report is required. | Not applicable | Has not occurred (will be compliant with publication of this report). |
| 47(b) | Notify the department electronically, within 5 business days of the date of publication that a compliance report has been published on the website. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 47(c) | Provide the weblink for the compliance report in the notification to the department. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |

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| 47(d) | Keep all published compliance reports required by these conditions on the website until the expiry date of this approval. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 48(e) | Exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from compliance reports published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. | Compliant | This report. |
| 47(f) | If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from the published version, submit the full compliance report to the department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 48 | The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 2 business days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in a plan. | Compliant | DCCEEW was notified within relevant timeframes of an incident relating to condition 23. |
| 49 | The approval holder must specify in the notification: | Compliant | DCCEEW was notified within relevant timeframes of an incident relating to condition 23. |
| 49(a) | Any condition or commitment made in a plan which has been or may have been breached. | Compliant | DCCEEW was notified within relevant timeframes of an incident relating to condition 23. |
| 49(b) | A short description of the incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance. | Compliant | DCCEEW was notified within relevant timeframes of an incident relating to condition 23. |
| 49(c) | The location (including co-ordinates), date, and time of the incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance. | Compliant | DCCEEW was notified within relevant timeframes of an incident relating to condition 23. |
| 50 | The approval holder must provide to the department in writing, within 12 business days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance, the details of that incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in a plan. The approval holder must specify: | Compliant | DCCEEW was notified within relevant timeframes of an incident relating to condition 23. |
| 50(a) | Any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken | Not applicable | No corrective action required as vegetation removed will be included in the final clearing footprint. |
| 50(b) | The potential impacts of the incident and/or non-compliance and/or non-compliance | Compliant | Impacts were notified within the incident report provided to DCCEEW |
| 50(c) | The method and timing of any corrective action that will be undertaken by the approval holder | Not applicable | For reasoning stated within condition 50(a). |

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| 51 | The approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions is conducted for every three-year period following the commencement of the Action until this approval expires, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister. | Not applicable | Timeframe has not yet reached three years. |
| 52 | For each independent audit, the approval holder must: | | |
| 52(a) | Provide the name and qualifications of the nominated independent auditor, the draft audit criteria, and proposed timeframe for submitting the audit report to the department prior to commencing the independent audit. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 52(b) | Only commence the independent audit once the nominated independent auditor, audit criteria and timeframe for submitting the audit report have been approved in writing by the department. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 52(c) | Submit the audit report to the department for approval within the timeframe specified and approved in writing by the department. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 52(d) | Publish each audit report on the website within 15 business days of the date of the department's approval of the audit report. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 52(e) | Keep every audit report published on the website until this approval expires. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 53 | Each audit report must report for the three-year period preceding that audit report. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 54 | Each audit report must be completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and be consistent with the department's Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines (2019), or any subsequent official version. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 55 | The approval holder must notify the department electronically 60 business days prior to the expiry date of this approval, that the approval is due to expire. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |
| 56 | Within 20 business days after the completion of the Action, and, in any event, before this approval expires, the approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of completion of the Action and provide completion data. | Not applicable | Has not occurred. |

3. Attachment F: Offset Management Plan requirements

In addition to any requirements of the conditions of approval, an offset area management plan submitted for approval by the Minister must:

- a. Include a reference to the EPBC Act approval conditions (and state or local government approval conditions) to which the Offset Management Plan refers
- b. Specify referenced plans, including revegetation and rehabilitation plans, and how these can be accessed.
- c. Include detailed information on the residual impacts to protected matters that will be offset. This must include the area(s) of habitat for protected matters and its condition and quality at all impact sites which the offset is to address
- d. Identify a suitable environmental offset(s) for the impacts on protected matters, and provide detailed baseline information on the proposed offset(s) and commit to achievable and measurable ecological benefits, and timeframes for their achievement, for the proposed offset(s)
- e. Detail how the offset(s) will be protected, and ecological benefits maintained, in perpetuity
- f. Include a table of commitments to achieve the ecological benefits for relevant protected matters, and a reference to where the commitments are detailed in the Offset Area Management Plan
- g. Include timebound management actions that will be implemented to achieve the measurable ecological benefits for relevant protected matters
- h. Include an assessment of risks to achieving the ecological benefit(s) and what risk management strategies will be applied to address these
- i. Include reporting and review mechanisms, and documentation standards to inform others annually regarding compliance with management and environmental commitments, and attainment and maintenance of ecological benefits, as specified in the Offset Area Management Plan
- j. Propose corrective actions to ensure ecological benefits for the protected matters are attained or maintained, if trigger values are reached or performance indicators not attained
- k. Include a monitoring program for the full duration of the proposed offset management period, which must include:
 - i. measurable performance indicators to monitor progress towards, attainment of the ecological benefits for the protected matters
 - ii. a randomisation of monitoring within the offset area to ensure ecological benefits reflect the whole offset site(s)
 - iii. trigger values and timing of corrective actions
 - iv. the timing and frequency of monitoring to detect trigger values and changes in the performance indicators.

Compliance

Compliant

Evidence

Offset Area Management Plan submitted to DCCEEW on 16 May 2023 and awaiting approval at the time of writing this report. The Annual Offset Area Report will be sent separately to DCCEEW and is redacted from this report as per condition 47e.

4. Attachment H: Water Quality Management Plan requirements

In addition to any requirements of the conditions of approval, the Water Quality Management Plan for approval by the Minister must include:

- a) the objectives of the Water Quality Management Plan
- b) characterisation of soil, pedology and any contaminants within the development area that are at risk of dispersal as a result of the action, to inform the likely impacts from their dispersal to the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland at Coombabah Lake and Coombabah Creek, and any required monitoring and mitigation measures
- c) details of all likely stormwater discharge points from the Action that are at risk of releasing contaminants or adverse water quality into the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland at Coombabah Lake and Coombabah Creek, with respect to any changes during clearing, construction and operation
- d) water quality objectives to be achieved at all stormwater discharge points from the Action that are at risk of releasing contaminants or adverse water quality into the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland at Coombabah Lake and Coombabah Creek, with respect to the sensitivity of the receiving environment, seasonal trends and weather events
- e) details of a monitoring program that is sufficient to determine the baseline water quality, baseline erosion and sediment deposition within all catchments upstream and downstream of the development area, that are within or feed into the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland at Coombabah Lake and Coombabah Creek. The monitoring program must consider seasonal trends and weather events, and include location details of all monitoring sites and at reference/control monitoring sites. The monitoring program must achieve:
 - a) at minimum 24 months of baseline surface water quality data measured at quarterly intervals
 - b) ii) surface Water Quality Objectives informed by the baseline surface water quality data, to be achieved during construction and for 3 years after opening the nearest road to the surface-water monitoring site as part of this Action to public motorists
 - c) iii) at minimum 12 months of baseline ground-water quality data measured at quarterly intervals
 - d) iv) ground-Water Quality Objectives informed by the baseline ground-water quality data, to be achieved during construction and for 3 years opening the nearest road to the ground-water monitoring site as part of this Action to public motorists.
- f) the methods used to determine baseline water quality, erosion and sediment deposition, with justification for the selection of all monitoring sites and the reference/control monitoring sites with respect to the potential impacts of the Action on the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland at Coombabah Lake and Coombabah Creek
- g) details of ongoing monitoring of surface and ground-water quality objectives, including locations, sampling frequency and the parameters to be monitored, including the scientific basis for the selection of all the parameters to be monitored
- h) early warning indicators and trigger thresholds for all monitored parameters for detecting changes to surface and ground-water quality to avoid potential impacts to the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland at Coombabah Lake and Coombabah Creek
- i) limits for all monitored parameters, derived with respect to baseline values which, if reached or exceeded, indicate that impacts to the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland at Coombabah Lake and Coombabah Creek is likely to occur
- j) management actions, contingency measures and additional monitoring to be implemented in the event that early warning indicators, trigger thresholds or limits are reached
- k) steps to report any triggering of limits for all monitored parameters, or non-achievement of Water Quality Objectives to the department within 5 business days of receiving the monitoring results, and

- l) procedures to make the Water Quality Objectives and monitoring results publicly available on the website for 12 months after each monitoring result.

Compliance

Compliant

Evidence

WQMP for Coomera Connector Stage 1 North submitted to DCCEEW on 10 November 2023 and awaiting approval at the time of writing this report. WQMP for Coomera Connector Stage 1 Central submitted to DCCEEW on 21 December 2023 and awaiting approval at the time of writing this report.

5. Appendix A: Storm damage

On 25 December 2023, the Gold Coast experienced a severe weather event (“tornado” and large storm) that resulted in extensive damage to homes and vegetation between Ormeau and Molendinar. This storm passed directly over the Coomera Connector Stage 1 site including North, Central and South packages.

Assessments were made in early January 2024 to determine the level of damage to construction sites. These assessments will be discussed below.

Stage 1 North package

The North package experienced vegetation damage south of Helensvale Road both within, and outside of the corridor. Images of before and after the storm below show the extent of damage.

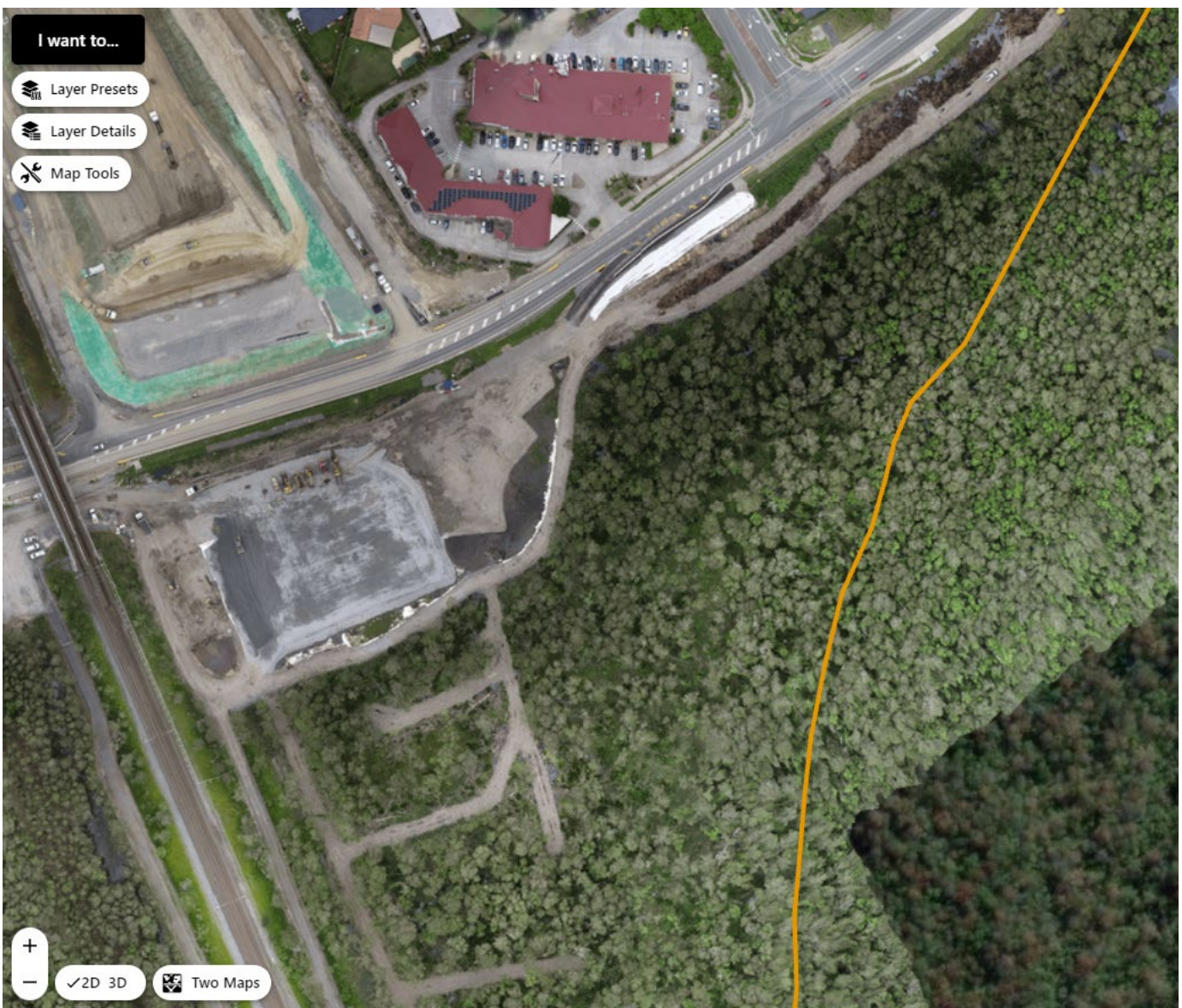


Figure 1: Aerial view of Helensvale Road before storm



Figure 2: Aerial view of Helensvale Road after storm



Figure 3: Aerial view of Helensvale Road vegetation damage zoomed in

Stage 1 Central package

The Central package experienced vegetation damage north of Gold Coast Highway, both within and outside of the corridor. Images after the storm below (28 December 2023) show the extent of damage.



Figure 4: Aerial view of Gold Coast Highway vegetation damage zoomed in



Figure 5: Post-storm damage to fencing/vegetation, Ridgevale Drive north side



Figure 6: Post-storm vegetation damage on site, Ridgevale Drive north side



Figure 7: Post-storm vegetation damage on site, Ridgevale Drive south side



Figure 8: post-storm vegetation damage on site, Ridgevale Drive north side

Stage 1 South package

No visible storm damage was seen across the alignment during January 2024.

6. Appendix B: Koala research updates

Condition 5(b): include in each Compliance Report a summary of the progress and any findings of each project of the Koala research at least until the end of year 10.

Redacted from this report as per condition 47e.

7. Appendix C: Koala translocation status

Three translocation reports have been completed to date as per the Queensland Department of Environment, Science and Innovation requirements under the Translocation Letter of Authority dated 29 March 2023. Translocation reports redacted from this report as per condition 47e.

8. Appendix D: Shapefiles of protected matter clearing

Redacted from this report as per condition 47e.

9. Appendix E: Schedule of plans

Condition 46c) A schedule of all plans in existence in relation to these conditions and accurate and complete details of how each plan is being implemented.

Schedule for each plan will be sent to DCCEEW as Excel spreadsheet, redacted from this version as per condition 47e.

Koala Management Plan

The Koala Management Plan (KMP) is currently being revised as per condition 14. The current KMP is being implemented by various methods including:

- Koala Tagging and Monitoring Program (KTMP). This component includes:
 - the monitoring of Koalas that are identified as being at-risk during and/or because of construction activities; and the monitoring of the Koalas that are to remain during the operational phase of the approved action.
 - active Koala management including but not limited to monitoring and observing the presence of the Koala within and in proximity to the approved action corridor; assisted dispersal of Koalas to nearby surrounding habitat outside the proposed action corridor; and translocation of Koalas in imminent danger in the first instance to the East Coomera Koala Population. The translocation of any Koala will be undertaken through a coordinated and approved approach under the Koala Translocation Program
 - long term monitoring of the trends in Koala populations within and in proximity to the approved action corridor
- Protect Koalas from harm during vegetation clearing and construction works through the use of fauna spotters and the adoption of sequential clearing practices consistent with the requirements outlined in the Nature Conservation (Koala) Conservation Plan 2017 (Qld)
- Engineering solutions
- Koala Translocation Plan
- Koala Stakeholder Reference Group quarterly meetings
- Offset Area Management Plan and measures (see Offset Area Management Plan)

Water Quality Management Plan

The Water Quality Management Plans submitted to the 9 November 2023 and 21 December 2023 for the Stage 1 North and Stage 1 Central alignments respectively and is currently undergoing review. Water monitoring has been implemented since these dates.

Offset Area Management Plan

The Offset Area Management Plan has not yet been approved by DCCEEW (submitted for approval on 4 April 2024) and has therefore not begun implementation. However, land management and preliminary offset activities have begun implementation, including:

- Tabooba
 - Access track assessments
 - Fencing and livestock control assessments
 - Preliminary cultural heritage and environmental inspections
 - EPBC offset area legally secured via Voluntary Declaration
- Greenridge

- Control burn conducted October 2023
- Security cameras installed
- 24-hour security monitoring imposed
- Track maintenance
- Removal of aircraft hangar
- Installation of Koala fodder plantation
- EPBC offset area legally secured via Voluntary Declaration

10. Appendix F: Shapefiles of offset areas

Redacted from this report as per condition 47e.

11. Appendix G: Coastal Swamp Oak TEC documentation

11.1 Condition 6b): assess and document the quality and extent of Coastal Swamp Oak TEC to be retained within 30 m of clearing and/or construction, prior to the commencement of clearing and/or construction within 30 m of Coastal Swamp Oak TEC.

Redacted from this report as per condition 47e.