

# HAMILTON ISLAND REPLACEMENT FIRE STATION

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### 1. Project Title

Hamilton Island Replacement Fire Station.

### 2. Introduction

Airservices is a Government owned organisation responsible under the *Air Services Act* 1995 (the Act) for the provision of air traffic management, air navigation support (communications infrastructure, radar and navigation aids) and aviation rescue and fire fighting services to the aviation industry. In providing these services, the Act requires Airservices to regard the safety of air navigation as the most important consideration.

Airservices is responsible for 11 percent of the world's total airspace.

Airservices revenue is derived from provision of services for air traffic control and aviation rescue and fire fighting services. This revenue funds our operating expenses and our investment in capital works and other projects on behalf of the Australian Government in the aviation industry. From our profits we return a dividend to Government each year.

We liaise directly with our airline customers to negotiate our long term pricing agreement which is endorsed by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and monitored by industry stakeholders through a Pricing Consultative Committee (PCC).

Capital expenditure remains in alignment with the Long Term Pricing Agreement (LTPA). The program remains balanced between rebuilding and maintaining core capabilities as well as the introduction of new services and initiatives to support forecast growth in the aviation industry.

The requirement to establish an Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) service at an airport is determined by International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Annex 14 and Civil Aviation Safety Regulation (CASR) Part 139H which requires establishment once the annual passenger numbers exceed 350,000 per annum. The scale of the service is based on the volume and type of aircraft movement as set out in the CASR 1998. This is termed 'category' and ranges for Airservices from Category 6 to Category 10.

Categories dictate the minimum number of vehicles to be available, the amount of extinguishing agent to be carried, the discharge rate of the extinguishing agent and the range of equipment that must be carried.



Figure 1: Airservices ARFF presence in Australia

The ARFF service currently operates at 24 airport locations around Australia. This will increase to 26 locations by early 2015 with new services currently being established at Ballina and Coffs Harbour. See Figure 1.

The core functions of ARFF are:

- to rescue persons and property from an aircraft that has crashed or caught fire during landing or take-off
- to control and extinguish and to protect persons and property threatened by fire at an aerodrome, whether or not in an aircraft.

To enable the rescue and fire fighting service, Airservices employs approximately 850 highly trained fire fighters who respond to fires and safety critical issues and provide rescue and first aid services for aircraft passengers in and around airport precincts.

ARFF responds to more than 9,000 incidents per year, including over three thousand first aid calls in providing this vital safety service to the aviation industry.

#### 3. Identification of Need

#### 3.1 Project Objectives

This project will provide a replacement Category 6 ARFF fire station at Hamilton Island Airport. The proposed works will contribute to the increased safety of aviation at Hamilton Island.

The existing ARFF fire station at Hamilton Island Airport is no longer fit-for-purpose. The temporary station and supporting facilities have reached their end of design life.

### 3.2 Historical Background

The existing ARFF fire station at Hamilton Island Airport was constructed during 2006-07 as a temporary building solution to allow for the introduction of the ARFF service at the Hamilton Island airport.

The existing fire station (see Figure 2 below) was designed as a temporary facility and consists of a series of stacked shipping containers with a flexible roof structure and a hard stand area for truck accommodation. Various additional temporary structures have been added to this facility over the years to accommodate increased requirements and equipment.



Figure 2 – Existing temporary ARFF facility at Hamilton Island

Airservices is required to construct a new ARFF fire station to replace the temporary facilities. The new facilities ensure the ability to continue the provision of critical safety related ARFF services.

#### 3.3 Need for the Work

The existing ARFF facilities at Hamilton Island Airport are no longer fit-for-purpose, with the temporary fire station and supporting facilities having reached their end of design life.

Further, the fire vehicle bays and maintenance bays are open structures that are unable to be secured during storm events and expose the vehicles and equipment to weather.

The facilities and vehicles are exposed to coastal weather conditions which has led to significant corrosion issues and damage and increased rates of deterioration.

In accordance with a Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) mandated requirement to provide an ARFF service at Hamilton Island, a new facility that meets current building code and current service requirements must be constructed to support the provision of service.



Figure 3: Examples of corrosion issues and damage at the existing temporary ARFF facility at Hamilton Island

#### 3.4 Description of Proposal

The Hamilton Island Replacement Fire Station project will involve the construction of a new ARFF fire station comprising of the following:

- fire vehicles bays sized to fit two (2) Mark9 Ultra Large Fire Vehicles
- a maintenance facility capable of servicing the fire vehicles including an overhead crane, maintenance tools and equipment, and associated storage
- communications facilities
- training facilities
- storage facilities
- vehicle replenishment facilities
- Fire Control Centre
- administration and amenities facility.

The scope of these facilities must be compliant with CASA MOS139H.

The Hamilton Island Replacement Fire Station project will involve the decommissioning of the existing facilities and make good of the site.

The construction of the fire station will utilise the 'ARFF Standardised Modular Design – Cat 6/7'. This design is relocatable which addresses the risk of stranded assets (in the event passenger numbers drop below the dis-establishment threshold in the future). This delivery method also minimises the cost of design (as it is a standard design) and reduces the timeframes to construct and commission these facilities.

### 3.5 Options Considered

### 3.5.1 Refurbishment Option

Refurbishment of the existing facilities is not a viable option. The existing facilities were constructed as a temporary structure in 2006 using shipping containers, which are now four years beyond expected life, and have experienced significant corrosion.

### 3.5.2 Scoping Options

The proposed design for the facility is based on the Airservices Category 6/7 Standardised Design. The Standardised Design is based on a standard repeatable modular design/structure.

An internal project was established to develop the Standardised Design to provide cost efficiencies in building new ARFF fire stations. This project took the functional and operational requirements outlined in the CASRs, MOS 139H and the Airservices (ARFF) Enterprise Agreement 2013-2017 and developed a standardised design that can be repeated at locations across the country. This project involved consultation with subject matter experts, regulators, airport authorities, engineers, architects, and unions.

The overall standardised design is localised and modified to take into consideration any site specific geography, location, interaction with other airport users, critical aircraft volumes, and staff employment conditions.

The standardised design was first successfully applied to the newly constructed ARFF fire stations in Gladstone (Queensland) and Newman (Western Australia), and is currently being applied to fire stations under construction in Coffs Harbour (NSW) and Ballina (NSW).

The standardised design has been specifically adjusted for Hamilton Island to reduce overall footprint and floor space to 120m<sup>2</sup> due to the Fly-In-Fly-Out (FIFO) staffing arrangements in Hamilton Island and the feedback received from Hamilton Island Enterprises.

#### 3.6 Reasons for Adopting Proposed Works

The existing facilities do not meet current standards and have been severely impacted by corrosion caused by the costal environment.

CASR Part 139H regulates that an ARFF service must be provided at aerodromes where more than 350,000 passengers passed though on air transport flights during the previous financial year. Hamilton Island Airport passenger figures for August 2014 were 485,372. In the previous six years the lowest passenger numbers at Hamilton Island were 439,579 (January 2013) and current indications for Hamilton Island passenger

numbers are expected to remain at present levels and any movements will be in line with regional tourism. The construction of a replacement station is therefore justified.

### 3.7 Environmental Impact Assessment

An Environmental Assessment has been carried out for the site and a Construction Environmental Management Plan prepared for the works. See Attachment 2.

The key points identified in the Environmental Assessment are:

- the site is reclaimed, cleared exotic grassland frequently disturbed (mowed)
- no Matters of National Environmental Significance identified
- no anticipated adverse effects on overall vegetation community
- no anticipated adverse impacts on overall flora values
- the site is considered to be of low fauna habitat value.

#### 3.8 Heritage Considerations

No Aboriginal Cultural Heritage was identified during the study of the site or during the site investigation. The site is comprised of reclaimed land therefore it is unlikely that any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage will be affected by the project.

#### 3.9 Consultation

Extensive consultation has been undertaken with Hamilton Island Enterprises on the location, size and visual aspect of the new facilities. Due to the facilities being located on a privately leased island and remote from any public developments, no public consultation has been undertaken. The site has been identified and agreed to by Hamilton Island Enterprise. See Attachment 3.

#### 3.10 Revenue

Airservices currently receives revenue for the provision of ARFF services at Hamilton Island. The revenue arrangements will not change as a result of the Hamilton Island Replacement Fire Station project.

Airservices charges airlines and aircraft operators for the use of its services and this revenue funds its operating and capital expenditure requirements. Both the capital expenditure and prices are subject to extensive consultation with these customers and with other affected stakeholders (airport owners). The prices for these services are regulated by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) under the Prices Surveillance sections of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010. Under this regulatory arrangement, the ACCC also consult with Airservices customers and stakeholders to assess whether Airservices capital expenditure is at an appropriate level (i.e. fit-for-purpose with no excess).

#### 3.11 Related Works

Each new ARFF facility is initiated as a unique, independent project once the CASA mandated establishment threshold for annual passenger numbers using the airport is reached. While Airservices monitors airport passenger numbers which are approaching

the establishment threshold in order to anticipate when new ARFF facilities will be required, a project cannot be initiated until the threshold has been exceeded as passenger numbers can fluctuate rapidly, particularly at regional airports where mining is generating significant FIFO passenger traffic.

### 4. Technical Information

### 4.1 Project Location

The location of the new ARFF facility will be at the existing Hamilton Island Airport on a greenfield site approximately 50m from the existing facilities, see Figure 3.



Figure 3: Proposed site location of the new ARFF facility in comparison to the current facility.

#### 4.2 Project Scope

The scope of the proposed works includes:

- establishment of a sub-lease over a new parcel of land for the new facility
- investigation of the new site including geotechnical, environmental, contamination and topographic investigations
- design of new facilities based on the Airservices Category 6/7 Standardised Design and site specific functional room data sheets
- · construction of the new facilities
- transition and commissioning of ARFF services from the existing to new facilities
- demolition, removal from site and remediation of existing facilities.

#### 4.3 Site Selection

CASA MOS 139H specifies the criteria to be used for determining the location of an ARFF facility. In responding to an incident, the ARFF must reach the incident site within 3 minutes. An independent site assessment study was commissioned into the possible

locations for the ARFF fire station with the final site agreed between Airservices and Hamilton Island Enterprises.

#### 4.4 Site Description

The site of the proposed replacement fire station is on reclaimed, cleared and mown grass land south of the runway. The area was previously occupied by a navigational beacon and was also used as a shooting range in the past.

#### 4.5 Zoning and Approvals

Hamilton Island Enterprises have advised that they will manage all zoning and Development Planning procedures on behalf of Airservices due to their familiarity with the site.

### 4.6 Land Acquisition

The land this facility will be built on has been leased from Hamilton Island Enterprises on a 'peppercorn' basis.

### 4.7 Applicable Codes and Standards

The design of the new facilities will conform to the relevant sections of the Building Code of Australia and relevant current Australian Standards and Codes.

### 4.8 Planning and Design Concepts

The Airservices Category 6/7 Standardised Design, and the subsequent site specific amendments made for this project, incorporates the following considerations:

- design Life of 25 years
- location and layout to comply with CASA MOS 139H visibility and response time requirements
- consideration and implementation of best available and appropriate Work Health and Safety design features
- consideration and implementation of best available and appropriate workplace design and amenity
- consideration and implementation of concepts for the long term maintenance and upgrade of plant and major building components
- durability and maintainability in terms of low life cycle costing
- environmental sustainable design.

#### 4.9 Acoustics

The facilities will include an appropriate level of acoustic treatment consistent with the provision of a suitable working environment on an operational airfield.

#### 4.10 Energy Conservation Measures

The facilities will be designed to achieve a 4.5 star ESD rating.

#### 4.11 Master Planning and Site Planning Considerations

The site is located in accordance with the approved Airport Master Plan.

#### 4.12 Provisions for the Disabled

Provision for the disabled (such as disabled toilets and wheelchair ramps to the main entrance) are provided on the ground floor of the facility. Lift access to the first floor of the facility is not provided due to the operational nature of the building.

The Hamilton Island design is utilising a standardised design that has been used for similar Airservices projects (Gladstone and Newman). These designs incorporated disabled access to the ground floor only and were approved by the relevant building authorities.

#### 4.13 Child-Care Provisions

The Hamilton Island ARFF fire service is staffed by personnel on a two week FIFO basis, and as such, no child care provision has been included in the project.

#### 4.14 Fire Protection and Security Measures

Fire protection will be designed in accordance with Building Code of Australia requirements.

The *Aviation Security Act 2004* provides a framework for security of Airport facilities. The facilities will be designed to comply with these requirements.

### 4.15 Landscaping

The scope of the project includes landscaping to provide attractive and maintainable surrounds that do not interfere with the operations of the airport, (prevent loose material being introduced to the runway) and in particular will be designed to not attract bird life which can be a hazard to aircraft. Landscaping will be design to be low maintenance and low water use.

#### 4.16 Consultation with Authorities

Extensive consultation has been undertaken with Hamilton Island Enterprises on the location, size and visual aspect of the new facilities. Due to the facilities being located on a privately leased island and remote from any public developments, no public consultation has been undertaken. Local authority and Council approvals, and consultation with the Queensland government were obtained through Hamilton Island Enterprises.

#### 4.16.1 Public Impacts

As noted above, the facilities are located on a privately leased island within the boundary of the airport, and remote from any areas accessible by the public. As a result it is not anticipated that the proposed development will have any adverse impacts on the public.

The ARFF service is an essential service which must be maintained if Hamilton Island Enterprises is to continue to operate the airport at its current passenger volume. If the proposed development were not to proceed there would be a negative public and aviation industry impact due to current building code permit and potential WHS exposures.

#### 4.17 Impact on Local Community

The replacement station is located on the airport, south of the runway and remote from any public access areas. It is not anticipated that the construction of the new facility or the ongoing provision of the ARFF service from the facility will have any impact on the local community.

### 5. Cost Effectiveness and Public Value

#### 5.1 Cost Effectiveness

The overall budget of the proposed works is estimated to be \$13,387,282, including a costed risk and contingency provision.

#### 5.1.1 Project Delivery System

The project will be delivered using a design and construct project delivery system. In addition to the main Design and Construct contract Airservices will engage independent consultants to review the contractor's designs and progress of the works.

#### 5.2 Public Value

The proposed works contribute to the increased safety of aviation at Hamilton Island. The value to the public will be provided through the role of ARFF which includes aviation rescue, property protection in the event of an air crash, fire management of aircraft during take-off and landing.

#### 6. Associated Attachments

Attachment 1 – Environmental Assessment Plan

Attachment 2 – HM ARFF Site Master Plan – Part 1

Attachment 3 – HM ARFF Site Master Plan – Part 2

Attachment 4 - Floor Plan, Ground and First Floor

### 7. Acronyms

Acronym	Description
ARFF	Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting
CASA	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
CASR	Civil Aviation Safety Regulations
EBA	Enterprise Bargaining Agreement
FIFO	Fly-In Fly-Out
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organisation
MOS	Manual of Standards
SME	Subject Matter Experts



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Attachment 1 – Environmental Assessment Plan

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# **Air Services Australia**

PRN 8681 Hamilton Island ARFFS Site Assessments Ecological Assessment Report

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### 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Project Description

Airservices Australia (Airservices) is in the process of negotiating a lease agreement with Hamilton Island Airport to upgrade the Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting Services (ARFFS) on Lot 8 CP861993. The upgrade is a requirement of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulation 1998*, specifically Part 139H (139.755(2) (b)), which requires the establishment of an Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting Service where passenger numbers exceed 350,000 people per annum. Due to forecasted increases in passenger numbers for the airport the proposed upgrade is required to comply with the regulation. The existing temporary ARFFS facility is to be decommissioned following the establishment of the upgraded ARFFS facility.

#### 1.2 Purpose of the Environmental Assessment Report

The purpose of this Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) is to describe the environmental values of the site and assess the potential for impacts from project activities on those values. The report identifies any environmental issues that are required to be considered during the planning, design and construction phase of the project. The layout of the report is identified in Table 1

Table 1 Layout of the Environmental Assessment Report

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### 1.1 Scope and Limitations

GHD has been commissioned to undertake a range of environmental related works required to support the lease negotiations. These works are:

- Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) (this report)
- Additional components of the Environmental Investigation
  - Environmental Management Plan (EMP)
  - Site Contamination Due Diligence Phase 1 Assessment Report
  - Site Contamination Due Diligence Phase 2 Assessment Report

This report has been prepared by GHD for Air Services Australia and may only be used and relied on by Air Services Australia for the purpose agreed between GHD and the Air Services Australia as set out this section (section 1.1) of the report. Investigations undertaken in respect of this report are constrained by the particular site conditions, such as the location of buildings, services and vegetation. As a result, not all relevant site features and conditions may have been identified in this report. This EAR is relevant to the condition of the site at the time this report was written.

# 2. Methodology

To identify the environmental matters relevant to the proposal GHD has undertaken a three-step process that involves desktop review, site investigation and reporting. This section outlines the methodology used by GHD to complete the EAR.

### 2.1 Desktop

A desktop review of all available background information including searches of Commonwealth and State (QLD) environmental maps and databases has been undertaken including:

- Protected Matters Search Tool under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)
- Department of Natural Resource Management and Mines (DNRM) and Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) searches, registers and mapping including:
  - Queensland Heritage Register
  - Coastal Hazard Mapping (Storm Tide and Erosion Prone Areas)
  - Environmentally Sensitive Area Mapping
  - Regulated Vegetation Mapping (Remnant vegetation, High-value regrowth vegetation, Regional Ecosystem mapping)
  - Property Maps of Assessable Vegetation (PMAVs)
  - Referrable Wetland Mapping
  - Wildlife Online database search
- Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) Road Region Maps and IDAS Trigger Mapping
- Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) State
   Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) mapping
- CITEC Title Searches and Search of Contaminated Land Register (CLR) and Environmental Management Register (EMR)

A review of relevant Commonwealth and State environmental and planning legislation with respect to the proposed project was also undertaken, including:

- EPBC Act
- Airport Act 1996 and Airport (Environmental Protection) Regulations 1997
- Air Services Act 1995 and Air Services Regulations 1995
- Sustainable Planning Act 2009 (S. PA)
- Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009 (SPR)
- Vegetation Management Act 1999 (VMA)
- Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act)
- Nature Conservation Act 1992 (NCA)
- Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995 (CPMA)
- Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002
- Review of current State Planning Policies

 Review of the Local Government planning scheme, the Whitsunday Planning Scheme (2009)

### 2.2 Site investigation

A site investigation was undertaken during an environmental survey on 31<sup>st</sup> March to the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 by two environmental scientists to assess:

- Vegetation type and condition, including ground-truthing of desktop review data.
- Opportunistic collection and identification of species present within the study area.
- Identification of habitats potentially suitable for listed threatened species under Commonwealth and State legislation.
- Opportunistic diurnal visual and aural searches for birds, mammals and amphibians.

The ecological survey included areas that will be directly impacted by the project (project area) and areas of bushland adjacent to the study area (adjacent bushland).

### 2.3 Reporting

Documentation of all of the outcomes of the above has been consolidated into this EAR. Any approvals identified within this Report will be subject to further liaison with relevant agencies and no information regarding the development assessment process or the preparation of supporting information for a development application has been included in this assessment.

### 3. Site Characteristics

#### 3.1 Site Zoning and Land Use

The current zoning of the site is classified as 'tourism' under the Whitsunday Town Planning Scheme (2009). The project area is currently part of the Hamilton Island Airport land parcel and is immediately adjacent to the north western side of the runway (refer Figure 2). The airport development is geographically constrained by the geomorphology of Hamilton Island itself, such that both ends of the single runway are located immediately adjacent to the coastline. Land use to the west of the project area comprises a wastewater treatment facility with a vegetated buffer of approximately 150 metres width immediately adjacent to the coastline. The land parcel immediately to the south of the project area is a vacant disturbed (grassed) land parcel formally used for clay pigeon shooting. Freshwater lagoons used within the islands water treatment system are located on both sides of the runway, to the immediate south and south-east of the project area accordingly. Land use to the east of the project area comprises the airport runway and beyond that, the airport terminal infrastructure and road network connecting the airport to the rest of the island.

#### 3.2 Land Tenure

A title search was carried out for the Lot 8 CP861993 (refer Appendix A) on which the project area is located. The land is owned by the Whitsunday Regional Council and is leased to Hamilton Island Enterprises. The lot is also subject to four easements, two covenants, two subleases, two transfers and two mortgage agreements (refer Appendix A for details).

# 3.3 Environmental Management Register/Contaminated Land Register

A search of the Environmental Management Register (EMR) and Contaminated Land Register (CLR) was undertaken for Lot 8 CP861993 on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014 where the proposed ARFFS is to be located (refer Appendix A). The Lot is listed on the EMR for the Notifiable Activity of Petroleum Product or Oil Storage. The area where petroleum products are currently stored is to the north of the project area adjacent to the airport terminal infrastructure and is therefore not associated with the proposed ARFFS facility. The Lot is not listed on the CLR.

For more information please refer to the Site Contamination Assessment Report associated with this project (GHD, 2014).

# 4. Desktop Environmental Assessment

#### 4.1 Topography

The topography of the whole airport site is fairly flat throughout, with a gentle inclination from the centre of the project area to the western boundary of the airport. The site elevation is approximately 15m AHD. There is an inclination (representing the western boundary of the airport) located to the immediate south-west of the project area. This ridge lies between the western boundary of the project area and the coastline and comprises bushland.

#### 4.2 Acid Sulfate Soils

The project area is not identified as being underlain by Acid Sulfate Soils (ASS) according to the specific ASS overlay for the Whitsunday Shire Planning Scheme (2009). The CSIRO Australian Soil Resource Information System<sup>1</sup> indicates that site is classified as C4 Extremely Low Probability / Very Low Confidence under the National Acid Sulphate Soil Atlas. The project area is within the 5m Australian Height Datum (AHD) range however is comprised of fill material as the airport site was constructed on reclaimed land. It is very unlikely the proposed development will disturb any ASS or PASS. For more details please refer to the accompanying Site Contamination Assessment Report (GHD, 2014) for this project.

#### 4.3 Coastal Areas

The project area is not identified as occurring within an area that may be inundated by a flood on the Whitsunday Shire Planning Scheme (2009).

The project area is not located within a Coastal Management District however it is located within an Indicative Erosion Prone Area (erosion and permanent tidal inundation due to sea level rise) as identified by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) coastal hazard mapping (refer Appendix A). The project area is also located within a medium hazard area for storm tide inundation (including projected climate change impacts to 2100- refer to Appendix A).

#### 4.4 Wetlands

The EHP Map of Referrable Wetlands search tool identifies that Lot 8 CP861993 does not contain any designated Wetland Protection Areas designated under the *Environmental Protection Regulation 2008*, however there are wetland areas of designated 'High Ecological Significance' (HES) and 'General Ecological Significance' (GES) identified within the lot and close to the project area. The HES designated area constitutes the bushland are to the west of the project area and the GES designated area constitutes a large proportion of the airport site including the freshwater lagoon areas identified in Appendix A. The Wetlands are considered either GES or HES for the purposes of designating environmental values for wetlands under section 81A of the *Environmental Protection Regulation 2008*.

Refer to Appendix A for a copy of the wetland mapping.

### 4.5 Regulated Vegetation

Regulated vegetation mapping from EHP (refer to Appendix A) identifies remnant and least concern vegetation is located west of the project area. This Regional Ecosystem is mapped as RE 8.1.1 and described as mangrove closed forest of marine clay plains and estuaries.

http://www.asris.csiro.au/mapping/viewer.htm57

However the field investigation has identified that the vegetation present at this location does not reflect the current RE mapping for this location. The vegetation and geology aligns with the attributes of RE 8.12.26 which is described as modified *Corymbia tessellaris* and/or *Eucalyptus tereticornis* open forest on hill slopes of islands and near coastal areas, on Mesozoic to Proterozoic igneous rocks, and Tertiary acid to intermediate volcanics. Refer to section 5.2 for additional details.

Essential habitat for the coastal sheathtail bat (*Taphozous australis*) is identified on regulated vegetation mapping administered by the EHP (refer Appendix A) as occurring within the same area identified as RE 8.1.1 above, i.e. the bushland adjacent to the project area.

No high value regrowth is mapped as occurring within the project area or in adjacent areas. Requirements for clearing of native vegetation are outlined in section 7.2.3.

#### 4.6 Matters of National Environmental Significance

An EPBC Act Protected Matters search was undertaken for the project area (refer to coordinates in Appendix A ) with a buffer zone of 2 km.

The search results indicated the following:

- potential for 15 listed threatened species to utilise the search area (summarised below in Table 2)
- potential for 24 listed migratory species to utilise the search area
- one World Heritage Area/National Heritage Place (the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area/Marine Park)
- No listed threatened ecological communities
- No wetlands of international importance.

Table 2 Listed threatened species on EPBC Protected Matter Search Tool

Name	Status	Type of Presence	Comment			
Listed Threatened Species						
	В	Birds				
Erythrotriorchis radiatus Red Goshawk	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	Species habitat not identified as present in the Project Area			
Fregetta grallaria grallaria White-bellied Storm- Petrel (Tasman Sea),	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	Species habitat not identified as present in the Project Area			
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	Species habitat not identified as present in the Project Area			
Pterodroma neglecta neglecta Kermadec Petrel (western)	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area	Species habitat not identified as present in the Project Area			

Mammals Mammals					
Megantera	Vulnerable		NA Project area is		
Megaptera novaeangliae	vuirierable	Congregation or aggregation known to	NA – Project area is terrestrial		
Humpback Whale		occur within area			
Xeromys myoides	Vulnerable	Species or species	Species habitat not		
Water Mouse, False Water Rat		habitat likely to occur within area	identified as present in the Project Area		
	P	lants			
Phaius australis	Endangered	Species or species	Species habitat not		
Lesser Swamp-orchid [5872]		habitat may occur within area	identified as present in the Project Area		
	Re	eptiles			
Caretta caretta	Endangered	Species or species	Species habitat not		
Loggerhead Turtle		habitat known to occur within area	identified as present in the Project Area		
Chelonia mydas	Vulnerable	Breeding known to	Species not		
Green Turtle		occur within area	identified as present in the Project Area		
Dermochelys coriacea	Endangered	Breeding likely to	Species not		
Leatherback Turtle,		occur within area	identified as present in the Project Area		
Eretmochelys imbricata	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or	Species habitat not		
Hawksbill Turtle		related behaviour known to occur within	identified as present in the Project Area		
		area			
Lepidochelys olivacea	Endangered	Breeding likely to	Species not		
Olive Ridley Turtle,		occur within area	identified as present in the Project Area		
Natator depressus	Vulnerable	Breeding known to	Species not		
Flatback Turtle		occur within area	identified as present in the Project Area		
	SI	narks			
Pristis zijsron	Vulnerable	Species or species	NA – Project area is		
Green Sawfish,		habitat may occur within area	terrestrial		
Dindagubba, Narrowsnout Sawfish					
Rhincodon typus	Vulnerable	Species or species	NA – Project area is		
Whale Shark		habitat may occur within area	terrestrial		

#### 4.7 Wildlife Online

The Queensland government wildlife database (Wildlife Online) contains recorded wildlife sightings and listings of plants, fungi, protists, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, freshwater fish, marine and cartilaginous fish, butterflies and other priority invertebrates in Queensland.

A search of Wildlife Online was undertaken for the project area defined by coordinates (refer Appendix A) and a 2 km buffer. The results identified 46 records of species. Of these the majority were identified as *least concern* under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (NCA). The estuarine crocodile was the only species listed as *vulnerable* under the NCA, with three listed instances of this species occurring within the search area. Two plant species (crownbeard and the tree tobacco) were listed as introduced species recorded in the search area.

No species recorded are listed under the EPBC Act.

#### 4.8 Heritage

A search of the Queensland Heritage Register indicates that the area of proposed works is not a Queensland heritage place and does not share a common boundary with a Queensland heritage place under the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

A search of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Database was requested on 10 April 2014 and official response was received on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014. No record of any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage was recorded in the Cultural Heritage Database and Register for Lot 8 CP861993.

It is probable that the absence of recorded Aboriginal cultural heritage places reflects a lack of previous cultural heritage surveys of the area. Therefore it is possible that cultural heritage items that have the potential to exist are not listed on the register .Under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act (2003)* and the *Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act (2003)* anyone who carries out a land-use activity is required to exercise a duty of care. Land users must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure their activity does not harm Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage, including cultural heritage located on freehold land and regardless of whether or not it has been identified or recorded in a database. These Duty of Care guidelines should be adhered to during all construction works.

# 5. Site Investigation

The purpose of the site investigation was to locate and identify any environmental values present on site, as well as assess vegetation type and condition and threatened flora/fauna habitats within and adjacent to the project area.

Photographs of the condition of the site were taken, including any features to note within the surrounding environment. Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed ARFFS facility (the project area) in relation to the study area (project area including adjacent bushland) and the wider airport site. Figure 2 demonstrates the location of the proposed ARFFS in terms of the area of disturbance/construction footprint.

#### 5.1 Site Condition

Material identified across the northern and north-eastern area of the project area (refer Figure 1) comprising road base gravel and other fill material implies the area has been subject to previous clearing, excavation and filling. The area to the south and south-west of the project area comprises a grassed area which has established after previous clearing activities were undertaken for the airport development (visible in Photo 2). There is a drainage ditch/stormwater pit running toward the western boundary fence of the cleared area, visible in Photo 1.

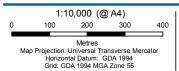
Outside the western edge of the project area, behind a double fence lies a ridge of bushland vegetation leading into the wastewater treatment infrastructure (refer Figure 1).



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Populated Place - Secondary Road Highway Local Road Main Road

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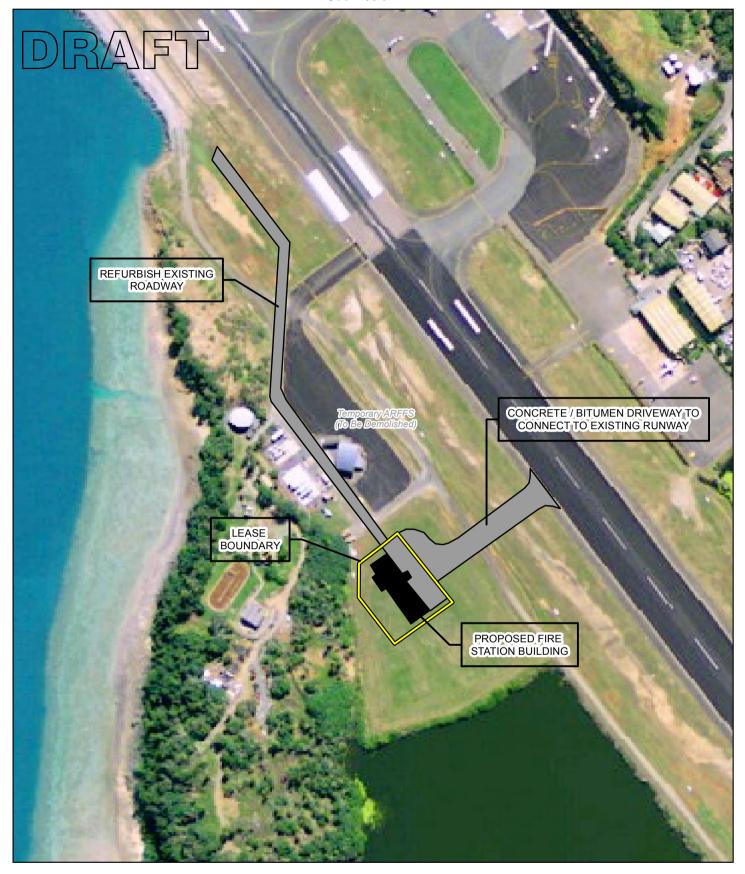




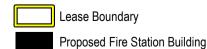


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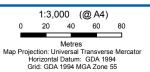
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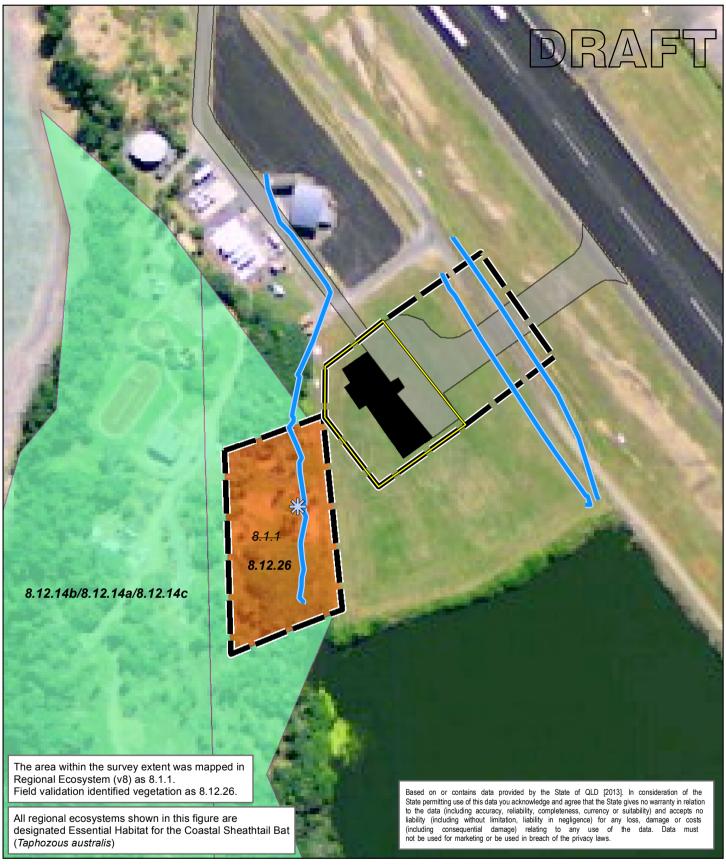






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Ecological Features of Study Area

Figure 3



Photo 1 Southern extent of study area showing drainage ditch running to boundary fence

### 5.2 Flora

Flora surveys were undertaken as 'quaternary' level survey sites using the CORVEG methodology developed by the Queensland Herbarium (Neldner et al. 2012). The habitat potentially suitable for the presence of listed species was assessed.

#### **Vegetation communities**

Two vegetation communities were identified (Table 3) and mapped (Figure 3). These include a grassland area dominated by exotic species and an adjoining bushland area.

#### Flora species

Nineteen (19) flora species were recorded within the project area, of which three are native, 12 are exotic and four could only be identified to genus. An additional 25 flora species were recorded within the adjacent bushland, of which of which 15 are native, five are exotic and five could only be identified to genus or their status of introduced/native is uncertain. See Appendix B for a complete flora species list.

 Table 3
 Vegetation Communities Observed at the Project Site

Vegetation community	Conservation status	Location	Condition
Exotic grassland	Nil	Dominant vegetation type throughout the entire project area	Poor condition, dominated by exotic grasses and forbs including Bothriochloa pertusa (Indian bluegrass), Chloris virgata (feathertop rhodes grass), Portulaca pilosa (pigweed), Mimosa pudica (sensitive weed), Gomphrena celosioides (gomphrena weed), Emilia sonchifolia, Crotalaria pallida (streaked rattlepod), Stylosanthes hamate (Caribbean stylo) and Macroptilium lathyroides (phasey bean).
Modified Corymbia tessellaris and/or Eucalyptus tereticornis open forest on hill slopes of islands and near coastal areas, on Mesozoic to Proterozoic igneous rocks, and Tertiary acid to intermediate volcanics (RE 8.12.26)	VMA Class: Of concern; Biodiversity status: Endangered	Adjacent bushland to the west of the project area	Poor condition, highly disturbed site. Previous eucalypt dominated canopy has died off. Reasons for canopy species death were unclear. Remaining native vegetation include Livistona decora (weeping cabbage palm), Timonius timon (timonius), Pittosporum ferrugineum (rusty pittosporum), Alphitonia excelsa (soap tree), Alphitonia petriei (white ash), Pavetta australiensis (butterfly bush), Ficus opposite (sandpaper fig), Stephania japonica (tape vine), Smilax australis (barbed-wire vine), Alchornea illicifolia (native holly) and Cycas media (tree cycad).
			The ground story and lower shrub layer was dominated by exotic species throughout most of this vegetation community. Exotic species include <i>Xanthium occidentale</i> (noogoora burr), <i>Asclepias curassavica</i> (red-head cottonbush), <i>Seena occidentalis</i> (coffee seena), <i>Crotalaria pallida</i> (streaked rattlepod) and <i>Lantana camara</i> (lantana).

#### **Cleared Area**

The entire project area (Figure 1) has been filled and previously cleared for activities associated with the airport. The ground cover is dominated by exotic grassland that is frequently mown as part of routine maintenance. A low abundance of native species, none of which are listed under

the NC Act or EPBC Act, were observed during the field survey, including *Ipomoea plebia* (bell vine), *Chloris lobata* and *Eragrostis spartinoides* (lovegrass). However the presence of these species will not impede any future development at this location.

#### **Vegetation Communities**

The adjoining bushland that is outside of the area to be developed for the ARFFS facility is mapped by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines certified regional ecosystem mapping (version 8) as least concern RE 8.1.1 which is described as mangrove closed forest of marine clay plains and estuaries (Appendix A). The vegetation attributes observed however during the field survey at this location confirms that the RE polygon classification is incorrect. The adjoining bushland occurs on a hill slope with underlying igneous rocks and there are no mangroves present. The RE that most closely describes the attributes of the vegetation present is of-concern RE 8.12.26 (see Table 3). This area is highly disturbed with significant edge effects present and the ground layer and mid-strata composition dominated by exotic species, such as *Xanthium occidentale* (noogoora burr), *Asclepias curassavica* (red-head cottonbush) and *Seena occidentalis* (coffee seena). A number of Eucalypt, most likely *Eucalyptus tereticornis*, mortalities (from unknown causes) were observed in this area and it appears that *E. tereticornis* would have been the dominant canopy species at this location, which is consistent with the floristic composition of RE 8.12.26.



Photo 2 Exotic grassland in project area. The fenced area and bushland to the west of the project area is visible.



Photo 3 Adjoining bushland with dead canopy trees

#### Threatened flora

The database searches indicate that one threatened flora species, *Phaius australis* (lesser swamp orchid), may occur in or near the project area. *Phaius. australis* is listed as endangered in the NC Act and EPBC Act. *Phaius australis* was deemed unlikely to occur due to degradation of suitable habitat and was not observed including during a targeted search of wetland habitat in the adjacent bushland.

#### Weed species

The grassland of the project area is dominated by exotic species. One declared noxious weed, *Lantana camara* (lantana) was observed in the adjacent bushland. *Lantana camara* is listed as a Weed of National Environmental Significance and as a Class 3 pest plant in the *Land Protection Act 2002*.

Under the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management Act) 2002*, landholders are required to control Class 3 pest plants if a pest control notice has been issued by local government. The Whitsunday Regional Council may issue a pest control notice if the pest plant has the potential to cause a negative impact on an adjacent environmentally significant area (Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry 2013). Environmentally significant areas are deemed in the Whitsunday Regional Council Pest Management Plan 2009 – 2014 (2009) to include:

- National Parks, State Forest, Nature reserves
- waterways with remnant vegetation
- waterways with vegetation regrowth
- Proserpine Rock Wallaby habitat
- Wetland areas mapped by the Queensland Environmental Protection Agency
- Coastal dune systems with remnant vegetation

- Remnant vegetation Endangered
- Remnant vegetation Of Concern
- Remnant vegetation Not Of Concern

The presence of remnant vegetation and wetlands adjacent to the project area may allow the Whitsunday Regional Council to issue a pest control notice. However, unless a pest control notice has been issued by the Whitsunday Regional council, no weed control is legally required.

#### 5.3 Fauna

#### **Fauna habitats**

The project area generally has low fauna habitat values, due to previous large scale clearing, routine maintenance which includes slashing of regrowth native vegetation, and the presence of the airfield (which results in regular noise and disturbance from aviation and related vehicles).

Bushland and a freshwater dam adjacent to the project area have moderate fauna values, with the presence of habitat suitable for terrestrial bushland species, waterbirds and aquatic species.

The main habitat types are discussed in Table 4.

Table 4 Identified Habitat Types and Assessment

Habitat types	Habitat characteristics
Exotic grassland	Land at the project site has been previously cleared and is routinely slashed to minimise the occurrence of fauna adjacent to the airfield. It is unlikely the project site would contain any significant fauna habitat value. However there is the potential for species to opportunistically forage. One species, the Torresian Crow ( <i>Corvus orru</i> ), was observed within the project area and five bird species were observed flying over the project area (these are listed in Appendix C).
Modified Corymbia tessellaris and/or Eucalyptus tereticornis open forest on hill slopes of islands and near coastal areas, on Mesozoic to Proterozoic igneous rocks, and Tertiary acid to intermediate volcanics  RE 8.12.26 (currently mapped as RE 8.1.1)	Adjoining bushland habitat with eucalypt canopy cover that has died off. The secondary tree layer and upper shrub layer is dominated by rainforest species. Ground layer and lower shrub layer is dominated by exotic species, most notably <i>Xanthium occidentale</i> (noogoora burr). See Table 3 for more information on vegetation characteristics.  Occasional hollows provide potential habitat for arboreal mammals and hollow nesting birds. A moderate amount of leaf litter, frequent stones and the presence of some rocky crevices provides potential habitat for ground dwelling reptiles. A dense secondary tree layer and the presence of dead canopy trees provides potential roosting habitat for owls, birds of prey other bird species. The habitat contains forage resources for macropods and terrestrial birds.  This RE was identified as essential habitat for the coastal sheathtail bat ( <i>Taphozous australis</i> ) in the EHP Regulated Vegetation Mapping tool (refer Appendix A). No evidence of
	this species was observed during the field survey.  Ten species of birds were observed within the adjacent

Habitat types	Habitat characteristics
	bushland, including the freshwater wetland (Appendix C).

#### Habitat and wildlife corridors

Bushland adjoining the project area is linked to approximately 18 ha of bushland, mainly to the southeast of the project area (Figure 3). This bushland is not within the direct footprint of the proposed project and will therefore remain connected to adjoining bushland and provide a function as a wildlife corridor.

#### Threatened fauna

No threatened fauna were recorded during the field survey.

An assessment of the likelihood of occurrence of threatened fauna species (Appendix D) determined that one threatened species, the estuarine crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*), may occur near the study area. Previous records of estuarine crocodiles exist near the study area and suitable freshwater habitat exists near the study area (approximately 50 m from project area).

No other threatened fauna are considered likely to occur within the study area.

#### **Migratory species**

The database searches indicate that ten migratory species listed under the EPBC Act have the potential to occur in the study area.

- One species, the white-bellied sea eagle (Haliaeetus leucogaster), was confirmed present (Appendix C)
- Two species were considered to likely occur near the study area (Appendix D). These species have been previous recorded in or near the study area and suitable habitat exists near the study area. These species are:
  - Eastern osprey (Pandion cristatus)
  - Great Egret (Ardea alba)
- Six species may occur over or near the study area (Appendix D). Potential habitat exists
  for these species over or near the study area, however the species have not been
  recorded near the study area or, if the species has been recorded near the study area,
  the habitat is only somewhat suitable for the species. These species are:
  - Estuarine crocodile (Crocodylus porosus)
  - Fork-tailed swift (Apus pacificus)
  - Barn swallow (Hirundo rustica)
  - Black-faced monarch (Monarcha melanopsis)
  - Spectacled monarch (Monarcha trivirgatus)
  - Latham's snipe (Gallinago hardwickii)
- One species, the southern giant petrel (Macronectes giganteus), was considered unlikely to occur (Appendix D)

An additional migratory species, the eastern reef egret (*Egretta sacra*), was recorded near the study area during field surveys (Appendix C).

#### **Aquatic habitats/Listed Marine Species**

A freshwater dam occurs approximately 50 m south of the project area. The desktop assessments did not identify any threatened aquatic species with the potential to occur in freshwater habitats. Numerous threatened species that live exclusively in marine environments (including sea turtles, whales, dugong, fish, dolphins and sea snakes- identified as Listed Marine Species in the *EPBC* Protected Matter Search Tool results) were identified as having the potential to occur near the study area (Appendix A), however habitat for these species is located off-shore and not within the project area or likely to be impacted.

#### **Matters of National Environmental Significance**

The Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area/Great Barrier Reef Marine Park surrounds Hamilton Island, and is a Matter of National Environmental Significance. The project area is not designated as part of the Marine Park or World Heritage Area however, and is already a highly disturbed area.

### 5.4 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

No Aboriginal Cultural Heritage was identified during the field survey. Under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act (2003)* and the *Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act (2003)* anyone who carries out a land-use activity is required to exercise a duty of care. Land users must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure their activity does not harm Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage, including cultural heritage located on freehold land and regardless of whether or not it has been identified or recorded in a database. Given the site has already been extensively disturbed and is comprised of reclaimed land; it is unlikely that any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage will be disturbed or adversely affected by the project. The Duty of Care guidelines associated with the aforementioned Acts must however be followed during the construction and operation of the proposed development.

### 5.5 Non-Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

No Non-Aboriginal Cultural Heritage was identified on the Queensland Heritage Register or during the site investigation.

### 6. Potential Impacts

### 6.1 Matters of National Environmental Significance

Under the environmental assessment provisions of the EPBC Act the following Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) and impacts on Commonwealth land are required to be considered to assist in the determining whether the proposed project should be referred to the Department of the Environment. Specific impact criteria are addressed below in Table 5.

Table 5 Matters of National Environmental Significance Impact Assessment

Factor	Impact
Any environmental impact on a World Heritage property?  Although the GBRWHA boundary is located approximately 100 metres to the west of the project area, the topography of the site is such that a vegetated ridge is located in-between the project area and the coastline. It is therefore very unlikely the proposed project will have any impact to the GBRWHA.	Nil
Any environmental impact on wetlands of international importance?	N/A
Any environmental impact on Commonwealth listed threatened species or ecological communities?  The project would not involve the clearing of any listed threatened ecological communities.	Nil
Any environmental impact on Commonwealth listed migratory species?	Nil
The proposal would not impact on any Commonwealth listed migratory species.	
Does any part of the proposal involve a nuclear action?	NA
The proposal does not involve a nuclear action.	
Any environmental impact on a Commonwealth marine area?	NA
The proposal would not impact on a Commonwealth marine area.	
Any environmental impact on an item of national heritage significance?	Nil
The proposal would not impact on any item of national heritage significance.	
Additionally, any impact (direct or indirect) on Commonwealth land?	NA
No Commonwealth land would be impacted by the proposal.	

### **6.2 Vegetation Community Impacts**

The project would result in the permanent removal of approximately 0.11 ha of already disturbed exotic grassland described in section 5.2. As this area has already been extensively cleared and is disturbed frequently (mowed) it is not anticipated the project will adversely affect the overall vegetation community values of the study area.

### 6.3 Flora Impacts

The area to be cleared (exotic grassland) contains introduced species and a low abundance of native species, none of which are listed under the NC or EPBC Act. The project is therefore not expected to adversely impact the overall flora values of the study area.

### **6.4** Fauna Impacts

The area to be cleared occurs on the edge of the existing airfield, has been invaded by exotic grasses and is considered low fauna habitat value.

One listed threatened species was determined as potentially occurring near the study area (refer section 5.3 and Appendix D), the estuarine crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*). Previous records from Wildlife online of estuarine crocodiles exist near the study area and suitable freshwater habitat exists near the study area (approximately 50 m from project area). Given the area to be cleared is terrestrial and already highly disturbed it is unlikely the project will cause any adverse impacts to this species.

The adjacent bushland to the west of the project area was identified during the desktop assessment as being essential habitat for the coastal sheathtail bat (*Taphozous australis*). Evidence of this species was not recorded during the field study and it is not expected that the project will cause any adverse impacts to this species or essential habitat for this species.

### 6.5 Water Quality

As AFFF can draft and become airborne there is potential for localised water quality impacts to arise from the construction and operation of the proposed ARFFS facility. Water quality impacts are to be managed via the implementation of the associated CEMP for this project (GHD, 2014).

### 6.6 Management to reduce impacts

The impacts identified in this section will be identified in the Environmental Management Plan (GHD, 2014) to be implemented for the construction phase of the project. This will address a range of measures for matters including but not limited to flora and fauna, waste, cultural heritage, water quality and contamination.

## 7. Legislation

This section outlines legislation that may be relevant to the proposed development at Hamilton Island Airport. It is outside the scope of this EAR to determine whether the proposed development will trigger State Planning mechanisms (such as a Material Change of Use application under the SPA) however environmental legislation considerations are discussed in the following section.

#### 7.1 Commonwealth

#### 7.1.1 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

The EPBC Act is the Commonwealth's principal piece of environmental protection legislation. It provides a national framework for the protection of the Australian environment and its unique biodiversity. Specifically, the EPBC Act aims to protect the environment by reducing significant impacts to matters of national environmental significance (MNES), these being:

- World heritage properties
- National heritage places
- Wetlands of international importance (listed under the Ramsar Convention)
- Listed threatened species and ecological communities
- Migratory species (protected under international agreements)
- Commonwealth marine areas
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park
- Nuclear actions (including uranium mines)
- A water resource, in relation to coal seam gas development and large coal mining development.

The project is not expected to impact on any identified MNES in the study area and as such a referral under the EPBC Act is not considered to be required. Presence of identified MNES in the Study Area is discussed in section 4.6 and impacts to MNES in the study area are discussed in section 6.1.

# 7.1.2 Airport Act 1996 and Airports (Environment Protection) Regulations 1997

Part 14 of the *Airport Act 1996* sets out the provisions for air traffic services and aerodrome rescue and firefighting services. This states air traffic services, and aerodrome rescue and firefighting services, must not be provided at airports without the approval of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA). Specifically, an airport-lessee company for an airport must not provide or cause to permit aerodrome rescue and firefighting services to be provided unless the services are provided by a person approved or licensed, by the CASA under regulations made under section 98 of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*, to provide the services; or the Australian Defence Force.

The objects of these Regulations are to establish, in conjunction with national environment protection measures made under section 14 of the *National Environment Protection Council Act* 1994, a Commonwealth system of regulation of, and accountability for, activities at airports that

generate, or have potential to generate pollution; or excessive noise; and to promote improving environmental management practices for activities carried out at airport sites.

The Regulation sets out duty of operators and should be incorporated into any site based management planning for the proposed ARFFS.

The Branch's primary responsibility is the regulation of 21 leased federal airports on Commonwealth land. The Branch administers the *Airports Act 1996*, its associated regulations and the airport head leases.

These leased airports are regulated under the Commonwealth *Airports Act 1996*, and therefore are not subject to state/territory or local government planning and building laws. Hamilton Island is not identified as a leased federal airport and as such the provisions of the *Airport Act 1996* and environmental management controls outlined in the *Airports (Environment Protection) Regulations 1997* are not applicable in this instance.

#### 7.1.3 Air Services Act 1995 and Air Services Regulations 1995

Airservices is a Commonwealth statutory authority responsible for providing safe and efficient management of Australia's airspace. This includes the provision of air traffic and navigational services and associated aeronautical information essential to both the domestic and international aviation industries.

The Air Services Regulations 1995 set out the functions of the ARFFS. These are:

- To conduct operations to rescue persons and property from an aircraft that, as the result of an incident at, or in the vicinity of an aerodrome, has crashed or caught fire; and
- To conduct operations to control and extinguish, and to protect persons and property threatened by:
  - A fire at an aerodrome, whether in an aircraft or elsewhere
  - A fire in the vicinity of an aerodrome that is in, or that started in, an aircraft.

The *Air Services Act 1995* is an Act specific to the functions and powers of Airservices in carrying out its operations across Australia. Section 19 of the *Air Services Act 1995* relates to immunity of Airservices from State and Territory land use laws. This sets out that a land use law does not apply in relation to Airservices, the property or transactions of Airservices or any act or thing done by or on behalf of Airservices. Under Section 19 (4) of the *Air Services Act 1995*, Land use law means a law of a State or Territory, to the extent that the law relates to:

- a. the use or proposed use of land or premises or
- b. the environmental consequences of the use of land or premises.

It can be concluded therefore that the *Air Services Act 1995* and the *Air Services Regulations 1995* dictate that local land laws to do not apply to Airservices in the context of the proposed development.

#### 7.2 State

#### 7.2.1 Nature Conservation Act 1992

The *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (NC Act) provides for the conservation of nature through protection of all native plants and animals in Queensland. Protection is provided under the NC Act through conservation of land as protected areas and wildlife protection outside of protected areas. The Queensland *Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulation 2006* (NC Regulations) lists flora and fauna species considered to be extinct in the wild, endangered, vulnerable, near threatened or least concern in Queensland.

A clearing permit is required for the removal of least concern plants, as well as plants of higher conservation status. Exemptions apply under the *Nature Conservation (Protected Plants)*Conservation Plan 2000 (section 41) for clearing a least concern plant on private land where the person taking the plant is the landholder.

With regards to fauna, the *Nature Conservation (Wildlife Management) Regulation 2006* specifies that a Species Management Program (SMP) is required for activities that may involve tampering with an animal breeding place. As no fauna species of conservation significance are considered likely to breed within the Project Area (refer Section 5.3), a project-specific Significant Species Management Program will not be required.

#### 7.2.2 Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995

Work within a coastal management district (CMD) or involving development on land under tidal water requires a development permit for tidal works under the *Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995 (Coastal Act)*. Land under tidal water (tidal land) includes land lying below the level of mean high water at spring tide (MHWS), also referred to as the high-water mark (HWM), within the sea or the waters of any harbour, including any navigable river up to the upstream limit of influence of the spring tide on the river.

The project area is within a coastal area but does not extend into a Coastal Management District and is not classified as tidal land. Therefore the proposal does not trigger assessment under the Coastal Act in this regard.

#### 7.2.3 Vegetation Management Act 1999

The Vegetation Management Act 1999 (VM Act) provides a framework for the regulation of woody, terrestrial native vegetation located outside of protected areas. The stated purpose of the Act is to regulate the clearing of native vegetation in a way that:

- Conserves remnant vegetation that is an endangered, of concern or least concern Regional Ecosystem (RE)
- Conserves vegetation in declared areas
- Ensures clearing does not cause land degradation
- Prevents biodiversity loss
- Maintains ecological processes
- Manages the environmental effects of the clearing to ensure the above purposes are obtained.

The VM Act provides for the establishment and mapping of REs that encompass vegetation community descriptions within a geological and bioregional context and for the creation and use of clearing codes (among other things). In addition, it provides a process for RE mapping changes by the public, and for the investigation and prosecution of clearing offences.

The project area is located in an area comprising non-remnant vegetation (refer to section 5.2) and is therefore not subject to a vegetation clearing permit under the VMA.

#### 7.2.4 Sustainable Planning Act 2009

The purpose of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (SPA) is to achieve ecological sustainability by:

- Managing the process by which development takes place, including ensuring that the process is accountable, effective and efficient and delivers sustainable outcomes
- Managing the effects of development on the environment

 Providing for the coordination and integration of planning at the local, regional and state levels

GHD have not been engaged as part of this project to determine whether the proposed ARFFS will constitute assessable development for a Material Change of Use, Operational Work or Building Work under the SPA. However, section 19 of the *Air Services Act (1995)* states that land use laws do not apply to Airservices or to the organisations property or transactions.

#### 7.2.5 Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002

The Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002 (LP Act) identifies declared pest plant and animal species, and provides for their control. The LP Act imposes a legal responsibility on all landowners to control declared species on their land (subject to certain conditions). Specific management actions are required by landholders depending on the classification of declared pests under the Act, with three separate categories of declared pest prescribed including Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3. Landowners are required to remove Class 1 and Class 2 pests from their property and prevent them spreading to other areas. Class 3 pests cannot be sold or traded but are required to be controlled only if growing adjacent to an environmentally sensitive area (as declared by local councils).

As there is no assessment or approval process, the onus is on the proponent to implement appropriate management measures during construction works. GHD have included a Pest Management section within the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) developed for this project. Any contractors used as part of the development process and Airservices is to adhere to any actions outlined in the EMP.

#### 7.2.6 Environmental Protection Act 1994

The aim of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act) is to protect Queensland's environment while allowing for development that improves the quality of life as well as maintaining the ecological processes on which it depends.

The EP Act also imposes a general environmental duty on all persons (including corporations) such that they must not conduct any activity that causes, or is likely to cause, environmental harm, unless they take all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent or minimise the harm. Airservices will need to demonstrate a commitment to abiding by their duty of care by developing and implementing an Environmental Management Plan, which GHD have prepared in conjunction with this EAR. This EMP should be updated to reflect existing policies or systems that Airservices will require to be implemented in addition to the management recommendations.

#### 7.2.7 Queensland Government Environmental Offsets Policy

The Queensland Government Environmental Offsets Policy (QGEOP) provides a framework for the use of environmental offsets in Queensland, in order to counterbalance unavoidable, negative environmental impacts that result from an activity or a development. This policy is based on the premise that offsets are used consistently and transparently across the State, and are only considered after all environmental impacts have been avoided and minimised and all other government environmental standards have been met.

Based on the project area footprint (Figure 2) no clearing of Essential Habitat or 'of concern' Regional Ecosystems will take place and therefore no offsets will be required under the Queensland Government Environmental Offsets Policy.

#### 7.2.8 Transport Planning and Coordination Act 1994

The objectives of this Act are, within the government's overall policy agenda, to improve—

- (a) the economic, trade and regional development performance of Queensland
- (b) the quality of life of Queenslanders

by achieving overall transport effectiveness and efficiency through strategic planning and management of transport resources. The *Transport Planning and Coordination Act 1994* is administered by DTMR.

DTMR is identified as a concurrence agency to any material change of use application regarding airports where any of the following apply:

- carried out within the obstacle limitation surface of an airport; and at least 12m high; or
- any part of the land is—
  - within an airport's public safety area; or
  - within the 25 ANEF contour for an airport and the development proposed is an
    accommodation activity (other than a single house on a vacant residential lot, short
    term accommodation or hostel), a residential care facility, hospital, health care service,
    educational establishment or child care centre; or
  - within the 30 ANEF contour for an airport and the development proposed is an
    accommodation activity, a residential care facility, hospital, health care service,
    educational establishment, child care centre or community use.

GHD have not been engaged as part of this project to determine whether the proposed ARFFS will constitute a Material Change of Use under the SPA, and therefore whether the above provisions apply. In addition, section 19 of the Air Services Act (1995) states that land use laws do not apply to Airservices or to the organisations property or transactions.

#### 7.3 Local

### 7.3.1 Whitsunday Regional Plan 2009

Hamilton Island Airport is zoned as 'tourism' under the Whitsunday Regional Plan 2009 (Planning Scheme). Under the Planning Scheme, the proposed development best conforms to the definition of 'Special Purpose', meaning any premises used or intended for use for any of the following purposes or any like purpose:

- Ambulance station;
- Fire brigade;
- Local government purposes;
- Police Service:
- Public purposes not otherwise herein defined;
- State Emergency Services.

The Tourism Zone Code and General Development Code assessment criterion identifies development for a 'Special Purpose' within the tourism zone as self-assessable.

In addition, section 19 of the Air Services Act (1995) states that land use laws do not apply to Airservices or to the organisations property or transactions. Land use laws are defined as including the laws of State or Territory to the extent that the law related to the use of proposed use of land or premises. The proposed ARFFS facility to be constructed at Hamilton Island Airport is essential for Airservices to perform and maintain safe air traffic control for the surrounding airspace. Accordingly there is no requirement for Airservices to comply with normal planning processes.

### 8. Recommendations and Conclusions

The purpose of this EAR is to describe the environmental values of the site and assesses the impact of all project activities on those values. This study has taken into account issues from desktop environmental analysis, site investigation and legislative requirements.

### 8.1 Impacts of project activities

The site of the proposed ARFFS is described as highly disturbed, subject to previous ground clearing activities and subject to no previous or current land uses.

There are not expected to be any significant impacts as a result of the project to any MNES identified during the desktop assessment. The project would result in the permanent removal of a small area (approx. 0.11 ha) of already disturbed exotic grassland described in section 5.2. As this area has already been extensively cleared and is disturbed frequently (mowed) it is not anticipated the project will adversely affect the overall vegetation community values of the study area.

No listed threatened flora species under the EPBC Act or NC Act were observed during the site investigation. The project is therefore not expected to adversely impact the overall flora values of the study area.

The area to be cleared occurs on the edge of the existing airfield and is considered low fauna habitat value. One listed threatened species was determined was potentially occurring near the study area but was not sighted during the field investigation (the estuarine crocodile -*Crocodylus porosus*). Given the area to be cleared is terrestrial and already highly disturbed it is unlikely the project will cause any adverse impacts to this species.

The adjacent bushland to the west of the project area was identified during the desktop assessment as being essential habitat for the coastal sheathtail bat (*Taphozous australis*). Evidence of this species was not recorded during the field study and it is not expected that the project will cause any adverse impacts to this species or essential habitat for this species

Overall it is considered the proposed ARFFS in its current proposed location is suitable for a facility of this nature and would not impact upon any environmental values that exist at the site providing the management measures identified in the EMP are implemented.

Further, as the site is an existing operational airport, monitoring of bird species is required and records maintained on site for this purpose. The construction and operation of the proposed ARFFS is not considered to adversely impact upon fauna movements or behaviours beyond the current environment at the Hamilton Island Airport.

### 8.2 Recommendations

Mitigation measures to minimise ecological impacts are primarily related to limiting unnecessary clearing and reducing impacts to the adjacent bushland to the project area. The accompanying Construction Environmental Management Plan to this report should be referred for environmental management measures are to be implemented during the construction and operational period of the project.

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**Appendices** 

# **Appendix A** – Database Search Results



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#### **SEARCH RESPONSE**

### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT REGISTER (EMR) CONTAMINATED LAND REGISTER (CLR)

Transaction ID: 49691460 EMR Site Id: 22253 11 April 2014

This response relates to a search request received for the site:

Lot: 8 Plan: CP861993

This response relates to a search request received for the site:

The site you have searched has been subdivided from the following site, which is included on the EMR. Subdivided new parcels will remain on the EMR unless it can be shown that they are not located near the contaminating activity.

Lot: 8 Plan: HR1923

Address: HAMILTON ISLAND

QLD 4803

The site has been subject to the following Notifiable Activity pursuant to section 374 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

PETROLEUM PRODUCT OR OIL STORAGE - storing petroleum products or oil -

- (a) in underground tanks with more than 200L capacity; or
- (b) in above ground tanks with -
- (i) for petroleum products or oil in class 3 in packaging groups 1 and 2 of the dangerous goods code more than 2, 500L capacity; or
- (ii) for petroleum products or oil in class 3 in packaging groups 3 of the dangerous goods code more than 5, 000L capacity; or
- (iii) for petroleum products that are combustible liquids in class C1 or C2 in Australian Standard AS1940, 'The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids' published by Standards Australia more than 25, 000L capacity.

#### **CLR RESULT**

The above site is NOT included on the Contaminated Land Register.

#### ADDITIONAL ADVICE

If you have any queries in relation to this search please phone 13QGOV (13 74 68)

Registrar Administering Authority

# CURRENT STATE TENURE SEARCH

#### DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES, QUEENSLAND

Request No: 18260054

Search Date: 28/03/2014 14:23 Title Reference: 17660077

Date Created: 03/11/1995

#### DESCRIPTION OF LAND

NOTE

For ease of use and the efficiency of the Register this Tenure Instrument has been divided into separate tenure Instruments each containing details of a particular Lot description.

For searching these tenures you must enter the Lot/Plan or the Sub Lease Dealing Number.

Tenure Reference: NCL 5/2803

LOT 8 CROWN PLAN 861993

County of HERBERT Parish of WHITSUNDAY

Local Government: WHITSUNDAY

Area: 674.776300 Ha. (SURVEYED)

No Land Description

No Forestry Entitlement Area

No Future Conservation Area

Purpose for which granted:
NO PURPOSE DEFINED

#### TERM OF LEASE

Day of beginning of lease

Lease in perpetuity commencing on 01/04/1981

#### REGISTERED LESSEE

Dealing No: 705609860 10/05/2002

HAMILTON ISLAND ENTERPRISES LIMITED A.C.N. 009 946 909

#### CONDITIONS

K1 The lessee shall maintain the leased land free from noxious plants.

M76 The Lessee shall within five (5) years from the commencement of the term of the lease and to the satisfaction of the Minister, effect improvements on the leased land in the nature of tourist accommodation buildings and recreation facilities and an Airstrip of a value of not less than \$15 000 000.00 with at least \$5 000 000.00 being spent in the first three (3) years of the lease.

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M76 The Lessee shall within six (6) months from the commencement of the term of the lease, enter into an Agreement with the General Manager, The Queensland Tourist and Travel Corporation, regarding conduct of a resort on the leased land and the provision and maintenance of a suitable transport service to and from the resort. The Lessee shall thereafter comply in every respect with the requirements of the Agreement.

- M76 Before commencement of construction of revetment or of any other works on Crown Land below High Water Mark abutting the leased land, the Lessee shall lodge plans of the proposed works with the Marine Board of Queensland and shall obtain the sanction of the Governor-in-Council to those plans, pursuant to Section 86 of the Harbours Act 1955-1980.
- M76 If it is proposed to obtain material for filling from Crown Land below High Water Mark, the Lessee shall before commencing removal of any material, obtain an authority in writing from the Marine Board of Queensland as required by the Queensland Marine Act 1958-1979.
- M76 If the Lessee proposes to construct a canal as defined by the Canals Act 1958-1979, within the boundaries of the leased land, it shall, before commencement of construction, apply for and obtain the provisional approval and subject to obtaining that provisional approval, the final approval prescribed by the Canals Act 1958-1979.
- M76 All development on the leased land shall be in accordance with the Town Planning, By-Laws and requirements of the Council of the Shire of Proserpine. All plans of proposed development shall be required to be lodged for the approval of both the Council and the Minister and any other relevant Authorities.
- M76 The Lessee shall comply with any requirements of the Department of Transport.
- M76 The Lessee shall comply with any requirements of the Queensland Fisheries Service. All relevant approvals for the disturbance of Coral or Marine plants are to be obtained from the Service prior to work commencing.
- M76 Neither the Crown or the Local Authority shall be responsible in the event of erosion causing damage to the leased land or to improvements located thereon.
- M76 The edges of all reclamation works shall be adequately protected from scour and erosion by weather or wave action by means of revetments or walls constructed by the Lessee after first obtaining the necessary approvals under Section 86 of the Harbours Act 1955-1980.

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#### CONDITIONS

M76 The Lessee shall take all necessary steps to protect adjacent coral reefs and other marine areas from siltation or water pollution arising from the construction or subsequent operation of any area of reclamation or other works within the lease area.

- M76 On completion of the reclamation and after construction of revetments and all other works required under the conditions of lease, the Lessee shall arrange for a licensed surveyor to determine the levels of the reclaimed land at points spaced not less than fifty metres from the nearest neighbouring point and located at the changes of grade and other wise at the intersection of a right angled grid.
- M76 On completion of the reclamation and after construction of revetments and all other works required under the conditions of lease, the Lessee shall arrange for a licensed surveyor to accurately determine the final position of the completed works. Such survey shall be carried out after first determining the requirements of the Surveyor-General. The original plans of survey shall be lodged, together with field notes, in the Office of the Surveyor-General.

#### ENCUMBRANCES AND INTERESTS

- 1. Rights and interests reserved to the Crown by Lease No. 17660077
- 2. EASEMENT No 602817038 (K468404H) 21/11/1990
  EASEMENT IN PURSUANCE OF AN AGREEMENT DATED THE 23RD DAY OF
  AUGUST 1990 BETWEEN THE LESSEE OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED
  HOLDING AND
  HAMILTON AIRPORT PTY LTD
  FOR PURPOSES AS DEFINED IN SUCH AGREEMENT
- 3. EASEMENT NO 602817039 (K468409W) 21/11/1990
  EASEMENT IN PURSUANCE OF AN AGREEMENT DATED THE 23RD DAY OF
  AUGUST 1990 BETWEEN THE LESSEE OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED
  HOLDING AND
  HAMILTON AIRPORT PTY LTD
  FOR PURPOSES AS DEFINED IN SUCH AGREEMENT
- 4. SUB LEASE No 702711826 03/06/1998 at 14:47 to OPTUS MOBILE PTY LIMITED A.C.N. 054 365 696 OF PART OF THE LAND
- 5. TRANSFER No 704977977 20/08/2001 at 15:07 SUB LEASE: 702711826 CROWN CASTLE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD A.C.N. 090 873 019

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### ENCUMBRANCES AND INTERESTS

6. EASEMENT No 704949497 07/08/2001 at 14:52
Benefiting
THE WITHIN LAND AND BURDENING
LOT HQ ON CP887044 OVER
EASEMENT A ON CP904589

7. EASEMENT No 705191368 15/11/2001 at 15:37
Benefiting
THE WITHIN LAND AND BURDENING LEASE FA ON SP141159
OVER EASEMENT A ON SP141159

8. COVENANT No 709946505 19/09/2006 at 10:26
restricts dealings over
LOTS 8 AND 11 ON CP861993

9. SUB LEASE NO 710992336 12/09/2007 at 15:33
JOHN RYAN NOMINEES PTY LTD A.C.N. 008 801 125 TRUSTEE
UNDER INSTRUMENT NO.710992336
OF LEASE V ON HR1863
TERM: 12.09.2007 TO 31.03.2078 OPTION NIL

10. SUB LEASE No 711286527 19/12/2007 at 09:39
LESLIE JOSEF BOSS
DEBORAH ANN OWEN TRUSTEE
UNDER DEALING 711286527
LEASE J ON CROWN PLAN HR1863
TERM: 12/09/2007 TO 31 MARCH 2078 OPTION NIL

11. TRANSFER No 712059306 20/11/2008 at 11:46 SUB LEASE: 711286527 NORTHAUST LEISURE PTY LTD A.C.N. 070 139 070

12. MORTGAGE No 715174357 28/06/2013 at 14:34 KAINTON LIMITED over SUB LEASE: 711286527

13. MORTGAGE No 713929469 28/06/2011 at 16:07 WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION A.B.N. 33 007 457 141

14. COVENANT No 714328897 23/02/2012 at 12:27 restricts dealings over LOT 8 ON CP861993 AND LOT 1 ON RL7889

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ADMINISTRATIVE ADVICES

DealingTypeLodgementDateStatus713902513DSI/OFFSET14/06/201108:54CURRENT

LAND VALUATION ACT 2010

UNREGISTERED DEALINGS - NIL

Corrections have occurred - Refer to Historical Search

Caution - Charges do not necessarily appear in order of priority

\*\* End of Current State Tenure Search \*\*

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# **EPBC Act Protected Matters Report**

This report provides general guidance on matters of national environmental significance and other matters protected by the EPBC Act in the area you have selected.

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

Information is available about <u>Environment Assessments</u> and the EPBC Act including significance guidelines, forms and application process details.

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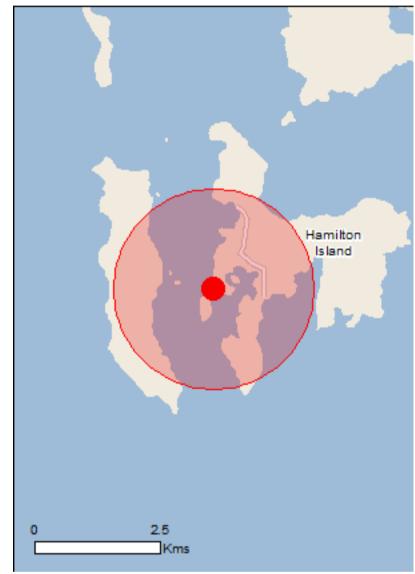
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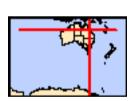
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# **Summary**

# Matters of National Environmental Significance

This part of the report summarises the matters of national environmental significance that may occur in, or may relate to, the area you nominated. Further information is available in the detail part of the report, which can be accessed by scrolling or following the links below. If you are proposing to undertake an activity that may have a significant impact on one or more matters of national environmental significance then you should consider the Administrative Guidelines on Significance.

World Heritage Properties:	1
National Heritage Places:	1
Wetlands of International Importance:	None
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	4
Commonwealth Marine Areas:	None
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:	None
Listed Threatened Species:	15
Listed Migratory Species:	24

# Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

This part of the report summarises other matters protected under the Act that may relate to the area you nominated. Approval may be required for a proposed activity that significantly affects the environment on Commonwealth land, when the action is outside the Commonwealth land, or the environment anywhere when the action is taken on Commonwealth land. Approval may also be required for the Commonwealth or Commonwealth agencies proposing to take an action that is likely to have a significant impact on the environment anywhere.

The EPBC Act protects the environment on Commonwealth land, the environment from the actions taken on Commonwealth land, and the environment from actions taken by Commonwealth agencies. As <a href="https://example.com/heritage-values">heritage-values</a> of a place are part of the 'environment', these aspects of the EPBC Act protect the Commonwealth Heritage values of a Commonwealth Heritage place and the heritage values of a place on the Register of the National Estate.

This part of the report summarises other matters protected under the Act that may relate to the area you nominated. Approval may be required for a proposed activity that significantly affects the environment on Commonwealth land, when the action is outside the Commonwealth land, or the environment anywhere when the action is taken on Commonwealth land. Approval may also be required for the Commonwealth or Commonwealth agencies proposing to take an action that is likely to have a significant impact on the environment anywhere.

A <u>permit</u> may be required for activities in or on a Commonwealth area that may affect a member of a listed threatened species or ecological community, a member of a listed migratory species, whales and other cetaceans, or a member of a listed marine species.

Commonwealth Land:	None
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Listed Marine Species:	66
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	11
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Marine	None

# Extra Information

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

Place on the RNE:	1
State and Territory Reserves:	None
Regional Forest Agreements:	None
Invasive Species:	3
Nationally Important Wetlands:	1
Key Ecological Features (Marine)	None

# **Details**

# Matters of National Environmental Significance

	[ Resource Information ]
State	Status
QLD	Declared property
	[ Resource Information ]
State	Status
QLD	Listed place
	[ Resource Information ]
Zone	IUCN
Dent Island (22058103)	VI
CP-20-4081	IV
HP-20-5197	VI
HP-19-5165	VI
	QLD  State  QLD  Zone Dent Island (22058103) CP-20-4081 HP-20-5197

Listed Threatened Species		[ Resource Information ]
Name	Status	Type of Presence
Birds		
Erythrotriorchis radiatus		
Red Goshawk [942]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Fregetta grallaria grallaria		
White-bellied Storm-Petrel (Tasman Sea), White-bellied Storm-Petrel (Australasian) [64438]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Macronectes giganteus		
Southern Giant-Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pterodroma neglecta neglecta		
Kermadec Petrel (western) [64450]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
Mammals		
Megaptera novaeangliae		
Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Congregation or aggregation known to occur within area
Xeromys myoides		
Water Mouse, False Water Rat, Yirrkoo [66]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Plants		

Hamilton Island Replac	ement Fire Station Project	
	nissioStatus	Type of Presence
Phaius australis Lesser Swamp-orchid [5872]  Reptiles	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Caretta caretta		
Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea  Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Breeding likely to occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Lepidochelys olivacea Olive Ridley Turtle, Pacific Ridley Turtle [1767]	Endangered	Breeding likely to occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Sharks		
Pristis zijsron Green Sawfish, Dindagubba, Narrowsnout Sawfish [68442]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Rhincodon typus Whale Shark [66680]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
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Name	rniealeneu	Type of Presence related behaviour known
		to occur within area
<u>Lamna nasus</u>		
Porbeagle, Mackerel Shark [83288]		Species or species
		habitat may occur within area
Lepidochelys olivacea		aroa
Olive Ridley Turtle, Pacific Ridley Turtle [176]	7] Endangered	Breeding likely to occur
Monto hirostria		within area
Manta birostris Giant Manta Ray, Chevron Manta Ray, Pacifi	ic	Species or species
Manta Ray, Pelagic Manta Ray, Oceanic Mar		habitat likely to occur
[84995]	•	within area
Megaptera novaeangliae	\/lp.o.rob.lo	Congression or
Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Congregation or aggregation known to
		occur within area
Natator depressus		
Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur
Orcaella brevirostris		within area
Irrawaddy Dolphin [45]		Species or species
, , , ,		habitat likely to occur
Orginus area		within area
Orcinus orca Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species
Milet Whale, Orea [40]		habitat may occur within
		area
Rhincodon typus	V/. do e ve le le	On a sing on an asing
Whale Shark [66680]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within
		area
Sousa chinensis		
Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphin [50]		Breeding known to occur
Migratory Terrestrial Species		within area
Haliaeetus leucogaster		
White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		Species or species
		habitat known to occur
Hirundo rustica		within area
Barn Swallow [662]		Species or species
		habitat may occur within
Monarcha melanopsis		area
Black-faced Monarch [609]		Species or species
Diaok lacca Menalen [ccc]		habitat known to occur
		within area
Monarcha trivirgatus Spectagled Monarch [610]		Species or species
Spectacled Monarch [610]		Species or species habitat likely to occur
		within area
Migratory Wetlands Species		
Ardea alba  Great Egret White Egret [50541]		Species or appoint
Great Egret, White Egret [59541]		Species or species habitat known to occur
		within area
Gallinago hardwickii		
Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]		Species or species
		habitat may occur within area

area

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act **Listed Marine Species** [ Resource Information ] Species is listed under a different scientific name on the EPBC Act - Threatened Species list. Type of Presence Name Threatened Birds Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678] Species or species habitat likely to occur within area Ardea alba Great Egret, White Egret [59541] Species or species habitat known to occur within area Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863] Species or species habitat may occur within area <u>Haliaeetus leucogaster</u> White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943] Species or species habitat known to occur within area Hirundo rustica Barn Swallow [662] Species or species habitat may occur within area Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel [1060] Endangered Species or species habitat may occur within area Monarcha melanopsis Black-faced Monarch [609] Species or species habitat known to occur within area Monarcha trivirgatus Spectacled Monarch [610] Species or species habitat likely to occur within area Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952] Species or species habitat known to occur within area Fish Acentronura tentaculata Shortpouch Pygmy Pipehorse [66187] Species or species habitat may occur within area Campichthys tryoni Tryon's Pipefish [66193] Species or species habitat may occur within area Choeroichthys brachysoma Pacific Short-bodied Pipefish, Short-bodied Species or species Pipefish [66194] habitat may occur within area Choeroichthys suillus Pig-snouted Pipefish [66198] Species or species habitat may occur within area

Corythoichthys amplexus

Fijian Banded Pipefish, Brown-banded Pipefish [66199]

Corythoichthys flavofasciatus

Reticulate Pipefish, Yellow-banded Pipefish,

Network Pipefish [66200]

Species or species habitat may occur within

area

Species or species habitat may occur within

area

Hamilton Island Replacement Fire Station Project Submission Name Type of Presence Corythoichthys intestinalis Australian Messmate Pipefish, Banded Pipefish Species or species [66202] habitat may occur within area Corythoichthys ocellatus Orange-spotted Pipefish, Ocellated Pipefish Species or species habitat may occur within [66203] area Corythoichthys paxtoni Paxton's Pipefish [66204] Species or species habitat may occur within area Corythoichthys schultzi Schultz's Pipefish [66205] Species or species habitat may occur within area Cosmocampus darrosanus D'Arros Pipefish [66207] Species or species habitat may occur within area **Doryrhamphus excisus** Bluestripe Pipefish, Indian Blue-stripe Pipefish, Species or species Pacific Blue-stripe Pipefish [66211] habitat may occur within area Festucalex cinctus Girdled Pipefish [66214] Species or species habitat may occur within area Halicampus dunckeri Red-hair Pipefish, Duncker's Pipefish [66220] Species or species habitat may occur within area Halicampus grayi Mud Pipefish, Gray's Pipefish [66221] Species or species habitat may occur within area Halicampus nitidus Glittering Pipefish [66224] Species or species habitat may occur within area Halicampus spinirostris Spiny-snout Pipefish [66225] Species or species habitat may occur within area Hippichthys cyanospilos Blue-speckled Pipefish, Blue-spotted Pipefish Species or species [66228] habitat may occur within area Hippichthys heptagonus Madura Pipefish, Reticulated Freshwater Pipefish Species or species [66229] habitat may occur within area Hippichthys penicillus Beady Pipefish, Steep-nosed Pipefish [66231] Species or species habitat may occur within area Hippocampus bargibanti Pygmy Seahorse [66721] Species or species habitat may occur within area

Hippocampus kuda

Spotted Seahorse, Yellow Seahorse [66237]

Hippocampus planifrons

Flat-face Seahorse [66238]

Hippocampus zebra

Zebra Seahorse [66241]

Species or species habitat may occur within

Species or species

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	hreatened h	Type of Presence	
Micrognathus andersonii Anderson's Pipefish, Shortnose Pipefish [66253]		Species or species habitat may occur within	
		area	
Micrognathus brevirostris thorntail Pipefish, Thorn-tailed Pipefish [66254]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	
Nannocampus pictus			
Painted Pipefish, Reef Pipefish [66263]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	
Solegnathus hardwickii Pallid Pipehorse, Hardwick's Pipehorse [66272]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	
Solenostomus cyanopterus  Robust Chastringfish Due finned Chast Binefish		Charina ar angaina	
Robust Ghostpipefish, Blue-finned Ghost Pipefish, [66183]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	
Solenostomus paegnius			
Rough-snout Ghost Pipefish [68425]  Solenostomus paradoxus		Species or species habitat may occur within area	
Ornate Ghostpipefish, Harlequin Ghost Pipefish,		Species or species	
Ornate Ghost Pipefish [66184]		habitat may occur within area	
Syngnathoides biaculeatus  Double and Pipebarse, Double anded Pipebarse		Species or species	
Double-end Pipehorse, Double-ended Pipehorse, Alligator Pipefish [66279]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	
Trachyrhamphus bicoarctatus  Partetials Dinefials Dand Stiels Dinefials Chart		Charies ar anasias	
Bentstick Pipefish, Bend Stick Pipefish, Short- tailed Pipefish [66280]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	
<u>Trachyrhamphus longirostris</u>			
Straightstick Pipefish, Long-nosed Pipefish, Straight Stick Pipefish [66281]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	
Mammals			
<u>Dugong dugon</u>			
Dugong [28]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	
Reptiles			
Acalyptophis peronii			
Horned Seasnake [1114]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	
Aipysurus duboisii  Duboial Cananalia [444.6]		On cala a sa	
Dubois' Seasnake [1116]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	
Aipysurus eydouxii Spine-tailed Seasnake [1117]		Species or species	
		habitat may occur within area	
Aipysurus laevis Olive Seasnake [1120]		Species or species	
Astrotia stokesii		habitat may occur within area	
Stokes' Seasnake [1122]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	
Caretta caretta			
Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	
Chelonia mydas Croop Turtle [1765]	\/ulnarabla	Drooding known to accom	
Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area	

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Name	hreatened h	Type of Presence
<u>Crocodylus porosus</u>		
Salt-water Crocodile, Estuarine Crocodile [1774]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea		
Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Breeding likely to occur within area
<u>Disteira kingii</u>		
Spectacled Seasnake [1123]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Disteira major		0
Olive-headed Seasnake [1124]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Enhydrina schistosa		
Beaked Seasnake [1126]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata		
Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Hydrophis elegans		
Elegant Seasnake [1104]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis mcdowelli		
null [25926]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Hydrophis ornatus</u>		
a seasnake [1111]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lapemis hardwickii		
Spine-bellied Seasnake [1113]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Laticauda colubrina		
a sea krait [1092]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Laticauda laticaudata		
a sea krait [1093]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Lepidochelys olivacea</u>		
Olive Ridley Turtle, Pacific Ridley Turtle [1767]	Endangered	Breeding likely to occur within area
Natator depressus  Flotback Turtle [50257]	Vulnerable	Prooding known to coour
Flatback Turtle [59257]  Pelamis platurus	vuirierable	Breeding known to occur within area
Yellow-bellied Seasnake [1091]		Species or species
Tellow-bellied deastrake [1001]		habitat may occur within area
Whales and other Cetaceans		[ Resource Information ]
Name	Status	Type of Presence
Mammals		
Balaenoptera acutorostrata		
Minke Whale [33]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Balaenoptera edeni Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species
		habitat may occur within area
Delphinus delphis Common Dophin, Short-beaked Common		Species or species
Dolphin [60]		habitat may occur within area

Hamilton Island F	Replacement Fire Station Project	
Name	Submission Floject Submission Floject	Type of Presence
Grampus griseus		
Risso's Dolphin, Grampus [64]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Megaptera novaeangliae		
Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Congregation or aggregation known to occur within area
Orcaella brevirostris		
Irrawaddy Dolphin [45]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Orcinus orca		
Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Sousa chinensis		
Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphin [50]		Breeding known to occur within area
Stenella attenuata		
Spotted Dolphin, Pantropical Spotted Dolphin [51]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Tursiops aduncus		
Indian Ocean Bottlenose Dolphin, Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin [68418]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Tursiops truncatus s. str.		
Bottlenose Dolphin [68417]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

# **Extra Information**

Places on the RNE		[ Resource Information ]
Note that not all Indigenous sites may be listed.		
Name	State	Status
Natural		
Great Barrier Reef Region	QLD	Registered
Invasive Species		[ Resource Information ]

# Weeds reported here are the 20 species of national significance (WoNS), along with other introduced

plants that are considered by the States and Territories to pose a particularly significant threat to biodiversity. The following feral animals are reported: Goat, Red Fox, Cat, Rabbit, Pig, Water Buffalo and Cane Toad. Maps from Landscape Health Project, National Land and Water Resouces Audit, 2001.

2001.		
Name	Status	Type of Presence
Mammals		
Capra hircus		
Goat [2]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Feral deer		
Feral deer species in Australia [85733]		Species or species
		habitat likely to occur within area
Reptiles		
Reptiles Lepidodactylus lugubris		

Name	Hamilton Island Replacement Fire Station Project Submission Status Type of Presence		
		within area	
Nationally Important Wetlands		[ Resource Information ]	
Name		State	

QLD

**Great Barrier Reef Marine Park** 

# Coordinates

-20.35954 148.94713

## Caveat

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

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

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

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are derived from recovery plans, State vegetation maps, remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

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

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

- migratory and
- marine

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

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

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

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

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

# Acknowledgements

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- -Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, Tasmania
- -Department of Environment and Natural Resources, South Australia
- -Parks and Wildlife Service NT, NT Dept of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts
- -Environmental and Resource Management, Queensland
- -Department of Environment and Conservation, Western Australia
- -Department of the Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Water
- -Birds Australia
- -Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme
- -Australian National Wildlife Collection
- -Natural history museums of Australia
- -Museum Victoria
- -Australian Museum
- -SA Museum
- -Queensland Museum
- -Online Zoological Collections of Australian Museums
- -Queensland Herbarium
- -National Herbarium of NSW
- -Royal Botanic Gardens and National Herbarium of Victoria
- -Tasmanian Herbarium
- -State Herbarium of South Australia
- -Northern Territory Herbarium
- -Western Australian Herbarium
- -Australian National Herbarium, Atherton and Canberra
- -University of New England
- -Ocean Biogeographic Information System
- -Australian Government, Department of Defence
- -State Forests of NSW
- -Geoscience Australia
- -CSIRO
- -Other groups and individuals

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### Wildlife Online Extract

Search Criteria: Species List for a Specified Point

Species: All Type: All

Status: All

Records: All

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Distance: 2

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Date submitted: Friday 28 Mar 2014 14:12:45 Date extracted: Friday 28 Mar 2014 14:20:06

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Hamilton Island Replacement Fire Station Project										
Kingdom	Class	Family	Scientific Name Submission 1	Common Name		Q	Α	Records		
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animals	birds	Accipitridae	Haliastur indus	brahminy kite		С		3		
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animals	birds	Accipitridae	Haliaeetus leucogaster	white-bellied sea-eagle		С		1		
animals	birds	Anatidae	Anas superciliosa	Pacific black duck		С		1		
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animals	birds	Corvidae	Corvus orru	Torresian crow		С		3		
animals	birds	Cuculidae	Centropus phasianinus	pheasant coucal		С		2		
animals	birds	Cuculidae	Chalcites lucidus	shining bronze-cuckoo		С		1		
animals	birds	Haematopodidae	Haematopus longirostris	Australian pied oystercatcher		С		4		
animals	birds	Halcyonidae	Dacelo novaeguineae	laughing kookaburra		С		2		
animals	birds	Hirundinidae	Hirundo neoxena	welcome swallow		С		1		
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animals	reptiles	Boidae	Morelia spilota	carpet python		C		1		
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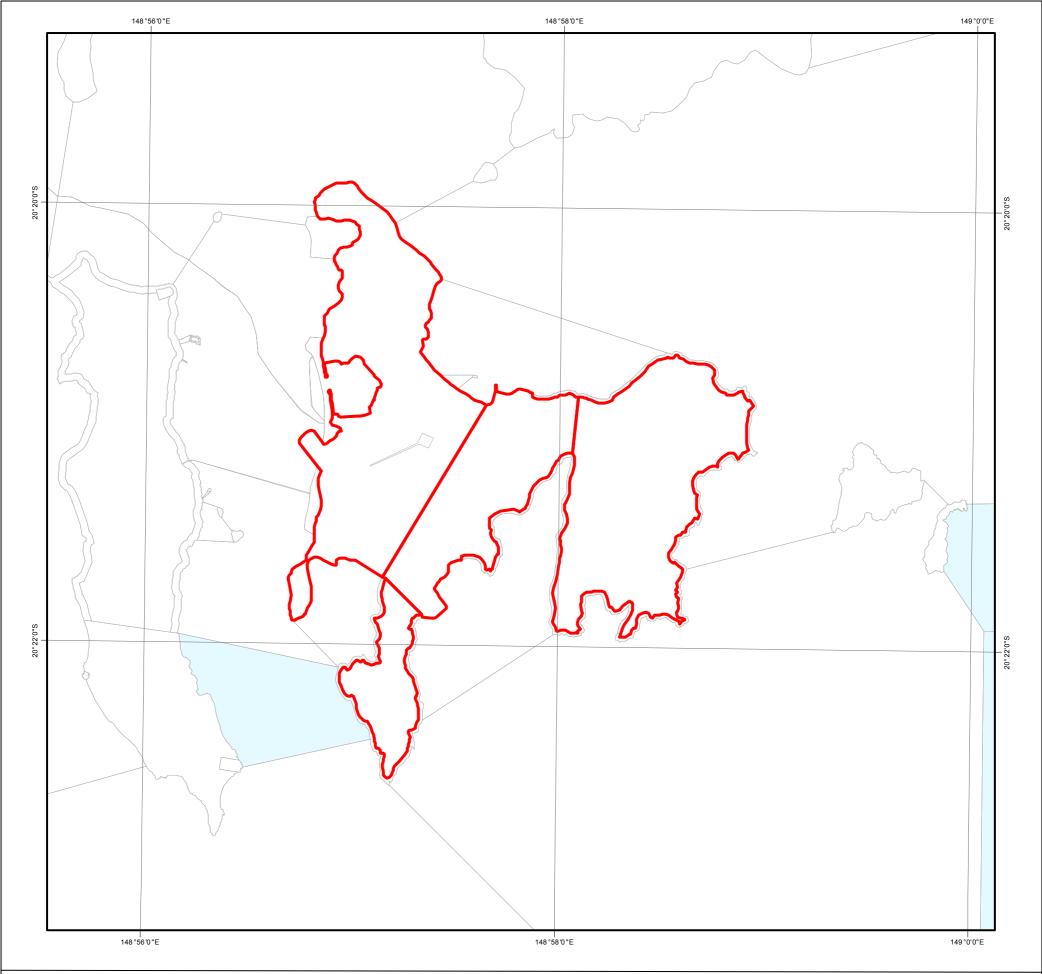
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- I Y indicates that the taxon is introduced to Queensland and has naturalised.
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# **Map of Referable Wetlands Wetland Protection Areas**

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> Centred on Lot on Plan: 8 CP861993



**Selected Land Parcel** 

**Cadastral Boundary** 

**Wetland Protection Areas** 

**HES Wetland** 

**Trigger Area** 



1720 2150 m 860

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This map shows the location of wetland protection areas which are defined under the Environmental Protection Regulation 2008.

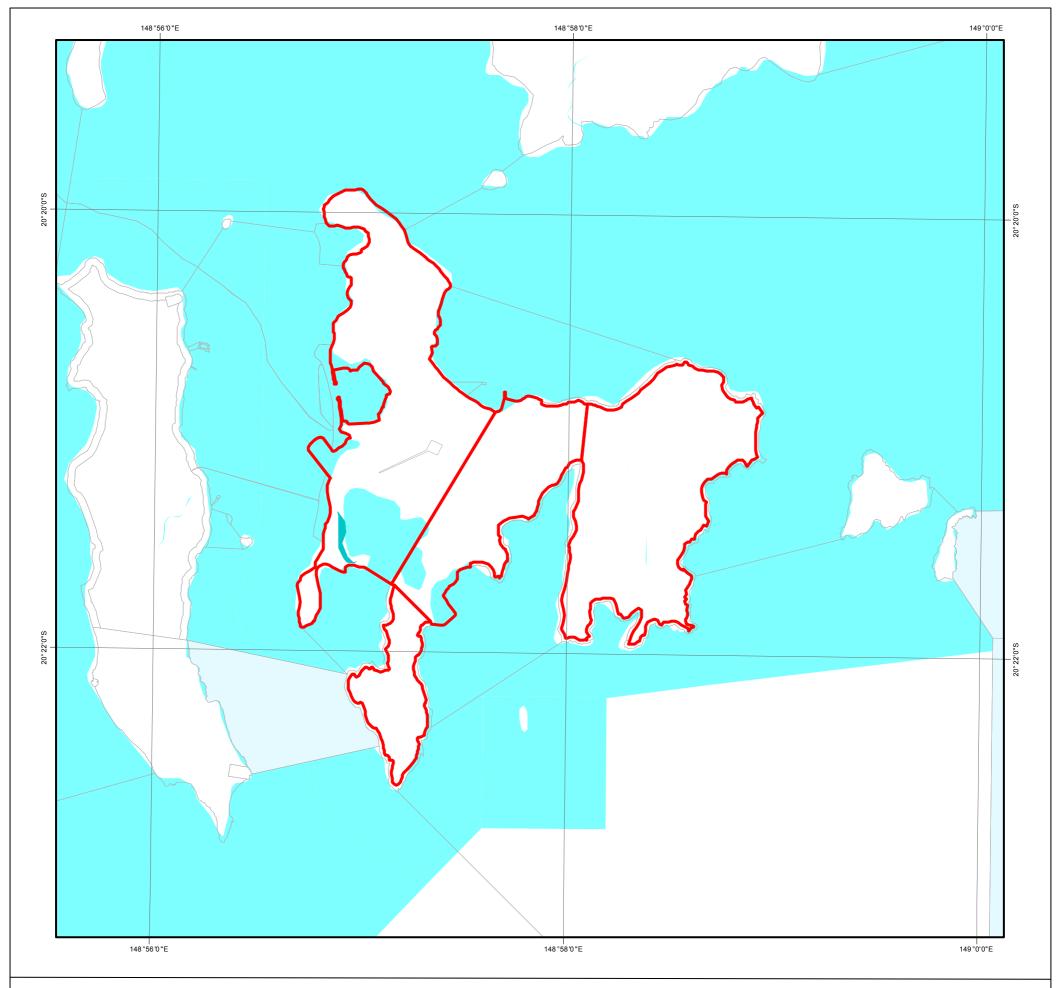
Within wetland protection areas, certain types of development involving high impact earthworks are made assessable under Schedule 3 of the Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009.

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection has been made a concurrence agency under Schedule 7 of the Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009 for assessable development involving high impact earthworks within wetland protection areas.

The policy outcome and assessment criteria for assessing these applications are described in the State Planning Policy 4/11: Protecting Wetlands of High Ecological Significance in Great Barrier Reef Catchments.

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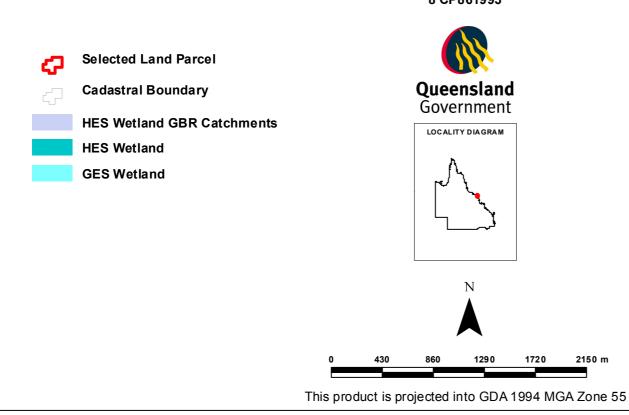
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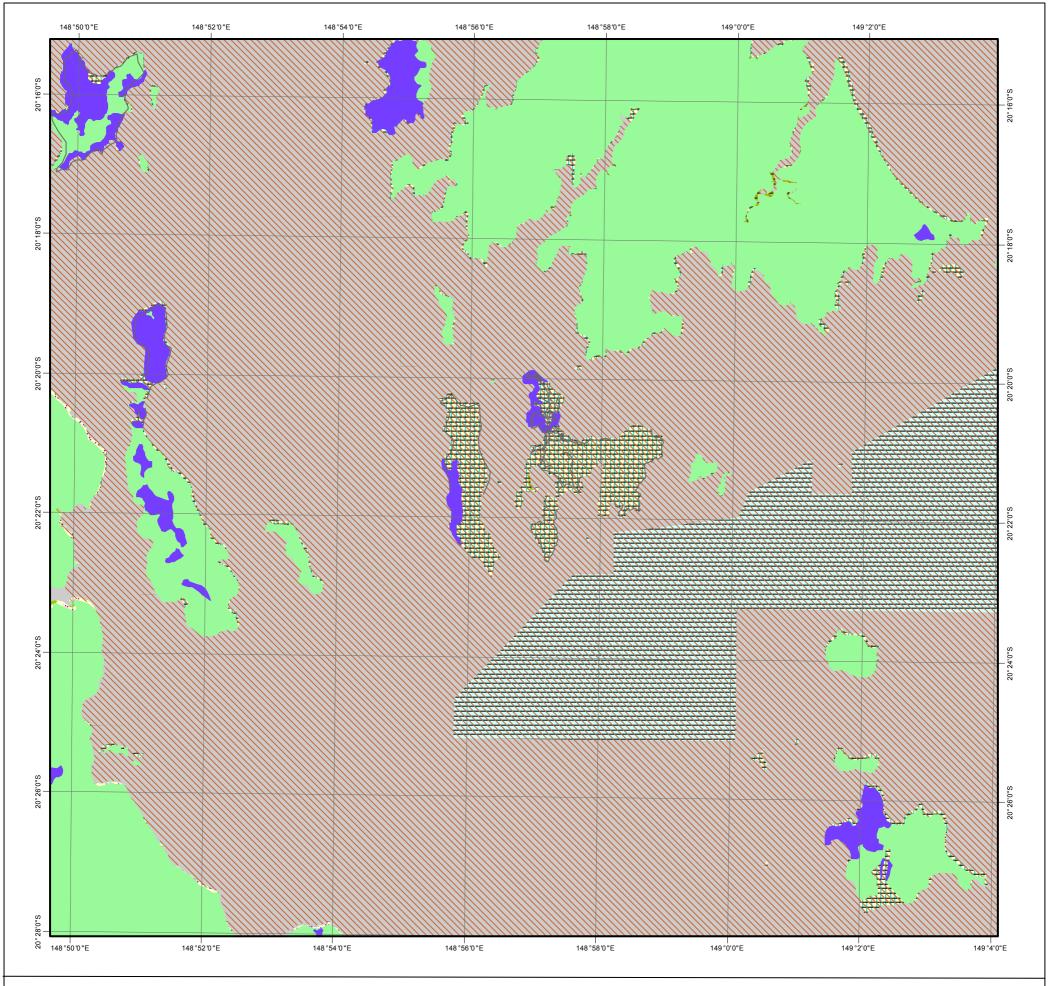
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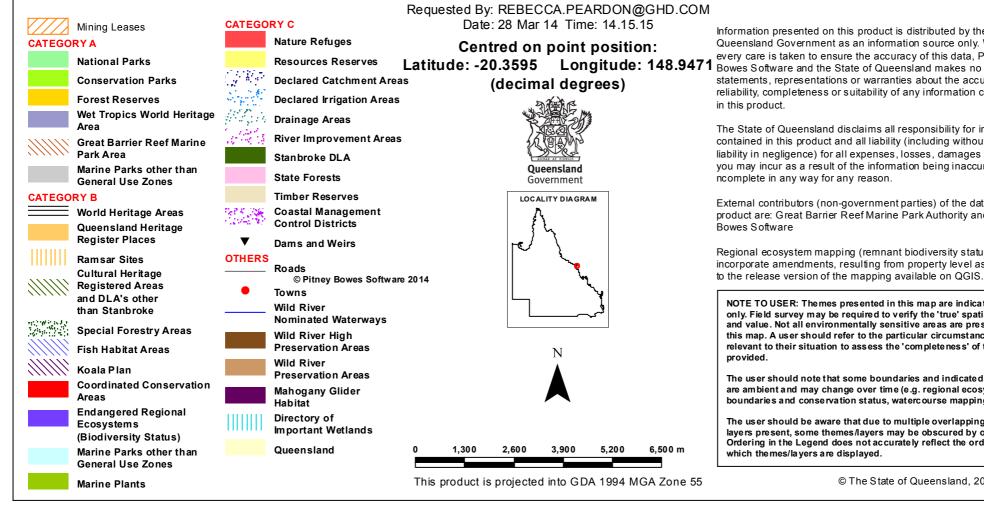
Wetlands are assessed for ecological significance using the environmental values for wetlands in section 81A of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2008. Wetlands are considered either High Ecological Significance (HES) or of General Ecological Significance (GES) for the purposes of the environmental values.

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# **ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS - Mining Activities**



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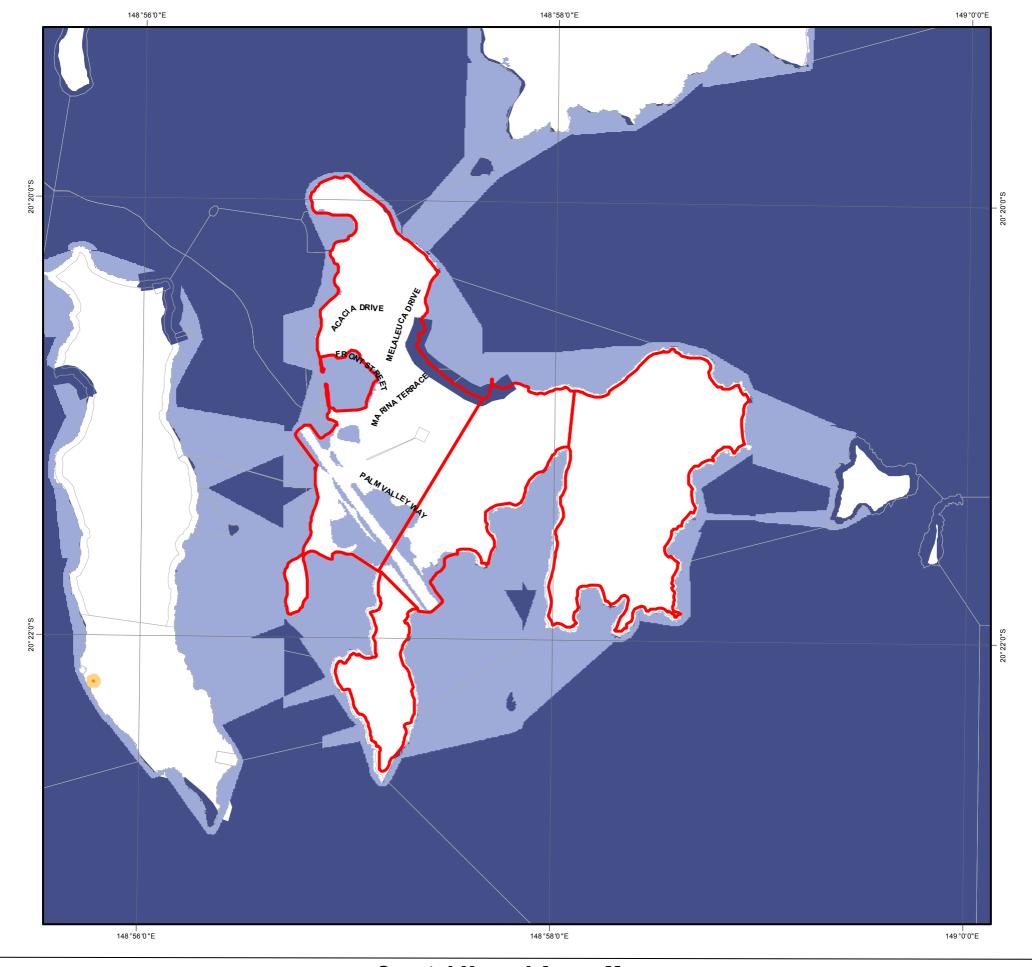
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## **Coastal Hazard Areas Map Erosion Prone Area**

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**Selected Land Parcel** 

**Indicative Erosion Prone Area** (including projected climate change impacts to 2100) \*



Erosion due to storm impact and long term trends of sediment loss and channel migration



Erosion and permanent tidal inundation due to sea level rise



\* The erosion prone areas shown on this map are indicative of the erosion and tidal inundation extent that may occur with projected sea level rise and increased storm intensity at 2100.



**Coastal Management District** 



Coastal hazard data not available in this area Refer to notes 1 and 2 to determine







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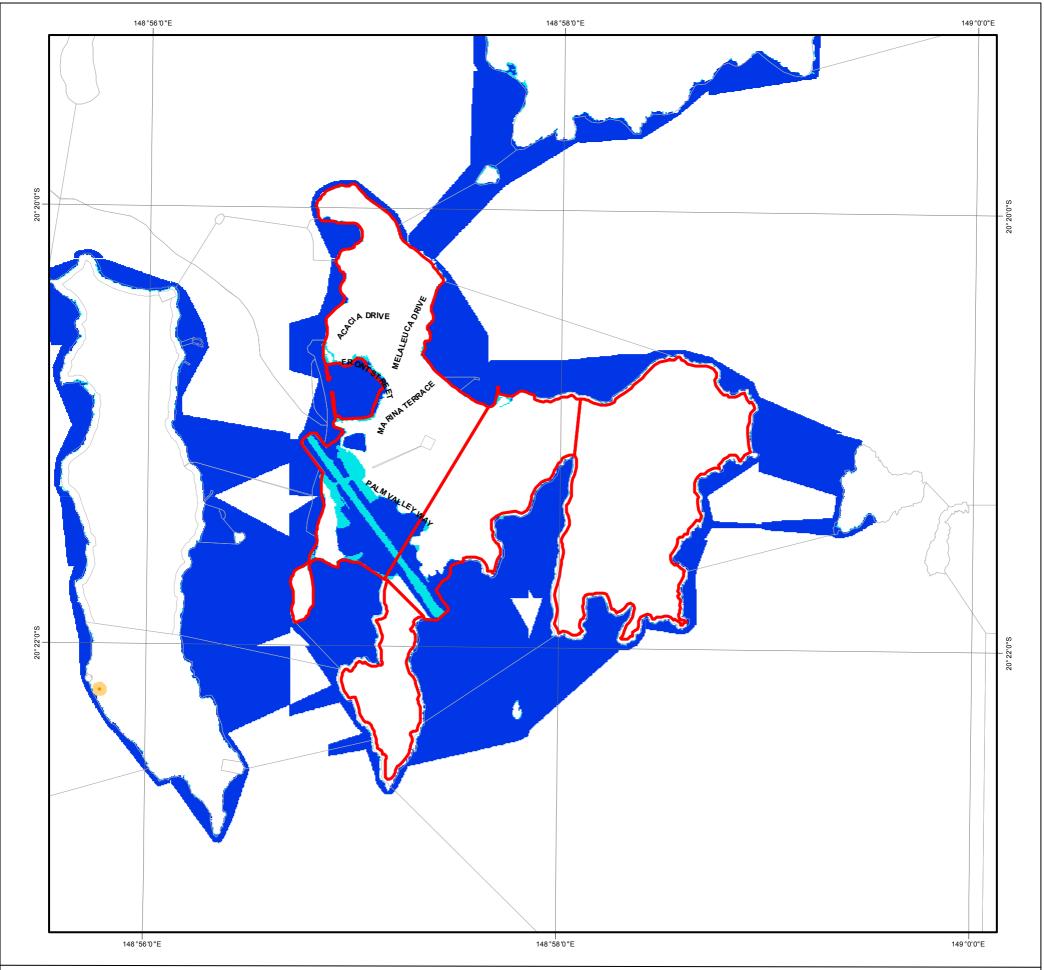
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2. Erosion prone area plans for each local government area and a comprehensive description of their determination are available from the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection website at www.ehp.qld.gov.au

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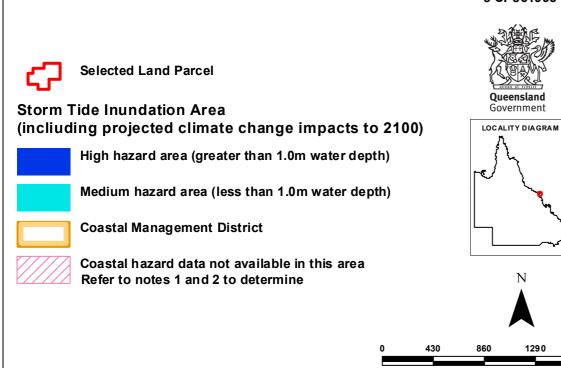
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- 1. A default storm tide inundation level of 1.5 m HAT in South East Queensland regional planning area and 2.0 m HAT for the remainder of Queensland is used where projected storm tide inundation levels have not been determined locally default level uses a sea level rise factor of 0.8m to 2100.
- 2. The high hazard area may be also subject to permanent inundation by sea level rise - refer to the Erosion Prone Area map.
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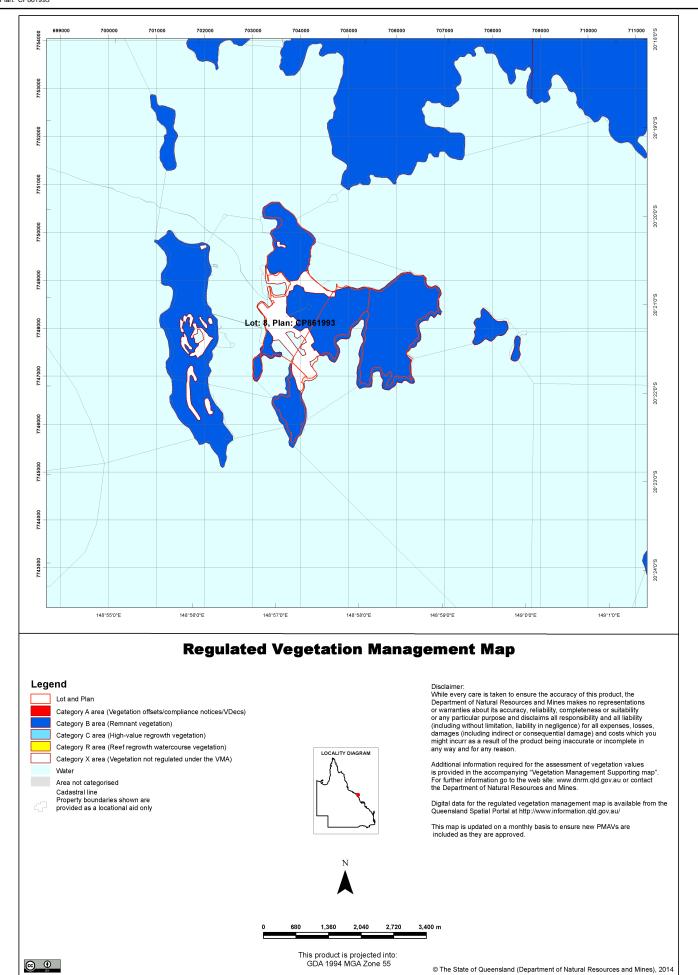
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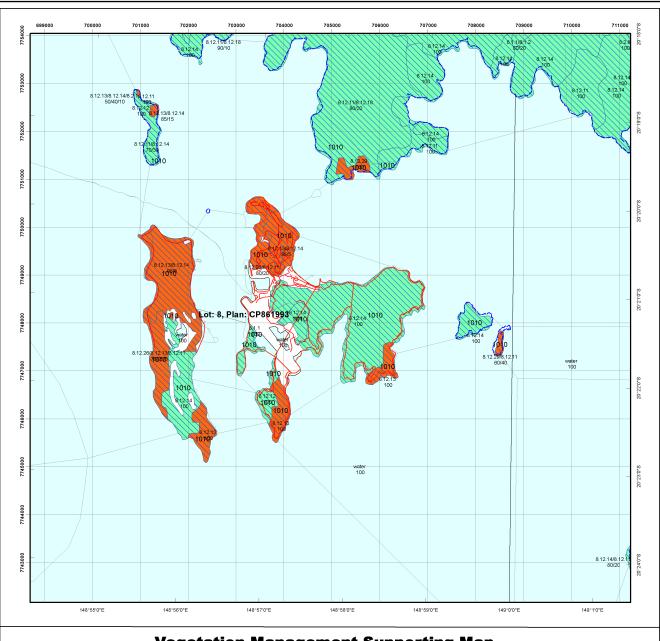
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#### **Vegetation Management Supporting Map** Legend Labels for Essential Habitat are centred on the area of enquiry. Category A or B area containing endangered regional ecosystems Regional ecosystem linework has been compiled at a scale of 1:100 000. Category A or B area containing of concern regional ecosystems except in designated areas where a compilation scale of 1:50 000 is available. Linework should be used as a guide only. The positional accuracy of RE data mapped at a scale of 1:100 000 is +/- 100 metres. Category A or B area that is a least concern regional ecosystem Category A or B area containing remnant vegetation Disclaimer: While every care is taken to ensure the accuracy of this product, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines and Pitney Bowes Software, makes no representations or warranties about its accuracy, reliability, completeness or suitability or any particular purpose and disclaims all responsibility and all liability (including without limitation, liability in negligience) for all expenses, losses, damages (including indirect or consequential damage) and costs which you might incurr as a result of the product being inaccurate or incomplete in any way and for any reason. Category A or B area under Section 20AH These areas are edged in yellow and filled with the remnant RE Status Category C area containing endangered regional ecosystems LOCALITY DIAGRAM Category C area containing of concern regional ecosystems Category C area that is a least concern regional ecosystem Category C area containing high value regrowth vegetation Category C area under Section 20Al These areas are edged in purple and filled with the remnant RE Status way and for any reason Non Remnant Additional information may be required for the purposes of land clearing or assessment of a regional ecosystem map or PMAV applications. For further information go to the web site: www.dnrm.qld.gov.au or contact the Department of Natural Resources and Mines. Water Wetland on the vegetation management wetlands map Essential habitat on the essential habitat map Digital data for the vegetation management watercourse map, vegetation management wetlands map, essential habitat map and the vegetation management remnant and regional ecosystem map are available from the Queensland Spatial Portal at http://www.information.qld.gov.au/ Essential habitat species record Watercourse on the vegetation management watercourse map (Stream order shown as black number against stream where available) Roads © Pitney Bowes Software Pty Ltd National Parks, State Forest and other reserves 1,470 1,960 2,450 m Cadastral line Property boundaries shown are provided as a locational aid only This product is projected into: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 55 **@ ①** © The State of Queensland (Department of Natural Resources and Mines), 2014

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### Vegetation Management Act 1999 - Extract from the essential habitat database - version 4.0

Essential habitat is required for assessment under the:

- State Development Assessment Provisions Module 8: Native vegetation clearing which sets out the matters of interest to the state for development assessment under the Sustainable Planning Act 2009; and
- Self-assessable vegetation clearing codes made under the Vegetation Management Act 1999

Essential habitat for one or more of the following species is found on and within 1.1 km of the identified subject lot/s or on and within 2.2 km of an identified coordinate on the accompanying essential habitat

This report identifies essential habitat in Category A, B and Category C areas.

The numeric labels on the essential habitat map can be cross referenced with the database below to determine which essential habitat factors might exist for a particular species.

Essential habitat is compiled from a combination of species habitat models and buffered species records.

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines website (<a href="http://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au">http://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au</a>) has more information on how the layer is applied under the State Development Assessment Provisions - Module 8: Native vegetation clearing and the Vegetation Management Act 1999.

Regional ecosystem is a mandatory essential habitat factor, unless otherwise stated.

Essential habitat, for protected wildlife, means a category A area, a category B area or category C area shown on the regulated vegetation management map-

- 1) (a) that has at least 3 essential habitat factors for the protected wildlife that must include any essential habitat factors that are stated as mandatory for the protected wildlife in the essential habitat database; or
- 2) (b) in which the protected wildlife, at any stage of its life cycle, is located.

Essential habitat identifies endangered or vulnerable native wildlife prescribed under the Nature Conservation Act 1994.

Essential habitat in Category A and B (Remnant vegetation species record) areas:1100m Species Information - (no results)

Essential habitat in Category A and B (Remnant vegetation species record) areas:1100m Regional Ecosystems Information - (no results)

Essential habitat in Category A and B (Remnant vegetation) areas:1100m Species Information

Label	Scientific Name	Common Name	NCA Status	Vegetation Community	Altitude	Soils	Position in Landscape
1010	Taphozous australis	Coastal Sheathtail Bat	V	All habitats within a few kilometres of coast, e.g. dune mesophyll/sclerophyll scrub, mangroves (Rhizophora, Bruguiera), heath, open forest/woodland, rainforest/monsoon forest and Melaleuca/sedge swamp, rocky escarpments ± low shrubfield.	Sea level to 150m.	no soil information	None

#### Essential habitat in Category A and B (Remnant vegetation) areas:1100m Regional Ecosystems Information

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Essential habitat in Category C (High value regrowth vegetation) areas:1100m Species Information - (no results)

Essential habitat in Category C (High value regrowth vegetation) areas:1100m Regional Ecosystems Information - (no results)

# **Appendix B** – Flora Species List

Family	Species	Common name	Status	Grassland	Adjacent bushland
Amaranthaceae	Gomphrena celosioides	Gomphrena weed	Introduced	✓	
Anacardiaceae	Pleiogynium timorense	Burdekin plum	Native, least concern		✓
Apocynaceae	Asclepias curassavica	Red-head cottonbush	Introduced		✓
Arecaceae	Livistona decora	Weeping cabbage palm	Native, least concern		✓
Asteraceae	Emilia sonchifolia		Introduced	✓	
Asteraceae	Siegesbeckia orientalis	Indian weed	Least Concern		✓
Asteraceae	Xanthium occidentale	Noogoora burr	Introduced		✓
Caesalpiniaceae	Senna occidentalis	Coffee senna	Introduced		✓
Commelinaceae	Commelina diffusa	Wandering jew	Native, least concern		✓
Convolvulaceae	Ipomoea plebia	Bell vine	Native, least concern	✓	
Convolvulaceae	Ipomoea sp.				✓
Cycadaceae	Cycas media	Tree cycad	Native, least concern		✓
Cyperaceae	Cyperus sp				✓
Cyperaceae	Cyperus sp.			✓	
Euphorbiaceae	Alchornea ilicifolia	Native holly	Native, least concern		✓
Fabaceae	Crotalaria pallida	Streaked rattlepod	Introduced	✓	✓
Fabaceae	Crotolaria sp.	Rattlepod		✓	
Fabaceae	Macroptilium lathyroides	Phasey bean	Introduced	✓	✓

Family	Species	Common name	Status	Grassland	Adjacent bushland
Fabaceae	Stylosanthes hamata	Caribbean stylo	Introduced	✓	
Fabaceae (Mimosoideae)	Mimosa pudica	Sensitive weed	Introduced	✓	
Lamiaceae	Leucas lavandulifolia	Leucas	Introduced		✓
Lamiaceae	Vitex sp.	Vitex			✓
Malvaceae	Hibiscus tiliaceus	Cottonwood	Native, least concern		✓
Malvaceae	Sida sp.				✓
Menispermaceae	Stephania japonica	Tape vine	Native, least concern		✓
Moraceae	Ficus opposita	Sandpaper fig	Native, least concern		✓
Pittosporaceae	Pittosporum ferrugineum	Rusty pittosporum	Native, least concern		✓
Poaceae	Bothriochloa pertusa	Indian bluegrass	Introduced	✓	
Poaceae	Chloris inflata	Purpletop chloris	Introduced	✓	
Poaceae	Chloris lobata		Native, least concern	✓	
Poaceae	Chloris virgata	Feathertop rhodes grass	Introduced	✓	
Poaceae	Eragrostis spartinoides	Lovegrass	Native, least concern	✓	
Poaceae	Melinis repens	Red natal grass	Introduced	✓	
Poaceae	Paspalidium sp.			✓	
Poaceae	Sporobolus sp.			✓	
Portulacaceae	Portulaca pilosa	Pigweed	Introduced	✓	
Rhamnaceae	Alphitonia excelsa	Soap tree	Native, least concern		✓

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Family	Species	Common name	Status	Grassland	Adjacent bushland
Rhamnaceae	Alphitonia petriei	White ash	Native, least concern		✓
Rubiaceae	Pavetta australiensis	Butterfly bush	Native, least concern		✓
Rubiaceae	Timonius timon	Timonius	Native, least concern		✓
Rutaceae	Acronychia laevis	Hard aspen	Native, least concern		✓
Smilacaceae	Smilax australis	Barbed-wire vine	Native, least concern		✓
Verbenaceae	Lantana camara	Lantana	Introduced, WONS, class 3		✓
Verbenaceae	Stachytarpheta jamaicensis	Jamaica snakeweed	Introduced	✓	

# **Appendix C** – Fauna Species List

Family	Species	Common name	Status	Within Project Area	Adjacent to Project Area
Accipitridae	Aquila audax	Wedge-tailed eagle	Least concern		✓
Accipitridae	Haliaeetus leucogaster	White-bellied sea eagle	Least concern; marine, migratory		✓
Ardeidae	Butorides striata	Striated heron	Least concern		✓
Ardeidae	Egretta sacra	Eastern reef egret	Least concern; marine, migratory		✓
Artamidae	Strepera graculina	Pied currawong	Least concern		✓
Burhinidae	Burhinus grallarius	Bush stone curlew	Least concern		✓
Cacatuidae	Cacatua galerita	Sulphur- crested cockatoo	Least concern		<b>√</b>
Corvidae	Corvus orru	Torresian crow	Least concern	✓	✓
Halcyonidae	Dacelo novaeguineae	Laughing kookaburra	Least concern		✓
Hirundinidae	Hirundo neoxena	Welcome swallow	Least concern		
Monarchidae	Myiagra rubecula	Leaden flycatcher	Least concern		✓
Nectariniidae	Cinnyris jugularis	Olive-backed sunbird	Least concern		✓
Psittaculidae	Trichoglossus haematodus	Rainbow lorikeet	Least concern		
Rallidae	Gallinula tenebrosa	Dusky moorhen	Least concern		✓

# **Appendix D** – Likelihood of Occurrence Assessment

Scientific name	Common name	EPBC Status	NCA/VMA status	Habitat requirements	Likelihood of occurrence on site
Flora					
Phaius australis	Lesser swamp-orchid	Endangered	Endangered	Found in swampy grassland or swampy forest including rainforest, eucalypt or paperbark forest, mostly in coastal areas. Occurs in Queensland and north-east NSW as far south as Coffs Harbour.	Unlikely to occur. Potential habitat near study area highly degraded.
Fauna					
Crocodylus porosus	Estuarine crocodile	Marine, migratory	Vulnerable	This species occurs from Rockhampton in Queensland, throughout coastal areas of the Northern Territory to near Broome in Western Australia and inhabits coastal waters, estuaries, freshwater sections of lakes, inland swamps and marshes.	May occur. Species previously recorded near study area and suitable freshwater lake occurs near study area.
Xeromys myoides	Water mouse	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	Although the water mouse had been documented in three distinct locations (Northern Territory, Central south Queensland, south-east Queensland) they require similar habitat including mangroves and the associated saltmarsh, sedgelands, clay pans, heathlands and freshwater wetlands. The main habitat difference at each location is the littoral, supralittoral and terrestrial vegetation which differs in structure and composition. These differences dictate the species' nesting behaviour.	Nil. No suitable habitat in study area.

Scientific name	Common name	EPBC Status	NCA/VMA status	Habitat requirements	Likelihood of occurrence on site
Erythrotriorchis radiatus	Red goshawk	Vulnerable	Endangered	The red goshawk occurs in coastal and sub- coastal areas in wooded and forested lands of tropical and warm-temperate Australia.	Unlikely to occur. Potential habitat near study area highly degraded.
Fregetta grallaria grallaria	White-bellied storm- petrel	Vulnerable		Found over the sub-tropical and tropical water over the Tasman Sea, Coral Sea and Pacific Ocean.	Nil. No suitable habitat in study area.
Macronectes giganteus	Southern giant petrel	Endangered; marine, migratory	Endangered	Nest in open vegetation on Antarctic and subantarctic islands.	Nil. No suitable habitat in study area.
Pterodroma neglecta neglecta	Kermadec petrel	Vulnerable		Marine areas. Breeds on islands along the South Pacific	Nil. No suitable habitat in study area.
Migratory Marine Birds					
Apus pacificus	Fork-tailed swift	Marine, migratory		The fork-tailed swift is almost exclusively aerial, flying from less than 1 m to at least 300 m above ground and probably much higher.	May occur. Possible flying above the study area.
Migratory Terrestrial Species					
Haliaeetus leucogaster	White-bellied sea eagle	Marine, migratory		Found in coastal habitats (especially those close to the sea-shore) and around terrestrial wetlands in tropical and temperate regions of mainland Australia and its offshore islands. The habitats occupied by the sea-eagle are characterised by the presence of large areas of open water (larger rivers, swamps, lakes,	Confirmed present flying above the study area

Scientific name	Common name	EPBC Status	NCA/VMA status	Habitat requirements	Likelihood of occurrence on site
				the sea). Birds have been recorded in (or flying over) a variety of terrestrial habitats.	
				The species is mostly recorded in coastal lowlands, but can occupy habitats up to 1400 m above sea level on the Northern Tablelands of NSW and up to 800 m above sea level in Tasmania and South Australia.	
Hirundo rustica	Barn swallow	Marine, migratory		The preferred habitat of the barn swallow is open country with low vegetation, such as pasture, meadows and farmland, preferably near water. This swallow avoids heavily wooded or precipitous areas and densely built-up locations. It feeds on insects, foraging in open country and over coastal and inland waters. Barn swallows are strongly migratory and their wintering grounds cover much of the Southern Hemisphere as far south as central Argentina, the Cape Province of South Africa, and northern Australia.	May occur. Possible flying above the study area.
Monarcha melanopsis	Black-faced monarch	Marine, migratory		The black-faced monarch is found along the coast of eastern Australia, becoming less common further south. The black-faced monarch is found in rainforests, eucalypt woodlands, coastal scrub and damp gullies. It may be found in more open woodland when migrating.	May occur. Suitable habitat occurs near the study area.
Monarcha trivirgatus	Spectacled monarch	Marine,		The spectacled monarch is found in coastal	May occur. Suitable

Scientific name	Common name	EPBC Status	NCA/VMA status	Habitat requirements	Likelihood of occurrence on site
		migratory		north-eastern and eastern Australia, including coastal islands, from Cape York, Queensland to Port Stephens, New South Wales. It is much less common in the south. The spectacled monarch prefers thick understorey in rainforests, wet gullies and waterside vegetation, as well as mangroves	habitat occurs near the study area.
Migratory Wetlands Species					
Ardea alba	Great egret	Marine, migratory		Reported in a wide range of wetland habitats (for example inland and coastal, freshwater and saline, permanent and ephemeral, open and vegetated, large and small, natural and artificial). These include swamps and marshes; margins of rivers and lakes; damp or flooded grasslands, pastures or agricultural lands; reservoirs; sewage treatment ponds; drainage channels; salt pans and salt lakes; salt marshes; estuarine mudflats, tidal streams; mangrove swamps; coastal lagoons; and offshore reefs. The species usually frequents shallow waters.	Likely to occur.  Species previously recorded near study area and suitable wetland habitat occurs near the study area.
Gallinago hardwickii	Latham's snipe	Marine, migratory		In Australia, Latham's snipe occurs in permanent and ephemeral wetlands up to 2000 m above sea level. They usually inhabit open, freshwater wetlands with low, dense vegetation (e.g. swamps, flooded grasslands or heathlands, around bogs and other water	May occur. Suitable habitat occurs near the study area.

Scientific name	Common name	EPBC Status	NCA/VMA status	Habitat requirements	Likelihood of occurrence on site
				bodies)	
Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act					
Pandion cristatus	Eastern osprey	Marine, migratory		Ospreys are found right around the Australian coast line, except for Victoria and Tasmania. They are common around the northern coast, especially on rocky shorelines, islands and reefs. The species is uncommon to rare or absent from closely settled parts of southeastern Australia. There are a handful of records from inland areas	Likely to occur.  Species previously recorded near study area and suitable wetland habitat occurs near the study area.

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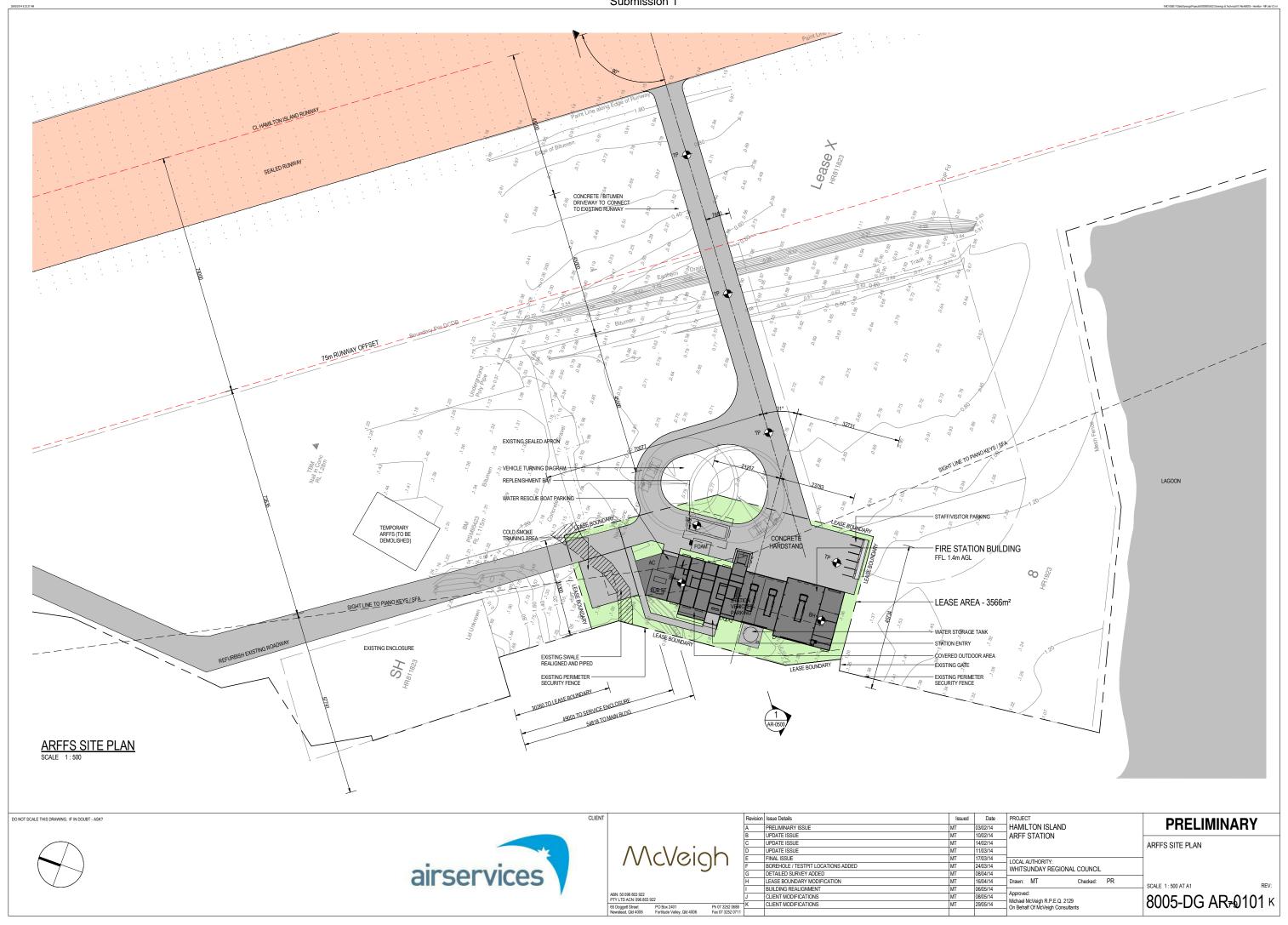


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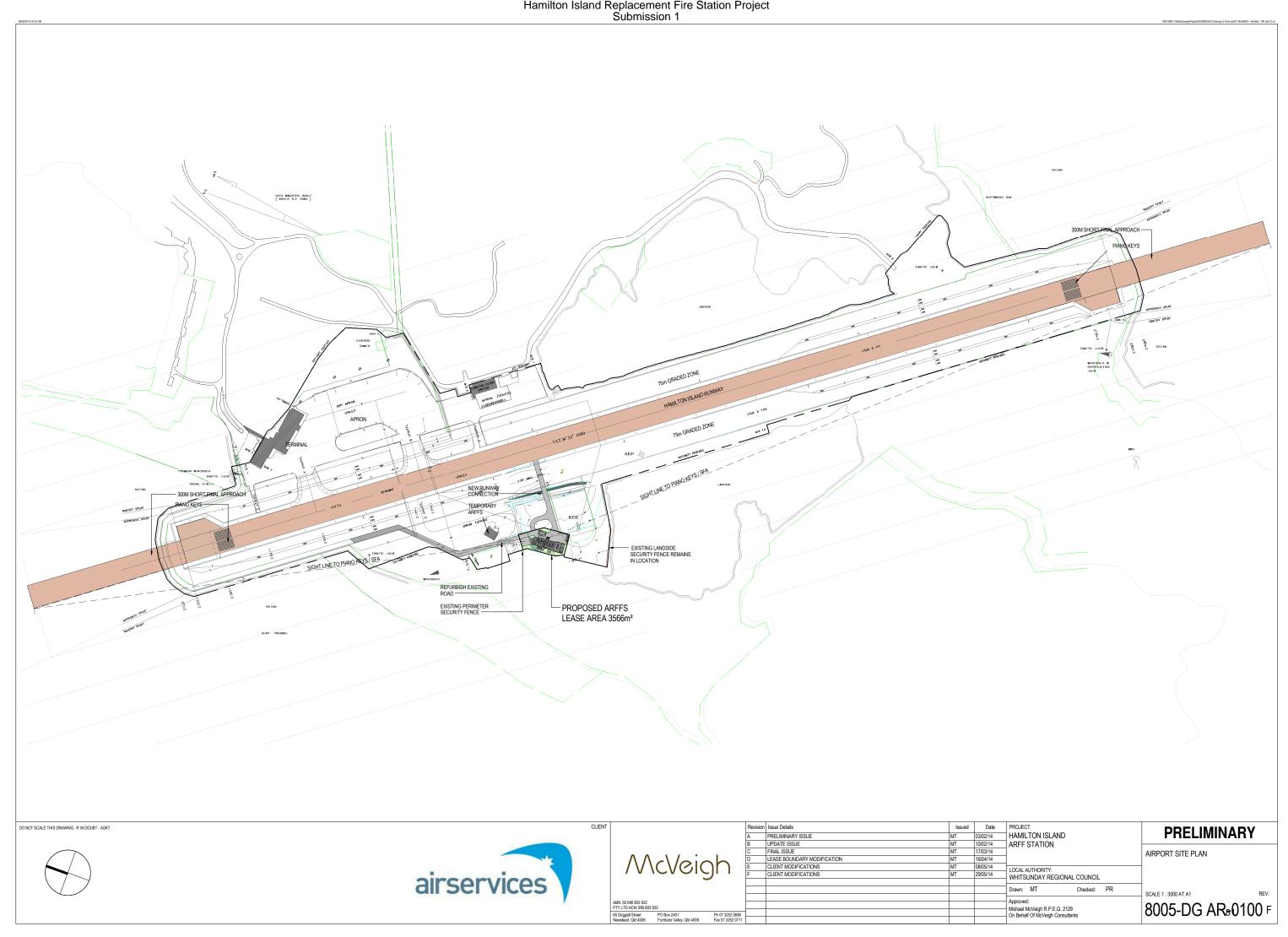


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