

Public Notice

RE DEVELOPMENT of THE WOMENS ORGANISATION for RECREATION, LEISURE, and DEVELOPMENT (WORLD) SPORTING PRECINCT, 99 WALLACE STREET BAIRNSDALE VICTORIA 3875 (EPBC Act Ref 2022/09215) INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The following notice is published pursuant to Section 95A(3) of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

East Gippsland Shire Council (EGSC) is seeking approval under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) for the development of additional sporting facilities at 99 Wallace Street, Bairnsdale, Victoria. The site is zoned Public Use Zone – Education (PUZ2) and is a designated Bushfire Prone Area (BPA) under the East Gippsland Planning Scheme. It comprises open fields of grassland, as well as open woodland and a nearby natural wetland. East Gippsland Specialist School is located to the immediate south, Westdale Kindergarten to the immediate north and Bairnsdale Secondary College and Bairnsdale Aquatic and Recreation Centre to the immediate east.

The proposed action has been referred under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) and determined to be a “controlled action” under the EPBC Act with a Preliminary Documentation level of assessment set.

The controlling provision under the EPBC Act is “Listed threatened species and communities” (Sections 18 and 18A) – in particular the Gippsland Red Gum (*Eucalyptus tereticornis* subsp. *mediana*) Grassy Woodland and Associated Native Grassland (Gippsland Red Gum/GRGGW) ecological community – Critically Endangered and Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains (Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands/SHWTLP) ecological community – Critically Endangered.

Additional information has been submitted to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. Pursuant to Section 95A(3) of the EPBC Act, these documents are now available for viewing at the following locations:

Bairnsdale Library - 22 Service Street Bairnsdale

State Library Victoria - 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

The documents can also be viewed or downloaded at:

<https://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/>

Interested persons are invited to comment on the draft PD information, which are to be received by close of business Wednesday, 25 of June 2025 and addressed to: Kate Allen

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