

12 August 2022

Attn: Dominic Crinnion  
Acting Director – Infrastructure Management  
NSW Department of Planning and Environment  
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Parramatta NSW 2124

Dear Dominic,

**Sydney Metro Western Sydney Airport (SMWSA) (SSI 10051) – Conditions of Approval E4, E5 and E7: Evidence of the retirement of credits or payment to secure offsets to Department**

In accordance with Conditions of Approval (CoA) E4, E5 and E7 of SSI 10051 and as discussed in Section 3.5.1 of the Sydney Metro CSSI Staging Report Version 6.0, Sydney Metro submits evidence of retirement of ecosystem credits and payment into the Biodiversity Conservation Fund (BCF) prior to removal of native vegetation associated with the Station Boxes and Tunneling (SBT) construction stage.

This vegetation removal is required to works across the SBT construction stage, including site establishment. In accordance with Condition of Approval E2, the SBT Contractor has minimised the extent of clearing of native vegetation to reduce impacts on threatened ecological communities and threatened species habitat. These reduced impacts equate to a reduced ecosystem and species credit requirement for the SBT construction stage, as detailed in the attached Table 1. For reference, the previously allocated maximum ecosystem and species credit requirement for SBT is shown in brackets in the table. Table 1 will continue to be updated as the project progresses to confirm the number of credits required for each stage of works and the status of retirement prior to commencing clearing of native vegetation for that stage. This table only includes the credit requirements for the off-airport part of the Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport project.

Please see attached the certificates issued by the Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) under section 6.33 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act) as evidence of payment into the BCF and the retirement credit reports issued by the BCT as evidence of retirement of credits in satisfaction of Condition E5 as it relates to the SBT construction stage. Please note that the BCF payment documented in the section 6.33 certificates and the credit retirement reports relates to the whole of the Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport project and does not solely cover the SBT construction stage. Table 2 shows the proportion of credits covered by each certificate and credit retirement report has been allocated to the different construction stages. This includes the on-airport and off-airport parts of the Sydney Metro - Western Sydney Airport project. This table will also be progressively updated for each construction stage.

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Attachments:

- *Attachment A –*
  - *BCF295 Section 6.33 Certificate*
  - *BCF394 Section 6.33 Certificate*
  - *Credit retirement report 202205-RT-741 – PCT 849*
  - *Credit retirement report 202207-RT-769 – PCT 849*
- *Attachment B - Summary table of credits retired per construction stage*
- *Attachment C – Proportion of BCF certificate/retirement report allocated per construction stage*

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Alice Pryke, Senior Manager, Planning Approvals on 0451 084 390.

Yours sincerely



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Customer, Operations and Outcomes  
Sydney Metro

**Attachment A**

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## Statement confirming payment into the Biodiversity Conservation Fund for an offset obligation

Pursuant to section 6.33 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust confirms that the following payments have been made into the Biodiversity Conservation Fund under section 6.30(1) of the Act to satisfy an obligation to retire biodiversity credits.

Payment made by:	Sydney Metro				
Date received:	22 December 2021				
NSW statutory obligation reference <sup>1</sup>	SSI 10051				
Commonwealth EPBC Act controlled action reference (if applicable) <sup>2</sup>	Yes				
BCT Reference	BCF295				
Biodiversity credit retirement obligations satisfied by payment to the Biodiversity Conservation Fund:					
Biodiversity credit type	Offset trading group	EPBC Act Controlled Action offset obligation (Y / N)	Number of credits	Cost per credit (Exc. GST)	Total payment per credit type (Exc. GST)
724 - Castlereagh shale - gravel transition forest	Shale Gravel Transition Forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion	Yes	185	\$26,912.01	\$4,978,722.12
835 - Cumberland river-flat forest	River-Flat Eucalypt Forest on Coastal Floodplains of the New South Wales North Coast, Sydney Basin and South East Corner Bioregions	Yes	55	\$22,097.40	\$1,215,357.2
1800 - Cumberland Swamp Oak riparian forest	Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest of the New South Wales North Coast, Sydney Basin and South East Corner Bioregions	Yes	136	\$20,752.23	\$2,822,303.36
1071 - <i>Phragmites australis</i> and <i>Typha orientalis</i> coastal freshwater wetlands of the Sydney Basin Bioregion	Coastal Freshwater Lagoons	Yes	1	\$8,947.15	\$8,947.15

<sup>1</sup>This refers to either; a development application number for a development consent under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), a State significant infrastructure approval under the previous Part 5.1 (now Part 5, Division 5.2) of the EP&A Act, a decision of a determining authority to carry out or approve the carrying out of an activity under Part 5 of the EP&A Act, or a biobank statement number or biodiversity certification number.

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10367 - <i>Grevillea juniperina</i> subsp. <i>Juniperina</i> (Juniper-leaved Grevillea)	N/A	No	43	\$145.88	\$6,273.04
10526 - <i>Meridolum corneovirens</i> (Cumberland Plain Land Snail)	N/A	No	123	\$454.10	\$55,854.64
10226 - <i>Dillwynia tenuifolia</i> (Dillwynia tenuifolia)	N/A	Yes	16	\$145.88	\$2,334.15
10549 - <i>Myotis macropus</i> (Southern Myotis)	N/A	Yes	221	\$974.69	\$215,405.84
10715 - <i>Pultenaea parviflora</i> (Pultenaea parviflora)	N/A	Yes	8	\$258.10	\$2,064.82
<b>Total (Exc. GST)</b>					\$ 9,307,262.32
<b>GST</b>					\$ 930,726.23
<b>Total (Inc. GST)</b>					\$10,237,988.55



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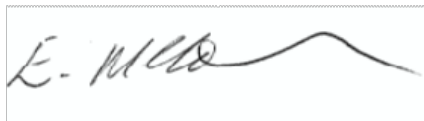
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Date received		21 July 2022			
NSW statutory obligation reference <sup>1</sup>		SSI-10051			
Commonwealth EPBC Act controlled action reference (if applicable) <sup>2</sup>		EPBC 2020-8687			
BCT Reference		BCF394			
Biodiversity credit retirement obligations satisfied by payment to the Biodiversity Conservation Fund:					
Biodiversity credit type (Credit ID and name)	Offset trading group	EPBC Act Controlled Action offset obligation  (Y / N)	Number of credits	Cost per credit  (Exc. GST)	Total payment per credit type  (Exc. GST)
10226 - <i>Dillwynia tenuifolia</i> ( <i>Dillwynia tenuifolia</i> )	<i>Dillwynia tenuifolia</i> ( <i>Dillwynia tenuifolia</i> )	Y	5	\$145.88	\$729.42
10715 - <i>Pultenaea parviflora</i> ( <i>Pultenaea parviflora</i> )	<i>Pultenaea parviflora</i> ( <i>Pultenaea parviflora</i> )	Y	2	\$258.10	\$516.20
Total (Exc. GST)					\$1,245.62
GST					\$124.56
Total (Inc. GST)					\$1,370.18



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## Credit retirement report

**Effective date:** 18-May-2022

**Transaction number:** 202205-RT-741

### Credit owners' details

**Credit owner ID:** 721

**Name of credit holder:** Sydney Metro

**Other owner(s):**

No other owners

**Reason for retirement:** Retirement of 12 BAM-equivalent (HBT) for Western Sydney International Airport Plan (EPBC 2019/8541)

Ecosystem credit(s) retired								
Number of credits	Credit profile ID	Agreement ID	Vegetation code	Vegetation type	CMA subregion	% surrounding vegetation	Patch size	Vegetation formation(see key)
19	3,714	400	HN529	HN529/Grey Box - Forest Red Gum grassy woodland on shale of the southern Cumberland Plain, Sydney Basin Bioregion	Cumberland - Hawkesbury/Nep ean	>70%	>100 ha	GRW



**Key to vegetation formations**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Vegetation formation</b>
ALP	Alpine complex
ASA	Arid shrublands (Acacia)
ASC	Arid shrublands (Chenopod)
DSG	Dry sclerophyll forests (shrub/grass)
DSS	Dry sclerophyll forests (shrubby)
FRW	Forested wetlands
FWW	Freshwater wetlands
GLD	Grasslands
GRW	Grassy woodlands
HLD	Heathlands
MES	Miscellaneous ecosystems
RFT	Rainforests
SAW	Saline wetlands
SWG	Semi-arid woodlands (grassy)
SWS	Semi-arid woodlands (shrubby)
WSG	Wet sclerophyll forests (grassy)
WSS	Wet sclerophyll forests (shrubby)

The credit register provides further information about credit holdings and reports about credit trading activity. To view this information, please visit the public register website at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/bimspr/index.htm](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/bimspr/index.htm)

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## Credit retirement report

**Effective date:** 22-July-2022

**Transaction number:** 202207-RT-769

### Credit owners' details

**Credit owner ID:** 721

**Name of credit holder:** Sydney Metro

**Other owner(s):**

No other owners

**Reason for retirement:** Retirement of 19 BAM-equivalent credits (PCT 850, with HBT) for SSI-10051 and EPBC 2020/8687

Ecosystem credit(s) retired								
Number of credits	Credit profile ID	Agreement ID	Vegetation code	Vegetation type	CMA subregion	% surrounding vegetation	Patch size	Vegetation formation(see key)
30	3,714	400	HN529	HN529/Grey Box - Forest Red Gum grassy woodland on shale of the southern Cumberland Plain, Sydney Basin Bioregion	Cumberland - Hawkesbury/Nep ean	>70%	>100 ha	GRW

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## **Attachment B - Summary table of credits retired per construction stage**

## Summary table of credits required per construction stage – SSI 10051 Condition E4

**Table 1: Ecosystem credits requirements per construction stage and status of retirement/BCF payment**

Ecosystem credit	AEW		SBT		SCAW		Totals	Total credits retired /payment made in satisfaction at 11/08/22
	Maximum credits required	Credits retired/payment made in satisfaction	Reduced credits required (Previous maximum)	Credits retired/payment made in satisfaction	Maximum credits required	Credits retired/payment made in satisfaction	Total credits per PCT (Approved total)	
PCT 724 (Intact)	0	-	65 (65)	-	0	-	65	65
PCT 724 (Thinned)	0	-	64 (64)	-	89	-	153	64
PCT 724 (Scattered Trees)	0	-	1 (1)	-	27	-	28	1
PCT 835 (Intact)	0	-	0	-	51	-	51	-
PCT 835 (Thinned)	0	-	19 (21)	-	136	-	155 (157)	19
PCT 835 (Scattered Trees)	1	1	0	-	8	-	9	1
PCT 849 (Thinned)	0	-	8 (15)	-	167	-	175 (182)	8
PCT 849 (Scattered Trees)	0	-	1 (4)	-	16	-	17 (20)	1
PCT 1800 (Intact)	0	-	0	-	36	-	36	-

Status as of 11/08/2022

PCT 1800 (Thinned)	0	-	0	-	145	-	145	-
<b>Total ecosystem credits</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>158 (170)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>836 (846)</b>	<b>160</b>

**Table 2: Species credits requirements per construction stage and status of retirement/BCF payment**

Species credit	AEW Maximum credits required	Credits retired/ payment made in satisfaction	SBT Reduced credits required (Previous maximum)	Credits retired payment made in satisfaction	SCAW Maximum credits required	Credits retired/ payment made in satisfaction	Total credits per PCT (Approved total)	Total credits retired/ payment made in satisfaction
<i>Dillwynia tenuifolia</i>	0	-	6 (21)	-	0	-	6 (21)	6
<i>Grevillea juniperina</i> subsp. <i>juniperina</i> (Juniper-leaved Grevillea)	0	-	0	-	57	-	57	-
<i>Pultenaea parviflora</i>	0	-	5 (10)	-	0	-	5 (10)	5
<i>Myotis Macropus</i> (Southern Myotis)	0	-	0	-	292	-	292	-

Status as of 11/08/2022

<i>Meridolum corneovirens</i> (Cumberland Plain Land Snail)	0	-	76 (97)	-	62	-	138 (159)	76
<b>Total species credits</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>87 (128)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>498 (539)</b>	<b>-</b>



**Attachment C - Proportion of BCF certificate/retirement report allocated per construction stage**

# Summary table of allocation and retirement of biodiversity offset credits for the SM-WSA project

**Table 2: Proportion of BCF certificate / retirement report allocated per construction stage**

Evidence of retirement/payment	AEW (proportion allocated)	SBT (proportion allocated)	SCAW (proportion allocated)	Total number of credits remaining to be allocated
BCF295 Section 6.33 Certificate – PCT 835	3 (on-airport) 1 (off-airport)	1 (on-airport) 19 (off-airport)	-	31
BCF295 Section 6.33 Certificate – PCT 724	-	130 (off-airport)	-	55
BCF295 Section 6.33 Certificate – PCT 1071	1 (on-airport)	-	-	0
BCF295 Section 6.33 Certificate – PCT 1800	-	-	-	136
BCF295 Section 6.33 Certificate – Cumberland Plain Land Snail	4 (on-airport)	8 (on-airport) 76(off-airport)	-	35
BCF295 Section 6.33 Certificate – Southern Myotis	-	1 (on-airport)	-	220
BCF295 Section 6.33 Certificate – <i>Grevillea juniperia subs. juniperia</i>	-	-	-	43
BCF295 Section 6.33 Certificate - <i>Dillwynia tenuifolia</i>	-	6 (off-airport)	-	10
BCF295 Section 6.33 Certificate - <i>Pultenaea parviflora</i>	-	5 (off-airport)	-	3

Status as of 11/08/2022

BCF394 Section 6.33 Certificate - <i>Dillwynia tenuifolia</i>	-	-	-	5
BCF394 Section 6.33 Certificate - <i>Pultenaea parviflora</i>	-	-	-	2
Credit retirement report 202205-RT-741 – PCT 849	3 (on-airport)	9 (on-airport)	-	0
Credit retirement report 202207-RT-769 – PCT 849	-	9 (off-airport)	-	10