



Variation of conditions attached to approval

Defence Training Facilities, Greenbank Training Area, QLD (EPBC 2011/5896)

This decision to vary conditions of approval is made under section 143 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).


Approved action

approval holder	Department of Defense ABN: 68 706 814 312
approved action	To develop additional training facilities at the Greenbank Training Area, 20 km southwest of Brisbane GPO, including a safe driver training area, new range entry and range control, new 320 person camp, new headquarters and an upgrade and extension of an existing range Queensland, as described in the referral and supporting documentation as received by the department on 29 March 2011. See EPBC Act referral 2011/5896

Variation

variation of conditions attached to approval	The variation is: Delete conditions 3 and 10 attached to the approval and substitute with the conditions specified in the table below, and revoke condition 9.
date of effect	This variation has effect on the date this instrument is signed.

Person authorised to make decision

name and position	Rachel Short Branch Head Environment Assessments (Vic, Tas and Post Approvals) Nature Positive Regulation Division
signature	
date of decision	12 November 2024

date of decision	conditions attached to approval
Original dated 17/1/2012	1. To protect habitat for listed threatened species, the person taking the action must not clear more than 69 hectares of vegetation on the site.
Original dated 17/1/2012	2. The person taking the action must prepare and submit for approval an Environment Offset Strategy to the Minister. The Environment Offset Strategy must be submitted and approved by the Minister within 6 months of the date of this approval. The Environment Offset Strategy must provide for: the enhancement and protection of native vegetation; the riparian zone of water courses; and habitat for threatened species within the Greenbank Training Area. The Environment Offset Strategy must include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. A commitment to rehabilitate and protect no less than 350 ha of remnant vegetation or regrowth within the Greenbank Training Area. The area identified can comprise either one single, or a number of individual areas, provided those areas are greater than 50 ha in size. Information on the offset areas to be rehabilitated and protected must include (but not be limited to) the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) The location and boundaries of the area(s) through maps and textual descriptions as well as an accompanying shapefile(s);(ii) A description of the regional ecosystem classification contained within the area(s) identified for remediation and protection. Information must also include records of high conservation value fauna and flora species known from/or likely to utilise these areas;(iii) Detailed measures for controlling and managing invasive weeds in those areas identified for protection;(iv) Information on how the remediation and protection of the area(s) will improve habitat connectivity for threatened species with the Greenbank/Karawatha Wildlife Corridor; and(v) Key performance indicators and indicative timeframes for undertaking the rehabilitation and protection. The key performance indicators must be sufficient to confirm whether any remediation actions have

resulted in a net-environmental gain to the environmental values of the Greenbank Training Area.

- b. Details of ongoing vertebrate surveys at the Greenbank Training Area (excluding the range impact area). The monitoring must be of a design that will detect any great changes to the numbers of threatened species within the Greenbank Training Area;
- c. Details of and a commitment to undertake landscape planting within the facilities. The plantings used must be naturally occurring within the Greenbank Training Area;
- d. Details of and a commitment to undertake the decommissioning, remediation and revegetation within the footprint of the existing sewage treatment plant;
- e. A commitment to undertake remediation actions that will halt soil erosion and increase bank stability from selected areas within the Greenbank Training Area currently affected by soil erosion; and
- f. A description of how the environmental management systems of the Department of Defence will provide for the permanent protection of the areas described in 2(a) from inappropriate activities or actions that are not consistent with the maintenance of the conservation values of the Greenbank Training Area.

The Environment Offset Strategy must clearly state the legal person or persons responsible for implementation. If the Minister approves the Environment Offset Strategy then the approved Environment Offset Strategy must be implemented.

Note: It is not the intention that all training activities are excluded from the 350 ha area which is required to be protected under this condition. Activities that allow vegetation condition and habitat for the Spot-tailed Quoll and Koala to be maintained or enhanced and will still be permissible.

As varied on the date this instrument was signed

- 3. The person taking the action must prepare an annual Environment Performance Report and submit this to the department for approval within the period between 10 May and 15 July (inclusive) of any given year. The Environment Performance Report must include detailed information on the following:
 - a. Provide a progress report on all activities and results from all works required in condition 2. The results must be sufficient to demonstrate progress with achieving any key performance
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indicators and timeframes identified in the Environment Offset Strategy;

- b. Provide the results of ongoing monitoring by providing the records of individual animals and an annual population estimate of Spot-tailed Quolls and Koalas within the Greenbank Training Area; and
- c. Provide the results of monitoring as required in condition 2(b). The results of the monitoring must include a comparison of interannual variation and document any significant changes to the numbers of the Spot-tailed Quolls and Koalas within the Greenbank Training Area.

The environmental performance report must be published, maintained and be made publicly available on the person taking the action's website for the life of the action.

Within the period between 15 April 2029 and 1 May 2029 (inclusive), the person taking the action must submit to the department for approval and publish on their website a final annual Environment Performance report.

Original dated 17/1/2012

- 4. To reduce the likely impacts of the construction activities on the environment, the person taking the action must prepare a Construction Environment Management Plan for the Minister's approval. The Construction Environment Management Plan must include the following measures:
 - a. Measures to reduce the environmental damage from the movement of construction vehicles within and outside the Greenbank Training Area;
 - b. Detailed hygiene protocols suitable for controlling the introduction and spread of invasive weeds due to construction activities;
 - c. Sediment and erosion control measures to manage the movement of sediment on site; and
 - d. Clearly state the legal person or persons responsible for implementing the Construction Environment Management Plan.

The approved Construction Environment Management Plan must be implemented until all stages of construction have been completed.

Original dated 17/1/2012	5. To mitigate potential impacts associated with ongoing operation activities within the Greenbank Training Area, the person taking the action must manage the environmental impact of its activities within the Greenbank Training Area consistent with the Environmental Management System certified under ISO 14001:2004.
Original dated 17/1/2012	6. Prior to the removal of any buildings identified as having heritage value in the preliminary documentation, the person taking the action must undertake a full archival photographic record of any heritage fabric identified as having heritage significance in section 2.33 of the preliminary documentation. The full archival photographic record must be consistent with the Queensland Government's "Guideline: Archival Recording of Heritage Places". The full archival photographic record must be submitted to the department within three months of commencement of construction.
Original dated 17/1/2012	7. Within 30 days from the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must advise the department in writing of the actual date of commencement.
Original dated 17/1/2012	8. The person taking the action must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the Environment Offset Strategy required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the Department. Such records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the Department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	9. Condition revoked.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	10. Within the period between 10 May and 15 July (inclusive) of any given year, the person taking the action must publish a report on their website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and non-compliance with any of the conditions in this approval must be provided to the Department at the same time as the compliance report is published. Within the period between 15 April 2029 and 1 May 2029 (inclusive), the person taking the action must submit to the

	<p>department for approval and publish on their website a final report addressing compliance over the previous 12 months with each of the conditions of this approval.</p>
Original dated 17/1/2012	<p>11. Upon the direction of the Minister, the person taking the action must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the Minister. The independent auditor must be approved by the Minister prior to the commencement of the audit. Audit criteria must be agreed to by the Minister and the audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the Minister.</p>
Original dated 17/1/2012	<p>12. If the person taking the action wishes to carry out any activity otherwise than in accordance with the Environment Offset Strategy, or Construction Environment Management Plan as specified in the conditions, the person taking the action must submit to the department for the Minister's written approval a revised version of that Environment Offset Strategy or Construction Environment Management Plan. The varied activity shall not commence until the Minister has approved the varied Environment Offset Strategy or Construction Environment Management Plan, in writing. The Minister will not approve the varied Environment Offset Strategy or Construction Environment Management Plan unless the revised Environment Offset Strategy or Construction Environment Management Plan would result in an equivalent or improved environmental outcome over time. If the Minister approves the revised Environment Offset Strategy or Construction Environment Management Plan, that Environment Offset Strategy or Construction Environment Management Plan must be implemented in place of the Environment Offset Strategy or Construction Environment Management Plan originally approved.</p>
Original dated 17/1/2012	<p>13. If the Minister believes that it is necessary or convenient for the better protection of listed threatened species and communities and the environment from impacts by a Commonwealth Agency to do so, the Minister may request that the person taking the action make specified revisions to the Environment Offset Strategy or Construction Environment Management Plan specified in the conditions and submit the revised Environment Offset Strategy or Construction Environment Management Plan for the Minister's written approval. The person taking the action must comply with any such request. The revised approved Environment Offset Strategy or Construction Environment Management Plan must be implemented. Unless the Minister has approved the revised Environment Offset Strategy or</p>

	Construction Environment Management Plan, agreement then the person taking the action must continue to implement the Environment Offset Strategy or Construction Environment Management Plan originally approved, as specified in the conditions.
Original dated 17/1/2012	14. If, at any time after five years from the date of this approval, the person taking the action has not substantially commenced the action, then the person taking the action must not substantially commence the action without the written agreement of the Minister.
Original dated 17/1/2012	15. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the person taking the action must publish the Environment Offset Strategy or Construction Environment Management Plan referred to in these conditions of approval on their website. The Environment Offset Strategy or Construction Environment Management Plan must be published on the website within 1 month of being approved and must remain published until all the actions in the strategy are completed to the satisfaction of the Minister.
Original dated 17/1/2012	16. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the person taking the action must provide a copy of the approved Environment Offset Strategy or Construction Environment Management Plan referred to in these conditions of approval to members of the public upon request. Copies must be provided within a reasonable time of the request.
date of decision	definitions attached to approval
Original dated 17/1/2012	Commencement - The construction of any infrastructure, excluding fences and signage, associated with the proposed action.
Original dated 17/1/2012	Construction - Includes any preparatory works required to be undertaken including clearing vegetation, the erection of any onsite temporary structures and the use of heavy duty equipment for the purpose of breaking the ground for buildings or infrastructure.
Original dated 17/1/2012	Department - The Australian Government department administering the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> .
Original dated 17/1/2012	Guideline: Archival Recording of Heritage Places - The Guideline prepared under section 173 of the <i>Queensland Heritage Act 1992</i> and available online at:

	https://www.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0024/68226/archival-recording-heritage-places.pdf
Original dated 17/1/2012	Independent Auditor - An audit professional who performs an audit on the company or any other legal entity or organisation and who is independent of the entity being audited.
Original dated 17/1/2012	Inappropriate Activities - an activity or action, military or otherwise, that will cause permanent or long-term damage or degradation of native vegetation, habitat for threatened species and riparian areas.
Original dated 17/1/2012	Invasive weeds - flora species declared under the Queensland <i>Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002</i> (as originally enacted and as amended from time to time).
Original dated 17/1/2012	Koala - <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>
Original dated 17/1/2012	Minister - The Minister administering the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> and includes a delegate of the Minister under section 515 of that Act.
Original dated 17/1/2012	Shapefile - means an ESRI Shapefile, containing '.shp', '.shx.' and '.dbf' files and other files capturing attributes including at least the EPBC reference ID number and EPBC protected matters present at the relevant site. Attributes should also be captured in '.xls' format.
Original dated 17/1/2012	Spot-tailed Quoll - <i>Dasyurus maculatus maculatus</i>
Original dated 17/1/2012	Substantially commenced - The construction of any built structures, excluding construction fences and signage, associated with the proposed action