



Agreement to approve proposed contract

Borumba Pumped Hydro Energy Storage (PHES) Project – Exploratory Works, Lake Borumba, Queensland (EPBC ref 2023/09461)

Approved action


approval holder	QUEENSLAND HYDRO PTY LTD ACN: 661 444 515
approved action	To clear vegetation and undertake technical investigations including exploratory tunnel drilling, test pits and other supporting infrastructure for a proposed future hydro energy storage facility located at Lake Borumba, Queensland. See EPBC Act referral 2023/09461 subject to the variations of the proposed Action accepted by the Minister under section 156B on 16 October 2023 and 26 September 2025.
condition providing for agreement and relevant definition	<p>Condition 22. To compensate for the residual significant impacts of the Action on the critically endangered Scrub Turpentine, the approval holder must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) prior to commencement of the Action, the approval holder must submit to the department for approval by the Minister the proposed contract between the approval holder and the Queensland Department of Primary Industries (DPI). b) provide funding as per Table F.1 in Appendix F towards further research on minimising the spread of myrtle rust. <p>Appendix F means the section titled ‘Appendix F Scrub turpentine indirect offset plan’ in the OAMP.</p> <p>Commencement of the Action means the date on which the approval holder commences the Action.</p> <p>Commence the Action or commences the Action means the first instance of any clearing, construction or other physical activity for the Action within the Action area.</p> <p>Department means the Australian Government agency responsible for administering the EPBC Act.</p> <p>Minister means the Australian Government Minister administering the EPBC Act, including any delegate thereof.</p>

Scrub Turpentine means the **EPBC Act** listed threatened species Scrub turpentine *Rhodamnia rubescens*. The location of **Scrub Turpentine** individuals and habitat within the **Action area** is represented in **Appendix E** by the light blue circles and green zones designated 'KNOWN AND POTENTIAL HABITAT FOR SCRUB TURPENTINE (RHODAMNIA RUBESCENS) AND OBSERVATIONS.'

agreement A delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water agrees to approve the proposed contract mentioned in Condition 22.

Person authorised to make decision

name and position Rod Dann
A/g Branch Head
Environment Assessments Queensland

signature 

date of decision 11 March 2026

Conditions attached to the approval

The conditions applicable to the approval are publicly available on the department's EPBC Act [Public Portal](#) page.