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1 INTRODUCTION

This Environmental Assessment has been prepared by SMEC Pty Ltd for LEDA Manorstead Pty Ltd and relates to the proposed infill area located within the Southern Special Purpose Precinct of the Cobaki Estate development.

1.1 Location

The Cobaki Development is located west of the Tugun Bypass and Gold Coast Airport, Tweed Heads. The proposed development is bound by the Queensland and New South Wales border to the north and west and Piggabean Road to the south. The site adjoins Cobaki Creek and Cobaki Broadwater to the east. It is located approximately 6km west of Tweed Heads/Coolangatta Town Centre and 1.5km west of the Gold Coast Airport and the Gold Coast Highway, and 500m west of the Pacific Motorway (Tugun Bypass). Access is currently off Piggabean Road. Future access will be off Boyd Street from the north and linking to Piggabean Road via the proposed Cobaki Parkway.

The site exists in its current state as a large portion of cleared land, which was previously cleared for agricultural purposes (cattle grazing), and scatterings of native vegetation communities.

This report specifically pertains to the infill area located in the Southern Special Purpose Precinct, herein referred to as the SSPP. The SSPP occurs in the southern section of the site and consists of land described as Lot 55 DP755740 and Lot 1 DP570076. The SSPP covers a total area of approximately 4.3ha, sharing boundaries with Cobaki Parkway and the Central Open Space.

The location of the SSPP with respect to the Cobaki site is shown in Figure 1.

1.2 Scope

LEDA Manorstead are seeking a modification application for the Cobaki Estate Central Open Space Project Approval (08_0200 Mod 3) for the extraction and placement of fill in the SSPP, including bulk earthworks. Fill is proposed to be taken from Precinct 9 to place the required 170.185m³ of fill in the SSPP.

This report details the potential environmental impacts of the proposed earthworks and a description of environmental management, mitigation and monitoring measures to minimise these potential impacts.

Refer to Drawing YC0229-1E1-D03 of Appendix A for Scope of Works and earthworks intent.

Figure 1: Site Locality



1.3 Previous Studies

A number of previous studies have been undertaken and management plans prepared as part of the various stages of development approval for this proposed development. These have been reviewed as part of this assessment.

Studies and Plans reviewed as part of this report include, but are not limited to:

- Construction Environmental Management Plan Precincts 9,11,SSPP (SMEC, 2013a)
- Fauna Management Plan Precincts 9,11,SSPP (SMEC, 2013b)
- Site Regeneration and Revegetation Plan Precincts 9,11,SSPP (SMEC, 2013c)
- Vegetation Management Plan Precincts 9,11,SSPP (SMEC, 2013d)
- Flora and Fauna Monitoring Program (SMEC, 2013e)
- Acid Sulphate Soils Management Plan (SMEC, 2013f)
- Noise and Vibration Management Plan Central Open Space and Precincts 1,2 and 6 (SMEC, 2013g)
- Freshwater Wetland Compensatory Habitat Management Plan (SMEC, 2012)
- Revised Assessment of Significance (JWA, 2013a)
- Revised Ecological Assessment (JWA, 2013b)
- Revised Saltmarsh Rehabilitation Plan (JWA, 2012)
- Revised Fauna Management Plan (JWA, 2010)

The various management plans have specific management measures, monitoring and reporting requirements that must be implemented as per the various conditions of approval relating to this proposed development.

2 APPROVALS AND LICENSING

The legislative requirements, policies, guidelines and standards relevant to the project are summarised in **Table 1**.

Table 1 Environmental Legislation Relevant to the Project

| Legislation | Details of Approvals/Permits Required | Relevance to the Project |
|---|--|---|
| Commonwealth | | |
| Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999 (EPBC) | The EPBC Act requires that actions that are proposed to be taken which are likely to have a significant impact on matters of national environmental significance (NES) are referred to the Minister for a decision on if it will be subject to a rigorous assessment and approval process. The EPBC Act also applies to actions that are likely to have a significant impact on the environment of Commonwealth land and to actions taken by the Commonwealth that will have a significant impact on the environment anywhere. | The Minister of SEWPaC provided approval of the development on 13 th October 2011, subject to a list of conditions. |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 | The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 is the principal Commonwealth legislation for the protection of areas and objects of particular significance to Indigenous Australians. | The Act applies in addition to any State requirements. Persons who discover anything that they have reasonable grounds to suspect to be Aboriginal remains are required to report their discovery to the Minister (s.20). |
| Native Title Act 1993 | The Native Title Act (1993) was developed by the Federal Government in recognition of the outcomes of the <i>Mabo versus Queensland</i> High Court decision in 1992 which found that the common law of Australia could authorise the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to lands and waters according to their laws and customs (refer HCA ₂₃ 1992). | Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth), the valid grant of a freehold estate on or before 23 December 1996 is known as a 'previous exclusive possession act' (PEPA). This means that native title has been extinguished over the area in question tenured as freehold. |
| | Aboriginal peoples' and Torres Strait Islanders' common law native title rights and interests with specifically to: • provide for the recognition and protection of native title; • establish ways in which future activities affecting native title may proceed; • establish a mechanism for determining applications for the recognition of native | The area over which the Cobaki Development is proposed is tenured as freehold and therefore meets the definition of a PEPA. |
| | title; and provide for, or permit, the validation of | |

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| | certain acts carried out before 1 January 1994 that were made invalid because of the existence of native title. The Act was substantially amended in 1998. The amended Native Title Act (1993 (Cwlth)) allows for confirmation that native title rights and interests have been extinguished (removed) outright by providing a list of the kinds of acts or activities that extinguish native title rights and interests, and provides for, or permits, the validation of certain acts carried out between 1 January 1994 and 23 December 1996. | |
| New South Wales | | |
| Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000 (EP&A Act) | Development in NSW is regulated principally through the EP&A Act. It establishes a system of identifying development requiring consent, and the applicable assessment and approval processes. The Act makes provision for the development of Environmental Planning Instruments including State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs) and Local Plans. | On February 1 2007, the Director General, as delegate of the Minister of Planning, advised the applicant that the proposal for Cobaki Lakes Estate is a 'major' project to which Part 3A of the EP&A Act applies and requires the Minister's approval, and authorizes the submission of the Concept Plan. |
| Fisheries Management Act 1994 | Notification of dredging and/or reclamation works in waterways Permit to obstruct fish passage Permit to damage or remove aquatic vegetation | As the works proposed are being conducted under an existing part 3A approval, the requirements of the <i>Fisheries Management Act</i> 1994 do not apply. |
| Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 | The Threatened Species Act 1995 identifies and protects threatened and endangered species, populations and ecological communities. | As several threatened species and endangered ecological communities will be impacted by the proposed development a number of management plans have been conditioned as part of MP06_0316 and MP08_0200 to ensure the long term protection of such species/communities. |
| National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 | The NPW Act provides for the reservation and dedication of national parks, nature reserves, historic sites etc and protection of certain native flora and fauna. It is also the principal legislation for the protection of Aboriginal objects and places of significance ("Aboriginal places"). | Section 84 and 90 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NPW Act) provides the primary basis for the legal protection and management of Aboriginal sites and relics within NSW. The Act requires amongst other things: • Consultation with the |

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|------------------------------|---|---|
| | It is an office to disturb or move any Aboriginal objects without a permit (s.86). Similarly, it is an office to destroy, deface or damage an Aboriginal place or Aboriginal object without consent from the D-G NPWS | OEH prior to development to determine the existence of items of Aboriginal heritage; |
| | (s.90). | Consultation with local Aboriginal groups; and |
| | | Consent to disturb Aboriginal heritage sites/items. |
| | | In the case of a Part 3A Concept Plan, approval under the NPW Act is not required. |
| Noxious Weeds Act 1993 | The Noxious Weeds Act 1993 defines the roles of government, councils, private landholders and public authorities in the management of noxious weeds, according to their potential to cause harm to the local environment. | Personnel and sub-contractors are to be made aware of correct procedures of removal and treatment of noxious weeds if they are identified in the work area. |
| Water Management Act 2000 | The WMA consolidates the Water Act 1912 and the Rivers and Foreshores Improvement Act. It deals with surface and ground water management. | Condition AN2 of the Project Approval requires water licensing. |
| | Approval is required to undertake water supply works, drainage works, or floodplain works. The WMA provides a scheme for the transitional recognition of permits granted under the Water Act 1912. | |

3 POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Construction activities associated with the SSPP include:

- Site establishment including installation of exclusion fencing;
- Removal of saltmarsh and freshwater wetland communities;
- Temporary erosion, sediment and water quality control measures;
- Topsoil stripping and management;
- Drainage construction; and
- Bulk earthworks (Refer to Appendix A for Bulk earthworks drawings)

Works could potentially impact on the following environmental aspects:

- Native Fauna and habitat;
- Native flora:
- Endangered Ecological Communities;
- Surface water quality;
- Acid sulphate soils and associated impacts;
- · Air quality; and
- Cultural heritage.

3.1 Native fauna and habitat

Earthworks activities associated with the SSPP area will involve the removal of potential habitat for native fauna species. Furthermore, activities within the SSPP have the potential to indirectly affect fauna and habitats through:

- Mortality and loss of habitat (foraging, breeding, and roosting/nesting) due to changes in land use (vehicle strike, trampling, spills, dumping of waste, filling of tidal land); and
- Habitat degradation due to altered natural hydrological regimes and increases in pollutants.

Three (3) threatened fauna species and/or their habitat have been recorded within or adjacent to the SSPP, as detailed in **Table 2**.

Table 2 Threatened fauna species and/or habitat within or adjacent to the SSPP

| Common name | Scientific name | Status | Act |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------|---------|
| Wallum froglet | Crinia tinnula | Vulnerable | TSC Act |
| Osprey | Pandion haliaetus | Vulnerable | TSC Act |
| Black-necked stork | Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus | Endangered | TSC Act |

Specific potential impacts to threatened fauna and habitat are detailed below.

Wallum froglet (Crinia tinnula)

Local wallum froglet populations exist within and surrounding the site, with core (breeding and/or refuge) habitat for the species provided in the Compensatory Habitat Area containing wet heathland and wetland communities east of the proposed Cobaki Parkway. The locations of wallum froglets recorded during surveys are shown in **Figure 2**.

Approximately 79.12 hectares of forage habitat is considered likely to occur on the whole development site during suitable conditions (i.e. after periods of heavy rainfall). Approximately 0.23 hectares (0.3%) will be removed from the SSPP. However, the loss of potential forage habitat is unlikely to significantly impact upon the local population of wallum froglets as the proposed works will not remove or modify any 'core' habitat areas. 'Core' habitat areas are defined as those containing physical and ecological characteristics suitable for breeding and/or refuge for the species.

Potential indirect impacts to this species include:

- Alteration of water quality in drainage lines due to runoff from the construction site;
- Alteration of hydrology of the drainage lines;
- Contamination or reduction of water quality in drainage lines due to runoff from chemicals or debris (fertilisers, etc.);
- Introduction of weed species into core habitat areas; and
- Increased competition from disturbance-adapted native, domestic and introduced fauna (such as Cane toads and Gambusia).

Osprey (Pandion haliaetus)

The osprey occupies coastal areas, especially the mouths of large rivers, lagoons and lakes throughout most of Australia (excluding Tasmania and Victoria).

Three ospreys and a stick nest were observed by SMEC on the southern nesting platform in the Saltmarsh Rehabilitation Area in June 2013. This nest site is approximately 300m south-east of the SSPP (**Figure 3**), and human disturbance near the nest site is not expected. The proposed development is considered highly unlikely to result in significant impacts on this species (JWA, 2010a).

Black-necked stork (Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus)

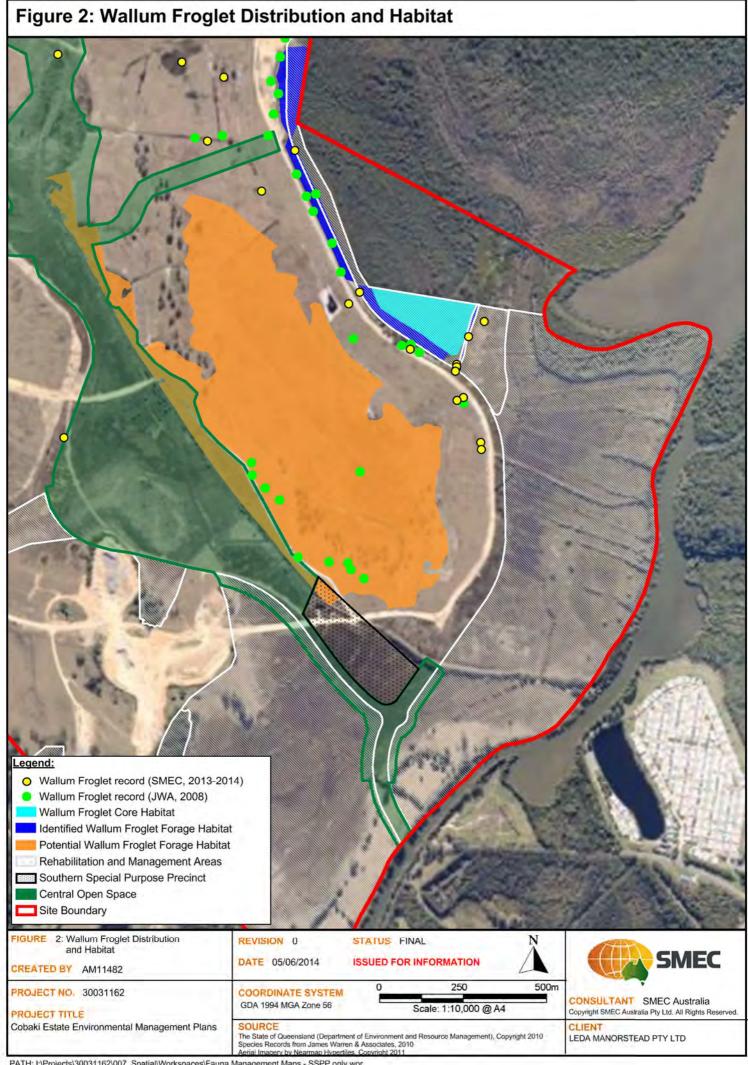
The black-necked stork inhabits wetlands, such as floodplains of rivers with large shallow swamps and pools, freshwater meadows, wet heathland, farm dams, shallow floodwaters and adjacent grasslands, paddocks and open savannah woodlands in coastal and sub-coastal northern and eastern Australia (DECC, 2012). Storks usually forage in water 5-30cm deep for vertebrate and invertebrate prey and build large nests high in tall trees close to water. The territory of the Black-necked Stork in Cobaki is predicted at 4730 ha (Clancy and Andren, 2009). A pair was observed nesting at Piggabeen in 2005 with young on the nest, however the exact location of this nest has not been released (Clancy and Andren, 2009).

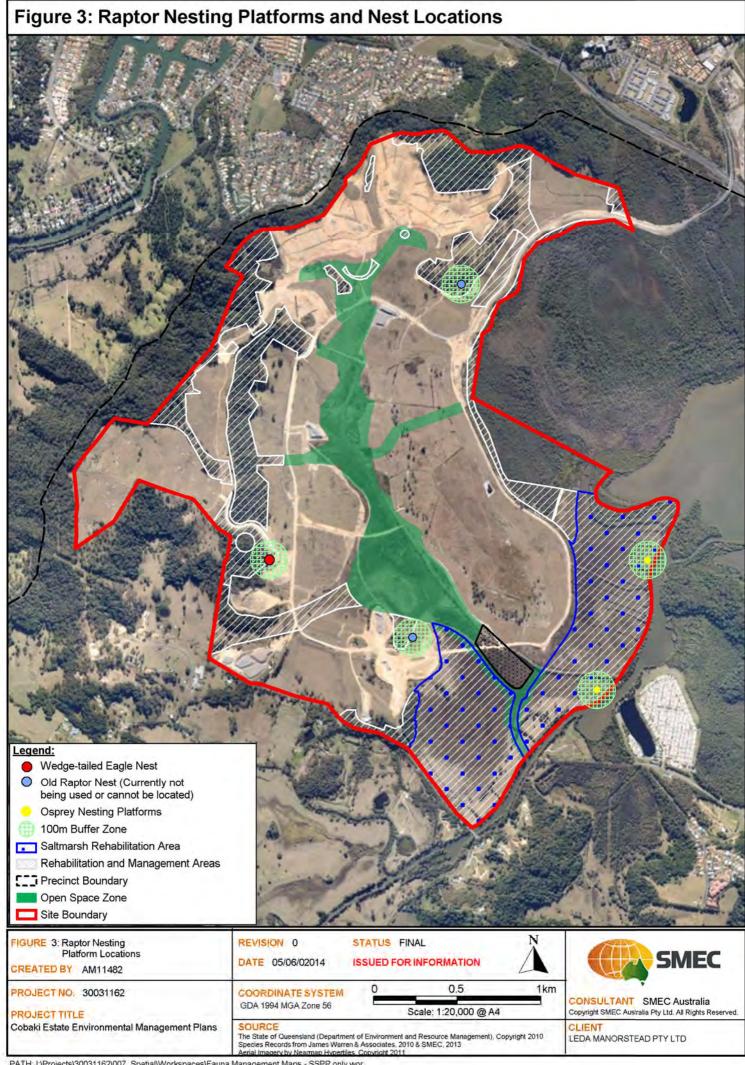
This species has been recorded foraging within the SSPP, Saltmarsh Rehabilitation Area and Central Open Space (WBM, 1990; Warren, 1993; Woodward-Clyde 1997; EcoPro 2004 & SMEC, 2014). Most recent sightings were of an individual within the western extent of the Saltmarsh Rehabilitation Area in April 2014 and a pair foraging in the Central Open Space in May 2014.

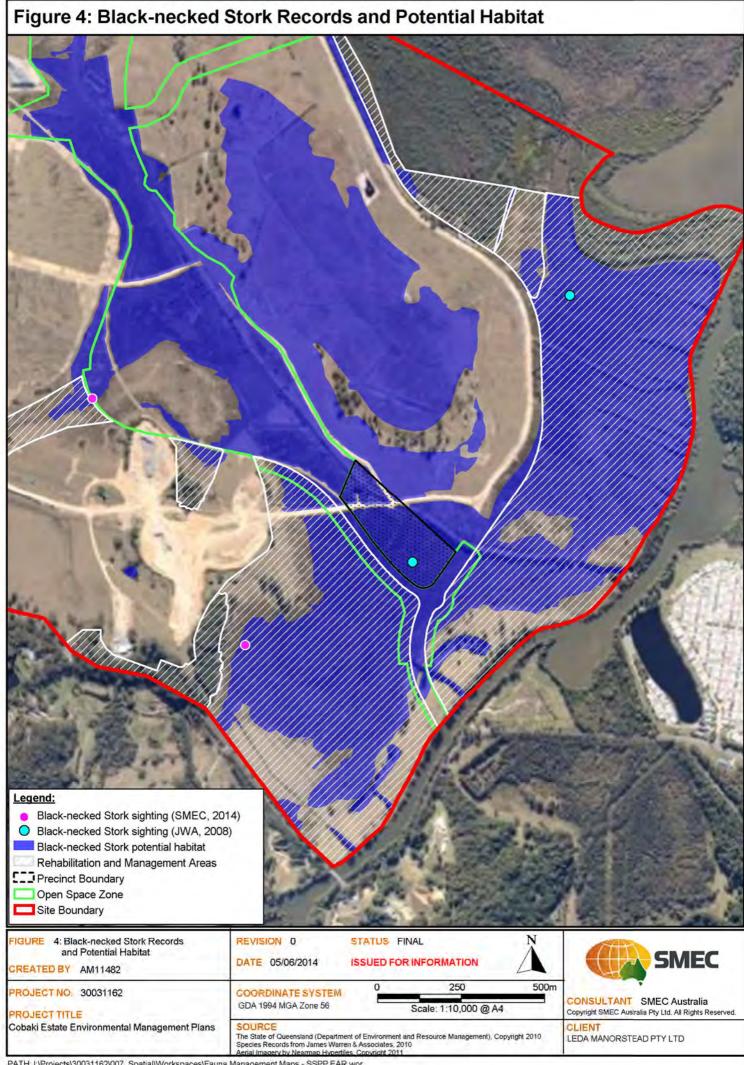
Approximately 142 hectares of potential forage habitat for the species exists within the low-lying eastern and south eastern portions of the site, and the species has been identified foraging within the SSPP. Refer to **Figure 4** for Potential Habitat and recorded sightings of the Black-necked Stork.

Approximately 78.7 hectares (55%) of potential forage habitat will be removed from the site, of which 4 hectares occurs within the SSPP. The potential foraging habitat to be removed comprises Saltmarsh, dams and drainage lines within the SSPP. Given the high mobility of this species, the loss of potential foraging habitat is not considered significant in relation to the regional distribution of habitat for this species.

No breeding habitat will be impacted by the works.







3.2 Native Vegetation

3.2.1 Vegetation Communities

Earthworks activities associated with construction of the SSPP will involve the removal of some native vegetation. Further, activities have the potential to indirectly affect adjacent native vegetation through the introduction of weeds, sediment flow and alteration of hydrology regimes.

Vegetation surveying (JWA, 2013) mapped twenty-two (22) vegetation communities on the Cobaki site. **Table 3** lists the vegetation communities recorded within the SSPP. The location of these Vegetation Communities is shown in **Figure 5**.

Table 3 Vegetation Communities associated with the SSPP

| Vegetation Community | Area removed/ to be removed from site | Area to be removed from SSPP |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Community 11 – Low closed grassland (Sporobolus virginicus, Triglochin striata +/= Casuarina glauca) | 9.69 (18%) | 3.25 (6%) |
| Community 12 – rushland/sedgeland/grassland (mixed aquatic species) | 24.12 (68%) | 0.30 (0.8%) |
| Community 14 – Dams and drainage (mixed aquatic species) | 0.77 ha (25%) | 0.06 ha (1.9%) |
| Community 15 – Low open forest/woodland (Casuarina glauca +/- Mixed species) | 0.73 ha (16%) | 0.17 (3.7%) |
| Community 16 – Slashed grassland/heathland/sedgeland (Mixed species) | 43.52 ha (99.6%) | 0.23 (0.5%) |

<u>Community 11 - Low closed grassland (Sporobolus virginicus, Triglochin striata +/= Casuarina glauca)</u>

Community 11 occurs across a large portion of the SSPP, covering a total area of approximately 3.25 ha.

Community 11 is comprised of a mixture of saltmarsh species, including Saltwater couch (*Sporobolus virginicus*), Streaked arrow-grass (*Triglochin striata*), Sampire (*Sarcocornis quinqueflora*) and Fimbristylis (*Fimbristylis ferruginea*). Some stands of Swamp oak (*Casuarina glauca*) occur along drainage lines throughout this community, approximately three (3) to four (4) metres tall.

The conservation status of the low closed grassland community has been discussed in the Regional Forestry Agreement which describes the community as Forest Ecosystem 125 – Saltbush. The Tweed Vegetation Management Strategy classifies this community as Estuarine complexes – 603 Saltmarsh (JWA, 2013).

This vegetation community represents the Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) 'Coastal Saltmarsh in the North Coast Bio-region' (DECC 2007). EECs are considered to be of high conservation value.

Community 12 - Rushland/sedgeland/grassland (Mixed aquatic species)

Community 12 occurs in a small patch of approximately 0.3 ha within the SSPP and is comprised of aquatic and semi-aquatic vegetation such as Mangrove Fern, *Cyperus sp*, sedges and rushes.

The conservation status of Sedgeland/Rushland/Grassland communities has not been specifically discussed in the Regional Forestry Agreement document. The most appropriate analogue is NFE 141 Swamp (JWA, 2013). It is noted that Swamp ecosystems are Rare in the upper north east section of the NSW North Coast Bioregion.

This vegetation community is considered to represent the EEC 'Freshwater Wetland on Coastal Floodplains' (DECC 2008).

Community 14 - Dams & Drainage Lines (Mixed aquatic species)

Community 14 occurs along the western edge of the SSPP, occupying an area of approximately 0.06ha.

Community 14 is comprised of aquatic and semi-aquatic vegetation. The vegetation in the constructed dam includes, Water lilly and *Cyperus* sp. Several Drainage lines occur across the site, with several species of sedges and rushes commonly occurring.

The conservation status of this community has not been specifically discussed in the Regional Forestry Agreement document. The most appropriate analogue is NFE 141 Swamp. It is noted that Swamp ecosystems are Rare in the upper north east section of the NSW North Coast Bioregion.

The conservation value of this community is considered to be low.

With implementation of the actions contained within Section 4.2, the likelihood of significant impacts on adjacent native vegetation is considered low.

Community 15 - Low open forest/woodland (Casuarina glauca +/- Mixed species)

Community 15 occurs as a small patch of approximately 0.17 ha within the northern portion of the SSPP.

Community 15 comprises predominantly Swamp oak (*Casuarina glauca*). It occurs in low lying swamplands and along drainage lines within the project area that have few associated species. However, this is except the Grey mangrove, Tuckeroo, Umbrella Cheese Tree, Cottonwood and exotic species in the understorey.

The conservation status of this community is considered to be rare in the upper north-east section of the NSW North coast bioregion. This community is equivalent to the Forest Ecosystem 143 (Swamp she-oak) (NPWS, 1999).

The community is considered to represent the EEC 'Swamp oak floodplain forest of the NSW North Coast' which has high conservation value (JWA, 2013).

Community 16 - Slashed grassland/heathland/sedgeland (Mixed species)

Community 16 is located in the northern portion of the SSPP and occupies an area of approximately 0.23 ha.

This vegetation community is regularly slashed and is comprised only of commonly regenerating species. The groundcover includes grass, heath, sedge and fern species between ten (10) and fifty (50) cm tall. Species include Swamp seliginella, Bracken fern, Curly sedge, Foxtails, Sawsedge, Coral fern, Whisky grass, Nut grass, Mat rushes and Flax lily.

Community 16 is not considered to be of conservation significance.

3.2.2 Threatened Flora Species

Flora surveys undertaken by James Warren & Associates (2008) recorded the presence of one Threatened flora species, Fine-leaved tuckeroo (*Lepiderema pulchella*) within Rehabilitation and Management Area 8, approximately 400m west of the SSPP. There are no records of any stems within the SSPP. The proposed works will not have any impact on any threatened flora species.

The location of this threatened flora species is shown in **Figure 6**.

3.2.3 Endangered Ecological Communities (EEC's)

Six (6) Endangered Ecological Communities (EEC) listed under Schedule 1 of the TSC Act have been recorded on the site, three (3) of which occur within the vicinity of the SSPP:

- Freshwater wetlands occurring in the central and eastern portions of the site;
- Coastal saltmarsh in the NSW North Coast bioregion occurring in the south-east of the site; and
- Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest occurring in association with drainage lines in the southeastern side of the site.

The area of impacts for each EEC is shown in **Table 4** below. The location of these Endangered Ecological Communities is shown in **Figure 7**.

Table 4 Extent of impact of each Endangered Ecological Community

| Endangered Ecological Community | Area of Existing EEC (ha) | Area cleared/ to be cleared from Entire Site (ha) | Area cleared/ to be cleared from SSPP (ha) |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| Freshwater wetland | 35.39 | 24.12 | 0.30 |
| Freshwater wetland | 35.39 | (68%) | (0.8%) |
| Swamp Oak Floodplain | 4.52 | 0.73 | 0.17 |
| forest | 4.52 | (16%) | (3.7%) |
| Coastal saltmarsh | 54.63 | 9.69 | 3.25 |
| Coasiai Sailmaisn | 54.03 | (17.7%) | (6%) |

Freshwater Wetland

The Freshwater Wetland EEC on the site is comprised of vegetation community 12 - rushland/ sedgeland/ grassland (mixed aquatic species) and covers a total area of approximately 35.39 hectares.

0.3 hectares (0.8%) of Freshwater Wetland occurs within the SSPP. These areas of Freshwater wetland have been heavily degraded due to historical and existing land use including drain construction and maintenance, grazing and slashing. As such the proposed works are not considered to significantly impact the regional distribution of this community.

Coastal Saltmarsh

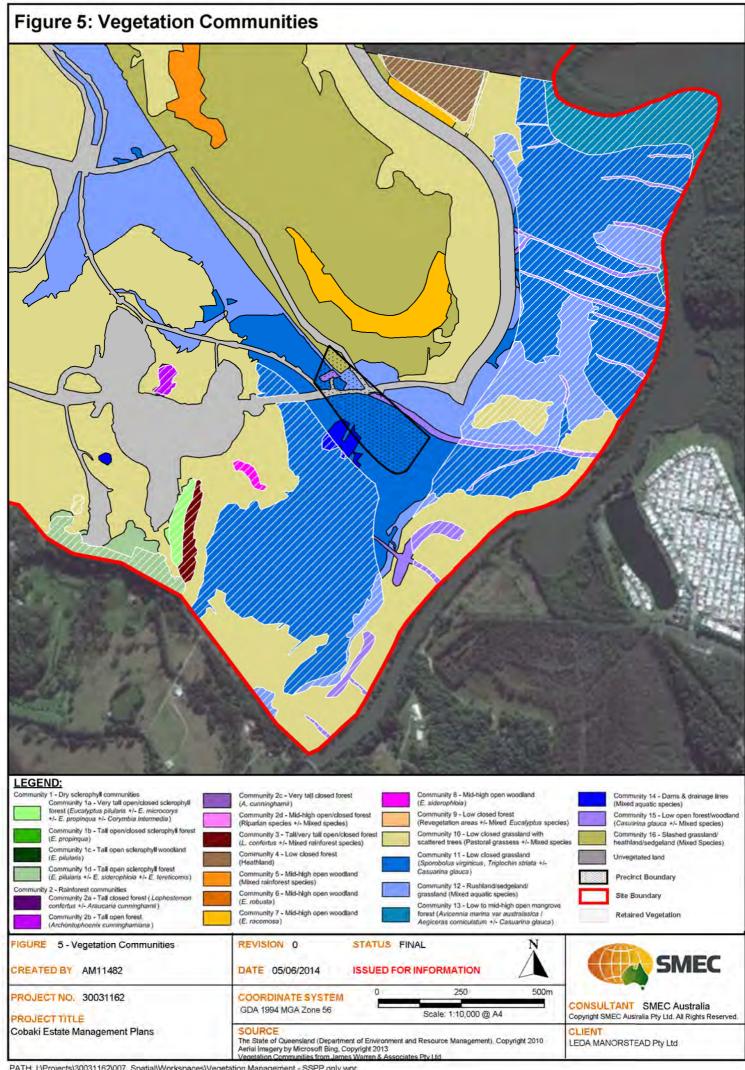
This EEC occurs adjacent to Cobaki Creek on the south-east side of the site and covers an area of approximately 54.63 hectares. This area is subject to tidal inundation. Cattle have previously had unimpeded access to this area which has also been subject to management through machine slashing. There is a minor incursion of introduced grasses and weeds. A total of 9.69 hectares of Coastal Saltmarsh is to be removed from the site, of which approximately 3.25 hectares is located in the southern portion of the SSPP.

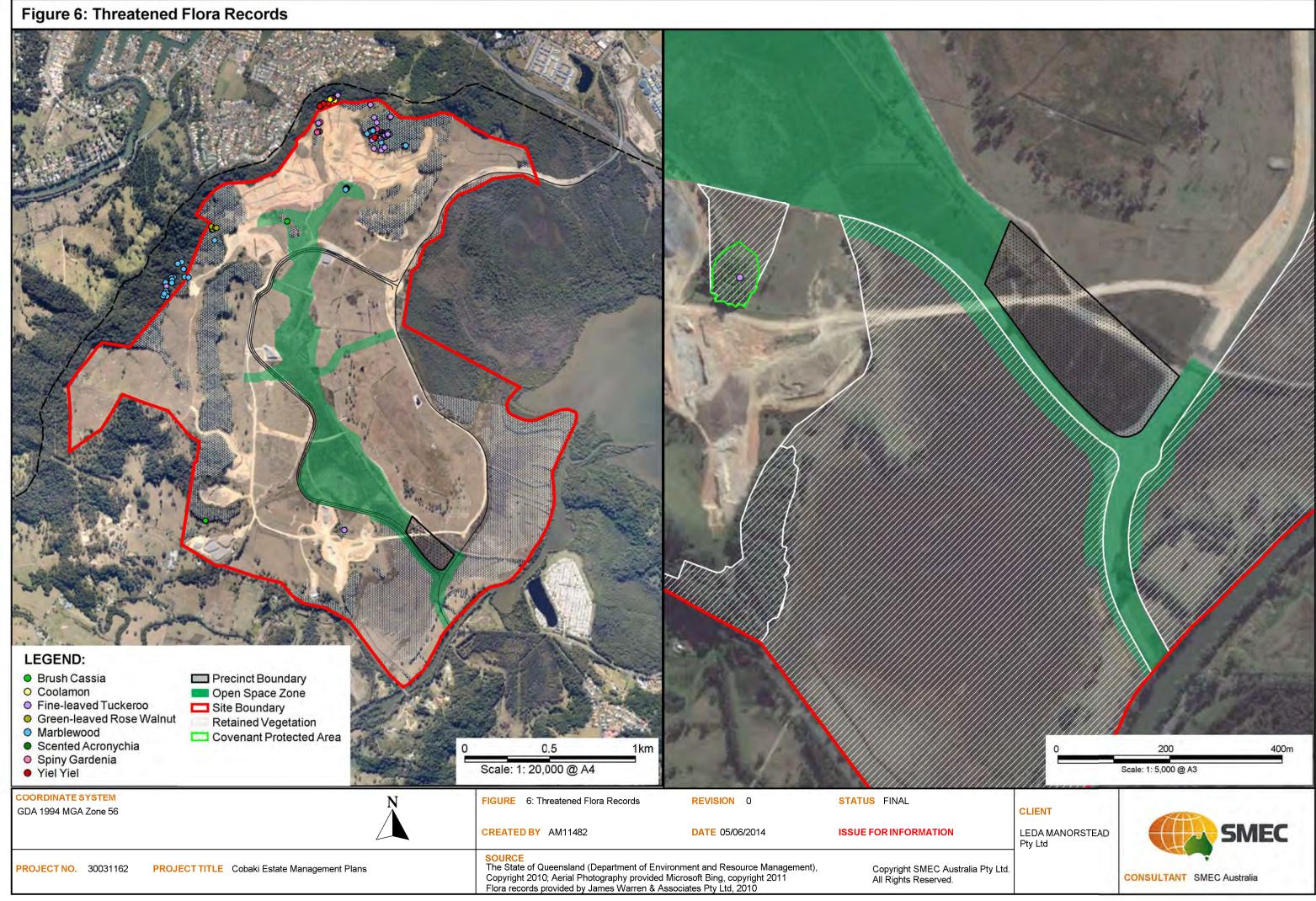
The area of impacts for each EEC is shown in **Table 4** above. These figures are based on baseline data (JWA, 2009) and may not be indicative of the current site, as some clearing has already occurred since 2010 under existing approvals. Therefore, the table describes the area of EEC that either has been cleared since 2010. The EEC areas to be cleared will be clearly delineated once accurate on-ground survey is complete.

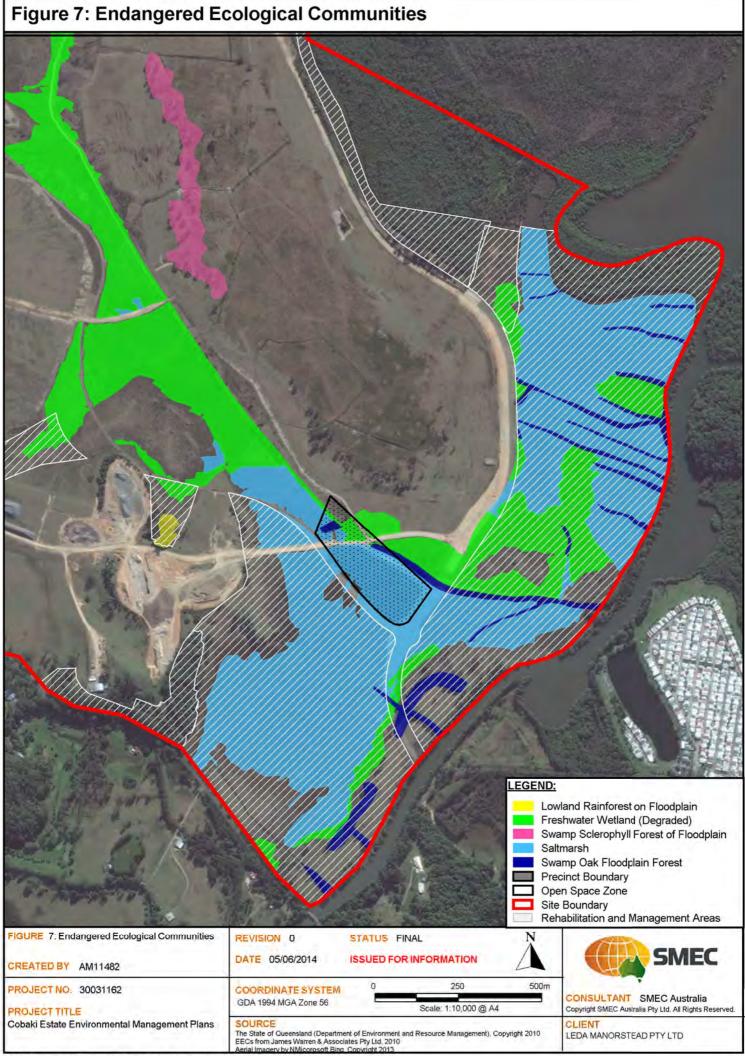
Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest

This EEC occurs in association with drainage lines that flow into Cobaki Creek on the south-eastern site boundary and covers an area of approximately 4.5 hectares. 0.17 hectares of Swamp oak floodplain forest EEC (3.7%) will be removed from within the SSPP. It is worth noting that this community occurs along the edges of constructed drains and the area was previously actively grazed by cattle, resulting in introduced grasses and agricultural weeds in some areas.

As previously reported (JWA, 2012), the removal of 16% of the Swamp oak floodplain forest across the whole site is not considered to represent a significant impact on this community.







3.3 Surface Water and Groundwater

An initial groundwater assessment was conducted by Gilbert and Sutherland in 2009 and a Groundwater Management Plan was subsequently prepared by SMEC (May, 2012) for the wider Cobaki site.

A Surface water monitoring board is located within the SSPP. This location is influenced by marine waters. Water is was neutral to slightly acidic, brackish to saline with high chloride and sulfate concentrations, generally consistent with surrounding and upstream groundwater (SMEC, 2012). Water flows in a south-easterly direction, through the Saltmarsh Rehabilitation Area towards Cobaki Creek. The SSPP is also adjacent to Dunn's drain, the site's major outlet into Cobaki Creek. Without mitigation measures as detailed in Section 4.10, works within this area could potentially impact on water quality downstream.

The closest groundwater bores are located 50m north and 190m west of the SSPP. Based on this data, depth to groundwater within the SSPP is expected to be approximately 1 metre. Groundwater is expected to flow in a south-easterly direction from the area towards Cobaki Creek (SMEC, 2012).

Due to the earthworks involved, interception of groundwater is considered highly unlikely. Therefore, potential impacts on groundwater are considered negligible. The cut and fill extents are summarised in the plans in Appendix A.

3.3.1 Disturbance of Acid Sulfate Soils

Acid Sulfate Soils (ASS) are a characteristic feature of low lying coastal environments in eastern Australia, particularly where landform elevations are below 5 m AHD. ASS are comprised of iron sulfides generally in the form of pyritic material that is a product of the natural interaction between iron rich organic matter and sulfate rich seawater present in anaerobic low energy estuarine environments. Undisturbed, these soils are generally present in an anaerobic state within the subsurface profile (below the water table) of Holocene marine muds and sands in the form of potential acid sulfate soil (PASS). Actual acid sulfate soils (AASS) are the oxidised (disturbed) form, which may occur as the result of natural or anthropogenic disturbance from changes in groundwater levels and/or exposure to oxygen.

An Acid Sulfate Soils (ASS) Investigation was undertaken by Gilbert and Sutherland (2009) around the Cobaki Lake site and by SMEC (2013f) across the SSPP. Gilbert and Sutherland identified the presence of ASS south of the lake, surrounding the location of the SSPP. Much of the site is located below 5m AHD, generally around 0m AHD at the site of the SSPP, indicating the potential for ASS to exist at the site. Review of the qualitative screening test results, obtained during field investigations (SMEC, 2013f) indicated that pH_f values ranged between 3.7 and 8.2 and pH_{fox} values ranged between 1.6 and 8.3, where pH_f <4.0 indicates Actual ASS (AASS) and pH_{fox} <3.0 indicates Potential ASS (PASS). Reaction to hydrogen peroxide was rated as ranging from slight to very high. These results indicated that there were some Potential Acid Sulfate Soils (PASS) and Acid Sulfate Soils (ASS) on the site. The report produced recommended suitable lime application during fill placement.

ASS impacts are not likely to be significant in this area, as works will primarily involve the placement of clean fill material in a low-lying area. However, there is a chance that ASS will be encountered, given that its occurrence has been identified. In the event of ASS being encountered, management procedures have been proposed. These are detailed in the ASS management plan and also in Section 4.4 below.

3.3.2 Contamination

A preliminary Contamination Assessment of the entire Cobaki Estate was undertaken by Gilbert and Sutherland, Environmental Scientists in May 2008. The assessment identified several potentially contaminating activities within the site including:

- An abandoned cattle dip that has been capped and has an approved (by Tweed Shire Council) Remediation Action Plan;
- Cattle yards, crush, spray race, sump and pumping station;
- Farm sheds used for miscellaneous machinery, grease, oil and fuel storage;
- Asbestos building products and lead-based paints associated with the construction and maintenance of an on-site residential dwelling;
- Site construction (quarry) office and compound area containing workshops, miscellaneous grease and oil storage, workers' amenity hut and related infrastructure; and
- On site effluent treatment systems associated with dwellings.

The areas where the potentially contaminating activities have been undertaken within Cobaki are well documented, and are not within the immediate locality of the land within the SSPP. Therefore the risk from contaminating activities in these areas is considered very low.

3.3.3 Dewatering

No dewatering is planned as part of the proposed bulk earthworks.

3.4 Noise and Vibration

Construction activities may produce some level of noise emissions causing disturbance to local residents and other land users.

Due to the nature of construction work, noise levels will vary and are dependent on:

- The location and proximity of plant equipment to each other and to sensitive receptors;
 and
- The type of work being undertaken at any given time and whether work involves all machinery operating at the maximum sound power levels.

The nearest sensitive receptors to the proposed works are the Woodlands Lakeside Golf Club, located 800m south west of SSPP, the Cobaki Broadwater over 50's Village located 750m east, and surrounding dwellings located on Piggabeen Road.

Earthworks for the SSPP will be limited to filling, which generates less noise than blasting and excavating as will be undertaken at other locations around the Cobaki Estate. A noise

assessment undertaken by CRG (2013) for precincts 9 and 11 concluded that the sensitive receptors were unlikely to experience an increase noise levels from during excavation, as they are located a minimum of 300m away. Activities in the SSPP will be quieter and are located a greater distance from sensitive receptors. It is therefore assumed that earthworks in this precinct will be undetectable offsite. Nonetheless, mitigation measures have been provided in Section 4.5.

3.5 Air Quality

Dust issues may result from construction activities. Key impacts could include release of pollutants, greenhouse gas emissions, odour emissions, and temporary reduction in amenity to the sensitive receptors discussed in Section 3.4. Mitigation Measures for air quality management are outlined in Section 4.5.

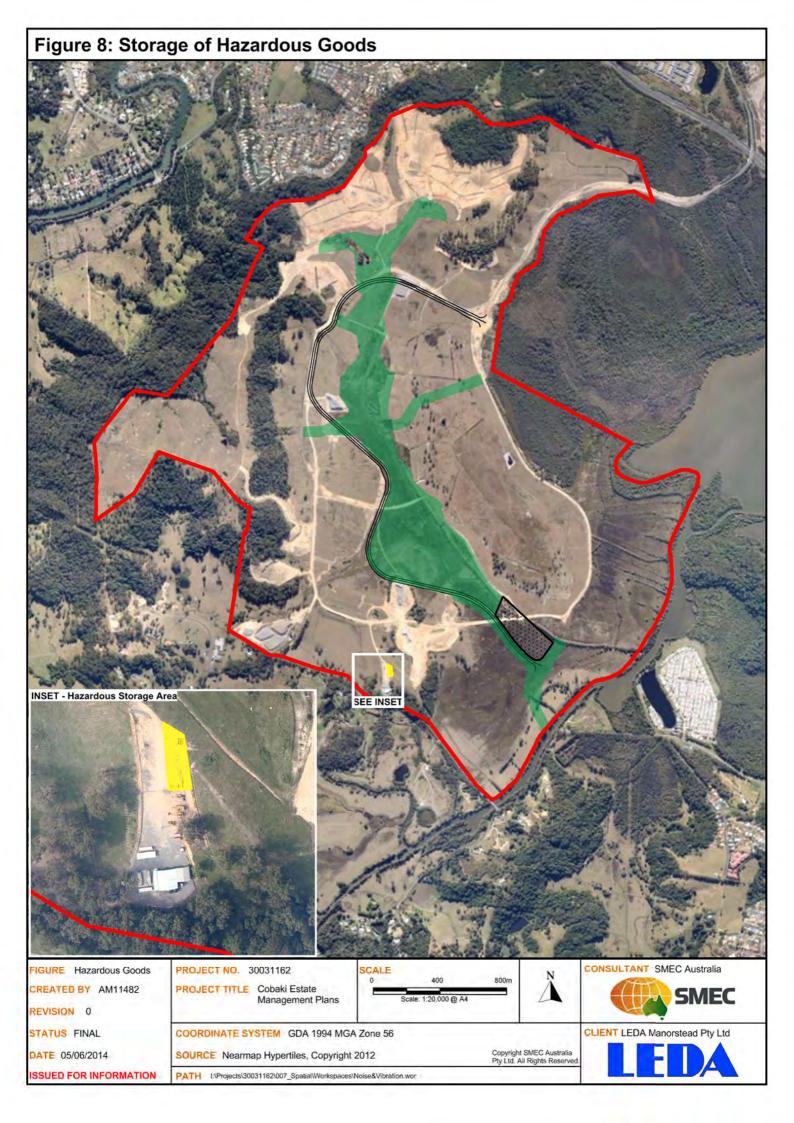
3.6 Fuel and Chemical Storage

Storage of fuels, chemicals, cleaning products, solvents, oil and other lubricants may be required on site during construction. Impacts associated with fuel and chemical storage include contamination of soil and water, safety hazards to personnel and the public, and odour/air emissions. On-site fuel storage will be restricted to the appropriate areas at the site compound in accordance with relevant legislation, manufacturer's instructions, the MSDS and Australian Standard 1940, and will therefore not impact on the areas within the SSPP. Refer to **Figure 8** – Hazardous Goods Storage Area.

3.7 Cultural Heritage

A Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP, Appendix B) was prepared for the site (Everick, 2010) and approved by the Department of Planning under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW).

Under the terms of the approved CHMP, no specific cultural heritage impact mitigation works are required in the SSPP area. These are highly disturbed areas, and the likelihood of construction works impacting on Aboriginal objects is considered low.



4 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND CONTROLS

A detailed construction environmental management plan (CEMP) has been prepared for the construction phase of the project. This plan contains mitigation measures relevant to the preconstruction and construction stages of the project. The mitigation measures relevant to the proposed earthworks within the SSPP are detailed below.

4.1 Fauna Management

Table 6: Fauna Management Procedures relevant to the SSPP

| Mitigation Measure | Responsibility | Construction Phase | | |
|---|---|--------------------|--------|------|
| witigation weasure | Responsibility | Prior | During | Post |
| Parawebbing around vegetation protection areas, as per Appendix C – Earthworks Fencing Plan. | Environmental Officer | Х | | |
| Flagging of any identified habitat features (hollows, nests, etc.) | Fauna Spotter Catcher (under direction of the Environmental Officer) | Х | | |
| Site-specific threatened species inductions for all site staff. Induction will cover issues relating to threatened species, designated and restricted areas of access and waste disposal | Environmental Officer | Х | | |
| Installation of sediment and erosion controls to protect drainage lines, Compensatory Habitat Area and Saltmarsh Rehabilitation Area to be retained | Construction Manager/Site Superintendent Sign off: Environmental officer | Х | | |
| If contractors are to utilise Boyd Street overpass for site entry, installation of signage at the site entry and along Cobaki Parkway to notify staff, particularly plant operators, of the possible occurrence of potoroo. | Construction Manager/Site Superintendent Sign off: Environmental officer | Х | | |
| Ongoing education of site staff through 'toolbox talks', ensuring important information relating to the protection of fauna are reiterated regularly. To be signed off by all attendees. | Environmental Officer | | х | |
| Fencing inspections | Environmental Officer/ Site Superintendent | | Х | |
| Post-earthworks report to Tweed Shire Council | Environmental Officer | | Х | |
| Weekly inspection of construction | Environmental Officer | | Х | |

| site/works | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| Inspection to ensure that operations are leaving the site free draining with no ponding of stormwater. | Environmental Officer | | Х | |
| Maintenance of protection fencing and monitoring to ensure that non permitted activities do not occur within protected areas | Environmental Officer | | Х | |
| Monitoring compliance with the Companion Animals Act 1998 (That no unrestrained dogs are allowed on site during construction) | Environmental Officer | | Х | |
| Contact details for the ecologist/fauna specialist, Wildlife Relocation and Management Services (07 5590 4301) and the Local Veterinary Hospital (Billinudgel: 02 6680 3480) must be kept at all times in the site offices and with the on-site Environmental Officer. | Environmental Officer | Х | Х | |
| Notification of any additional threatened species identified to DECCW (NPWS) | Environmental Officer | Х | Х | |
| No works within 100m of the raptor nests (subject to confirmation of usage) | Project Manager/ Environmental Officer | | Х | |
| Adaptive pest management | Ecologist (under direction of the Environmental Officer) | | Х | Х |
| Annual Fauna Monitoring | Ecologist (under direction of the Environmental Officer) | | Х | Х |

Earthworks Report

A post-earthworks report will be prepared, detailing:

- Information on earthworks operations, dates, procedures, areas;
- Detailed information about any incursion into no-go zones;
- Detailed information regarding any fauna mortality or injury;
- Assessment against the performance criteria detailed in Section 9 of the Fauna Management Plan (SMEC, 2013b); and
- Recommended remediation measures for any incursions into no-go zones.



4.2 Vegetation Management

Table 7: Mitigation Measures for Vegetation Management

| Mitigation Measure | Responsibility | Prior to Construction | During Construction |
|--|---|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Pre-clearing survey of habitat trees, including flagging and GPS recording | Fauna Spotter Catcher | Х | |
| Parawebbing/exclusion fencing installation around vegetation protection areas/ threatened flora species as per Earthworks Fencing Plan (Appendix C) | Site Superintendent Sign off: Environmental officer | X | |
| Primary weed control within rehabilitation and management areas at commencement of earthworks in adjacent Development Precincts | Rehabilitation contractor | Х | |
| Installation of erosion and sediment controls to protect vegetation protection areas | Site Superintendent Sign off: Environmental Officer | X | Х |
| Installation of sediment and erosion controls to protect drainage lines, freshwater wetland and saltmarsh wetland habitat to be retained | Construction Manager/Site Superintendent Sign off: Environmental officer | Х | |
| Maintenance of protection fencing | Environmental Officer/ Site Superintendent | | Х |
| Fencing inspections | Environmental Officer and Site Superintendent | Х | Х |
| Notification of additional threatened species to DECCW (NPWS) | Environmental Officer | Х | Х |
| Ongoing education of site staff through 'toolbox talks', ensuring important information relating to vegetation protection are reiterated regularly. To be signed off by all attendees. | Environmental Officer and Site Superintendent | Х | Х |
| Completion of the weekly construction checklist | Environmental Officer | | Х |
| Post-earthworks report to Tweed Shire Council | Environmental Officer | | Х |
| Inspection for weed species on a six monthly basis | Environmental Officer | | Х |
| Monitoring of stockpiled materials to ensure weed infested topsoil is stockpiled separately | Environmental Officer | | Х |

4.3 Groundwater Management

Table 8: Mitigations Measures for Groundwater Management

| Mitigation Measure | Responsibility | Prior to Construction | During construction |
|--|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Erosion and Sediment Control measures will be implemented and maintained during construction and operation in accordance with the approved Stormwater Management Plan and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (Yeats, 2012). | Environmental Officer to authorise | × | X |
| Vehicles and machinery shall be maintained appropriately with no leaks. | Environmental Officer | | Х |
| Fill material shall be certified free from contaminants. | Environmental Officer | | Х |
| If required, mechanical dewatering of excavations shall be of short duration (hours/days) to minimise any alteration to natural groundwater regime | Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | | Х |
| Works timed to avoid periods of high rainfall | Construction Manager | | Х |
| Possible re-use of water of suitable quality for dust suppression | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | Х |
| Discharge of water of suitable quality into constructed surface water bodies or local waterways | Construction Manager | | Х |
| Treatment or disposal of groundwater that exceeds water quality criteria, e.g.: treatment of turbid water in settlement basins application of lime to acidic water | Construction Manager / Environmental Officer | | Х |
| Containment of polluted water until appropriate collection and disposal to licensed facilities | Construction Manager / Environmental Officer | | Х |
| The Groundwater Monitoring Program (2012) shall be complied with. | Environmental Officer | Х | Х |

Reporting;

The following documents shall be collected, maintained in the project files and made available for review by authorities if requested:

- Groundwater monitoring field sheets containing water level and field parameter data, and sampling, weather and well condition information
- Water quality meter calibration records
- Laboratory reports
- Up-to date data tables and figures (survey data, water level tables and contour figures, field parameter and laboratory analysis summary tables, etc)
- Corrective action notices
- Approvals/licenses for works, where required

- External consultants/contractor reports
- · Contaminated water transport and disposal records

A monthly report collating and detailing all monitoring results, comparison to performance criteria and management/treatment procedures is to be prepared for TSC and the OEH. A copy will be maintained in the project file.

4.4 Contaminated Land Management

Table 9: Mitigation Measures for Contaminated Lands Management

| Mitigation Measure | Responsibility | Prior to Construction | During Construction |
|--|--|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Any unidentified or accidental potential contamination encountered during construction will be documented, investigated by a specialist and remedial action applied before works continue in that area | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | | Х |
| Storage, use and accidental spillage of chemicals, fuel and dangerous goods shall be reported | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | | Х |
| Vehicles and machinery shall be maintained appropriately with no leaks | Site Superintendent | | х |
| Imported fill material shall be certified free from contaminants | Site Superintendent | | Х |

Reporting:

Permanent records of the following activities will be kept on-site and updated regularly to enable audit/review by means of a simple check list or similar method:

- Locations of contaminated soil;
- Records of field tests and visual assessments;
- Records of sampling locations, chain of custody forms and laboratory reports;
- Records of regulatory correspondence;
- Quantities of material disposed of offsite and waste disposal locations;
- Requests for corrective actions lodged; and
- Any changes to construction or management procedures.

4.5 Acid Sulphate Soils Management

Table 10: Mitigation Measures for Acid Sulphate Soils Management

| Mitigation Measure | Responsibility | Prior to Construction | During Construction |
|---|--|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Containment of ASS material stockpile and treatment areas (if required) | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | x | х |
| No impacts to surface water or groundwater quality resulting from the disturbance storage, treatment or reuse of ASS material | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | | х |
| The leachate pH of the excavated material stockpile to range between 6.5 and 8.5 prior to release off site | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | | х |
| ASS material spills to be cleaned and /or neutralised within 12 hours of occurring | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | | Х |

Reporting:

In accordance with legislative requirements, the Director-General will be notified of any incident with actual or potential significant off-site impacts on people or the biophysical environment as soon as practicable after the occurrence of the incident. This will include details of the incident within seven days of the date on which the incident occurred.

An annual report will be prepared that reviews the performance of the Project against the ASSMP, provides an overview of environmental management actions and summarises monitoring results over the 12 month period.

4.6 Noise and Vibration Management

Table 11: Mitigation Measures for Noise and Vibration Management

| Mitigation Measure | Responsibility | Prior to Construction | During Construction |
|--|--|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Hours of Work must be adhered to: Between 7am and 5pm, Mondays to Saturdays No work is permitted on Sundays and public holidays. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | Х |
| Unless previously approved/agreed with relevant authorities, rock breaking, rock hammering, sheet piling, pile driving and any similar activity are only permitted between the following hours: • 9am to 12pm, Monday to Saturday • 2pm to 5pm, Monday to Saturday | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | Х |

| Mitigation Measure | Responsibility | Prior to Construction | During Construction |
|--|--|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Where possible, earthworks should move in a southwest to northeast direction so that a southwest working face provides physical screening to the offsite dwellings to the south. | | | х |
| Ensure that workers are trained to manage the use of noise producing plant or equipment in a way that noise is minimised. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | Х | |
| Ensure all plant is maintained in good condition, with all reasonable and feasible acoustic treatments installed. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | х |
| Ensure that wherever practical, and where sensitive receivers may be affected, piling activities are completed using bored piles. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | х |
| Plant and equipment should be turned off when not in use or throttled down to a minimum. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | х |
| Vibration levels must not exceed the Criteria presented in the Environmental Noise Management – Assessing Vibration: A Technical Guide (DEC, 2006) | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | х |
| All reasonable steps shall be undertaken to muffle and acoustically baffle all plant and equipment. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | х |
| The use of vibratory compaction equipment (other than hand held devices) within 100m of any dwelling house, building or structure is strictly prohibited. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | х |
| Identify nearby residents and other sensitive land uses and notify of vibration generating activities if required. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | X | Х |

| Mitigation Measure | Responsibility | Prior to Construction | During Construction |
|--|--|--------------------------|------------------------|
| In the event of complaints from nearby residents, which Council deem to be reasonable, the noise from the construction site is not to exceed the following: A. Short Term Period (4 weeks) – L _{Aeq. 15min} noise | Construction Manager/Site Superintendent | | |
| level measured over a period of not less than 15 minutes when the construction site is in operation, must not exceed the background level by more than 20dB(A) at the boundary of the nearest likely affected residence. | | | Х |
| B. Long term period (the duration) – L _{Aeq, 15min} noise level measured over a period of not less than 15 minutes when the construction site is in operation, must not exceed the background level of more than 15dB(A) at the boundary of the nearest affected residence. | | | |
| Safety inductions prior to the commencement of construction, including awareness of commitments, directives, working hours and managing equipment to minimise vibration impacts. | Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | Х | |
| Ensure that all site workers have suitable personal protective equipment (PPE) to be worn at all times when near or operating plant and equipment making noise. | Site Superintendent | | х |

Reporting:

- The daily site diary will be used to record auditory observations during site works when necessary;
- Where required, noise and/or vibration monitoring results will be reviewed by the Environmental Officer and kept on file on site;
- Monitoring results will be checked on a regular basis and recorded on the weekly environmental checklist in addition to periodic reporting to Project Managers;
- In the event of receipt of a noise complaint the following timeframes for response will be provided:
 - The complaints register will be updated within the same work day with timeframe for response/action noted
 - o Responses to resident complaints will be completed within two business days
 - Complaints will be submitted to TSC weekly and include details of the complaint and actions carried out to close out the complaint.



4.7 Air Quality and Dust Control

Table 12: Mitigation Measures for Air and Dust Control Management

| Mitigation Measure | Responsibility | Prior to Construction | During Construction |
|---|--|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Areas disturbed by earthworks: Disturb only the minimum area necessary for earthworks of the construction footprint Remove topsoil and rehabilitate disturbed areas as soon as practicable after the completion of earthworks | Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | | Х |
| Topsoil stripping: Tracks used by topsoil stripping scrapers during their loading and unloading cycle will be watered Stripping will occur preferably in damp conditions of practical and during favourable wind conditions | Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | | Х |
| Topsoils stockpiling: Long terms stockpiles, not used for over six months, will be sown with cover crops Drawings of temporary stockpiles including spoil and topsoil will be marked up as earthworks progress | Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | | Х |
| Haul roads: All unsealed roads and frequently trafficked areas will be watered using water carts or sprays to minimise the generation of dust and particulate All haul roads will have edges clearly defined with marker posts or equivalent to control their locations Dust suppressant will be used when necessary | Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | | X |

Reporting:

Air quality management reporting is designed to comply with the Project Approval and Development Assessment conditions, and provide stakeholder access to relevant air quality information and data.

Regular monitoring data will be reported in the Annual Monitoring report for the project. Such reporting will include:

- Air quality monitoring results and comparison to performance criteria;
- Air quality related complaints and management/mitigation measures undertaken;
- Management/mitigation measures undertaken in the event of any confirmed noncompliance with performance criteria; and
- Review of the performance of management measures and the monitoring program.

4.8 Waste Management

Table 13: Mitigation Measures for Waste Management

| Mitigation Measure | Responsibility | Prior to Construction | During Construction |
|--|--|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Soil, topsoil and mulch are to be stockpiled in allocated areas | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | Х |
| Hazardous wastes are to be stored in appropriate containers and transported by a licensed waste transporter | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | | Х |
| Concrete wash out areas located in designated locations and cleaned out on a regular basis. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | Х |
| All other recyclable or non-recyclable wastes are to be stored in covered bins/skips at appropriate locations on site and emptied on a regular basis | Environmental Officer | | Х |

Reporting:

Waste Management protocols for the site will be subject to review and the performance of such protocols will be described in annual environmental reporting. Within the annual reports, registers of waste will be analysed and presented.

4.9 Cultural Heritage Management

Table 14: Mitigation Measures for Cultural Heritage Management

| Mitigation Measure | Responsibility | Prior to Construction | During Construction |
|--|---|-----------------------|------------------------|
| All construction staff engaged in undertaking initial subsurface disturbance will undergo a Cultural Heritage Induction prior to working on site | Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | × | х |
| The Cultural Heritage Protection Areas are Zoned Environmental Protection Areas within the Development Concept Plan, and as such, mitigation measures detailed in Sections 4.1 and 4.2 of this plan will apply, including the installation and maintenance of exclusion fencing as per Earthworks Fencing Plan (Appendix C). | Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | X | Х |
| The Activity Response Hierarchy in Section 12.3 of the CHMP (Everick, 2010) should be adhered to. | Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | Х | х |

| Mitigation Measure | Responsibility | Prior to Construction | During Construction |
|--|---|-----------------------|------------------------|
| In the event that a suspected Aboriginal Object is identified during construction, work in the immediate area should cease, and a qualified archaeologist should verify the cultural origins of the find. Should the object be of Aboriginal origin, the Find Procedure in Section 11 of the Cultural Heritage Management Plan (Everick, 2010) must be followed. | Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | X | X |

Reporting:

- A progress report shall be provided to the Registered Aboriginal Stakeholders every six months.
- A report shall be generated where a find has occurred and been investigated.

4.10 Erosion and Sediment Control

Table 15: Mitigation Measures for Sediment and Erosion Control Management

| Mitigation Measure | Responsibility | Prior to Construction | During Construction |
|---|--|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Erosion and sediment control measures shall be installed and maintained | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | х | х |
| No soil, sand, gravel, clay or other material shall be disposed of off the site without the prior written approval of Tweed Shire Council General Manager or his delegate | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | х |
| The surrounding carriageways are to be kept clean of any material carried onto the roadway by construction vehicles | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | х |
| Regular inspections are to be carried out to ensure adequate erosion control measures are in in good working order and in place | Environmental Officer | | Х |
| Additional inspections after each storm event by the Supervising Engineer to ensure the erosion control devices are intact, and no sediment has left the site or is deposited on public land or in waterways. The inspection program will be carried out until the site is fully rehabilitated to Councils satisfaction | Environmental Officer | | Х |
| Surface water and groundwater monitoring, as detailed in the GMP (SMEC, 2012), shall be conducted monthly. | Environmental Officer | | Х |

Reporting:

Results of the monitoring program, the effectiveness of established water management structures, sediment control devices and the particulars of any remedial measures undertaken in instances where uncontrolled erosion or heavy sediment deposition occurred will be reported in annual reports.



4.11 Construction Traffic and Pedestrian Management

Table 16: Mitigation Measures for Traffic and Pedestrian Management

| Mitigation Measure | Responsibility | Prior to Construction | During Construction |
|---|--|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Existing access tracks on site will be utilised. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | Х |
| Ingress and egress of all vehicles will be via Piggabeen Road and Boyd Street | Site Superintendent / Environmental Officer | | Х |
| Rock shake down or rumble grids will be installed at the exit points, to ensure sediment will not be dragged onto the road pavement. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | x | × |
| Work zone speed limit of 40km/hr is to be obeyed at all times. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | Х |
| All material will be loaded and unloaded wholly within the site via excavators and truck and dog trailers. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | × | х |
| In order to make others aware of the on-going activity signs such as Entry to Authorized Personnel Only, Personal Protective Equipment must be worn, etc will be prominently displayed. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | х |
| Under no circumstances shall an employee answer an incoming or make an outgoing phone call whilst operating machinery or a vehicle. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | х |
| Any personnel controlling construction traffic should do so with the aid of portable two-way radios. | Site Superintendent | | х |
| Surrounding road carriageways are to be kept clean of any material carried onto the roadway by construction vehicles. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | х |
| The work site shall be suitably protected and free of hazards which could result in tripping or falling by workers and road users. Hazards which cannot be removed shall be suitably protected to prevent injury to workers and road users, including sight impairment. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | X |
| Where works extend beyond daylight hours and adjacent lighting is insufficient to illuminate hazards to workers and non-motorised road users, appropriate temporary lighting shall be installed. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | x |
| Where level differences are significant, suitable barriers which prevent access shall be used. | Construction Manager / Site Superintendent | | х |

5 MONITORING

The timing of installation of control measures will be critical to ensuring that environmental obligations are met within the required timeframe and that controls are effective in achieving their purpose. A program of routine monitoring will be conducted on environmental controls.

Inspections of work areas by the site Environmental Officer will provide a means of monitoring effectiveness or maintenance requirements before potential environmental impact occurs.

All post-construction monitoring will be undertaken in accordance with the approved specific management plans. Refer to the specified management plan for details.

Environmental monitoring will involve collecting and interpreting data to verify the compliance of the CEMP, and environmental mitigation measures employed for the construction phase of the project. The monitoring program will assist in the auditing of safeguard measures to ensure they achieve their objectives and to facilitate modification where necessary.

Monitoring results will be used to identify existing or potential problems and where practical, the results will be obtained at the time of the assessment. Where monitoring results do not meet the outlined criteria or accepted levels, a corrective action will be raised and followed up accordingly. All monitoring results and checklists will be filed and stored at the site office and recorded on the monitoring register, and where necessary sent to the according authority.

The methodology, frequency, timing and responsibilities for the proposed environmental monitoring programs are specified in each respective Management Plan. Where practical, a number of requirements from each Management Plan have been incorporated into the Weekly Site Inspection Checklist. **Table** below outlines the monitoring frequencies from each Management Plan relevant to the construction activities proposed for the SSPP.

All inspection reports and non-conformances will be recorded in a centralised register and acted on within two weeks, detailing the action taken or proposed to address the issue.

Table 17 Monitoring relevant to the construction activities within the SSPP

| Monitoring Location Frequency Issue | | Frequency | Criteria | Person Responsible | Further Detail | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--|--|---|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Pre- Construction | | | | | | | |
| Fauna | Overall site | Prior to the commencement of earthworks. | Fauna protection fencing, erosion and sediment control and all other construction environment controls 100% intact and functional prior to clearing and construction (Appendix C). | Environmental Officer/Site Foreman | Refer to FMP within CEMP | | |
| Flora | Work Areas | Once, prior to earthworks | High visibility exclusion netting, erosion and sediment control and all other construction environment controls remain 100% intact and functional prior to and during clearing and construction for effective protection of trees/vegetation/habitat/buffers to be retained. | Ecologist/Site Foreman | Refer to VMP within CEMP | | |
| | | Prior to earthworks | Vegetation protection measures included in the Environmental Induction and all workers inducted. | Environmental Officer | Refer to VMP within CEMP | | |
| | | | Construction | | | | |
| Fauna | Work areas | Daily | Erosion and sediment control and all other construction environment controls 100% intact and functional during construction. | Environmental Officer /Site foreman | Refer to FMP within CEMP | | |
| | Work areas | Daily | Environmental Protection Areas and buffers are clearly marked and maintained for the duration of clearing and construction | Environmental Officer | Refer to FMP within CEMP | | |
| | Work Areas | During all earthworks activities | No injury or death of identified fauna during clearing and earthworks | Fauna Spotter Catcher | Refer to FMP within CEMP | | |
| | Work Areas | Weekly | A general inspection completed for fencing associated with fauna. Rectifications reported and completed. | Environmental Officer | Refer to FMP within CEMP | | |
| Flora | Work Areas | During construction | All threatened flora and retained EEC's are buffered in accordance with the VMP. | Environmental Officer | Refer to VMP within CEMP | | |
| | Work Areas | During construction | No earthworks outside nominated clearing zones. No clearing of or damage to threatened flora during construction. No clearing of or damage to retained Endangered Ecological Communities. | Environmental Officer/Ecologist | Refer to VMP within CEMP | | |



| Monitoring Issue | Location | Frequency | Criteria | Person Responsible | Further Detail |
|--|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | Work Areas | During all earthworks activities | No alterations in drainage impacting on retained vegetation. | Environmental Officer | Refer to VMP within CEMP |
| Surface & Boards 1-4 & Monthly groundwater quality Bores Monthly | | Monthly | Water quality results are in compliance with the specified ANZECC guideline values for prescribed monitoring parameters. | Environmental Officer | Refer to Section 9.2 of the GMP (SMEC, 2012). |
| Stormwater | Stormwater retention basis | Weekly/ 12 hourly during rainfall events (>25 mm)/ when pH is recorded < 6.5. | Water is of suitable quality that discharging runoff complies with the provisions of Council's Design Specification D7-Stormwater Quality, before being released. | Environmental Officer | Refer to Stormwater Management Plan. |
| Noise | | | Short term (4 weeks), LAeq, 15min, over a period of 15min. When construction is in operations must not exceed the background level by more than 20dB(A) at the boundary of the nearest likely affected residence. Long term (the duration) – LAeq, 15min, over a period of not less than 15min when construction is in operation, must not exceed the background level by more than 15dB(A) at the boundary of the nearest affected residence. | Environmental Officer | Refer to Section 3.4. |
| Cultural Heritage | | | Detection of Aboriginal objects or Aboriginal human remains reported and addressed. | Cultural Heritage Consultant | Refer to Cultural Heritage Management Plan (Everick, 2009). |
| Erosion and Sediment Control Work Areas Daily | | Daily | Erosion and sediment controls are clean and functioning effectively, according to design. | Environmental Officer/ Site foreman | Refer to Stormwater Management Plan. |
| Air Quality | Work Areas | Daily | Visual observations for dust assessed, reported and managed. Zero complaints related to air quality. | Environmental Officer | Refer to Section 3.5 |
| Waste | Work Areas | Daily inspection of receptacles. | Waste register is accurate and complete with all waste types (generated) identified | Environmental Officer | Refer to Section 4.7. |



| Monitoring Issue | Location | Frequency | Criteria | Person Responsible | Further Detail |
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| | | Monthly volumes of waste streams monitored. | Receptacles maintained at >75% capacity. No harm to environmental receptors. | | |
| Saltmarsh Rehabilitation Plan | Within Rehabilitation and Regeneration Areas adjacent to SSPP. | Every three (3) months after primary weeding and revegetation works until criteria has been achieved. After this, the removal of weed re-growth and other general maintenance tasks will only be completed every six (6) months for the duration of the five (5) year project. | Canopy closure has been achieved within the revegetation areas; or Saltmarsh or another appropriate vegetation community has adequately colonised within the natural regeneration areas. | Rehabilitation contractor | Refer to Revised Saltmarsh Rehabilitation Plan (JWA, 2012) |

Note: While no fauna survey is proposed within the SSPP for the earthworks phase of the project, annual fauna monitoring is proposed over the entire site, as detailed in the Flora and Fauna Monitoring Program (SMEC, 2013e).



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