



**Correction Notification**

**Correction notification; 5 December 2025, Bauxite Hills Mining and Barging Project, Weipa, Queensland (EPBC 2015/7538)**

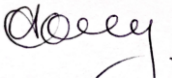
The EPBC 2015/7538 Variation to Conditions signed on 5 December 2025 contained the following errors.

The variation refers to an incorrect decision date for Conditions 5 and 5A. Both conditions should be dated 29 July 2025, not 11 September 2017 as stated in the current approval.

A corrected version is at Annexure 1.

**Person making the correction**

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<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date of correction</b>	<b>08 January 2026</b>

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**Annexure 1**

<b>Date of decision</b>	<b>conditions attached to approval</b>
Original dated 23/06/2017	1) The approval holder must not take the action outside of the <b>project area</b> .
Variation dated 11/09/2017	2) Revoke
Variation dated 11/09/2017	3) Revoke
Variation dated 11/09/2017	4) Revoke
Variation dated 29/07/2025	<p>5) Prior to the <b>commencement</b> of the action, the approval holder must submit an Offset Strategy for the written approval of the <b>Minister</b>. The Offset Strategy must be a framework for how the <b>clearance of habitat</b> for the Red Goshawk, Masked Owl (Northern) and Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat and Black-footed Tree-rat (North Queensland) will be offset, and must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) review relevant <b>approved conservation advices, recovery plans and threat abatement plans</b>;</li> <li>b) identify threats to Red Goshawk, Masked Owl (Northern) and Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat and Black-footed Tree-rat (North Queensland), and potential recovery actions and research opportunities; and</li> <li>c) outline a process for developing Offset Projects, and a staged process for submitting Offset Projects to the <b>Department</b> for the written approval of the <b>Department</b>.</li> </ul> <p>The approval holder must not <b>commence</b> the action until the Offset Strategy has been approved by the <b>Minister</b> in writing. The approved Offset Strategy must be implemented.</p>
Variation dated 29/07/2025	<p>5A) Offset Projects submitted to the <b>Department</b> for approval in accordance with Condition 5 must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) specify the location and nature of Offset Project activities;</li> <li>b) include project goal/s, budget and a detailed Offset Project description, including timeframes for implementing the Offset Project, and reporting and publishing of Offset Project results;</li> <li>c) demonstrate how the Offset Project is consistent with the Offset Strategy;</li> <li>d) outline consultations associated with developing the Offset Project, including the outcomes of those consultations</li> </ul>

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- e) outline how the Offset Project complies with the principles of the **EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy** and, if relevant, details of how the Offset Project meets the criteria for research and educational programs identified in Appendix A of the **EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy**; and
- f) identify and manage risks associated with implementing the Offset Project.

The approval holder must not commence an Offset Project until the Offset Project has been approved in writing by the **Department**. The approved Offset Project must be implemented.

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Variation dated 11/09/2017	5B) The approval holder must expend on Offset Projects approved in accordance with condition 5A, at least \$2,817 (excluding GST) per hectare of <b>habitat cleared</b> during any financial year, by 30 June of the following financial year. The value of expenditure per hectare of <b>habitat cleared</b> must be annually adjusted in accordance with the Brisbane Consumer Price Index (CPI) fluctuations from 1 July 2017. The first adjustment is to be applied 1 July 2018. The approval holder must prepare and submit to the <b>Department</b> an annual impact reconciliation report by 31 July each year demonstrating compliance with this condition.
Variation dated 28/07/2017	6) Revoked
Original dated 23/06/2017	7) The approval holder must submit a Species Management Plan for the written approval of the <b>Minister</b> . The Species Management Plan must be prepared in accordance with the <b>Department's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines</b> and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) details of measures that will be taken to avoid, mitigate and manage impacts to EPBC Act listed threatened species and their habitat during vegetation clearance, construction, operation and decommissioning of the action;</li><li>b) measures to manage areas in the <b>project area</b>, that are not within the disturbance footprint, as habitat for <b>EPBC Act listed threatened species</b>;</li><li>c) details of how rehabilitation and revegetation measures required under the Environmental Authority issued under the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> (Qld) provides environmental outcomes for <b>EPBC Act listed threatened species</b> and their habitat</li><li>d) a monitoring program to determine the success of mitigation and management measures to ensure adaptive management for the duration of this approval; and</li></ul>

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	8) details of how proposed management measures take into account relevant <b>approved conservation advices</b> and are consistent with the measures contained in relevant <b>recovery plans</b> and <b>threat abatement plans</b> .
Original dated 23/06/2017	8) The approval holder must not <b>commence</b> the action until the Species Management Plan has been approved by the <b>Minister</b> in writing. The approved Species Management Plan must be implemented.
Original dated 23/06/2017	9) The approval holder must submit a Marine Management Plan for the written approval of the <b>Minister</b> for <b>marine-related activities</b> . The Marine Management Plan must be prepared in accordance with the <b>Department's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines</b> and include: a) details of measures to avoid, mitigate and manage <b>impacts</b> to <b>EPBC Act listed dolphin species, EPBC Act listed sawfish and river shark species, EPBC Act listed turtle species, the EPBC Act listed Dugong (<i>Dugong dugon</i>) and the environment of the Commonwealth marine area</b> , including: i) artificial light related <b>impacts</b> from shipping and barging activities, and anchored/moored vessels; ii) shipping and barging activities, including management of bauxite dust and contamination spills; iii) vessel strike, including restricting vessel speed limits to six (6) knots and the implementation of a transit lane in the Skardon River that follows the greatest water depth; iv) underwater noise, including from pile driving activities, and shipping and barging activities; and v) the risk of introduced marine pest species over the duration of this approval, including ballast water management. b) a monitoring program to determine the success of mitigation and management measures to ensure adaptive management for the duration of this approval; c) details of how proposed management measures take into account relevant <b>approved conservation advices</b> and are consistent with the measures contained in relevant <b>recovery plans</b> and <b>threat abatement plans</b> ; and d) details of the timeframe for reviews of the approved Marine Management Plan, including to ensure that the Marine Management Plan is informed by the findings of the Sawfish and River Sharks Research Proposal required under <b>EPBC Act</b> approval 2014/7305.

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- 10) The approval holder must not commence **marine-related activities** until the Marine Management Plan has been approved in writing by the **Minister** and baseline surveys for **EPBC Act listed sawfish and river shark species** required under **EPBC Act** approval 2014/7305 have been completed as determined in writing by the **Department**. The approved Marine Management Plan must be implemented.

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- 11) Within 12 months of the approval of the Marine Management Plan required under **EPBC Act** approval 2014/7305, the approval holder must submit a Marine Debris Management Plan for the written approval of the **Minister**. The Marine Debris Management Plan must be prepared in accordance with the **Department's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines** and in consultation with **key organisations**. The Marine Debris Management Plan must include:
- a) a description of the measures that will be taken to reduce **marine debris** in the Skardon River and the Skardon River mouth;
  - b) details on the location and scope of the proposed measures;
  - c) details of how the proposed measures are consistent with Objective 6b in the **Sawfish and River Sharks Multispecies Recovery Plan**;
  - d) details of how the proposed measures are consistent with the objectives and actions contained in the **Threat abatement plan for the impacts of marine debris on vertebrate marine life**;
  - e) a timeline for implementation of the proposed measures; and
  - f) a program to report on the effectiveness of the proposed measures.

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- 12) The approved Marine Debris Management Plan must be implemented for the duration of this approval.

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**Administrative Conditions**

- 13) Within 20 days after the **commencement** of the action, the approval holder must advise the **Department** in writing of the actual date of **commencement**.
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Variation dated 11/09/2017	14) The approval holder must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement management plans and strategies required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the <b>Department</b> . Such records may be subject to audit by the <b>Department</b> or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the <b>EPBC Act</b> , or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the <b>Department's</b> website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.
Original dated 23/06/2017	15) Within three (3) months of every 12 month anniversary of the <b>commencement</b> of the action, the approval holder must publish a report (the Annual Compliance Report) on its website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval, during the previous 12 months. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication must be provided to the <b>Department</b> at the same time as the Annual Compliance Report is published. Reports must remain published for the life of the approval. The approval holder must continue to publish the Annual Compliance Report each year until such time as agreed to in writing by the <b>Minister</b> .
Original dated 21/09/2016	16) The approval holder must report any potential or actual contravention of the conditions of this approval to the <b>Department</b> in writing within two (2) business days of the approval holder becoming aware of a contravention.
Original dated 21/09/2016	17) Upon the direction of the <b>Minister</b> , the approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the <b>Minister</b> . The approval holder must not commence the audit until the <b>Minister</b> approves the independent auditor and audit criteria in writing. The audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the <b>Minister</b> .
Original dated 21/09/2016	18) The approval holder may choose to revise a management plan approved by the <b>Minister</b> under conditions 7, 9 and 11 without

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submitting it for approval under section 143A of the **EPBC Act**, if the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan would not be likely to have a **new or increased impact**. If the approval holder makes this choice it must:

- a) notify the **Department** in writing that the approved plan has been revised and provide the **Department**, at least four (4) weeks before implementing the revised plan, with:
  - i) an electronic copy of the revised plan;
  - ii) an explanation of the differences between the revised plan and the approved plan; and
  - iii) reasons the approval holder considers that the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan would not be likely to have a **new or increased impact**.

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Original dated 23/06/2017	18A) The approval holder may revoke their choice under condition 18 at any time by notice to the <b>Department</b> . If the approval holder revokes the choice to implement a revised plan, without approval under section 143A of the <b>EPBC Act</b> , the plan approved by the <b>Minister</b> must be implemented.
Original dated 23/06/2017	<p>18B) If the <b>Minister</b> gives a notice to the approval holder that the <b>Minister</b> is satisfied that the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan would be likely to have a <b>new or increased impact</b>, then:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) condition 18 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the revised plan; and</li><li>b) the approval holder must implement the plan approved by the <b>Minister</b>.</li></ol> <p>To avoid any doubt, this condition does not affect any operation of conditions 18 and 18A in the period before the day the notice is given.</p> <p>At the time of giving the notice, the <b>Minister</b> may also notify that for a specified period of time that condition 18 does not apply for one or more specified plans required under the approval</p>
Original dated 23/06/2017	18C) Conditions 18, 18A and 18B are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the <b>EPBC Act</b> which allows the approval holder to submit a revised plan to the <b>Minister</b> for approval.
Original dated 23/06/2017	19) If, at any time after five (5) years from the date of this approval, the approval holder has not <b>commenced</b> the action, then the approval holder must not <b>commence</b> the action without the written agreement of the <b>Minister</b>

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Variation dated 11/09/2017	<p>20) Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish all management plans and strategies referred to in these conditions of approval on its website. Each management plan and strategy must be published on the website within one (1) month of being approved by the Minister or being submitted under condition 18.</p> <p>All management plans and strategies must remain on the website for the lifetime of the approval unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the <b>Minister</b>.</p>
<b>Date of decision</b>	<b>Definitions attached to approval</b>
Original dated 23/06/2017	<p><b>Approved conservation advice/s:</b> A conservation advice approved by the <b>Minister</b> under section 266B(2) of the <b>EPBC Act</b>.</p>
Variation dated 11/09/2017	<p><b>Cleared/clearance:</b> means the cutting down, felling, thinning, logging, removing, killing, destroying, poisoning, ringbarking, or uprooting of <b>habitat</b>.</p>
Original dated 23/06/2017	<p><b>Commence/commenced/commencement:</b> The first instance of any specified activity associated with the proposed action, including clearance of vegetation and construction of any infrastructure. Commencement does not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) minor physical disturbance necessary to undertake pre-clearance surveys or establish monitoring programs or geotechnical investigations or to protect environmental and property assets from fire, weeds and pests; or</li> <li>b) activities that will have no adverse <b>impact</b> on matters of national environmental significance.</li> </ul>
Original dated 23/06/2017	<p><b>Department:</b> The Australian Government Department or agency responsible for administering the <b>EPBC Act</b> from time to time.</p>
Original dated 23/06/2017	<p><b>Environment of the Commonwealth marine area:</b> Any part of the sea, including the waters, seabed and airspace within Australia's exclusive economic zone, three (3) to 200 nautical miles from the coast that is not State or Northern Territory waters.</p>
Original dated 23/06/2017	<p><b>Environmental Management Plan Guidelines:</b> The Environmental Management Plan Guidelines (2014), or subsequent revision. Available at: <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/publications/environmental-management-plan-guidelines">www.environment.gov.au/epbc/publications/environmental-management-plan-guidelines</a>.</p>

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Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>EPBC Act:</b> The <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth).
Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy:</b> The <b>EPBC Act</b> Environmental Offsets Policy (October 2012), or subsequent revision, including the Offsets Assessment Guide. Available at: <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/publications/epbc-act-environmental-offsets-policy">www.environment.gov.au/epbc/publications/epbc-act-environmental-offsets-policy</a> .
Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>EPBC Act listed dolphin species:</b> A threatened dolphin species listed under the <b>EPBC Act</b> for which this approval has effect, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphin (<i>Sousa chinensis</i>)</li><li>• Australian Snubfin Dolphin (<i>Orcaella heinsohni</i>)</li></ul>
Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>EPBC Act listed sawfish and river shark species:</b> A threatened sawfish and river shark species listed under the <b>EPBC Act</b> for which this approval has effect, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speartooth Shark (<i>Glyphis glyphis</i>)</li><li>• Dwarf Sawfish (<i>Pristis clavata</i>)</li><li>• Freshwater Sawfish (<i>Pristis pristis</i>)</li><li>• Green Sawfish (<i>Pristis zijsron</i>)</li></ul>
Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>EPBC Act listed threatened species:</b> A threatened flora or fauna species listed under the <b>EPBC Act</b> for which this approval has effect, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chocolate Tea Tree Orchid (<i>Dendrobium johannis</i>)</li><li>• Red Goshawk (<i>Etythrotriorchis radiatus</i>)</li><li>• Masked Owl (Northern) (<i>Tyto novaehollandiae kimberli</i>)</li><li>• Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat (<i>Saccolaimus saccolaimus nudicluniatus</i>)</li><li>• Northern Quoll (<i>Dasyurus hallucatus</i>)</li><li>• Black-footed Tree-rat (North Queensland) (<i>Mesembriomys gouldii rattoides</i>)</li></ul>
Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>EPBC Act listed turtle species:</b> A threatened turtle species listed under the <b>EPBC Act</b> for which this approval has effect, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flatback Turtle (<i>Natador depressus</i>)</li><li>• Hawksbill Turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>)</li><li>• Olive Ridley Turtle (<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>)</li></ul>

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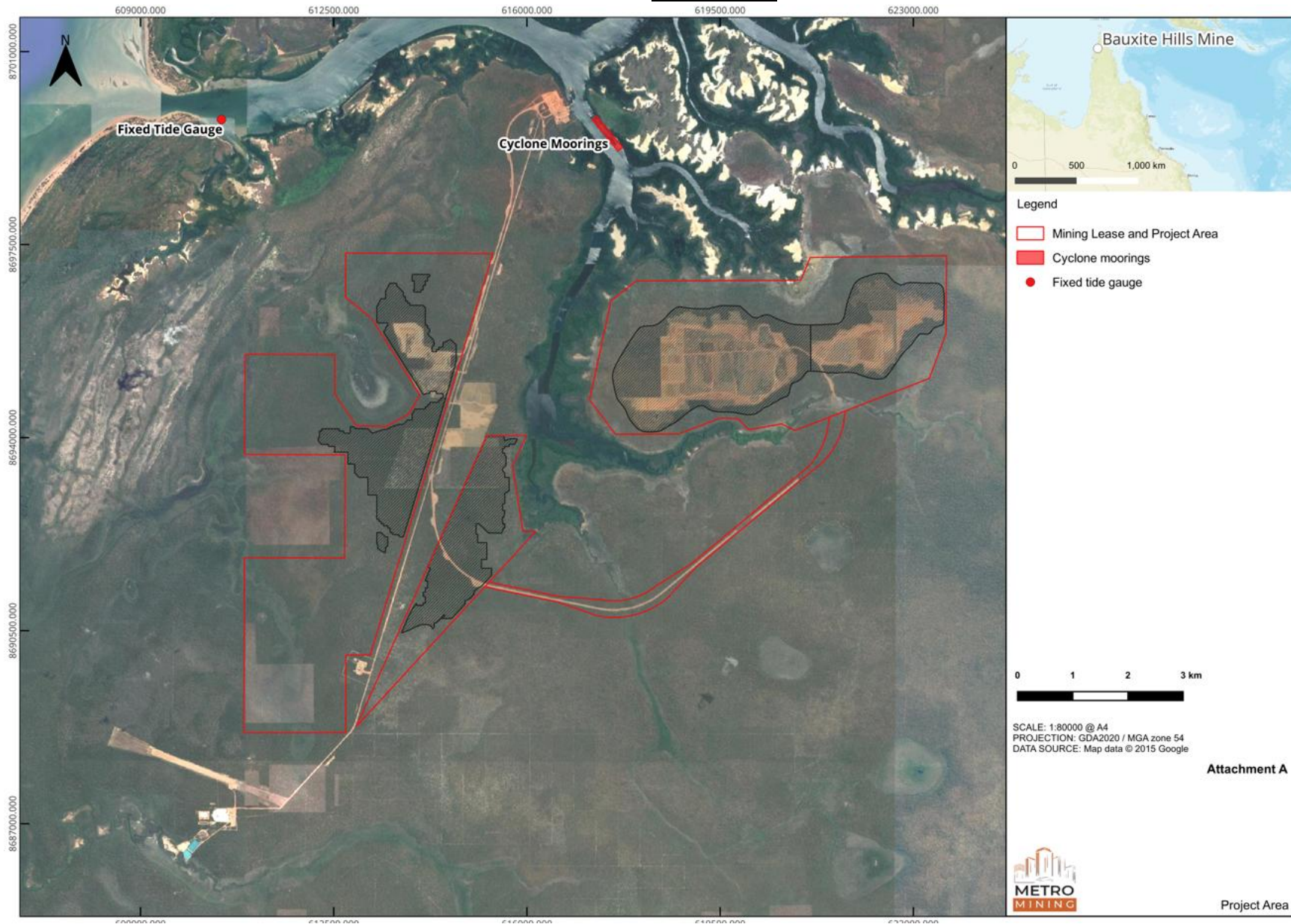
Variation dated 11/09/2017	<b>Habitat:</b> means any native woodland or forest vegetation.
Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>Impact/s:</b> As defined in section 527E of the <b>EPBC Act</b> .
Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>Key organisations:</b> An organisation identified in the <b>Sawfish and River Sharks Multispecies Recovery Plan</b> , including the Australian Government, state and territory governments, Indigenous communities and Indigenous land and sea management organisations, relevant non-government organisations and researchers.
Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>Marine debris:</b> As defined in the <b>Threat Abatement Plan for the impacts of marine debris on vertebrate marine life</b> , and includes land sourced plastic garbage, fishing gear from recreational and commercial fishing abandoned into the sea, and ship sourced, solid non-biodegradable floating materials disposed of at sea. Plastic material includes bags, bottles, strapping bands, sheeting synthetic ropes, synthetic fishing nets, floats, fibreglass, piping, insulation, paints and adhesives.
Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>Marine-related activities:</b> Offshore anchoring and mooring construction, and barge and ship movements.
Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>Minister:</b> The Minister administering the <b>EPBC Act</b> and includes a delegate of the Minister.
Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>New or increased impact:</b> A new or increased impact on any matter protected by the controlling provisions for the action, when compared to the environmental impact or risk resulting from implementing the plan that has been approved by the <b>Minister</b> .
Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>Pre-disturbance surveys:</b> The surveys undertaken to determine if <b>habitat</b> for the Red Goshawk, Masked Owl (Northern), Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat and Black-footed Tree-rat (North Queensland) are present in the <b>project area</b> prior to the commencement of vegetation clearance.
Variation dated 05/12/2025	<b>Project area:</b> Areas labelled as Mining lease and Project Area, cyclone moorings and Fixed Tide Gauge as shown at <u>Attachment A</u> , and associated barging and shipping activities down the Skardon River into the Gulf of Carpentaria.
Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>Proposed Methodology for Habitat Assessment for EPBC Listed Threatened Fauna (Survey Methodology):</b> The survey methodology for terrestrial <b>EPBC Act</b> listed threatened fauna, or subsequent revision, as required under <b>EPBC Act</b> approval 2014/7305 and approved by the <b>Department</b> on 21 November 2016.

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Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>Recovery plan/s:</b> A recovery plan made or adopted by the <b>Minister</b> under the <b>EPBC Act</b> .
Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>Sawfish and River Sharks Multispecies Recovery Plan:</b> The Sawfish and River Sharks Multispecies Recovery Plan: ( <i>Pristis pristis</i> , <i>Pristis zijsron</i> , <i>Pristis clavata</i> , <i>Glyphis glyphis</i> and <i>Glyphis garracki</i> ) (2015), or subsequent revision. Available at: <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/recovery/sawfish-river-sharks-multispecies-recovery-plan">www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/recovery/sawfish-river-sharks-multispecies-recovery-plan</a> .
Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>Suitably qualified person:</b> A person who has professional qualifications, training or skills or experience relevant to the nominated subject matters and can give authoritative assessment, advice and analysis about performance relevant to the subject matters using relevant standards, methods or literature.
Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>Threat Abatement Plan for the impacts of marine debris on vertebrate marine life:</b> The Threat abatement plan for the impacts of marine debris on vertebrate marine life (2009), or subsequent revision. Available at: <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/marine/publications/threat-abatement-plan-impacts-marine-debris-vertebrate-marine-life">www.environment.gov.au/marine/publications/threat-abatement-plan-impacts-marine-debris-vertebrate-marine-life</a> .
Original dated 23/06/2017	<b>Threat abatement plans:</b> A threat abatement plan made or adopted by the <b>Minister</b> under the <b>EPBC Act</b> .
<b>Date of decision</b>	<b>Attachments</b>
Variation dated 05/12/2025	<b><u>Attachment A</u></b>

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