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			WORK DETAILS				
	Project / Activity Name	RA027 Salamander Bay (Corlette)	Section undertaking Project / Activity (Proponent)	Public Domain & Services			
	Project Manager / Works Supervisor	Roadside and Drainage Coordinator	Timing and Duration	Maintenance activities ongoing.			
	Environmental Risk Level	Determined during the Initiation Phase through an Enterprise Risk Assessment. See Project Management Framework. (Low, Medium, High or Extreme)	Project / Job Number EDRMS				
			TIVITY DESCRIPTION				
	Description	rehabilitate the dunes. This action		ogram Action RA027 to manage access and cluding sediment controls), with a provision for irred).			
	Justification and Objectives		Dune re-vegetation and management of accessways supports dune stability and reduces impacts from public access. While Council has a regular program of maintenance of dunes, this location requires a more extensive				
SECTION 1	Scope of Works	The proposed activities may incl	lude: In of site controls for erosion and set of up on beach areas above mean of beach access points and dune sites including fencing, weed control, oruning, hazard reduction bris including dead animals and beas.  Minor scale sand carting or beach iffied in the site map. All activities to observation.  Internance scale activity that is only or provided in the site map. All activities to observation.  Internance scale activity that is only or erosion to protect the integrity or inundation of recreation areas.  Indes:  In only if required  It tools  I digging small scale planting holes in small tipper truck and/or work uter casion.  In ore moval of old and/or damaged in the existing ground; primarily wind into existing ground into existing	ystem above mean high watermark sediment control and revegetation. each wreck. scraping to address accretion of sand and/or o occur above the mean high watermark. Activity			

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<ul> <li>Machinery, Vehicles and tools – typically small trucks/utes and earth moving equipment, auger, ditch witch.</li> <li>Weeding – low impact, hand removal expected. Use of herbicides may be required.</li> <li>Irrigation – utilisation of existing irrigation systems where feasible. Establishment irrigation by hand or vehicle mounted equipment may be required</li> <li>Weeding – low impact, hand removal expected. Use of herbicides may be required.</li> <li>Irrigation – utilisation of existing irrigation systems where feasible. Establishment irrigation by hand or vehicle mounted equipment may be required.</li> </ul>						
Consideration of Alternatives	Maintenance is required through the implementation of the Coastal Management Program for public safety and to avoid potential impacts to the foreshore of Corlette Beach due to its environment. No alternatives possible. A "do nothing" approach may result in inhibited or unsafe foreshore access and impacts from sand deposition on surrounding areas.					
	LOCATION					
Address (including Lot and DP)	160A Sandy Point Road, Corlette Lot 356 DP 27845	Land Zoning	C3 Environmental Management/ W2 Recreational Waterway			
Landowner	Port Stephens Council  Other- Crown Land (If works go outside of PSC lot and DP, PSC requires a Crown Reserve License to proceed with works).					
Existing Environment	Existing degraded foreshore access way. Surround	by dune system and vegetatio	n.			





Images of Roy Wood Reserve.

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		APPROVAL PATHWAY						
	Infrastru	These Environmental Assessment forms are for Pathway 3: Part 5 Environmental Assessment under SEPP (Transport and infrastructure) only.  See Environmental Assessment Guide - Planning Pathway Overview Chapter (and Flowcharts) for support in this Section.						
		Pathway 1: Local Development (Part 4) → if YES, commence a Development	Application					
	Are the works Permitted with Consent under SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure)?  See Environmental Assessment Guide: Planning Pathway Overview Chapter: Flowcharts Planning Pathway			No Ø				
	See Env	works trigger the <u>SEPP (Resilience and Hazards)</u> ? ironmental Assessment Guide : Planning Pathway Overview Chapter : Flowcharts SEPP ice and Hazards)	Yes □	No Ø				
N 2	Pathwa	Pathway 2: Tree / Vegetation Removal → if YES commence an Environmental Assessment : Trees & Vegetation						
SECTION	Is this activity solely involving vegetation and/or tree removal?  See Environmental Assessment Guide: Planning Pathway Overview Chapter: Flowcharts tree removals  Yes							
SEC		Pathway 3: Transport and Infrastructure SEPP (Part 5)						
	a)	Is the activity permissible under the LEP? (i.e. not listed as Prohibited in the Land Use Table?) If NO, rethink the proposed activity and its location. If YES move to (b).	Yes Ø	No □				
	b)	Are the works permitted as <u>Exempt</u> under <u>SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure)</u> but assessed as greater than negligible in Section 3 Environmental Impact Triggers in the Environmental Assessment Level 1 Form?	Yes □	No Ø				
		<u>Or</u>	Clause:					
	c)	Are the works <u>Permitted without Consent</u> under <u>SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure)</u> ?						
	If YES to	o either of these questions, move to Section 3: Environmental Impact Triggers of this Form.	Yes Ø	No □				

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See Environmental Assessment Guide – Technical Specialists & Impact Assessm		Secuon.
Known impact to Threatened Species or Ecological Communities (including clearing of habitat)     Known impact on SEPP (Koala Habitat Protection)     Known impact to areas mapped on the Biodiversity Values map     Working within a declared area of outstanding biodiversity value (AOBV)	Mapped BioNet NSW Wildlife Atlas – Fauna 200m buffer  Fauna mapped within site; (E1) Endangered (V) Vulnerable (Appendix 3, Image 1)  Site located with the 200m buffer of endangered ecological communities. Adjacent sites; Coastal Saltmarsh Swamp Sclerophyll Forest Freshwater Wetlands (Appendix 3, Image 2)  Consolidated CKPoM Koala Habitat Map identifies the site as Mainly Cleared Land, Preferred Koala Habitat Buffer Over Cleared Land and Preferred Koala Habitat. (Appendix 3, Image 3)  Biodiversity Values mapped adjacent to site. (Appendix 3, Image 4).	No
Known impact to SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) mapped areas (including proximity) of Coastal Wetland and/or Littoral Rainforest while undertaking exempt works?  See Environmental Assessment Guide: Planning Pathway Overview Chapter: Flowcharts SEPP (Resilience and Hazards)	Site adjacent to Coastal Wetlands Area and within Coastal Wetlands Proximity Area. (Appendix 3, Image 5)	No
HERITAGE Known impact to Aboriginal and / or non-indigenous heritage?	No non-indigenous heritage impacts.  AHIMS Basic Search conducted 15.05.2025. No sites identified. Appendix 3, Image 6)  Migratory Birds mapped within	No
NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT Potential impact to Matters of National Environmental Significance? Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999	lot, although outside of works area. (Appendix 3, Image 7)	No

technical specialist. See Environmental Assessment Guide - Technical Specialists & Impact Assessments Chapters.

#### SECTION 4: Approvals, Concurrence, Licences, Permits and Notification

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See Environmental Assessment Guide: External Agency Consultation for support in this Section.

Specifically refer to **Flowchart: Publishing EAs on Council's Website** to determine if this assessment requires publication on Councils website.

The permits/licences highlighted below will trigger publication onto Councils Website

		<mark>llighted</mark> below will trigger publication or 		Applicability
	Trigger	Туре	Authority	Дрисавину
	Working on land not owned or controlled by PSC	Land owner consent Land access licence	Marine Parks, Hunter Water, Forestry, National Parks, Australian Government	Yes
Land Owner	Working on Crown Land and disturbing the ground	Native Title Referral	Port Stephens Council- refer to Strategic Property  NTS Corp	Yes
	All works on Crown Land	Land Claim Search and Assessment	Port Stephens Council- refer to Strategic Property	Yes
National Parks	Working adjacent to a national park, nature reserve or other area reserved under NPW Act 1974	Written notice of intention to carry our works and scope of works to NPWS	National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)	No
Roads	Working on a classified road not under PSC control or agreement	Concurrence	Transport for New South Wales	No
Water	Natural water usage (dewatering or ground water use)	Water Access Licenses and work/use approvals	NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	No
	Discharging to sewer	Trade Waste Agreement	Hunter Water	No
Utilities	Earthworks near services (gas, telecommunications, electricity, water)	Before you Dig check	Before you dig Australia	No
	Working in a mine subsidence area	Approval	Subsidence Advisory NSW Government	No
Heritage	Working near items on the State Heritage Register	Heritage Act:	NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	No
	Harm or potential harm to Aboriginal objects and places	Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) S90 NPW Act	NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	No
	Local heritage item	Concurrence	Port Stephens Council	No
	Working near or in a Marine Park	Marine Park Permit	Department of Primary Industries (Marine Parks)	Yes
	Constructing a fixed or floating structure in or over navigable waters (e.g. new boat ramp)	Written notice of intention to carry our works and scope of works to Transport for NSW	Transport for NSW	No
Waterways/ Marine	Dredging or reclaiming of waterways	Land owner consent  1. Fisheries Permit S201  2. Marine Park Permit  3. Crown Land License	Land owner: 1. DPI (Fisheries) 2. DPI (Marine Parks) 3. DPE (Crown Lands)	No
		Environmental Protection Licence (EPL)	NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)	No
	Controlled activity in, on or under waterfront land	Controlled Activity Approval	NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	No
	Use explosives or electrical devices in a waterway	Fisheries Permit	DPI (Fisheries)	No
Flora and Fauna	Working near aquatic reserves, habitat or marine vegetation	Fisheries Permit S205	DPI (Fisheries)	Yes - Assessment requires publication on PSC Website
	Obstructing fish passage	Fisheries Permit S219	DPI (Fisheries)	No

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	Working near or with threatened species or part of an ecological community.	Threatened Species Licence	NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	No
	Research, education or conservation activities involving protected, threatened and/or endangered species.	Scientific Licence	NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	No
	Harm of native fauna	Licence	National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)	No
	Noise	Showing inconsistency with Construction Noise Guidelines	NSW EPA	No
Pollution	Pollution / Scheduled Activity	Environmental Protection Licence (EPL)	NSW EPA	No
and hazards	Asbestos removal	Licenced removalist	SafeWork NSW	No
	Storage of hazardous chemicals	Hazardous chemical notification	SafeWork NSW	No
Flooding	Carry out development that may be permitted without consent under a relevant provision (see s2.13 SEPP T&I) on flood liable land	Written notice of intention to carry our works and scope of works to State Emergency Service	State Emergency Service (SES)	No
Mine Subsidence	Development on land in a mine subsidence district	Written notice of intention to carry our works and scope of works to Mine Subsidence Board	Mine Subsidence Board	No
National	Matters of National Environmental Significance	Concurrence and permit EPBC Act	Australian Government (Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water)	No

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#### **SECTION 5: Environmental Impact Assessment**

Aspect: If the aspect is applicable to your activity undertake the impact assessment. If the aspect is not applicable to your activity, the impact assessment is not required but you may provide evidence as to why it is not applicable eg. dates and outcomes of GIS searches and communication with technical specialists.

Impact Description: If the aspect is applicable, you must identify and describe the specific impacts from the activity. Descriptions can include the cause, extent, severity and duration; identification of any source and receivers; if the impact is current, occurs only during works or continues post works.

Impact Without Control: Consider the level of impact from what you've described without any environmental controls identified.

Environmental Controls: If impact without control is greater than negligible, identify appropriate environmental controls to reduce impact. Hierarchy of environmental controls include Elimination, Substitution, Engineering, Administration, Safeguards, Refer to the standard bank of controls document for further guidance.

Impact With Control: Considering the initial impact of the activity and your identified environmental controls, determine the final impact on the environment from the activity.

	Aspect	Impact Description	Impact Without Control	Environmental Controls	Impact With Control
AIR	Dust Applicable	There is potential for dust, most particularly sand, generation during the maintenance activities.  Dust emissions are expected to be negligible due to the large particle size of the sand and unlikely disturbance to other soils.  Air quality is unlikely to be significantly affected and dust generation is expected to be minimal.	Minor: Dust generated during works but confined to the site.	·	Minor: Dust generated during works but confined to the site.
	Odours Applicable	Potential for odours from fumes generated from plant and equipment exhaust. Plant and equipment likely to generate odorous includes vehicles and excavators. This will be only short term. The air quality is unlikely to be significantly affected.	Negligible: Minimal to no odours detectable.		Negligible: Minimal to no odours detectable.

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Emissions Applicable	Minimal emissions from vehicles, machinery and plant.  Increased dust and gas emissions during the works as a result of soil disturbance and machinery operation.  Potential for emissions generated from heavy machinery and plant exhaust. This will be limited and short term. The air quality is unlikely to be significantly affected.	Minor: Minor emissions release short-term.	<ul> <li>All vehicles and machinery will be maintained to industry standards to maintain exhaust emissions within manufacturer's specifications.</li> <li>Machinery and vehicles will not be left running or idling for long periods when not in use.</li> <li>Complaints will be dealt with in accordance with Council's complaints handling procedures and the source eliminated or reduced where practical.</li> </ul>
Aspect	Impact Description	Impact Without Control	Environmental Controls Impact With Control
Noise Applicable	Noise potential from workers, machinery, plant/equipment and vehicles. The works will be short in duration.  Surrounding residences would be given reasonable notice of the intention to carry out works.  Site adjacent to residences.  Noise is expected from the following sources during works:  1. Personnel  2. Plant and equipment  3. Vehicles  Noise is not expected to be loud enough to cause disruption, but some noise generation is unavoidable and restricted to the works period only.	Negligible: Minimal to no noise generated.	<ul> <li>Plant and machinery will only be utilized during ordinary maintenance working hours. Works will not be undertaken outside of 7:00am – 5:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am – 2pm Saturdays. No maintenance work or deliveries will occur on Sundays or public holidays or at night.</li> <li>Plant, equipment and materials will be maintained in accordance with all relevant standards and procedures to reduce noise created.</li> <li>All equipment used will comply with the Australian Standards.</li> <li>Plant and equipment which is used intermittently will be either shut down in intervening periods or throttled down to a minimum.</li> <li>Machinery and vehicles will not be left running or idling for long periods when not in use.</li> <li>Noisy plant and equipment where possible will be positioned and orientated so as to minimise impact to nearby public and residents.</li> <li>Any noise complaints would be addressed immediately in accordance with Council's complaints handling procedures and resolved where possible.</li> </ul>

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	Vibration Applicable	Minimal to no vibration to occur, users of beach and businesses would be given reasonable notice of the intention to carry out works.  Site adjacent to residences.	Negligible: Minimal to no vibration generated.	<ul> <li>Plant and machinery will only be utilized during ordinary maintenance working hours. Works will not be undertaken outside of 7:00am – 5:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am – 2pm Saturdays. No maintenance work or deliveries will occur on Sundays or public holidays or at night.</li> <li>Any complaints would be addressed immediately in accordance with Council's relevant codes and policies.</li> </ul>
	Aspect	Impact Description	Impact Without Control	Environmental Controls Impact With Control
WATER	Stormwater Applicable	There is the potential for the spread of sediment, litter, debris and fuel and oil from plant and equipment during the maintenance works.  Pipes and pits located on site including a detention basin and infiltration chamber located further down the foreshore. Refer to Appendix 3, Image 8.	Minor: Minor temporary change to stormwater quality or flows that is contained within the site.	<ul> <li>Installation of erosion and sedimentation controls around stormwater swales and pits.</li> <li>Re-fuelling of plant to be performed offsite where possible or in a bunded area.</li> <li>Drainage systems will be checked and maintained regularly to ensure they are operating at capacity e.g. removal of debris.</li> <li>All staff will be trained in spill response procedures and all spills will be cleaned up immediately.</li> <li>An emergency spill kit is to be kept on site at all times. All staff are to be made aware of the location of the spill kit and trained in its use.</li> <li>All chemicals onsite (within work truck) to be stored securely without being opened.</li> <li>Any chemical handling activities will be carried out in a bunded area.</li> <li>All chemicals, fuels and oils will be stored in suitable bunded areas with the capacity of the bund at least 120 per cent of the volume of the largest container stored within the bunded area.</li> <li>Equipment will not be used if there are any signs of fuel, oil, or hydraulic leaks. Leaks would be repaired immediately or the equipment will be removed from site and replaced.</li> <li>No equipment, machinery or works vehicles would be washed on site</li> </ul>

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			<ul> <li>All storage and handling of chemicals and fuels on site will be kept in accordance with the relevant legislative and regulatory requirements.</li> <li>Use of chemicals on site will be minimised.</li> <li>Stockpiles are to comply with blue book and be contained.</li> <li>No work to be carried out in extreme weather events such as storms and flooding.</li> <li>Remove all excess and loose materials from gutters immediately on finishing.</li> <li>Erosion and sedimentation controls are to be implemented until grass in swale is established.</li> <li>There is to be no release of turbid or dirty water into stormwater drains, drainage lines or waterways.</li> <li>Ensure all drains and waterways in the work area are protected by installing and maintaining appropriate controls to prevent pollution from sediment, concrete, waste or other materials or chemicals.</li> <li>Erosion and sediment controls are to be checked and maintained on a regular basis and records kept and provided on request.</li> <li>The drain should be blocked and sediment and erosion controls put in place between the worksite and the stormwater inlet.</li> </ul>
Groundwater Applicable	No impact to disturbing, using or contaminating groundwater.	Negligible: No disturbance of groundwater.	<ul> <li>Refer to chemicals and hazardous materials controls.</li> <li>Implement the procedure documented in the Unexpected Finds Field Guide Handbook.</li> </ul> Negligible: No disturbance of groundwater.
Water Bodies Applicable	Works will be concentrated in the natural dune area and above the mean high water mark. Activities are considered low impact and there are no anticipated impacts to the adjacent Port. Despite activities including the importing of sand and gravel, the risk of contamination and sedimentation is low.	Minor: Works will be carried out within a water body and may cause minor, temporary change.	<ul> <li>Marine Park Permit required.</li> <li>Ensure minimisation and mitigation measures for storm water have been correctly implemented to ensure minimal impact to water bodies.</li> <li>Pesticide use shall not be permitted within 10 metres of any riparian areas.</li> </ul> Negligible: Works may be carried out adjacent to a water body but will cause minimal to no change.

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	Aspect	Impact Description	Impact Without Control	Environmental Controls	Impact With Control
	Erosion and Sediment Applicable	Minor earthworks will be undertaken including clearing beach access ways, dune fencing and dune revegetation.  The works are proposing movement of already exposed sand soils. Erosion and sediment impacts are expected to be low as no new vegetated areas are proposed to be exposed.	Minor: Erosion disturbance and release of sediment but contained within the site.	<ul> <li>There is to be no release of turbid or dirty water into stormwater drains, drainage lines or waterways</li> <li>Ensure all drains and waterways in the work area are protected by installing and maintaining appropriate controls to prevent pollution from sediment, concrete, waste or other materials or chemicals.</li> <li>Erosion and sediment controls are to be checked and maintained on a regular basis and records kept and provided on request.</li> <li>The drain should be blocked and sediment and erosion controls put in place between the worksite and the stormwater inlet.</li> </ul>	Minor: Erosion disturbance and release of sediment but contained within the site.
SOIL	Acid Sulphate Soils Applicable	Site contains Class 2 and 5 Acid Sulfate Soils. (2) Works Below the Ground Surface (5) Works Within 500m of Adjacent Class Refer to Appendix 3, Image 9)	Minor: Small amounts of Acid Sulphate Soils will be disturbed during works but will be managed in accordance with an existing plan or procedure.	<ul> <li>Access to work sites and around work areas (where appropriate) would be planned and managed to reduce disturbance.</li> <li>If there is any visual evidence of potential acid sulphate soils, all works within the vicinity would cease immediately and the Project Manager and Environmental Representative be notified immediately.</li> <li>Refer to the UNEXPECTED FINDS FIELD GUIDE (Appendix 5) if disturbed.</li> </ul>	Minor: Small amounts of Acid Sulphate Soils will be disturbed during works but will be managed in accordance with an existing plan or procedure.
	Contamination  Applicable	Not mapped within the Williamtown PFAS Management Area.  No current EPA notices applied to the site or were identified in the vicinity of the site.  Based on the land use of the site contamination is unlikely.	Negligible: No contaminants present or used.	All Plant and equipment to be serviced in accordance with manufacturer specifications and regimes.     Potential risks to be minimised by keeping plant in good working order, refuelling in controlled/ appropriately bunded areas and having spill kits onsite with appropriate emergency spill response procedures in place.  Plant, equipment and materials used during the programmed maintenance will be maintained and	Negligible: No contaminants present or used.

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				stored in accordance with all relevant standards and procedures.  All staff will be trained in spill response procedures and all spills will be cleaned up immediately  Equipment will not be used if there are any signs of fuel, oil or hydraulic leaks. Leaks will be repaired immediately or the equipment will be removed from site and replaced.  If contamination occurs during the proposed maintenance works, refer to the Unexpected Finds Field Guide Handbook  Erosion and sediment controls are to be checked and maintained on a regular basis and records kept and provided on request.  All imported materials are to be tested and classified prior to placement.
	Aspect	Impact Description	Impact Without Control	Environmental Controls Impact With Control
FLORA & FAUNA	Native Fauna (Animals) Applicable	There is potential for native fauna to be present within the site.  Migratory Birds mapped outside of site.  The works should have a positive impact on native fauna through the improvement of habitat and control of pedestrian access. There is potential the following negative impacts could occur without controls:  There is potential that maintenance activities could temporarily disturb or injure native species from noise and additional movements of people and vehicles/machinery during works.  There is potential for temporary disturbance to beach dwelling fauna where beach areas are used for site access and movement of people and machinery.	Negligible: Native fauna and its habitat may be present on-site but not impacted.	<ul> <li>Materials, plant, equipment and stockpiles are not to be placed in a manner that could result in damage to surrounding vegetation</li> <li>If damage occurs to vegetation, fauna or their habitat outside of the approvals and plans, notify the site Team Leader. The Team Leaders shall notify the Project Manager or Supervisor and Council's Environmental Risk Team.</li> <li>The works area must be inspected visually at the commencement of work each day for any fauna, nests or dreys.</li> </ul>

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There is potential for fauna to traverse the site during maintenance operations.	<ul> <li>If fauna is passing through the site, cease works within 100 m of the fauna and allow fauna to move through the site without undue duress or harassment.</li> </ul>
There is potential for fauna habitat disturbance or damage to	If the fauna is not passing through the site, the Project

occur onsite due to: movement of people, machinery/equipment.; chemical spill such as fuel/oil; inappropriate use of pesticide.

There is a potential that weeds may provide habitat for fauna and weed removal/spraying will cause destruction.

- Manager must contact the relevant internal environmental officer. Follow the Unexpected Finds Field Guide.
- If any injured fauna are present, the Unexpected Finds Field Guide process must be followed.
- To minimise impact of habitat loss from weed removalif nests/dreys are found within weed areas, segmented systematic control of prolific vegetation must occur to allow for migration and mitigation of habitat destruction. The Project Manager must contact Council internal environmental officer for advice.
- Where practicable, work vehicle access and parking is to be restricted to designated work areas and existing formed access tracks and pathways to prevent any damage to habitat.
- If harm occurs to fauna or their habitat, works must cease and the incident immediately reported through to the Environmental Risk Manager. The Environmental Incident Procedure must be followed.
- Materials, plant and equipment will not be placed in a manner that could result in damage to surrounding vegetation.
- Pesticide application will be undertaken by suitably qualified personnel and in accordance with the NSW Weed Control Handbook to prevent impact to habitat.
- Chemical/Pesticide to be managed as per Section "Hazardous Materials".
- Vegetation to be inspected prior to pruning to ensure there are no tree hollows, nests that will be impacted. If fauna or hollows/nests are discovered, the Project Manager is to contact internal environmental specialist for further advice.

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No Native Flora sightings  Adjacent to Endangered Ecological Communities 200m buffer. (Appendix 3, Image 2)  Endangered Ecological Community mapped adjacent to site – Swamp Sclerophyll Forest, Freshwater Wetlands, Coastal Saltmarsh. (Appendix 3, Image 2)  Biodiversity Values Mapped adjacent to site (Appendix 3, Image 4)  Native Flora (Vegetation including trees)  Applicable	Negligible: Native flora is present on-site but not impacted.	<ul> <li>All workers to be experienced in Plant ID skills to ensure correct identification of native flora, invasive species and threatened species.</li> <li>If threatened flora is unexpectedly identified onsite, the area is not to be disturbed and the Project Manager must notify the relevant internal staff with environmental technical expertise. See the Unexpected Finds Field Guide.</li> <li>Materials, plant and equipment will not be placed in a manner that could result in damage to surrounding vegetation.</li> <li>Where practicable work vehicle access and parking is to be restricted to designated work areas and existing formed access tracks, pathways and hard stand areas like car parks to prevent any damage to habitat.</li> <li>If harm to flora occurs, works must cease and the incident immediately reported through to the Environmental Risk Manager. The Environmental Incident Procedure must be followed.</li> <li>Vegetation to be inspected prior to pruning or removal to ensure there are no tree hollows, nests, fauna such as koalas sighted or scat on the ground below. If hollows/nests or evidence of fauna are discovered, the Project Manager is to contact Council's internal environmental specialist for further advice.</li> <li>Pesticide application will be undertaken by suitably qualified personnel and in accordance with the NSW Weed Control Handbook to prevent impact to habitat.</li> <li>Chemical/pesticide to be managed as per Section "Hazardous Materials".</li> <li>Vegetation pruning or removal must follow Council's Tree removal process.</li> </ul>	
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A	quatic Flora & Fauna <i>Applicabl</i> e	The waters adjacent to Corlette (Roy Wood Reserve) foreshore are part of the Great Lakes Marine Park. The area is zoned 'General Use Zone' and is adjacent to a Sanctuary Zone. Refer to Appendix 3, Image 11.  Estuarine Macrophytes have been identified in the water adjacent from the foreshore including;  Posidonia Zostera Mangrove Refer to Appendix 3, Image 10.  (V) Vulnerable, Chelonia Mydas (Green Turtle) 15.09.2012 (Refer to Appendix 3, Image 2)	Minor: Aquatic flora and fauna are known within the locality but won't be impacted.	<ul> <li>Tree Protection Zones to be installed for trees which are not being removed.</li> <li>See Environmental Controls for Native Fauna and Native Fauna.</li> <li>All staff are to be inducted on the location of aquatic flora (see APPENDIX 3, Image 10) and the potential for encountering aquatic fauna onsite.</li> <li>Access to beach is to be limited to the required works only. No parking of vehicles is to occur on the beach.</li> <li>Collection of seaweed/drift wood/removal of dead aquatic fauna may require a Marine Park Permit (to follow up during permit process).</li> </ul>	Minor: Aquatic flora and fauna are known within the locality but won't be impacted.
	Threatened Species & Endangered Ecological Communities Applicable	Mapped BioNet NSW Wildlife Atlas – Fauna 200m buffer Fauna mapped within site;  11 x (E1) Endangered, Phascolarctos Cinereus (Koala) 1 x (E1) Endangered, Caretta Caretta (Loggerhead Turtle) 10.05.2012 (V) Vulnerable, Chelonia Mydas (Green Turtle) 10.08.2023 (V) Vulnerable, Haliaeetus Leucogaster (White-Bellied Sea Eagle) 31.12.1991 (Refer to Appendix 3, Image 1)  Adjacent to Endangered Ecological Communities within 200m buffer. (Appendix 3, Image 2)	Minor: Species, populations or communities are known within the locality but won't be impacted.	If damage occurs to vegetation, fauna or their habitat outside of the approvals and plans, notify the site Team Leader. The Team Leaders shall notify the Project Manager or Supervisor and Council's Environmental Risk Team.      All staff are to be inducted of the locations of threatened flora species, experienced in plant ID skills and notified of the potential for encountering threatened fauna onsite.      If harm to Threatened Species and EECs occurs, works must cease and the incident immediately reported through to the Environmental Risk Manager.	Minor: Species, populations or communities are known within the locality but won't be impacted.

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Sensitive Areas  Applicable	Endangered Ecological Community mapped adjacent to site – Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest. (Appendix 3, Image 3)  Mapped within Mainly Cleared Land and Preferred Koala Habitat Buffer over Cleared Land for consolidated CKPoM Koala Habitat Map, although adjacent to a Preferred Koala Habitat. (Appendix 3, Image 3)  Biodiversity Values Mapped adjacent to site (Appendix 3, Image 4)  Mapped within Coastal Wetlands Proximity Area (Appendix 3, Image 5)  Adjacent to Endangered Ecological Communities, within 200m buffer. (Appendix 3, Image 2)  Endangered Ecological Community mapped adjacent to site – Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest. (Appendix 3, Image 2)  Biodiversity Values Mapped adjacent to site (Appendix 3, Image 4)  There are Landcare committees working along the Corlette foreshore undertaking dune stabilisation, revegetation and weeding. Co-ordination between PDS and volunteers is required to ensure the best environmental and relationship outcomes.  Identify the/if any environmentally sensitive areas surrounding or within the site.	Minor: Sensitive areas are known within the locality but won't be impacted.	Project staff to liaise with Council Officer Vegetation Management Supervisor to co-ordinate revegetation/weeding works alongside volunteer activities.  See Environmental Controls for Native Fauna and Native Fauna.	Minor: Sensitive areas are known within the locality but won't be impacted.
Priority Weeds, Feral Animals and Pathogens (Biosecurity) Applicable	Long Leaf Willow Primrose – Mapped adjacent to site (Refer to Appendix 3, Image 11)	Negligible: Noxious weeds, feral animals and pathogens could be present within the locality but won't be impacted.	Invasive Species Referral Completed – Refer to Appendix 6  No priority weeds present in the proposed work area.  If priority weeds not previously identified are observed, cease works in the vicinity and follow the Unexpected Finds Procedure.  Minimise work during excessively wet or muddy conditions where possible.  Restrict vehicles and personnel to designated tracks.	Negligible: Noxious weeds, feral animals and pathogens could be present within the locality but won't be impacted.

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			Impact Without Control	trails and parking areas. Where possible park and turnaround on hard, well drained surfaces.  Only hard well-drained surfaces will be used for parking and as turn-around points.  All machinery, plant, equipment, vehicles and boots should be clean prior to entry to the site.  Any fill, soil, mulch or plants bought onto site for landscaping purposes must be free of priority weeds and/ or weed seeds, cane toads, pathogens or any of the imported pest ant species.	
		AHIMS Basic Search 14.05.2025 – found no Aboriginal Sites recorded on site or within the 200m buffer.  Refer to Appendix 4, Image 1.	Negligible: Aboriginal artefact, object or places are not known within the locality.	<ul> <li>If suspected Aboriginal heritage objects such as stone artefacts, scar trees or shell middens are located or human remains found, cease works within the vicinity, cordon off the area and follow the UNEXPECTED FINDS FIELD GUIDE (Appendix 5).</li> </ul>	Negligible: Aboriginal artefact, object or places are not known within the locality.
HERITAGE	Aboriginal Applicable	This project will have a positive impact to potential Aboriginal heritage through the stabilisation of the dune and controlling public access points. This will minimise erosion and the risk of aboriginal artefacts being exposed.  Worimi LALC has been notified of the maintenance program and requires further information on activities prior to works occurring.  Much of the site is highly disturbed through previous construction works to the existing beach access points and fencing and ongoing maintenance. There is however low potential for Aboriginal heritage harm as excavation activities are being undertaken. Controls are required to mitigate this risk.	Totality.	<ul> <li>All staff are to be made aware of the statutory obligations for heritage under the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974- it is an offense to harm Aboriginal objects by destroying, defacing, or damaging them, or by moving an Aboriginal object from the land.</li> <li>If suspected Aboriginal objects are located, works must immediately cease, the item protected (no-go zone with tape) and the incident immediately reported through to the Environmental Risk Manager. The Unexpected Finds Field Guide must be followed.</li> <li>If human remain are found, works must immediately cease, the item protected (no-go zone with tape) and the incident immediately reported to NSW Police then the Environmental Risk Manager. The Unexpected Finds Field Guide must be followed.</li> <li>Engage with Worimi Cultural Officers to discuss scope of works prior to any works occurring. If additional environmental controls are raised by Worimi LALC to</li> </ul>	

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SOCIAL	Aspect  Amenity & Community Disturbance  Applicable	Impact Description  There will be amenity and community disturbance impacts during construction. The works will improve overall amenity once completed.	Impact Without Control  Minor: Amenity and/or the community will be disturbed during works but is managed in accordance with standard operating procedures.	Any complaints would be addressed immediately in accordance with Council's relevant codes and policies.  See Environmental Controls for Public Access &	Impact With Control  Minor: Amenity and/or the community will be disturbed during works but is managed in accordance with standard operating procedures.
	Non- Indigenous Applicable	No non-indigenous heritage impact.	Negligible: Non- Indigenous heritage items are not known within the locality.	AHIMS locations of Aboriginal sites. See APPENDIX 4. Their statutory obligations for heritage under the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974- it is an offense to harm Aboriginal objects by destroying, defacing, or damaging them, or by moving an Aboriginal object from the land.  If any items defined as relics under the NSW Heritage Act 1977 or other suspected non-Aboriginal heritage items are located, cease works within the vicinity, cordon off the area and follow the UNEXPECTED	Negligible: Non- Indigenous heritage items are not known within the locality.
				protect aboriginal heritage, they are to be documented an issued as part of project initiation documentation.  Culturally significant areas will be identified, fencing erected around the site and communicated with staff during induction.  All staff are to be inducted on:  The controls within this EA.	

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Public Access & Safety Applicable	There will be public access and safety impacts during maintenance works. The works will improve overall public access and safety once completed.  Access to sites will be closed off for the duration of the works, in order to ensure the safety of workers and the public.  The newly maintained foreshore area will enhance the safety and useability of the existing access to beach and dune area.	Minor: Public access and safety will be disturbed during works but is managed in accordance with standard operating procedures.	Minor: Public access and safety will be disturbed during works but is managed in accordance with standard operating procedures.
Traffic Applicable	The small scale of the works is unlikely to significantly increase traffic. Machinery will be stored off site. During the construction works it is likely that the access to the foreshore and the beach will be restricted which may impact on the use by the public. Appropriate signage and diversions will be in place to manage this. Parking will occur within the existing, adjoining carparks. The access to each site will be via existing access roads and tracks and there will be no requirement fornew tracks to be constructed.	Negligible: Minimal to no disruption.	Negligible: Minimal to no disruption.
Aesthetics (visual) Applicable	The works will improve the current visual aspects of the site as the works will remove inhibited or unsafe foreshore access points, tidy existing dune fencing and improving vegetation. There will be negligible visual impacts during maintenance being undertaken.  Whilst the aesthetics of the proposed site may be negatively impacted during maintenance, the final outcome of the project will enhance the aesthetics. Visual impacts will be temporary in nature confined to the works period.	Negligible: Minimal to no impact.	Negligible: Minimal to no impact.

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	Land Use Applicable	The works are to maintain existing access ways, dune fencing and dune vegetation. Activities are endorsed in the 2024 certified Coastal Management Program. The current land use of the parks and reserves areas will not change upon completion of the maintenance works.	Negligible: Improvements / maintenance of existing land use.	Council's complaints handling policies.	Negligible: Improvements / maintenance of existing land use.
	Asset Maintenance Applicable	The works are to maintain existing access ways, dune fencing and dune vegetation.  The proposed outcome of these works will reduce the maintenance requirement of the asset for the immediate future. The long term maintenance requirements will be similar to the existing maintenance project.	Positive: Not applicable.	schedules.	Positive: The activity will improve existing asset maintenance issues.
	Aspect	Impact Description	Impact Without Control	Environmental Controls	Impact With Control
WASTE	Waste Applicable	Waste is likely to be limited to removed plants, demolished dune fencing, beach debris, litter and minor amounts of spoil.	Negligible: Minimal to no waste generated.		Negligible: Minimal to no waste generated.

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	Stockpiles Applicable	Stockpiling may be required when placing sand, gravel or mulch. Stock piling would be of minimal volumes and short term.	Minor: Temporary stockpiling required.	<ul> <li>Port Stephens Council has a stockpile management process. It requires the drivers to record the location from where the material is from, where it is going and how much. This is passed on to the Team Leader who records the information and passes it onto the cost controller for recording.</li> <li>Any excess spoil material that is classified Excavated Public Road Material (EPRM) will be used in accordance with the EPRM Exemption 2014 under the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014.</li> <li>For any excess spoil classified as contaminated, disposal of this material will be at an appropriately licensed landfill in accordance with the EPA (2014) Waste Classification Guidelines. See APPENDIX 9.</li> <li>For any excess spoil material where potentially contaminating activities have been identified on site (including Acid Sulphate Soils) this material will be tested and classified prior to leaving the site.</li> <li>See Environmental Controls for Erosion and Sediment Control and Waste.</li> </ul>	Minor: Temporary stockpiling required.
	Aspect	Impact Description	Impact Without Control	Environmental Controls	Impact With Control
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	Hazardous & Dangerous Goods <i>Applicable</i>	Some chemicals (oils and fuels) will be brought to site only when required. Pesticides may be used for weed control	Negligible: None present or used.		Negligible: None present or used.

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			the state and national regulations and guidelines and best practice for the removal of these materials.  Potential risks to be minimised by keeping plant in good working order, refuelling in controlled/ bundled areas and having spill kits on site.  If unknown hazardous materials or dangerous goods are encountered, cease works immediately and contact your supervisor.  In the unlikely event of a pollution incident, the relevant authorities will be notified.	
Asbestos Applicable	No asbestos is known to be present at the site.	Negligible: No disturbance of asbestos or less than 10 square meters of non- friable asbestos to be removed.	follow the UNEXPECTED FINDS FIELD GUIDE (Appendix 5).	Negligible: No disturbance of asbestos or less than 10 square meters of non-friable asbestos to be removed. Negligible: No disturbance of asbestos or less than 10 square meters of non-friable asbestos to be removed.
Chemicals Applicable	Some chemicals (oils and fuels) will be brought to site only when required. Pesticides may be used for weed control.	Minor: Chemicals used but are managed in accordance with a Licence / standard operating procedures and are unlikely to pose a threat to environmental pollution and human health.	Refer to controls in Hazardous and Dangerous Goods.	Minor: Chemicals used but are managed in accordance with a Licence / standard operating procedures and are unlikely to pose a threat to environmental pollution and human health. Minor: Chemicals used but are managed in accordance with a Licence / standard operating procedures

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					and are unlikely to pose a threat to environmental pollution and human health.
	Aspect	Impact Description	Impact Without Control	Environmental Controls	Impact With Control
S	Bushfire Applicable	The proposed works create no greater risk to bushfire and works will be rescheduled in the event that a bushfire is in the area.  Mapped adjacent to Vegetation Category 2 and within the Vegetation Buffer (Appendix 3, Image 12)	Negligible: Bushfire risk at the asset or location is Low to High. Negligible: Bushfire risk at the asset or location is Low to High.	Guidelines maintained by the NSW Rural Fire Service.	Negligible: Bushfire risk at the asset or location is Low to High. Negligible: Bushfire risk at the asset or location is Low to High.
NATURAL HAZARDS	Flooding Applicable	Mapped within the Flood Planning Area (Appendix 3, Image 13)  The proposed works are unlikely to impact local flood events.	Minor: Location is mapped as Flood Prone Land but the activity/asset will not contribute to flooding or will not be more affected by flooding than existing conditions	The location of this project is subject to flooding due to being within the mapped Flood Planning Area, all controls will be implemented during maintenance works to minimise any potential flooding issues.	Minor: Location is mapped as Flood Prone Land but the activity/asset will not contribute to flooding or will not be more affected by flooding than existing conditionsMinor: Location is mapped as Flood Prone Land but the activity/asset will not contribute to flooding or will not be more affected by flooding than existing conditions

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	Coastal Processes Applicable	The location is affected by coastal process including shifting sand, wind and erosion etc. These works are endorsed in the 2024 certified CMP to mitigate these processes.  Mapped within SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) 2021 Coastal Zone.  Undertaking the maintenance works will provide mitigation of coastal processes (e.g. sand accretion, dune fencing and revegetation) on the foreshore for continued future use.	Minor: Location is mapped in Coastal Protection Zone but the activity/asset will not contribute to or be affected by coastal process.	<ul> <li>Works to accommodate the coastal foreshore dynamic environment by implementing the maintenance works endorsed within the certified CMP.</li> <li>All works will consider the effect of coastal processes at the site.</li> </ul>	Minor: Location is mapped in Coastal Protection Zone but the activity/asset will not contribute to or be affected by coastal process. Minor: Location is mapped in Coastal Protection Zone but the activity/asset will not contribute to or be affected by coastal process.
	Extreme Weather Events Applicable	The site could be affected by extreme weather events including storms and coastal erosion and sand movement. These maintenance works are in consequence of these extreme weather events, resulting in increased impacts and shifting nature of the local environment.	Minor: The activity/asset could be affected by extreme weather events and requires specific treatment and management.	<ul> <li>Emergency procedures should be taken into consideration as part of the Infrastructure Checklist.</li> <li>Works to accommodate for the local dynamic environment.</li> <li>If an extreme weather event occurs and damage occurs the site will be reinstated and any damage rectified as soon as practically possible; where required in consultation with relevant authorities.</li> <li>In the event of extreme weather events the site will be shut down and staff removed from the site eliminating any health and safety risk.</li> </ul>	Minor: The activity/asset could be affected by extreme weather events and requires specific treatment and management. Minor: The activity/asset could be affected by extreme weather events and requires specific treatment and management.
	Aspect	Impact Description	Impact Without Control	Environmental Controls	Impact With Control
ENVIRONMEN	Natural Resources <i>Applicable</i>	Energy and water use will increase during works but will be temporary in nature. Due to the reduction in maintenance requirements as a result of the works it is expected that the project will have a net benefit on energy consumption	Positive: The activity will have a net reduction in the ongoing consumption of natural resources.	Nil.	Positive: The activity will have a net reduction in the ongoing consumption of natural resources.

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	Ecological Sustainability Applicable	The works aim to improve the resilience of the foreshore environment from coastal erosion and enhance the quality of dune vegetation to support local ecological populations.	Positive: Not applicable.	Nil.	Positive: The activity will improve ecological processes at the site. Positive: The activity will improve ecological processes at the site.
	Aspect	Impact Description	Impact Without Control	Environmental Controls	Impact With Control
GEFFECT	Cumulative, Accumulative, Degrading Applicable	The works are endorsed in the certified CMP and aims to improve the current foreshore access way and assisting in the preservation of dunes with revegetation.  The works aim to improve the resilience of the foreshore environment from coastal erosion, enhance the quality of dune vegetation to support local ecological populations and reduce ongoing maintenance requirements.	Positive: The activity will have a positive effect on the environment.	Nil.	Positive: The activity will have a positive effect on the environment.
ONGOING	Transformative, Long-Term Applicable	The works aim to improve the resilience of the foreshore environment from coastal erosion, enhance the quality of dune vegetation to support local ecological populations and reduce ongoing maintenance requirements.	Positive: The activity will have a positive long-term or transformative impact on the environment.	Nil.	Positive: The activity will have a positive long-term or transformative impact on the environment.

#### **OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

The highest outcome in the impact with control column is the overall impact of the activity

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☐ Positive	☐ Negligible	⊠ Minor	☐ Moderate	☐ Potentially Significant	
If any final impact is mod		ant, reconsider Envi	ironmental Controls (refe	nd Section 7: Determination. r to the Environmental Assessment Guide – I Assessment.	

This Form is a report for the consideration and control of potential negative impacts on the environment to determine if the activity should be undertaken. It does not constitute permission to undertake works. Refer to EMS 3.0 Environmental Assessment Procedure for appropriate delegations and training requirements for the Assessing and Authorising Officer.

#### **SECTION 6: DECLARATION**

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#### See Appendix 1 for a checklist to ensure the document is fully complete before signing

As the Assessing Officer preparing the assessment, I certify to the best of my knowledge that:

- This assessment provides a true and accurate review of the activity in relation to its likely impacts on the environment. It contains neither false nor misleading information.
- The activity has been assessed to have a minor, negligible or positive overall environmental impact
- The environmental impacts of the activity are NOT likely to be significant and therefore an EIS is NOT required
- The activity will not be undertaken in a declared area of outstanding biodiversity value and is NOT likely to significantly impact threatened species, threatened ecological communities or their habitat. Therefore a SIS and/or BDAR is NOT required.
- I am delegated to undertake this assessment.
- I have assessed the activity in accordance with Council's EMS 3.0 Environmental Assessment Procedure and the Environmental Assessment: Level 2 Form

Name	Position/Title	Service Unit	Signature	Date
Madeline Brennan	Community Assets Planner	Assets		15.08.2025

#### **SECTION 7: DETERMINATION**

See Appendix 2 for a Determination checklist to ensure the document is compliant before signing

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As the Authorised Officer on behalf of Council as the determining authority, I certify that:

- I have reviewed and endorse the contents of this EA document and, to the best of my knowledge, it is in accordance with the EP&A Act, the EP&A Regulation and the Guidelines approved under clause 170 of the EP&A Regulation, and the information it contains is neither false nor misleading.
- The environmental impacts of the activity are NOT likely to be significant, therefore no EIS or SIS and/or BDAR is required, and the activity may proceed subject to the implementation of all mitigation measures set out in Section 5 of the EA document.
- I am delegated to authorise this assessment on behalf of Council as the determining authority
- The activity has been adequately assessed in accordance with Council's EMS 3.0 Environmental Assessment Procedure and the Environmental Assessment: Level 2 Form.

Name	Position/Title	Service Unit	Signature	Date
John Maretich	Assets Section Manager	Assets		19/08/2025

SECTION 8: APPENDICIES			
Item	CEMP Inclusion		
Appendix 3: Port Stephens IFM Mapping (at the end of this document)			
Appendix 4: Heritage (at the end of this document)			

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Appendix 10: Site Mapping	

#### Appendix 1: Declaration Checklist - Assessing Officer

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Section	Items to check	Completed?
	Does the description of the works contain sufficient detail? (photos, details of scope, depth of excavation etc)	
Section 1	Consideration of alternatives completed?	
	Are all location details completed? (land zoning, land owner, site map)	
	Are all boxes in section 2 ticked Yes or No?	
Section 2	Are the two boxes in <b>Pathway 1: Local Development (Part 4)</b> ticked No? (If Yes, you have selected that a DA is needed. This form cannot be used if a DA is required).	
	Is the correct clause/s listed for the approval pathway in <i>Pathway 3</i> ?	
Section 3	Are all responses 'No'? (If not, a higher level of assessment is likely required).	
Section 3	Does each response have a justification in the form of a sentence or paragraph? Are searches and checks referenced (e.g. AHIMS search ID number)?	
Section 4	Is there a Yes or No response for each of the approvals/permits in the applicability column (right hand column)?	

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Section 5	Is applicable or non-applicable selected in the applicability drop down for each aspect?			
Section 5	Are all selected 'impacts after controls' assessed as minor, negligible or positive? (If not, a higher level of assessment is required)			
All items in this list must be completed before the declaration in Section 6 is signed by the assessing officer				

Appendix 2: Determination Checklist- Authorising Officer  Before signing the Determination in section 7 as the delegated person on behalf of Council, please check the following -				
Section	Items to check	True?		
Section 3	Are none of the environmental impact triggers in Section 3 triggered by the activity?			
Section 5	Is every impact after controls in the far right column of section 5 minor or below? (If moderate, potentially significant or significant, a higher level of assessment is needed or more effective controls are required).			
	Is the overall environmental impact at the end of Section 5 minor or below? (If above Minor, a higher level of assessment is needed or more effective controls are required).			
	That the activity has been assessed in accordance with the EMS3.0 Procedure			

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If all these items are true, the assessment has found that the activity will not significantly impact the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), a Species Impact Statement (SIS) and/or a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) is therefore not required.

Appendix 3: Port Stephens IFM Mapping

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Image 2: Endangered Ecological Communities

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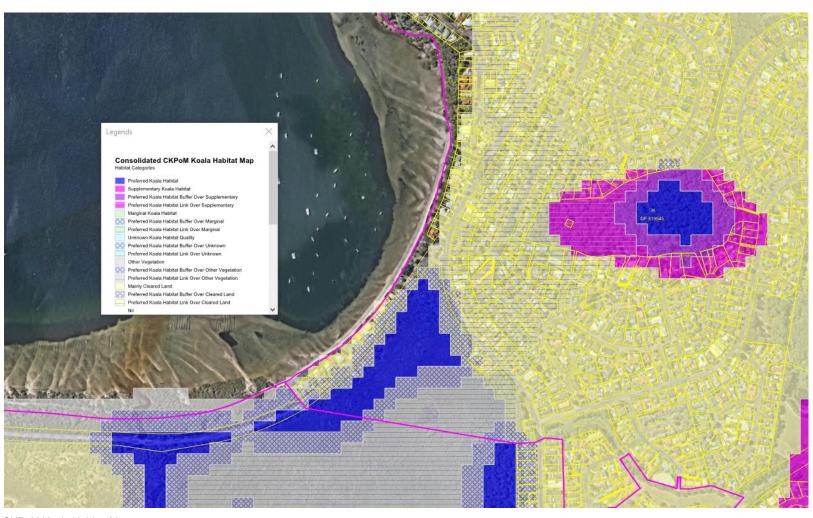


Image 3: Consolidated CKPoM Koala Habitat Map

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Image 4: Biodiversity Values Map

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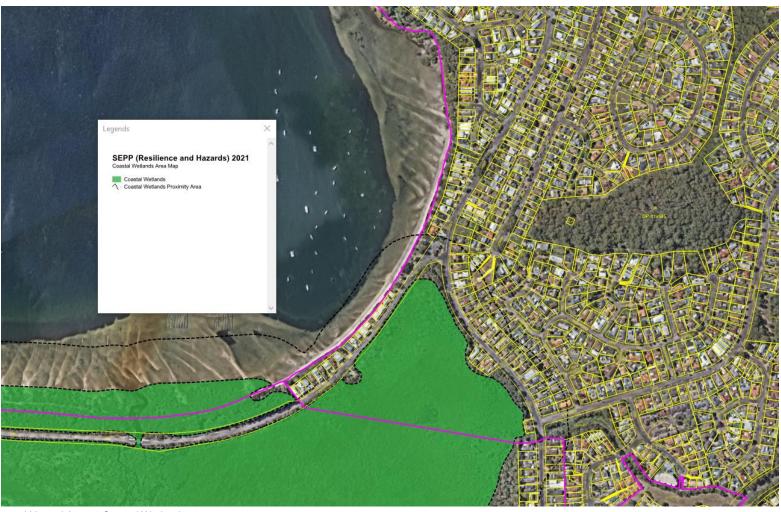


Image 5: SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) 2021 Coastal Wetlands

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Image 6: Great Lakes Marine Park Zones

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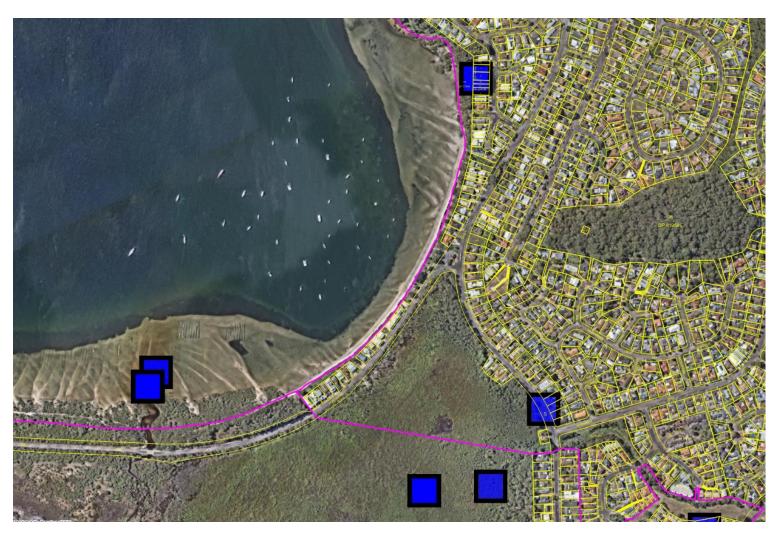


Image 7: Migratory Birds

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Image 8: Stormwater Drainage

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Image 9: Acid Sulphate Soils

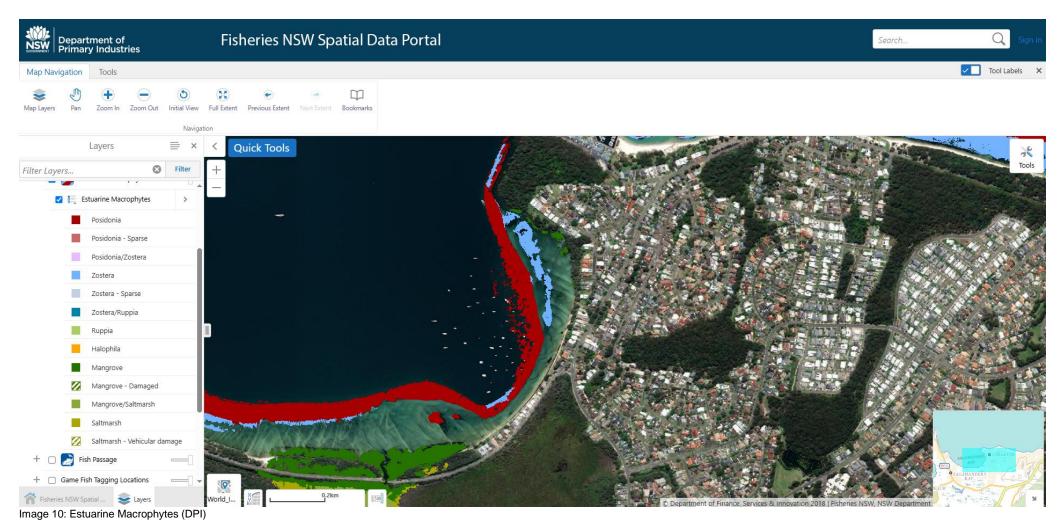
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Image 11: Invasive Weed Species (Long Leaf Willow Primrose)

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Image 12: Bushfire Prone Land Map

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Image 13: Flood Planning Map

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#### **Appendix 4: Heritage**

Madeline Brennan

116 Adelaide Street

Raymond Terrace New South Wales 2316

Attention: Madeline Brennan

Email: madeline.brennan@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

Dear Sir or Madam:

AHIMS Web Service search for the following area at Lot: 356, DP:DP27845, Section: - with a Buffer of 200 meters, conducted by Madeline Brennan on 15 May 2025.

The context area of your search is shown in the map below. Please note that the map does not accurately display the exact boundaries of the search as defined in the paragraph above. The map is to be used for general reference purposes only.



A search of Heritage NSW AHIMS Web Services (Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System) has shown that:

Aboriginal sites are recorded in or near the above location.

 Aboriginal places have been declared in or near the above location.\*

Image 1: AHIMS Basic Search conducted 15.05.2025

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**Disclaimer**: This guide is relevant to standards and pathways at the time of review. Always confirm with Councils Environmental Risk Team on correct procedure if unsure. Photo references are attached to the images.

#### BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR UNEXPECTED FINDS

#### **Planning work:**

- Whilst all efforts are made when assessing the impacts of a project in the Environmental Assessment, unexpected finds during works may occur.
- Ensure all staff on site are aware of potential risks identified in the Environmental Assessment or CEMP during daily toolbox talks. This may involve consideration of historical site use and recent weather patterns.
- Familiarise yourself with identifiable characteristics of unexpected finds.
  - **Controls:** Install and complete all controls identified in planning documentation.

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#### **ACID SULFATE SOILS**

When disturbed, acid sulfate soils (ASS) reacts with oxygen to form an acid which releases metals into the environment. These toxins can kill plants and aquatic life, corrode concrete, iron and steel, and irritate skin and eyes.

#### Identification

- Undisturbed ASS are always wet / entirely saturated.
- Steely blue-grey colour ranging from pale to dark shades, sometimes greenish.
- Strong smell of sulfur (rotten eggs) coming from the soil.
- Exposed soils can be quite dry and blocky, colours becoming dark to pale browns with yellow and orange mottling

#### **PROCEDURE**

- 1. Cease works and notify Site Team Leader.
- 2. Team Leader notifies Project Manager and Environmental Risk Manager. For less than 1 tonne of ASS, it may be kept on site and mixed with lime to neutralise before reusing. See EMS Factsheet on Acid Sulfate Soils for details.
- 3. For over 1 tonne of ASS, Project Manager to engage a Geotechnical Engineer with experience in dealing with acid sulphate soils.
- 4. Consultant undertakes assessment in accordance with the NSW Acid Sulfate Soils Manual (1998) and National Acid Sulfate Soil Guidelines (June, 2018) which includes:
- National acid sulfate soils sampling and identification methods manual (June, 2018).
- Guidance for dewatering of acid sulfate soils in shallow groundwater environments (June, 2018).
- Guidelines for the dredging of acid sulfate soil sediments and associated dredge spoil management (June, 2018).
- Overview and management of monosulfidic black ooze accumulations in waterways and wetlands (June, 2018).
- 5. Excavations within vicinity of the find do not recommence until the extent of the acid sulphate soil has been assessed as advised by the consultant.
- 6. Any necessary controls implemented as advised by the consultant.
- 7. Where material is removed, classify and dispose of the material in accordance with the NSW Waste Classification Guidelines (2014) under advice of the environmental consultant (likely general solid waste once treated).



https://lnu.se/en/research/research-projects/project--geochemical-mineralogical-and-microbiological-characterization-of-acid-sulfate-soils/



#### **ASBESTOS**

#### Identification

- Naturally occurring asbestos can be blue, brown, green or white, however when mixed with building materials or painted can appear any colour.
- It may be friable (can be reduced to powder by hand) or non-friable (mixed with cement or other bonding material and cannot be crumbled).

#### **PROCEDURE**

- 1. Cease works immediately and cordon off the area. Do not attempt to move the asbestos.
- 2. Notify Site Team Leader.
- 3. Team Leader notifies Project Manager, Environmental Risk Manager and WHS Manager.
- 4. Further activities to be undertaken in accordance with the Safe Work Method Statement for Asbestos Identification (SWMS Asbestos) and Removal in Public Amenities and Public Space and Code of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos (SafeWork NSW 2022). Generally:
  - Site supervisor to log incident. If asbestos is broken and not wrapped, engage a hygienist to assess the find and assist in deciding the next course of action.
  - Up to 10m² of non-friable asbestos can be removed from site without a licence by staff that have completed the Asbestos Awareness Training, however, **it is up to supervisor to determine if it is reasonable for staff to remove** (SafeWork NSW 2022). Remove and wash down any contaminated materials wearing correct PPE and in line with SWMS Asbestos.
  - If over 10m² or friable, a licensed asbestos removalist will need to be engaged.
  - No works shall be conducted in the area until it has been confirmed clear of asbestos *or* a suitably competent person has been engaged to remediate the area.



https://www.asbestos.nsw.gov.au/asbestos-in-australia

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#### BURIED STRUCTURES OR DRUMS

Unidentified buried structures or drums can pose a significant potential hazard to works. They could be storage tanks for hazardous substances, septic tanks, wells, pipelines, basements, ex-military structures and unmapped infrastructural assets.

#### **PROCEDURE**

- Cease works immediately and do not further disturb any structures or drums. Evacuate staff from site if there is risk of instability or collapse.
- 2. Notify Site Team Leader.
- 3. Team Leader notifies Project Manager and Enterprise Risk Team.
- 4. a) If unidentified storage tank or drum, a qualified HAZMAT contractor must be engaged to assess potential risks.
  - b) If unexpected structure, a structural engineer or geotechnical engineer should be engaged. Should the structure be suspected heritage, see procedure for non-Indigenous heritage finds.
- 5. Once the buried aspect has been determined, take necessary steps to stabilise or safely remove. For example, storage tanks that have filled with water but previously contained hazardous material must ensure water is properly treated as per groundwater unexpected find procedure.





https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/safety-alerts/safety-alerts/potential-risk-when-removing-underground-storage-tanks



#### **COAL TAR**

Coal tar was commonly used as a binder for bitumen up until about 1989, and occasionally may be accidentally used in recycled asphalt mixes. It can be found as a subsurface layer of modern bitumen asphalt. Coal tar is a classified hazardous substance with risk to human and environmental health. The substance exudes a distinct odour when heated and can be verified through laboratory testing.

#### **PROCEDURE**

- 1. Cease works immediately and prevent further disturbance of the site.
- 2. Notify Site Team Leader. Any areas of exposed skin should be washed with soap and water. Sunscreen or protective barriers should be applied to any exposed skin. Full PPE should be worn by any staff continuing works in the area (overalls, gloves, respirator, and eye protection).
- 3. Team Leader notifies Project Manager and Enterprise Risk Team.
- 4. Follow SWMS for Excavation Works with Coal Tar Affected Material such as keeping area damp, and excavating into bunded area.
- 5. Material must be disposed of at licensed waste facility. **Coal tar cannot be** reused or stockpiled at any Council stockpile sites



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#### CONTAMINATED LAND

Land may be contaminated with a variety of pollutants that pose various risks to planned activities. Land is at higher risk of contamination if it has been historically used for industry, agriculture or chemical storage (service station, dry cleaner). The below procedure generally applies to all forms of contaminated land, and the following page outlines potential finds of contamination.

#### **PROCEDURE**

- 1. Notify Site Team Leader.
- 2. Team Leader notifies the Project Manager and Environmental Risk Manager.
- 3. Project Manager to engage a Certified Environmental Practitioner (Site Contamination) by the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand or a certified Professional Soil Scientist Contaminated Site Assessment and Management by Soil Science Australia.
- 4. Consultant undertakes assessment in accordance with the Consultants reporting on contaminated land: Contaminated Land Guidelines (April, 2020).
- 5. Excavations within vicinity of the find do not recommence until the extent of the contamination has been assessed as advised by the consultant.
- 6. Any necessary controls implemented as advised by the environmental consultant.
- 7. Where material is removed, classify and dispose of the material in accordance with the NSW Waste Classification Guidelines (2014) under advice of the environmental consultant.

The below table outline some common potential finds of contaminated land.



Potential find	Characteristics	Risk/ danger	Visual	
Ash or slag deposits	Light weight, grey/pale sand and gravel sized particles.	Can contain heavy metals and create alkaline leachate. Buried concrete or structures could be present.		https://www.atlcombustion.com/ash-deposition/
Buried dry waste materials	Wood, plastic, metal fragments, building waste.	Asbestos or heavy metals.		https://www.greencap.com.au/news/2022-01-managing-risks-asbestos-soils
Petroleum hydrocarbons	Oily odour, dark staining, iridescent sheen on water.	Petro-chemicals, lead, and/or vapours.		https://www.hunterjo.com.au/wp- content/uploads/2022/05/Communicating-Information-through- Property-Notations.pdf
PFAS	Foaming in water where there is low flow/agitation.	Forever chemicals that are hazardous to human health.	https://www.unsw.edu.au/newsroom/news/2023/03/trving-to-solve-thefo	rever-problemof-pfas-pollution

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#### GROUNDWATER

Unexpected groundwater can impact the stability of works and in some cases lead to landslips or water pollution. Groundwater should be addressed as soon as it is detected to ensure impacts to works and groundwater quality are minimal.



#### **PROCEDURE**

- 1. Notify Site Team Leader. Take all necessary measures to prevent water leaving the site including reinforcing erosion and sediment controls. Spill kits may be used, sediment socks on pipes and gravel bags or coir logs to filter water until dewatering plan is provided. Refer to Erosion and Sediment Control Field Guide (PSC) or Blue Book for further control measures.
- 2. Team Leader notifies Project Manager and seek advice from Environmental Risk Manager.
- 3. For large volumes of groundwater, Project Manager to engage a suitably qualified and experienced person with experience in the preparation of such plans to develop a dewatering plan in accordance with the Water Management Act (2000) and other relevant legislation.
- 4. Subject to the conditions of the dewatering plan, the appropriate approvals and licences should be in place prior to dewatering activities being undertaken on site, such as;
- Water supply work approval
- Water access licence (WAL)
- Water use approval

In an emergency event, limited dewatering may occur without licensing if there are significant risks to health, safety, environment or infrastructure (under the Water Management Amendment (Emergency Works Exemption) Regulation 2018). Only necessary measures to address significant risk may be undertaken. Any further activities will not be covered under the exemption, and information must be provided to the department before or as soon as reasonable after commencing emergency works. Contact the Environmental Risk Officer.

- 5. A dewatering plan which must be reviewed and approved by Council's relevant project officers and environmental risk prior to commencing dewatering.
- 6. Excavations within the vicinity of the find that could contribute to dirty water leaving the site will not recommence until the dewatering has been implemented in accordance with approved dewatering plan.

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## HERITAGE (ABORIGINAL)

#### **PROCEDURE**

- 1. Cease works, protect the item (no-go zone with tape) and Notify Site Team Leader.
- 2. Team Leader notifies Project Manager and Environmental Risk Manager. The **potential find should be logged as an environmental incident** including photographs in situ, location and brief description made by staff onsite.
- 3. Project Manager to engage a suitably qualified and experienced archaeologist to ensure the site is adequately assessed and managed. If the item is positively identified, the archaeologist will formally record in the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS). Notification to Heritage NSW/DEECCW by the Environmental Risk Team may be required if harm has occurred. The Project Manager will notify the applicable Local Aboriginal Land Council (Worimi or Karuah).
- 4. An archaeological/ heritage management plan will need to be prepared with consideration of heritage approvals and mitigation measures. This should be provided to the Project Manager outlining all relevant issues and constraints. If continuation of the activity will directly or indirectly harm an Aboriginal object or declared Aboriginal Place, an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) will be required before works recommence.
- 5. Any necessary controls must be implemented as advised by the consulting archaeologist and/ or in accordance with the AHIP where required. CEMP will need to be updated to reflect changes.

Potential find	Characteristics	Visual	Potential find	Characteristics	Visual (images from DECCW 2010 unless specified)
Art (rock or engraving)	Stencils of hands, paintings of animals or shapes made from charcoal, clay or ochre. Carvings of images into rock.	https://www.aboriginalheritage.org/sites/identification/	Scarred trees	Living or dead trees with modified outerbark. High cultural significance.	

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Potential find	Characteristics	Visual (images from DECCW 2010 unless specified)	Potential find	Characteristics	Visual (images from DECCW 2010 unless specified)
Axe grinding grooves	Marks in stone used to sharpen tools, often found near waterways to avoid tools overheating during the grinding process.		Shell middens	Accumulations of shells or bones indicating place of meeting or burial.	
Occupation sites	Scatter sites containing materials such as charcoal, bone, shell and ochre. Fire pits or hearth sites of circular, burnt clay or rock.		Stone arrangements	Shapes and patterns of rocks that have been purposefully moved into place. May indicate ceremonial site.	
Relics / stone tools	Spear points, surface scatters, grinding stones, ground-edge axes and other purposed materials.		Quarry sites	Collections of stone around outcrops or natural accumulations, and are often associated with nearby important sites and trade routes.	



## HERITAGE (NON-ABORIGINAL)

Archaeological relics or items may be of local or state significance relating to past domestic, industrial or agricultural activities in NSW.

#### Identification

- Military equipment
- Building materials
- Structures

- Pottery / bottles
- Historic pavements/roads
- Cisterns

- Remnants of clothing
- Tramlines

#### **PROCEDURE**

- 1. Cease works and notify Site Team Leader. Create a 'no-go zone' around the find.
- 2. Team Leader notifies Project Manager and Environmental Risk Manager. The **potential find should be logged as an environmental incident** including photographs in situ, location and brief description made by staff onsite.
- 3. Project Manager to engage a suitably qualified and experienced archaeologist to ensure the site is adequately assessed and managed. If the item is positively identified, the consultant will provide an assessment of site, constraints and control measures to accompany formal notification to Heritage NSW in accordance with Section 146 of the NSW Heritage Act 1977 (as amended) in the 'Heritage Management System (https://www.hms.heritage.nsw.gov.au/).
- 4. If the activity will directly or indirectly impact an identified heritage item a section 60 works approval or excavation permit may be required. An application must be lodged in the Heritage Management System and can take forty days for determination.
- 5. Any necessary controls must be implemented as advised by the consulting archaeologist and/ or in accordance with the section 60 works approval or excavation permit where required. This should also be updated in the CEMP.





https://www.sydneymetro.info/sites/default/files/2023-07/Procedure%20-

%20Unexpected%20Heritage%20Finds%20v5.0.pdf

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https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-06-19/suspected-human-remains-found-coffs-harbour-beach/103995086

#### **HUMAN REMAINS / BONES**

Human remains can be a confronting and surprising find. It is important correct procedure is followed to reduce strain on staff, community and culture.

Remains must be assessed by qualified professionals to determine if they are human and time since death. If it is less than 100 years old, the find belongs to the State Coroner and if greater than 100 years old will either be protected by National Park and Wildlife Service or Heritage NSW.

#### **PROCEDURE**

- 1. Cease works immediately and notify Site Team Leader. Create a 'no-go zone' around the find. **All bones must be treated as potential human remains, protected and investigated urgently.** Project Manager to engage a suitably qualified forensic or physical anthropologist to assess the finds in consultation with NSW Police. Unless determined to be non-human remains, police should be contacted via phone immediately and may take over site management until age of remains determined.
- 2. Team Leader notifies Project Manager and Environmental Risk Manager. The find should be logged as an environmental incident.
- 3. If finds are determined to be non-human but of archaeological significance, the item should be formally recorded before works resume.
- 4. If finds are determined to be greater than 100 years old and of non-Aboriginal heritage, contact Heritage NSW currently locally situated at Hunter National Parks and Wildlife Service (Anna Bay or Newcastle) for advice.
- 5. If finds are determined to be greater than 100 years old and of Aboriginal heritage, contact relevant Local Aboriginal Land Council (Worimi or Karuah) and Hunter National Parks and Wildlife Service (Anna Bay or Newcastle)
- 6. The heritage consultant can provide an assessment of site, constraints and control measures to accompany formal notification to the relevant authority in accordance with Section 146 of the NSW Heritage Act 1977 (as amended) or Section 90 National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

  Refer to Heritage Unexpected Finds for procedure (previous page).
- 7. Any necessary controls must be implemented as advised by the consulting archaeologist and/ or in accordance with the section 60 works approval or excavation permit where required. This should also be updated in the CEMP.



## **INVASIVE SPECIES (WEEDS)**

The LGA has a number of unwanted invasive weed species that threaten the integrity of community, bushland, sport fields, recreational areas, roadsides and agriculture. It is essential Council is not spreading weeds across sites. Workers should familiarise themselves with common priority weeds in the area to assist with identification, and send photos to Invasive Species staff if uncertain.

#### **Common Priority Weeds**

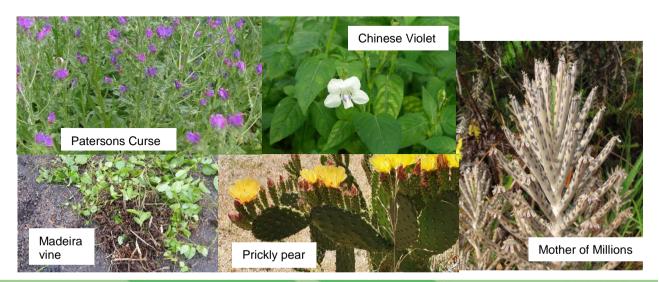
- African Olive
- Alligator Weed
- Asparagus weeds
- Chinese Violet\*
- Crofton Weed
- Coral Creeper\*
- Giant Parramatta Grass
- Glory Lily\*
- Green Cestrum

- Groundsel Bush\*
- Hygrophila\* (aquatic)
- Long Leaf Willow Primrose (semiaquatic)
- Ludwigia Peruviana (semi- aquatic)
- Madeira Vine
- Mother of Millions
- Prickly Pear (Optunia species)
- Pampas Grass

- Patersons Curse
- Rattle Pod\*
- Salvinia (aquatic)
- Sea Spurge\*
- Spiny Burr Grass
- St Johns Wort
- Sticky Nightshade\*
- Water Hyacinth (aquatic)
- Water lettuce\* (aquatic)

#### **PROCEDURE**

- Notify Site Team Leader and take all reasonable steps to avoid disturbing area. Machinery and PPE should be thoroughly checked for any organic materials before leaving site.
- 2. Team Leader notifies Project Manager.
- 3. Project Manager notifies Environmental Operations Team Leader.
- 4. Further activities to be undertaken in accordance with the advice provided by the Environmental Operational Team Leader and/ or Invasive Species staff (4988 0464) to ensure compliance with the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015.



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<sup>\*</sup> Eradication order



#### THREATENED FLORA

There are currently 26 threatened plant species in the LGA from orchids to shrubs to trees. While staff are not expected to easily identify these species, it is important to be open to the direction of environmental professionals and take all precautions to avoid disturbing vulnerable plant species.



Diuris praecox

#### **PROCEDURE**

- 1. If there are any concerns or potential for a threatened species to be unexpectedly identified on site, avoid disturbing the area and notify Site Team Leader.
- 2. Team Leader notifies Project Manager and the Project Manager notifies the relevant internal staff with environmental technical expertise.
- 3. The area where the threatened flora species may occur must be roped off with stake and string or fluro ties or other suitable exclusion fencing alternative.
- 4. Project Manager to engage a suitably qualified and experienced ecological consultant to undertake targeted survey if required or Council's ecologist to positively identify the find.
- 5. PM to provide Environmental Risk Officer and relevant internal environmental officer targeted survey findings.
- 6. Relevant environmental staff to provide technical advice based on avoid, mitigate and offset approach and develop an Environmental Assessment Amendment and include or revise any Tests of Significance or Assessments of Significance as required under NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and Commonwealth Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. Advice to be provided to avoid significant impact.

#### Significant impact unlikely

- 1. PM to arrange sign off of Environmental Assessment Amendment
- Works to proceed based on advice provided by Project Support Environment Officer in Environmental Assessment Amendment

#### Significant impact likely.

- 1. Project Manager to engage ecological consultant to prepare a species impact statement (or BDAR if electing to participate in the biodiversity offsets scheme) to accompany the Environmental Assessment. Liaise with NSW Biodiversity Conservation Division for further advice.
- 2. Mitigation measures from species impact statement to be implemented.



#### WILDLIFE

Port Stephens hosts a variety of threatened frogs, reptiles, birds, mammals and insects that require species protection to ensure continuation of the species. Animals that may be encountered are;

- Wallum froglet
- Mahoney's toadlet
- Sea turtles
- Wompoo Fruit Dove
- Seabirds/ migratory birds

- Owls
- Regent Honeyeater
- Koala
- Gliders
- Micro bats

- Flying foxes
- Seals
- Parrots
- Giant dragonfly



- 1. If fauna are passing through the site, cease works within 100 m of the fauna and allow fauna to move through the site without undue duress or harassment.
- 2. If the fauna is not passing through the site, Team Leader notifies Project Manager and the Project Manager notifies the relevant internal environmental officer.
- 3. If any injured fauna are present, they must be cared for. If safe to do so, contain in a dark, quiet place until it can be taken to an appropriate veterinary clinic. Contact native wildlife rescuer to capture and transport the fauna to medical care (WINC 1300 946 295).

#### Native non-threatened species

- 5. Agitate tree or nearby vegetation to encourage fauna to vacate (if fauna poses no threat to human safety).
- If not vacating, Project Manager to engage suitably qualified and licenced fauna spotter/ catcher or contact a native wildlife carer to relocate fauna (consider if juvenile wildlife have parents nearby i.e. magpies juveniles may sometimes be left alone but not abandoned).
- 7. Relocate fauna captured and not requiring treatment into the same habitat near the point of rescue at dusk or leave inside any removed hollows outside the works area.

#### Threatened species

- 5. Issue an immediate cease of works to allow fauna to vacate. Contact Natural Systems or an ecological consultant for positive identification of species.
- 6. If not vacated, contact Environmental Risk Team for further advice. A license or approval is required to interfere with threatened species.
- 7. Implement actions in accordance with advice.
- 8. Record all findings and email to Environmental Risk Officer and other relevant environmental project officers involved in the project before resuming works.

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Activity Procedure		Invasive Species Referral					
Proce	edure No.	Invasive Species Referral	Revision	0	07/06/2024		
Pre	pared by	Natalie Nowlan – Project Support Environmental Offic	er	1			
	Valid to	01/07/2026 or applicable statutory/ guideline updates					
Арр	proved by	Barry Gentle – Project Support Team Leader	Gentle – Project Support Team Leader				
Next Rev	view Date	1 July 2026 (subject to relevant legislative changes)	2026 (subject to relevant legislative changes)				
1. Notifica	ntion						
Trigger	potential for of invasive sp mitigation me	ental Assessment has been prepared to support the works. As part of the works to cause further environmental harm due to invasive species secies technical experts able to provide advice on invasive species im easures to help avoid or minimise potential impacts. Advice is sough ects within 200m of a known mapped weed infestation.	ies is assessed. Port S pacts and potential e	Steph enviro	ens Council has a team nmental controls and		
Purpose  The purpose of this procedure is to provide a formal template for seeking advice on the potential for works to cause environmental harm in relation to invasive species management and provisions of the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015 with The Stephens Council Natural Systems – Environmental Operations Team.							
Scope	This procedure only applies where works involve ground disturbance or have the potential to exacerbate the potential impacts of invasive species.				e potential impacts of		
Action Initiate request for advice Project Support E		Project Support En	Environment Officer				
Action Conduct site visit (if required)		visit (if required)	Invasive Species Of	Invasive Species Officer			
Action	Provision of a	ndvice	Invasive Species Of	ficer			
environment		cts identified in the Environmental Assessment and any al mitigation measures in the list contained within QF-ENV-DRAFT – Measures (CAP WORKS)	ation measures in the list contained within QF-ENV-DRAFT –		ment Officer		
Guidance	N/A						
Check	N/A						
2. Project							
CMP Action RA	.027 Salamano	ler Bay (Corlette)					
3. Descrip	3. Description of works						
Description of works			Dune re-vegetation and management of accessways supports dune stability and reduces impacts from public access. While Council has a regular program of maintenance of dunes, this location requires a more extensive fencing and re-vegetation works.				
		vegetation (including sediment controls), with a provision and replanting as required). Pigface planting and formalisi	Undertake works to manage access and rehabilitate the dunes. This action involves dune retion (including sediment controls), with a provision for ongoing annual maintenance (e.g. weeding planting as required). Pigface planting and formalising access points similar to Roy Wood Reserve upper of sediment controls - silt fencing, barriers, mulch, water systems.				



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Locality / Works map

Address: 160A Sandy Point Road, Corlette

Lot 356 DP 27845

The CMP does not specify exact locations on Corlette (Conroy) foreshore where the activities need to be undertaken. The PDS team will need to identify areas where works are needed.



Image 1: Action RA027 mapped through adopted CMP.



Image 2: GIS Mapping Roy Wood Reserve



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Material being removed from site Yes □ No ☒
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#### 4. Weeds Infestations (map)

Invasive Species Identified:

- Long Leaf Willow Primrose
- Mother of Millions
- Opuntia and Cylindropuntia
- Alligator Weed
- Chinese Violet
- Crofton Weed



#### 5. Site Visit

**Date** 23/07/2025

**Findings** No priority weeds present in the proposed work area.

#### 6. Environmental controls and mitigation measures – standard controls

Prior to works commencing

Weed control requirements included in induction



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During works	
For invasive weed species:	$\boxtimes$
If priority weeds not previously identified are observed, cease works in the vicinity and follow the Unexpected Finds Procedure.	
Minimise work during excessively wet or muddy conditions where possible.	
<ul> <li>Restrict vehicles and personnel to designated tracks, trails and parking areas. Where possible park and turn-around on hard, well drained surfaces.</li> </ul>	
Only hard well-drained surfaces will be used for parking and as turn-around points.	
All machinery, plant, equipment, vehicles and boots should be clean prior to entry to the site.	
<ul> <li>Any fill, soil, mulch or plants bought onto site for landscaping purposes must be free of priority weeds and/ or weed seeds, cane toads, pathogens or any of the imported pest ant species.</li> </ul>	
Upon completion of works & operation and maintenance	
A hydro mulch mix of local provenance seed or sterile cover crop that is free from weeds certified by the supplier would be used.	
7. Environmental controls and mitigation measures – non-standard controls	
Prior to works commencing	
Removal, treatment and/ or suppression must be undertaken of [Biosecurity matter]:	
Using approved bush regeneration techniques.	
Under the supervision of a suitably qualified and experienced bush regenerator.	
In accordance with the requirements of the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015, associated Regulations and NSW Weed Control Handbook.	
Biosecurity Permit issued by Council in accordance with Section 333 of the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015.	
Inspection by a representative of Council's Invasive Species team one week prior to works commencing.	
Installation of exclusion fencing that includes to temporary fencing, bunting tape or similar and signage that is clearly visible from a distance of at least 20m that is general in nature e.g. 'Exclusion Zone' to protect or avoid priority weed infestations.	
Comments/ other, specify:	
During works	
The site has been identified as being affected by a biosecurity matter [Biosecurity matter].	
All soil or vegetation being transported offsite must be disposed of at an appropriately licenced waste facility. Failure to do so may constitute an offence under Section 23 of the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015.	
Works must be undertaken in accordance with the Biosecurity Permit for the activity.	
The site has been identified as being affected by Biosecurity Matter, [Biosecurity matter].	
Soil under the road pavement and not within 0.5m of the edge of road may be transported offsite for use at another site or to a temporary stockpile site in accordance with the Excavated Public Road Material Order 2014.	
Soil or vegetation within 0.5m of the edge of the road and within the road shoulders must be disposed of at an appropriately licenced waste facility. Failure to do so may constitute an offence under Section 23 of the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015.	
Works must be undertaken in accordance with the Biosecurity Permit for the activity.	
Works should move from uninfected areas to infected areas with priority weeds.	
Clean all machinery, plant, equipment and vehicles that have operated onsite thoroughly. Establish a wash down area and monitor the	



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presence of Biosecu with high pressure		biosecurity matter. Cleaning would include the removal of all mud and plant matter, followed by washing				
Provide a boot was	h down facili	ry. Remove all mud and plant matter, followed by washing with high pressure water.				
A designated area f	or storage of	contaminated spoil will be separate to the area for storage of clean fill material.				
	•	o moving to another site due to the site being infected by Myrtle rust. Clean footwear and equipment of soil 70 per cent methylated spirits in 30 per cent water.				
Comments/ other, specify: Practice good weed hygiene when entering and exiting site.						
Upon completion of	f works & op	peration and maintenance				
<ul><li>In accordant</li><li>Using appro</li><li>Under the s</li></ul>	ce with any a ved bush reg upervision of	pression of priority weed must be undertaken: dvice of Council's Invasive Species Planner. eneration techniques. a suitably qualified and experienced bush regenerator. equirements of the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015, associated Regulations and NSW Weed Control Handbook.				
Comments/ other,	specify:					
8. Completion	Date					
Date	20/07/20	025				
9. Completed	9. Completed By					
Name	ame Corey Norman					
Position	osition Invasive Species Officer					







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#### 2 Application

The effective date of this Addendum is 1 May 2023 to coincide with adoption of the National Construction Code 2022.

#### 3 National Construction Code 2022

NCC 2022 provides a uniform set of technical provisions for the design, construction and performance of buildings. The Building Code of Australia component of NCC 2022 is given legal effect through the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 whilst the Plumbing Code of Australia component is given effect through the Plumbing and Drainage Act 2011.

NCC 2022 is comprised of:

- National Construction Code Volume One Building Code of Australia (2022)
- National Construction Code Volume Two Building Code of Australia (2022)
- National Construction Code Volume Three Plumbing Code of Australia (2022)

In NSW, all new buildings and new building work must comply with the NCC. NCC 2022 contains bush fire protection requirements that operate in conjunction with the bush fire protection measures (BPMs) in PBP 2019. Accordingly, developments in bush fire prone areas must comply with both the requirements of PBP and the NCC.

All references to the NCC in PBP 2019 are superseded by NCC 2022. For the purposes of comparison, refer to Appendix A of this Addendum for a schedule of changes and the replacement provisions.

#### **Key Changes**

NCC 2022 identifies additional bush fire provisions for the construction, separation and access requirements for certain Class 9 buildings accommodating vulnerable occupants on bush fire prone land.

Class 9 buildings include some Special Fire Protection Purpose (SFPP) developments under section 100B of the Rural Fires Act 1997, such as Class 9a hospitals, Class 9b schools and child care centres and Class 9c residential care buildings.

Additional Performance Criteria and Acceptable Solutions relevant to BPMs within PBP for SFPP Class 9 buildings are identified in Appendix B of this Addendum. These Acceptable Solutions are consistent with the relevant provisions of NCC 2022.

Consistent with section 100B of the Rural Fires Act 1997, proposed SFPP's that are Class 9 Buildings in bush fire prone areas may be required to have bush fire protection measures additional to those specified in NCC 2022.

#### **4** Asset Protection Zones

The minimum distances for Asset Protection Zones (APZs) for SFPP developments remain as prescribed in Table A1.12.1 of PBP 2019. Please note clause S43C2 of Specification 43 of Volume One of NCC 2022 does not apply in relation to SFPP developments.



## **5** Consolidation of State Environmental **Planning Policies**

As of 1 March 2022, the NSW Government consolidated numerous State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPP) into twelve SEPPs.

For the purposes of PBP 2019:

- The Coastal Management SEPP has been repealed and consolidated into the State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021;
- > SEPP 36 Manufactured Home Estates has been repealed and consolidated into the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021; and
- Clause 30 of the SEPP (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities) 2017 has been consolidated into Chapter 3 Educational establishments and child care facilities of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021.

#### **6** Remade Regulations

#### 1. Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 commenced on 17 December 2021 and remade various provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

The NSW Government pathway for streamlined assessment is covered by Part 14 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 for new lots in Urban Release Areas (URAs) that are located on Bush Fire Prone Land (BFPL).

For the purposes of comparison, clauses 272, 273 and 273A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 correspond to Part 14 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021.

#### 2. Rural Fires Regulation

The Rural Fires Regulation 2022 commenced on 15 May 2022 and remade various provisions of the Rural Fires Regulation 2013.

The remade regulation provides greater clarity around the types of developments that will not require a bush fire safety authority such as driveways, pathways and carrying out earthworks or drainage works.

For the purposes of comparison, clauses 43, 44, 45 and 46 of the Rural Fires Regulation 2013 correspond to sections 44, 45, 46 and 47 of the Rural Fires Regulation 2022.

#### **7 Primitive Camping**

The Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2021 commenced on 1 September 2021 and remade various provisions of the Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2005.

Primitive camping is covered by the Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2021.

#### **8** Holiday Lets

The NSW Government definition for 'Holiday Lets' changed after the publication of PBP 2019.

As of 1 November 2021, Holiday Lets were renamed Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA). STRA are now deemed as a "use" of a residential dwelling under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing), 2021 rather than new development that was previously considered under section 100B of the Rural Fires Act 1997.

The approval process for a residential dwelling remains unchanged for developments referred to the NSW Rural Fire Service under section 4.14 and 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.

## **9** Fire Hydrant Installation

All references to AS2419.1: 2005 Fire hydrant installations - System design, installation and commissioning, except for those provisions relating to residential infill development, are superseded by the relevant provisions in AS 2419.1: 2021 Fire hydrant installations - System design, installation and commissioning.

#### **10 Updated References**

All references to Standards, SEPPs and Regulations which have been repealed as outlined in Parts 5-9 of this Addendum are taken to refer to the replacement documents as named in those Parts. References to the following standards, guidelines and government agencies are updated to reflect the following:

- > All references to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) are replaced by NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE).
- All references to the National Association of Steel Framed Housing (2014) Steel Framed Construction in Bush Fire Areas are superseded by the provisions in the National Association of Steel Framed Housing (2021) Steel Framed Construction in Bush Fire Areas.
- > All references to the International Fire Engineering Guidelines (2005) are superseded by the provisions in the Australian Fire Engineering Guidelines (2021) edition.



#### **APPENDIX A**

#### **NCC 2022 schedule of changes**

For the purposes of comparison, Table 1 shows certain provisions of NCC 2019, as in force immediately before the commencement of this Addendum, and the corresponding new provisions of NCC 2022.

#### **Table 1: NCC 2022 schedule of changes**

PBP 2019			NCC 2019 Am 1	NCC 2022
Section	Page number	Location	Old Provisions	New provisions
Section 7.5.2 NSW State Variations under G5.2(a)(i) and	70	In the heading	NSW G5.2(a)(i)	NSW G5D3(a)(i)
3.10.5.0(c)(i) of the NCC		and second paragraph NSW 3.10.5.0(c)		NSW H7D4(3)(a)
Section 7.9 Grassland Deeming	71	In the fifth	NSW G5.2(a)(i)	NSW G5D3(a)(i)
Provisions		paragraph NSW 3.10.5.	NSW 3.10.5.0(c) (i)	NSWH7D4(3)(a)
Section 8.3.3 Private Bush Fire Shelters	77	In the third paragraph	P2.7.6	H7P6
Appendix 1 A1.1 Application	80	In the third	NSW G5.2(a)(i)	NSW G5D3(a)(i)
		paragraph	NSW 3.10.5.0(c) (i)	NSW H7D4(3)(a)
			NSW 3.10.5.0(d) (i)	NSW H7D4(4)(a)
Appendix 2 A2.4 Submission	97	In the fourth	GV5	G5V1
Requirements and Assessment Methods for Performance Based		paragraph	V2.7.2	H7V2
Solutions - Assessment Method			NSW GP5.1	NSW G5P1
			NSW P2.7.5	H7P5

#### **APPENDIX B**

## Performance Criteria and Acceptable Solutions for hospitals, schools, child care centres and residential care buildings

PBP 2019 identifies a suite of BPMs for SFPP's within tables 6.8a, 6.8b and 6.8c. Hospitals, schools, child care centres and residential care buildings have modified requirements in NCC 2022. These specific Performance Criteria and Acceptable Solutions are identified in Table 2, Table 3 and Table 4 below.

These requirements are to be used in conjunction with the existing BPMs in PBP 2019.

## Table 2: SFPP Development Construction Standards - Specific requirements for hospitals, schools, child care centres and residential care buildings

# PERFORMANCE CRITERIA ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS The proposed building can withstand bush fire attack in the form of wind, embers, radiant heat and flame contact. ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS A construction level of BAL-19 or greater under AS 3959 and section 7.5 of PBP is applied.

## Table 3: SFPP Development Access - Specific requirements for hospitals, schools, child care centres and residential care buildings

	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS
	> Firefighting vehicles are provided with safe, all-weather access to structures and hazardous vegetation.	Vehicular access must be capable of providing continuous access for emergency vehicles to enable travel in a forward direction from a public road around the entire building; and
CCESS		Must have a minimum unobstructed width of 6m with no part of its furthest boundary more than 18m from the building and in no part of the 6m width be built upon or used for any purpose other than vehicular or pedestrian movement; and
AC		Must provide reasonable pedestrian access from the vehicular access to the building; and
		Must have a load bearing capacity and unobstructed height to permit the operation and passage of fire fighting vehicles; and
		Must be wholly within the allotment except that a public road complying with above may serve as the vehicular access or part thereof.

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Table 4: SFPP Development Water Supply - Specific requirements for hospitals, schools, child care centres and residential care buildings

#### **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

 An adequate water supply for firefighting purposes is installed and maintained.

#### **ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS**

- Reticulated water is to be provided to the development, where available; and
- > Water for firefighting purposes must be made available and consist of -
  - ➤ A fire hydrant system installed in accordance with AS2419.1; or
  - Where no reticulated water is available, a static water supply consisting of tanks, swimming pools, dams or the like, or a combination of these, together with suitable pumps, hoses and fittings, determined in consultation with NSW RFS that
    - is capable of providing the required flow rate for a period of not less than 4 hours or
    - has a volume of 10,000 litres for each occupied building.

#### **Related documents**

- NSW Rural Fire Service (2019). Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019
- Australian Building Codes Board (2019). National Construction Code Volume One
   Building Code of Australia. ABCB
- Australian Building Codes Board (2019). National Construction Code Volume Two
   Building Code of Australia. ABCB
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#### **EMS 3.0 Environmental Fact Sheet EFS03**

#### **Stockpiling and Transporting Materials**

Stockpiles are often required for maintenance and construction projects to ensure that excavated material can be beneficially reused. PSC has permanent stockpiles sites in the road corridor, but projects can also have temporary stockpiles at specific locations for short durations that are removed once the project is complete.

#### Allowable Stockpile Materials:

Waste Material	Description of material	Where can it be stockpiled?
Excavated Public Road Material (EPRM)	Road millings, asphalt pavement, gravel, concrete and soil excavated during road projects.	Only within the <b>road corridor</b> at the site it is to be reused or at a PSC permanent stockpile location.
Excavated Natural Material (ENM)	Naturally occurring rock, clay and soil that has been excavated (not involved with road construction). Must be at least 98% natural material by weight (no building waste or concrete).	On project sites and in the road corridor.
Virgin Excavated Natural Material (VENM)	Naturally occurring rock, soil, sand etc. that has been excavated from undisturbed areas that are not contaminated. Does not include Acid Sulphate Soils.	On project sites and in the road corridor.
Recovered Aggregates	Concrete, brick, natural rock and ceramics processed into an engineered fill.	On project sites and in the road corridor.
Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP)	Previously used asphalt pavement- must not contain coal tar or asbestos.	Only within the <b>road corridor</b> at the site it is to be reused or at a PSC permanent stockpile location.
Mulch	Shredded plant material	On project sites and in the road corridor.

It is important to **avoid mixing** different types of excavated materials when stockpiling, as it can impact the re-use opportunities available. For example, if ENM is mixed with EPRM, than the material can no longer be reused outside of the road corridor.

#### Coal Tar and Asbestos are prohibited in PSC stockpile sites

#### Record Keeping:

All truck operators are required to complete tally dockets when transporting material to and from stockpile locations. These records should include organisation name, time and date of receipt and disposal of waste, licence plate of transporting vehicle, quantity and type of material, location materials received and delivered to and written statement of compliance if required for the waste type.

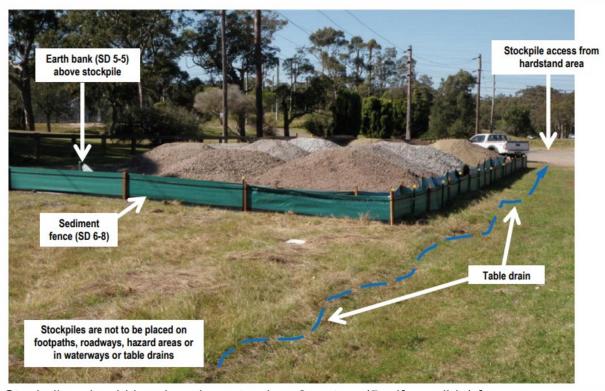


#### Re-use opportunities

Strict conditions apply to the re-use of waste materials off-site. Ensure all conditions of the relevant Resource Recovery Orders and Exemptions are met.

Refer to EMS 3.0 Environmental Factsheet EFS04 for re-use opportunities of excavated material on and off the site.

#### **Standard Stockpile Control Measures:**



Stockpiles should be placed greater than 2 metres (5m if possible) from vegetation, roads and waterways. If there is enough area, project stockpiles should be less than 2 metres in height.

#### **Approved PSC Permanent Stockpile Locations:**

- Corner Medowie Road and Richardson Road, Medowie
- Tomago Road, Tomago
- Corner High Street and Clarence Town Road, Wallalong
- East Seaham Road (Jimmy Scott Bridge), Seaham
- Corner Medowie Road and Old Swan Bay Road, Ferodale
- Cnr Lilies Road and Swan Bay Road, Swan Bay

- Bucketts Way, Twelve Mile
- Corner of Clarence Town Road and Wighton Street, Seaham
- Nelson Bay Road, Salt Ash
- Nelson Bay Road, Bobs Farm
- Port Stephens Drive, Taylors Beach
- Old Nelson Bay Road, Anna Bay
- Corner of Six Mile Road and Newline Road, Eagleton – pending
- Steel St, Williamtown



# ROY WOOD RESERVE CORLETTE



SCALE 1:2000 ON A1

# ROY WOOD RESERVE CORLETTE-SECTION 1



SCALE 1:500 ON A1

# ROY WOOD RESERVE CORLETTE-SECTION 2



SCALE 1:500 ON A1

# ROY WOOD RESERVE CORLETTE-SECTION 3



SCALE 1:500 ON A1