

# **EPBC Act Protected Matters Report**

This report provides general guidance on matters of national environmental significance and other matters protected by the EPBC Act in the area you have selected. Please see the caveat for interpretation of information provided here.

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# Summary

### Matters of National Environment Significance

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

World Heritage Properties:	None
National Heritage Places:	None
Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar	None
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	None
Commonwealth Marine Area:	None
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:	4
Listed Threatened Species:	40
Listed Migratory Species:	16

## Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

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

The EPBC Act protects the environment on Commonwealth land, the environment from the actions taken on Commonwealth land, and the environment from actions taken by Commonwealth agencies. As heritage values of a place are part of the 'environment', these aspects of the EPBC Act protect the Commonwealth Heritage values of a Commonwealth Heritage place. Information on the new heritage laws can be found at http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage

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

Commonwealth Lands:	None
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Listed Marine Species:	21
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	None
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:	None
Australian Marine Parks:	None
Habitat Critical to the Survival of Marine Turtles:	None

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

State and Territory Reserves:	3
Regional Forest Agreements:	None
Nationally Important Wetlands:	None
EPBC Act Referrals:	5
Key Ecological Features (Marine):	None
Biologically Important Areas:	None
Bioregional Assessments:	None
Geological and Bioregional Assessments:	None

# Details

## Matters of National Environmental Significance

## Listed Threatened Ecological Communities

[Resource Information]

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

Status of Vulnerable, Disallowed and Ineligible are not MNES under the EPBC Act.

Community Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Coastal Swamp Oak (Casuarina glauca) Forest of New South Wales and South East Queensland ecological community	Endangered	Community may occu within area	ırln feature area
Coastal Swamp Sclerophyll Forest of New South Wales and South East Queensland	Endangered	Community likely to occur within area	In feature area
Lowland Rainforest of Subtropical Australia	Critically Endangered	Community may occu within area	IrIn feature area
<u>Poplar Box Grassy Woodland on Alluvial</u> <u>Plains</u>	Endangered	Community may occu within area	IrIn feature area

Listed Threatened Species		[ Re	source Information ]
Status of Conservation Dependent and E Number is the current name ID.	Extinct are not MNES unde	er the EPBC Act.	
Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
BIRD			
Calidris ferruginea			
Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Cyclopsitta diophthalma coxeni Coxen's Fig-Parrot [59714]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only

#### Erythrotriorchis radiatus

Red Goshawk [942]

Vulnerable

Species or species In feature area habitat likely to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Falco hypoleucos Grey Falcon [929]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Geophaps scripta scripta Squatter Pigeon (southern) [64440]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Grantiella picta			
Painted Honeyeater [470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail [682]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Neochmia ruficauda ruficauda Star Finch (eastern), Star Finch (southern) [26027]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Turnix melanogaster Black-breasted Button-quail [923]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
FISH Neoceratodus forsteri			
Australian Lungfish, Queensland Lungfish [67620]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area

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#### Chalinolobus dwyeri

# Large-eared Pied Bat, Large Pied Bat Vulnerable [183]

#### Species or species In feature area habitat may occur within area

#### Dasyurus hallucatus

Northern Quoll, Digul [Gogo-Yimidir], Wijingadda [Dambimangari], Wiminji [Martu] [331] Endangered

Species or species In feature area habitat likely to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Dasyurus maculatus maculatus (SE main Spot-tailed Quoll, Spotted-tail Quoll, Tiger Quoll (southeastern mainland population) [75184]	land population) Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Macroderma gigas</u> Ghost Bat [174]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Nyctophilus corbeni Corben's Long-eared Bat, South-eastern Long-eared Bat [83395]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
<u>Petauroides volans</u> Greater Glider [254]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Petaurus australis australis Yellow-bellied Glider (south-eastern) [87600]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Phascolarctos cinereus (combined popula Koala (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory) [85104]	ations of Qld, NSW and th Endangered	<u>e ACT)</u> Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Potorous tridactylus tridactylus Long-nosed Potoroo (SE Mainland) [66645]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
Pteropus poliocephalus Grey-headed Flying-fox [186]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area	
PLANT			
<u>Acacia grandifolia</u> [3566]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In buffer area only
<u>Arthraxon hispidus</u> Hairy-joint Grass [9338]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
<u>Bosistoa transversa</u> Three-leaved Bosistoa, Yellow Satinheart [16091]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur	In feature area

within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Bulbophyllum globuliforme Miniature Moss-orchid, Hoop Pine Orchid [6649]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
<u>Cadellia pentastylis</u> Ooline [9828]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
<u>Cossinia australiana</u> Cossinia [3066]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
<u>Cupaniopsis shirleyana</u> Wedge-leaf Tuckeroo [3205]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
<u>Cycas megacarpa</u> [55794]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Dichanthium setosum bluegrass [14159]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
Eucalyptus raveretiana Black Ironbox [16344]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Macadamia integrifolia Macadamia Nut, Queensland Nut Tree, Smooth-shelled Macadamia, Bush Nut, Nut Oak [7326]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area
<u>Phebalium distans</u> Mt Berryman Phebalium [81869]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In buffer area only

Samadera bidwillii Quassia [29708]

Vulnerable

Species or species In feature area habitat likely to occur within area

## Sophora fraseri [8836]

Vulnerable

Species or species In buffer area only habitat may occur within area



Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Delma torquata			
Adorned Delma, Collared Delma [1656]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Egernia rugosa			
Yakka Skink [1420]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Elseya albagula			
Southern Snapping Turtle, White- throated Snapping Turtle [81648]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
<u>Furina dunmalli</u>			
Dunmall's Snake [59254]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Listed Migratory Species		[ Res	source Information ]
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Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
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Scientific Name	Threatened Category		
Scientific Name Migratory Marine Birds <u>Apus pacificus</u>	Threatened Category	Presence Text Species or species habitat likely to occur	Buffer Status
Scientific Name Migratory Marine Birds <u>Apus pacificus</u> Fork-tailed Swift [678]	Threatened Category	Presence Text Species or species habitat likely to occur	Buffer Status
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Scientific Name Migratory Marine Birds Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678] Migratory Marine Species Crocodylus porosus Salt-water Crocodile, Estuarine	Threatened Category	Presence Text Species or species habitat likely to occur within area Species or species habitat likely to occur	Buffer Status
Scientific Name Migratory Marine Birds Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678] Migratory Marine Species Crocodylus porosus Salt-water Crocodile, Estuarine Crocodile [1774]	Threatened Category	Presence Text Species or species habitat likely to occur within area Species or species habitat likely to occur	Buffer Status
Scientific Name Migratory Marine Birds Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678] Migratory Marine Species Crocodylus porosus Salt-water Crocodile, Estuarine Crocodile [1774] Migratory Terrestrial Species	Threatened Category	Presence Text Species or species habitat likely to occur within area Species or species habitat likely to occur	Buffer Status
Scientific Name Migratory Marine Birds Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678] Migratory Marine Species Crocodylus porosus Salt-water Crocodile, Estuarine Crocodile [1774] Migratory Terrestrial Species Cuculus optatus Oriental Cuckoo, Horsfield's Cuckoo	Threatened Category	Presence Text Species or species habitat likely to occur within area Species or species habitat likely to occur within area Species or species habitat may occur	Buffer Status In feature area In feature area

occur within area

Monarcha melanopsis Black-faced Monarch [609]

Species or species In feature area habitat known to occur within area

Myiagra cyanoleuca Satin Flycatcher [612]

Species or species In feature area habitat likely to occur within area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Rhipidura rufifrons Rufous Fantail [592]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Symposiachrus trivirgatus as Monarcha Spectacled Monarch [83946]	<u>trivirgatus</u>	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Migratory Wetlands Species			
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
<u>Calidris ferruginea</u> Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
<u>Gallinago hardwickii</u> Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area

Tringa nebularia

Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]

Species or species habitat may occur within area In feature area

# Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Listed Marine Species		[ Re:	source Information ]
Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
Bird			
<u>Actitis hypoleucos</u> Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Anseranas semipalmata			
Magpie Goose [978]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Apus pacificus			
Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Bubulcus ibis as Ardea ibis			
Cattle Egret [66521]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Calidris acuminata			
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Calidris ferruginea			
Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Calidris melanotos			
Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area

Chalcites osculans as Chrysococcyx osculans

Black-eared Cuckoo [83425]

Species or species In feature area habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status
<u>Gallinago hardwickii</u> Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Haliaeetus leucogaster White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area
Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail [682]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Monarcha melanopsis Black-faced Monarch [609]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Myiagra cyanoleuca Satin Flycatcher [612]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In feature area
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area	In feature area

### Rhipidura rufifrons Rufous Fantail [592]

Species or species In feature area habitat known to occur within area overfly marine area

# Rostratula australis as Rostratula benghalensis (sensu lato)Australian Painted Snipe [77037]Endangered

Species or species In feature area habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text	Buffer Status			
Symposiachrus trivirgatus as Monarcha trivirgatus						
Spectacled Monarch [83946]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area			
Tringa nebularia						
Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area	In feature area			
Reptile						
Crocodylus porosus						
Salt-water Crocodile, Estuarine Crocodile [1774]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	In feature area			

## Extra Information

State and Territory Reserves			[Resource Information]
Protected Area Name	Reserve Type	State	Buffer Status
Good Night Scrub	National Park	QLD	In buffer area only
Mount Blandy	Conservation Park	QLD	In buffer area only
Mount Perry	Resources Reserve	QLD	In buffer area only

EPBC Act Referrals			[Resou	rce Information ]
Title of referral	Reference	Referral Outcome	Assessment Status	Buffer Status
Controlled action				
Paradise Dam Bundaberg	2001/189	<b>Controlled Action</b>	Completed	In feature area
	0004/400			
Water Storage Reservoir	2001/422	Controlled Action	Post-Approval	In feature area
Not controlled action				
Improving rabbit biocontrol: releasing	2015/7522	Not Controlled	Completed	In feature area
another strain of RHDV, sthrn two		Action		
thirds of Australia				

## Wateranga Mining Project

#### 2003/1277 Not Controlled Completed In feature area Action

Not controlled action (particular manner)					
Mt Rawdon Operations - Stage 4 pit cutback & western waste rock dump, central Qld	2013/6886	Not Controlled Action (Particular Manner)	Post-Approval	In feature area	

# Caveat

#### 1 PURPOSE

This report is designed to assist in identifying the location of matters of national environmental significance (MNES) and other matters protected by the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) which may be relevant in determining obligations and requirements under the EPBC Act.

The report contains the mapped locations of:

- World and National Heritage properties;
- Wetlands of International and National Importance;
- Commonwealth and State/Territory reserves;
- distribution of listed threatened, migratory and marine species;
- listed threatened ecological communities; and
- other information that may be useful as an indicator of potential habitat value.

#### 2 DISCLAIMER

This report is not intended to be exhaustive and should only be relied upon as a general guide as mapped data is not available for all species or ecological communities listed under the EPBC Act (see below). Persons seeking to use the information contained in this report to inform the referral of a proposed action under the EPBC Act should consider the limitations noted below and whether additional information is required to determine the existence and location of MNES and other protected matters.

Where data are available to inform the mapping of protected species, the presence type (e.g. known, likely or may occur) that can be determined from the data is indicated in general terms. It is the responsibility of any person using or relying on the information in this report to ensure that it is suitable for the circumstances of any proposed use. The Commonwealth cannot accept responsibility for the consequences of any use of the report or any part thereof. To the maximum extent allowed under governing law, the Commonwealth will not be liable for any loss or damage that may be occasioned directly or indirectly through the use of, or reliance

#### 3 DATA SOURCES

#### Threatened ecological communities

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

#### Threatened, migratory and marine species

Threatened, migratory and marine species distributions have been discerned through a variety of methods. Where distributions are well known and if time permits, distributions are inferred from either thematic spatial data (i.e. vegetation, soils, geology, elevation, aspect, terrain, etc.) together with point locations and described habitat; or modelled (MAXENT or BIOCLIM habitat modelling) using

Where little information is available for a species or large number of maps are required in a short time-frame, maps are derived either from 0.04 or 0.02 decimal degree cells; by an automated process using polygon capture techniques (static two kilometre grid cells, alpha-hull and convex hull); or captured manually or by using topographic features (national park boundaries, islands, etc.).

In the early stages of the distribution mapping process (1999-early 2000s) distributions were defined by degree blocks, 100K or 250K map sheets to rapidly create distribution maps. More detailed distribution mapping methods are used to update these distributions

#### 4 LIMITATIONS

The following species and ecological communities have not been mapped and do not appear in this report:

- threatened species listed as extinct or considered vagrants;
- some recently listed species and ecological communities;
- some listed migratory and listed marine species, which are not listed as threatened species; and
- migratory species that are very widespread, vagrant, or only occur in Australia in small numbers.

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

listed migratory and/or listed marine seabirds, which are not listed as threatened, have only been mapped for recorded
seals which have only been mapped for breeding sites near the Australian continent

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

Refer to the metadata for the feature group (using the Resource Information link) for the currency of the information.

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-Australian Institute of Marine Science

-Reef Life Survey Australia

-American Museum of Natural History

-Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Inveresk, Tasmania

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-Other groups and individuals

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