



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

APPROVAL

Belconnen Naval Transmission Station remediation activity, ACT (EPBC 2008/4367)

This decision is made under (Section 133) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Proposed action

person to whom the approval is granted	Director Property Disposals The Department of Defence
proposed action	To remediate and rehabilitate contaminated areas within the Belconnen Naval Transmission Station in preparation for disposal of the site (EPBC 2008/4367).

Approval decision

relevant controlling provisions	The approval has effect for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Commonwealth land (section 26 and section 27A)Commonwealth action (section 28)Threatened species and communities (section 18 and 18A)
conditions of approval	This approval is subject to the conditions specified below.
expiry date of approval	The approval will have effect until 20 September 2099.

Person authorised to make decision

name and position	Michelle Wicks A/g Assistant Secretary Environment Assessment Branch
signature	
date of decision	19 / 12 / 08

Conditions attached to the approval

ANNEXURE 1

1. The person taking the action must require the purchaser of the Belconnen Naval Transmitting Station to enter into a conservation agreement with the Minister to conserve and maximise the protection of natural values of the Area; in particular the ecological community – Natural Temperate Grassland and Commonwealth listed threatened species – prior to the sale of the site.
2. The conservation agreement outlined in paragraph 1 must require the purchaser to retain and manage the site for listed ecological communities and threatened species. The conservation agreement must address the following matters:
 - provide for the conservation in perpetuity of Natural Temperate Grassland, and other listed ecological communities;
 - provide for the protection and enhancement of the critical habitat for the Ginninderra Peppercress (*Lepidium ginninderense*);
 - provide for the protection and enhancement of habitat for listed threatened species and ecological communities;
 - exclude future development on environmentally sensitive areas of the site; and
 - a commitment by the purchaser to have any development that impacts on listed ecological communities and threatened species considered under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.
3. Prior to disposal the person taking the action must prepare a Management Plan that meets the intent of a Management Plan prepared under s. 341S of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 to the satisfaction of the Minister. The person taking the action must include in the contract of sale provisions for the protection of the identified values including Commonwealth Heritage values of Belconnen Naval Transmitting Station.
4. The person taking the action may only undertake the proposed clearing and remediation consistent with the areas outlined in Attachment A.
A report verifying compliance with this paragraph must be submitted to the Department within 3 months of completion of the remediation.
5. The person taking the action must develop and submit for approval a Final Rehabilitation Action Plan to the Minister prior to commencing the remediation works. The plan must include but not be limited to:
 - The identification and rehabilitation all new and surplus tracks in the Area;
 - undertake revegetation in the area identified in RAC6 in Attachment A;
 - monitor and if required undertake weed control in all areas identified in Attachment A;

The approved plan must be implemented.

6. If the Minister believes that it is necessary or desirable for the better protection of the environment, the Minister may request that the person taking the action make specified revisions to a plan or measure approved pursuant to paragraph 7, and submit the revised plan or measure for the Minister's approval. The person taking the action must comply with any such request. If the Minister approves a revised plan or measure pursuant to this condition, the person taking the action must implement that plan or measure instead of the plan or measure as originally approved.
7. If the person taking the action wishes to carry out any activity other than in accordance with a plan or measure approved pursuant to paragraph 7, the person taking the action must submit for the Minister's approval a request for revision of the plan. If the Minister approves the revised plan or measure so submitted, the person taking the action must implement that plan or measure instead of the plan or measure as originally approved.
8. If, at any time after 5 years from the date of this approval, the Minister notifies the person taking the action in writing that the Minister is not satisfied that there has been substantial commencement of the proposed action, the action must not thereafter be commenced.

Definitions

Area - The area or place described under the heading at Attachment A.

Department - The Australian Government Department currently known as the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, or whatever the Department that administers this approval is thereafter called.

Commonwealth Listed Threatened Species – Ginninderra Peppercress (*Lepidium ginninderense*)
Golden Sun Moth (*Synemon plana*)
Striped Legless Lizard (*Delma impar*)

Minister - The Minister of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, or whatever the Department that administers his approval is thereafter called.

Natural Temperate Grassland - The ecological community referred to as: Natural Temperate Grassland of the Southern Tablelands of NSW and the Australian Capital Territory and described in the document titled '*Advice to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage from the Endangered Species Scientific Subcommittee (ESSS) on a proposal to add an ecological community to Schedule 2 of the Endangered Species Protection Act 1992 (ESP Act)*'.

Areas identified as Remediation Areas of Concern for the Belconnen Naval Transmission Station

