

OHTL MACINTYRE WIND ENERGY PRECINCT (EPBC 2020/8759)

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OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINE (OHTL) MACINTYRE WIND ENERGY PRECINCT (EPBC 2020/8759)

Annual Compliance Report 10 May 2024 – 9 May 2025



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1. PURPOSE

This report provides the third compliance report required under *the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) approval (EPBC 2020/8759), Condition 37, for the period between 10 May 2024 and 9 May 2025. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2014 (henceforth referred to as the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines) and includes:

- Project details as specified (Section 2 and Table 1).
- A description of works completed during the reporting period (Section 3).
- An assessment of compliance against conditions imposed by EPBC 2020/8759 and attachments (Table 2).
- A declaration of accuracy signed off by the Project Manager (Section 5)

2. PROJECT DETAILS

The Overhead Transmission Line (OHTL) MacIntyre Wind Energy Precinct (EPBC ref: 2020/8759) will connect the MacIntyre Wind Farm (EPBC ref: 2020/8756) to the national electricity grid. The project includes 64km of high-voltage (330 kV) OHTL and ancillary infrastructure including:

- Two switching stations, namely MacIntyre switching station and Tummaville switching station
- Access tracks
- Firebreaks
- Site amenities
- Laydown areas.

The Project was deemed a controlled action under EPBC Act on 24 September 2020. The Project was assessed by preliminary documentation and subsequently approved with conditions by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) on 22 February 2022. Commencement of the action in accordance with the EPBC Act approval occurred on 10 May 2022.



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Table 1: Project details

EPBC Reference	2020/8759
Project Name	Overhead Transmission Line MacIntyre Wind Energy Precinct,
	40km west of Warwick, Queensland
Approval holder	Ark Energy MacIntyre Pty Ltd ACN 642 467 810;
	and
	Macintyre Wind Farm Pty Ltd ACN 636 797 745.
Approved Action	To construct an overhead transmission line and associated
	ancillary works for the proposed MacIntyre Wind Farm Project, 40
	km west of Warwick, Queensland [See EPBC Act referral
	2020/8756].
Person accepting responsibility	Ben Ortiz, Project Manager
for the report	
Reporting period of the report	10 May 2024 to 9 May 2025
Date of preparation of the report	22 July 2025

3. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

The action has completed the construction phase comprising of vegetation clearing, civil works, construction of infrastructure and associated electrical works and is considered to be within the operations and maintenance phase. The project is overseen by the approval holder, with construction, operation and maintenance works to be undertaken by Powerlink. Such works included all civil and vegetation clearing works associated with the action, to which the bulk of construction related environmental aspects relate. Specifically, the extent of work for this reporting period includes rehabilitation work, including:

- General rehabilitation related to rutting, drainage, whoa boys, minor gate and fence repairs etc.
- Installation of permanent whoa boys where required.
- Carting and spreading of mulch.
- Re-work on mega mulch areas.
- Seeding and fertilizing was undertaken on all batters progressively through the project.

The approval holder has had an ongoing commitment to supporting its local communities by investing in providing local employment opportunities, using local suppliers and delivering a robust community program that supports local initiatives to build community resilience. Key highlights include:

- A total value of \$854M was awarded to businesses with a Queensland presence through construction to date.
- \$225M of the total value was awarded to businesses with a regional QLD presence
- 275 businesses which worked on the project with a Queensland presence were new to the supply chain
- \$500K invested to ensure public access to a new 4G Telstra tower to help remove mobile phone blackspots in the region.
- 40% of hours worked on site have been done by a local workforce and 6% by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people
- \$250K legacy fund investment commitment to construct Inglewood Sports Complex's new gym and storage
- \$210 legacy fund investment commitment to upgrade community halls throughout the region to build them into community resilience centers.



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- A close out of the partnership with Queensland Farmers Federation to deliver the Energy Southern Queensland (EnergySQ) program which was an on-farm energy efficiency program that will help landholder understand and manage their onfarm energy consumption, and identify ways to reduce your energy spend and carbon footprint.
- 3 new scholarships awarded through the University of Southern Queensland
- Re-establishment of the Community Engagement Committee
- \$372 000 invested to date into local community groups through the small grants program with an ongoing commitment of \$110,000 per year

4. COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT

This compliance assessment has been developed to address requirements set out in Section 3.6 of the *Annual Compliance Report Guidelines*. Results of this assessment are provided in Table 2. Compliance designations applied for the assessment are as per Section 3.7 of the aforementioned standard, and are reproduced below:

- Compliant: 'Compliance' is achieved when all the requirements of a condition have been met, including the implementation of management plans or other measures required by those conditions.
- 2. <u>Non-compliant:</u> A designation of 'non-compliance' should be given where the requirements of a condition or elements of a condition, including the implementation of management plans and other measures, have not been met.
- 3. <u>Not applicable</u>: A designation of 'not applicable 'should be given where the requirements of a condition or elements of a condition fall outside of the scope of the current reporting period. For example, a condition which applies to an activity that has not yet commenced.



Table 2: Compliance Assessment

Con	ndition	Compliance Designation	Evidence / Comments
Part	A – Conditions Specific to the action	Ĭ	
1	Within the project area, the approval holder must not clear more than: a. 236.51 ha of Koala habitat; b. 236.51 ha of Grey-headed Flying-fox habitat; c. 88.9 ha of Greater Glider habitat; d. 126.65 of Squatter Pigeon habitat; e. 4.93 ha of <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> habitat; and f. 4.67 ha of Regent Honeyeater habitat.	Compliant	Spatial analysis was undertaken on high resolution imagery taken during LiDAR capture to determine the final disturbance footprint. Based on the findings, all clearance was within the stipulated thresholds: MNES Species Habitat Actual Clearance (ha) Koala 175.75 Grey-headed Flying-fox 175.34 Greater Glider 71.8 Squatter Pigeon 99.11 Macrozamia conferta 3.52 Regent Honeyeater 3.98
2	The approval holder must not clear outside the project area.	Not applicable	No clearing occurred during the reporting period.
Envi	ronmental offsets		
3	To compensate for the total clearance of habitat for EPBC Act listed threatened species not including Macrozamia conferta habitat up to the limits as specified in condition 1, the approval holder must provide an environmental offset in accordance with the principles of the Environmental Offsets Policy to the satisfaction of the Minister.	Compliant	Environmental offsets delivery is progressing as described below.
4	The approval holder must implement the Interim Offset Area Management Plan (IOAMP) upon the commencement of the action and until the Minister has approved an Offset Area Management Plan (OAMP).	Compliant	 The IOAMP was developed prior to EPBC Act approval and has been implemented from commencement of the action. Studies to support the development of the OAMP to be undertaken in accordance with the IOAMP. As such, offset calculations and habitat quality scoring have been completed and presented in the draft OAMP submitted to DCCEEW for review (in accordance with requirements of Condition 5 below).
5	The approval holder must submit an OAMP prepared by a Suitably Qualified Ecologist to the department three months after the commencement of the action for the written approval of the Minister. The approval holder must not commission until the OAMP has been approved in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must implement the approved OAMP. The OAMP must include:	Compliant Compliant	 The draft OAMP was submitted to DCCEEW via email dated 07.07.2022, which is 3 months from the commencement of the action (07.04.2022). The draft OAMP was prepared by a Suitably Qualified Ecologist as demonstrated in section 15 of the draft OAMP. The OAMP was approved by DCCEEW on 2 July 2024.



Condition	n	Compliance Designation	Evidence / Comments
a.	a summary of the residual impacts to protected matters that will be compensated for by the offset. This summary must include the area(s) of habitat for protected matters and its condition and quality at all impact sites which the particular offset is to address;	ū	The OAMP was approved by DCCEEW on 2 July 2024.
a.	a table of commitments made in the OAMP to achieve the ecological benefits for relevant protected matters, and a reference to where the commitments are detailed in the OAMP;		
b.	a description of the offset site(s), including location, size, condition, environmental values present and surrounding land uses;		
C.	 baseline data, including results from field validation surveys, and quantifiable ecological data on site habitat quality, and other supporting evidence, that documents: i. that suitable habitat for each EPBC Act listed threatened species will be present within the offset site(s); ii. the quality and condition of habitat for each EPBC Act listed threatened species within the offset site(s); iii. the presence of Koala individuals within the offset site(s); iv. iv. the presence of Greater Glider within the offset site(s) or within the home-range of Greater Glider in adjacent, connected Greater Glider habitat; and v. the nature and extent of any weeds and feral animals at the offset site(s). 		
e.	an assessment of site habitat quality for each habitat feature; details of how the offset site(s) will provide connectivity with habitat features outside the offset site/s and biodiversity corridors for each EPBC Act listed threatened species;		



Condition	1	Compliance Designation	Evidence / Comments
f.	maps and shapefiles that clearly define the location and boundaries of the offset site(s), accompanied by offset attributes; specific offset completion criteria derived from the site habitat quality scores to demonstrate the improvement in the quality of habitat for each EPBC Act listed threatened species within		
h.	the offset site(s) over the period of effect of this approval to the satisfaction of the Minister; details of the management actions, and timeframes for implementation to be undertaken to achieve the effect.		
	 implementation, to be undertaken to achieve the offset completion criteria, including but not limited to; i. control of grazing stock within the offset site(s); vi. control of grazing within riparian zones of the offset site(s); vii. establishment of the typical range of tree species native to the Nandewar Bioregion, in particular local Eucalyptus species; 		
	viii. measures to protect juvenile trees from grazing by native and invasive species; ix. weed and feral animal management; and x. a commitment to maintain or improve the key habitat features within the offset sites(s) for the duration of the approval.		
i.	interim milestones that set targets at 5-yearly intervals for progress towards achieving the offset completion criteria;		
j.	details of the nature, timing and frequency of monitoring to report progress against achieving the 5-yearly interim milestones and maintaining improvements of site habitat quality. The frequency of monitoring must be sufficient to track progress towards each set of milestones, and sufficient to determine whether the environmental offset is likely to		



Cor	ndition	1	Compliance Designation	Evidence / Comments
		achieve those milestones in adequate time to implement all necessary corrective actions;		
	k.	timing for the submission of interim monitoring reports which provide evidence demonstrating whether the interim milestones and offset completion criteria are likely to be achieved and subsequently have been achieved;		
	I.	timing for the implementation of corrective actions if monitoring activities indicate the interim milestones are unlikely to be, or have not been, achieved;		
	m.	a risk analysis and a risk management and mitigation strategy for all risks to the successful implementation of the OAMP and timely achievement of the offset completion criteria, including a rating of all initial and post-mitigation residual risks in accordance with the risk assessment matrix;		
	n.	evidence of how the management actions and corrective actions take into account relevant approved conservation advices and are consistent with relevant recovery plans and threat abatement plans and where applicable, other relevant documents; and		
	0.	details of the legal mechanism for securing the environmental offset, such that legal security remains in force over the offset site(s) for at least the period of effect of this approval.		
7	appr appr	approval holder must secure the offset site(s) specified in the roved OAMP within 12 months of the date that the OAMP is roved in writing by the Minister. The approved OAMP must be ched to the legal mechanism used to secure the environmental et.	Non- compliant	The OAMP was approved by DCCEEW on 2 July 2024. The legally binding mechanism for the offset is a Voluntary Declaration under Queensland's <i>Vegetation Management Act 1999</i> assessed by the Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development (DNRMMRRD). The Voluntary Declaration application was lodged on 12 June 2025. At the time of writing, DNRMMRRD have not approved the Voluntary Declaration. The approval holder has received formal correspondence from DNRMMRRD acknowledging the receipt of the application and commencement of the



Cor	Condition		Evidence / Comments
			assessment. A self reported non-compliance was issued to DCCEEW on 2 July 2025 in accordance with condition 38 of this approval.
8	The offset completion criteria as specified in the approved OAMP must be achieved within 20 years of the commencement of the action and then be maintained or exceeded for the duration of the approval. The approval holder must regularly analyse the results of monitoring so as to be able to anticipate any likely failure to achieve the interim milestones and completion criteria and, so as to avoid such failure, promptly propose improved or additional management measures and/or offset site(s) in one or more revised versions of the OAMP and seek Minister approval of any such revised OAMP.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; the offset criteria timeframe has not elapsed.
9	If the offset completion criteria specified in the approved OAMP are not met within 20 years of the commencement of the action, the approval holder must, within 10 business days of the 20th anniversary of the commencement of the action: a. notify the department which offset completion criteria have not been met, by how much, and the likely cause(s) of the completion criteria not being met; and b. submit to the department within 4 months of the 20th anniversary of the commencement of the action a Supplementary Offset Area Management Plan (SOAMP) for the approval of the Minister.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; the offset criteria timeframe has not elapsed.
10	If required under condition 9, the SOAMP must detail the additional and revised management measures and/or offset site(s) that will be implemented and offset site(s)secured to compensate, to the satisfaction of the Minister, for the non-achievement of offset completion criteria specified in the approved OAMP.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; the offset criteria timeframe has not elapsed.
11	The approval holder must secure any offset site(s) specified in the approved SOAMP within 12 months of the date that the SOAMP is approved in writing by the Minister. The approved SOAMP must be	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; no SOAMP has been approved.



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12	attached to the legal mechanism used to secure the offset site(s) specified in the approved SOAMP. The approval holder must notify the department within 5 business	Designation Not	Requirement not triggered; the offset mechanism is yet to be executed.
	days of the mechanism to secure each offset site having been executed.	applicable	Requirement not triggered, the onset mechanisms yet to be executed.
Mat	ters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) Management Plan		
13	For the protection of the EPBC Act listed threatened species the approval holder must submit to the department a MNES Management Plan for the written approval of the Minister prior to commissioning. The MNES Management Plan must be prepared in accordance with the department's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines. The approval holder must not commence commissioning until the MNES Management Plan has been approved in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must implement the approved MNES Management Plan for the duration of the approval.	Compliant	■ The MMP was approved on 16 August 2024.
14	The MNES Management Plan must ensure that impacts to EPBC Act listed threatened species do not exceed the clearance limits specified in condition 1 and that indirect impacts to EPBC Act listed threatened species are avoided and mitigated to the greatest possible extent, and include:	Compliant	 Refer to response to Condition 1 MNES habitat clearance limits. The MMP addresses the listed items, a summary of how each of the listed items is addressed is provided in Table 2.1 of the approved MMP.
	 a. characterisation and estimation of the extent of all indirect impacts of the action, b. details of the measures (including habitat rehabilitation) that will be undertaken in the project area to avoid and mitigate impacts, including indirect impacts, on EPBC Act listed threatened species and their habitat during clearing, construction, operation and decommissioning, including but not limited to: i. the measures specified in Attachment H1 for the 		
	duration of construction; and		



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		ii. the measures specified in Attachment H2 for the duration of the approval.	,	
	C.	details of the specific timing of implementation, frequency and duration of the measures to be implemented, including the measures specified in Attachments H1 and H2;		
	d.	specification of interim milestones and completion criteria for habitat rehabilitation,		
	e.	details of the nature, timing and frequency of monitoring to ensure that impacts to protected matters do not exceed the clearance limits and that interim milestones and completion criteria for habitat rehabilitation are likely to be achieved and subsequently are achieved;		
	f.	timing for the submission to the department of reports of monitoring outcomes;		
	g.	triggers and timing for the implementation of corrective actions if interim milestones and completion criteria are unlikely to be achieved;		
	h.	risk analysis and a risk management and mitigation strategy for all risks to the successful implementation of the MNES Management Plan, including a rating of all initial and post- mitigation residual risks in accordance with the risk assessment matrix; and		
	i.	evidence of how the measures and corrective actions take into account relevant approved conservation advices and are consistent with relevant recovery plans and threat abatement plans.		
15		measures detailed in Attachment H1 and Attachment H2 must mplemented from the commencement of the action.	Compliant	 Attachment H1 is not applicable. The project is no longer under construction. Assessment provided against Attachment H2 within this table (see below).
Mac		nia conferta Translocation Management		1 (



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16	For the protection of <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals, the approval holder must, prior to the action having any impact to <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> , submit to the department, for the written approval of the Minister, a <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> Translocation Management Plan (MTMP). The MTMP must be prepared by a Suitably Qualified Field Ecologist. The approval holder must ensure that the action has no impact on any <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individual until the MTMP has been approved by the Minister in writing. The approval holder must implement the MTMP approved by the Minister.	Compliant	The MTMP was prepared by a Suitably Qualified Field Ecologist, submitted and approved by DCCEEW on 13.05.2022, prior to the first <i>M. conferta</i> translocation recorded on 23.06.2022.
	act Site assessment		
17	To determine the extent of the impacts to Macrozamia conferta within the Project Footprint prior to clearance of any Macrozamia conferta, the MTMP must include the findings of pre-clearance surveys for Macrozamia conferta undertaken across the entire Project Footprint to identify the number and size of Macrozamia conferta individuals that cannot be avoided by the action.	Compliant	■ The findings of pre-clearance surveys are provided in section 5.1 of the MTMP.
	nslocation site assessment	0	
18	 The MTMP must include an assessment of a proposed <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> translocation site that: a. includes a description of the translocation site, including location, size, condition, environmental values present and surrounding land uses; b. includes baseline data, including results from field validation surveys, and quantifiable ecological data on site habitat quality, and other supporting evidence, that documents the quality of habitat for <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> within the translocation recipient site; c. includes information about the numbers, age classes and density of any <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals present in the translocation recipient site; 	Compliant	Table 2.1 of the MTMP outlines how each of the items required by this condition are addressed by the plan.



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	 d. evidence that the location of the translocation recipient site will enable maintenance of gene flow between <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals translocated to the recipient site and other established <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> populations in the surrounding area; and e. includes information about the presence and abundance of suitable pollinator species for <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> both in and around the translocation recipient site 		
Tran	slocation of Macrozamia conferta		
19	The MTMP must include a translocation program for <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals that will be impacted by the action that produces, within 20 years of the commencement of the action, a long-term viable population that is equal to or greater than the original population of <i>M. conferta</i> impacted by the action and maintains or improves this outcome for the duration of the approval.	Compliant	■ Table 2.1 of the MTMP outlines how this condition has been met.
20	 a. be in accordance with the Guidelines for translocation of threatened plants; b. specify the procedure for the translocation of Macrozamia conferta to areas outside of the impact areas suitable for their survival; c. be undertaken by a Suitably Qualified Field Ecologist; d. record the location of translocated Macrozamia conferta individuals; e. specify ongoing management procedures to enable the reestablishment of translocated Macrozamia conferta individuals, including adaptive management strategies to ensure potential risks and threats are managed; 		



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	 f. specify ongoing management procedures to ensure the success of the <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> translocation program; g. specify the monitoring and record keeping processes of the translocation program to ensure easily replicable and consistent data collection; and h. specify translocation completion criteria for achieving no net loss of <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> impacted by the action over the period of effect of this approval. 		
Prox	agation of Macrozamia conferta	<u> </u>	1
21	The MTMP must commit to a program of propagation of seedlings to replace or exceed the number of <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals impacted by the action that do not survive for at least twenty years after translocation.	Compliant	 Proposed propagation and cultivation methods for seedlings to replace or exceed the number impacted are provided in section 9.3 of the MTMP.
22	 The program specified in the MTMP for propagating <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals within the translocation recipient site must: a. specify the minimum number of <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> that will be propagated or how the number will be determined to achieve the requirement of condition 21; b. specify the seed collection procedure for propagation and how this method will not impact adversely on the viability of the existing <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> population; c. specify the propagation procedure; d. specify ongoing management procedures for propagated <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals; e. be able to record where <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> seedlings are planted within the translocation site; f. specify the monitoring and record keeping processes of the seedling propagation program to ensure easily replicable and consistent data collection; and 	Compliant	■ Table 2.1 of the MTMP outlines how these conditions have been met.



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	g. specify the seedling propagation and planting completion criteria for achieving no net loss of <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> impacted by the action within 20 years of the commencement of the action and then maintained or improve that outcome over the period of effect of this approval.		
23	If the requirement of condition 21 is not met within 20 years of the commencement of the action, the approval holder must: a. within 10 business days of the 20th anniversary of the commencement of the action, notify the department of this, specifying the number of Macrozamia conferta individuals required to meet the requirement of condition 21, and b. within 3 months of the 20th anniversary of the commencement of the action, submit to the department for the approval of the Minister a supplementary translocation management plan for Macrozamia conferta that details the additional and/or revised management measures that will be implemented to compensate for the failed translocation outcome and submit it if the translocation outcome has not	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; the 20-year translocation timeframe has not elapsed.
24	been met. If a supplementary translocation management plan for <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> is required under condition 23, the approval holder must implement the supplementary translocation management plan for <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> approved by the Minister in writing. The Minister may, after giving due notice to the approval holder, include in the approved supplementary translocation management plan for <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> measures different from those included in the draft submitted by the approval holder.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; supplementary translocation plan has not been initiated.
25	To determine the likely effectiveness of the management actions in the approved MTMP to translocate <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals impacted by the action, the approval holder must engage a Suitably	Compliant	 Two (2) Macrozamia conferta Translocation Monitoring Reports have been prepared and reviewed by a Suitably Qualified Field Ecologist to assess the effectiveness of



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	Oualified Field Ecologist to undertake, within every twelve months for the first five years following the date on which the Minister first approved the MTMP and subsequently by every fifth anniversary the date on which the Minister first approved the MTMP until the number of <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals impacted by the action that survive for at least twenty years after translocation exceeds the number of <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals impacted by the action, an assessment of the effectiveness of the management actions in the approved MTMP.	ŭ	management actions undertaken in the relevant 12 months of MTMP implementation in accordance with requirements outlined in Condition 26. • All Macrozamia conferta Translocation Monitoring Reports are available on the project website https://www.acciona.com.au/macintyre/epbc-documentation/
26	The approval holder must ensure that each assessment of the effectiveness of the management actions in the approved MTMP is: a. subject to a peer-review completed within 6 months of the completion each such assessment; and b. published on its website with the findings of the peer-review within 6 months of the completion of the peer-review and remains published for the remaining duration of this approval.	Compliant	 The due dates for the third <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> Translocation Monitoring Report peer review and publishing (13 November 2025 and 13 May 2026 respectively) have not elapsed. All <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> Translocation Monitoring Report including the peer review areavailable on the project website https://www.acciona.com.au/macintyre/epbc-documentation/
27	The translocation site for <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> must be identified and secured prior to the removal or translocation of any <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals.	Compliant	 An executed deed of agreement securing the <i>M. conferta</i> translocation recipient site was provided to DCCEEW via email on 17.06.2022. <i>M. conferta</i> translocation data records the first translocation as having occurred 23.06.2022.
	crozamia conferta research		
28	The approval holder must commission a <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> research project that is not inconsistent with the Queensland Herbarium's 2007 National multi-species recovery plan for the cycads and Commonwealth statutory documentation to increase knowledge of the specific translocation requirements of <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> and to increase understanding of other aspects of the ecology and biology of <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> including, but not limited to, habitat requirements, relationships with pollinators and factors that promote <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> dispersal.	Compliant	 The Macrozamia conferta Research Project Plan was submitted to DCCEEW via email on 17.08.2022.



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29	Within 12 months of the date of this approval, the approval holder must submit a <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> research project plan to the department. The <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> research project must be developed by a Suitably Qualified Researcher and run for a minimum of 2 years.	Compliant	 The <i>M. conferta</i> Research Project Plan was submitted to DCCEEW via email on 17.08.2022. The <i>M. conferta</i> Research Project will be carried out by senior researchers from the University of Queensland (UQ). Qualifications of the research team, satisfying the 'Suitably Qualified Researcher' requirement as defined by the Approval, are provided in Table 2.3 of the <i>M. conferta</i> Research Project Plan. The research schedule (defined in section 2.2 of the <i>M. conferta</i> research Project Plan) runs for a period of 28 months. The final objective (Objective 4) has not been completed. The third Research report was submitted to DCCEEW via email on 30 June 2025.
30	The approval holder must not impact <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> as part of the action until: a. contracts have been signed and exchanged between a Suitably Qualified Researcher and the approval holder committing both parties to the research project; b. funding for at least the first full year of the research project has been agreed upon between a Suitably Qualified Researcher and the approval holder and provided to the Suitably Qualified Researcher by the approval holder; c. evidence that conditions 30(a) and 30(b) have been complied with is provided to the department in writing; and	Compliant	 Signed contracts committing UQ and AE to <i>M. conferta R</i>esearch Project delivery and evidence of funding for the first full year was submitted to DCCEEW via email on 17.06.2022. <i>M. conferta</i> translocation data records the first translocation as having occurred 23.06.2022.
Part	d. the approval holder must provide a report to the department describing the work undertaken and progress towards achieving the objectives of the <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> research project within 60 business days of each anniversary of the commencement of the action or an alternative date agreed to by the department until 24 months after all parts of the <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> research project have been completed. B – Standard administrative conditions	Compliant	 A report describing work undertaken to progress the objectives of the <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> research Project was provided to DCCEEW by 5 July 2024 as per the timing requirements of this condition. The report for the third 12 months of progress was issued to DCCEEW via email 30 June 2025.
	fication of date of commencement of the action		



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31	The approval holder must notify the department in writing of the date of commencement of the action within 10 business days after the date of commencement of the action.	Compliant	The action commenced 10.05.2022, notification of date of commencement was made by email dated 11.05.2022.
32	If the commencement of the action does not occur within 5 years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not commence the action without the prior written agreement of the Minister.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; the action has commenced.
Com	pliance Records	•	
33	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records.	Compliant	Records are maintained and can be provided upon request.
34	If the department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the department within the timeframe specified in the request.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; a request has not been made.
the	conditions. Summaries of the result of an audit may be published on the mission and publication of plans		uditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, and or used to verify compliance with website or through the general media
35	The approval holder must: a. submit plans electronically to the department b. unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, publish each plan on the website within 20 business days of: i. the date the plan is approved by the Minister ii. the date of this approval, if the version of the plan to be implemented is specified in this approval, or iii. the date a Macrozamia conferta research project plan, MNES Management Plan or revised action management plan is submitted to the Minister or the department, c. exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website or provided to a member of the public	Compliant	 The following plans have been submitted via email to DCCEEW and published on the AE Project website (at: https://www.acciona.com.au/macintyre/epbc-documentation) in accordance with this condition: Macrozamia conferta Research Project Plan: submitted 17.08.2022, published 19.08.2022. Macrozamia conferta Translocation Management Plan: approved 13.05.2022, published 23.05.2022. OAMP: approved 5.07.2024, published 24.07.2024 MMP: approved 16.08.2025, published 23.08.2025 Publication timeframes for the remainder of the plans required have not been triggered.



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	d. keep plans published on the website until the end date of this approval.		
36	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under plans and conditions of this approval, is prepared in accordance with the department's Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data (2018) and submitted electronically to the department in accordance with the requirements of the plans.	Not applicable	 Requirement not triggered; the submission of monitoring data as described is not required under the plans or conditions of this approval.
Ann	ual Compliance reporting		
37	The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action, or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must: a. publish each compliance report on the website within 60 business days following the relevant 12 month period b. notify the department by email that a compliance report has been published on the website and provide the weblink for the compliance report within 5 business days of the date of publication c. keep all compliance reports publicly available on the website until this approval expires d. exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from compliance reports published on the website e. where any sensitive ecological data has been excluded from the version published, submit the full compliance report to the department within 5 business days of publication.	Compliant	 This report will be published on the AE project website (at: https://www.acciona.com.au/macintyre/epbc-documentation) within 60 business days of the 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action (11.05.2022). Once published, the Department will be notified within 5 business days of the date of publication. The two (2) annual compliance reports have been published and are available on the project website.
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38	The approval holder must notify the department in writing of any: incident; non-compliance with the conditions; or non-compliance with the commitments made in plans. The notification must be given as soon as practicable, and no later than 2 business days after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance. The notification must specify: a. any condition which is or may be in breach b. a short description of the incident and/or non-compliance c. the location (including co-ordinates), date, and time of the	Compliant	 The approval holder submitted a self-reported non-compliance notification to DCCEEW via email on 2 July 2025, advising of a potential breach of Condition 7 related to delays in securing the required offset area.
	incident and/or non-compliance. In the event the exact information cannot be provided, provide the best information available.		
39	The approval holder must provide to the department the details of any incident or non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in plans as soon as practicable and no later than 10 business days after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance, specifying:	Compliant	The approval holder provided details of the incident discussed above to DCCEEW via email on 15 July 2025, within 10 business days of becoming aware of the non- compliance.
	any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future		
	b. the potential impacts of the incident or non-compliancec. the method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.		
Inde	pendent audit		
40	The approval holder must ensure that independent audits of compliance with the conditions are conducted as requested in writing by the Minister.	Not applicable	 The approval holder received a direction from DCCEEW on 26 March 2025 to undertake an independent audit of the project. The audit process is underway, with the following stages already completed: approval of the auditors, audit criteria and methodology.



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41	 For each independent audit, the approval holder must: a. provide the name and qualifications of the independent auditor and the draft audit criteria to the department b. only commence the independent audit once the audit criteria have been approved in writing by the department c. submit an audit report to the department within the timeframe specified in the approved audit criteria. 	Compliant	 The auditors were approved in writing by DCCEEW on 15 April 2025. The Audit criteria and Methodology were approved in writing by DCCEEW on 2 June 2025. The audit must be submitted to DCCEEW no later than 29 August 2025.
42	The approval holder must publish the audit report on the website within 10 business days of receiving the department's approval of the audit report and keep the audit report published on the website until the end date of this approval.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; the audit timeframe has not elapsed.
Revi	sion of action management plans		
43	The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister for a variation to an action management plan approved by the Minister or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the EPBC Act. If the Minister approves a revised action management plan (RAMP) then, from the date specified, the approval holder must implement the RAMP in place of the previous action management plan.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; revision has not been made.
44	The approval holder may choose to revise an action management plan approved by the Minister under conditions 13 and 16, or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, if the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.	Not applicable	■ Requirement not triggered; revision has not been made.
45	If the approval holder makes the choice under condition 44 to revise an action management plan without submitting it for approval, the approval holder must:	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; revision has not been made.



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	 notify the department in writing that the approved action management plan has been revised and provide the department with: 		
	 i. an electronic copy of the RAMP ii. an electronic copy of the RAMP marked up with track changes to show the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP iii. an explanation of the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP iv. the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact v. written notice of the date on which the approval holder will implement the RAMP (RAMP implementation date), being at least 20 business days after the date of providing notice of the revision of the action management plan, or a date agreed to in writing with the department. b. subject to condition 47, implement the RAMP from the RAMP implementation date. 		
46	The approval holder may revoke its choice to implement a RAMP under condition 44 at any time by giving written notice to the department. If the approval holder revokes the choice under condition 44, the approval holder must implement the action management plan in force immediately prior to the revision undertaken under condition 44.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; revised action management plan has not been revoked.
47	If the Minister gives a notice to the approval holder that the Minister is satisfied that the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would be likely to have a new or increased impact, then: a. condition 44 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the RAMP 15	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; revision has not been made.



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	 the approval holder must implement the action management plan specified by the Minister in the notice 		
48	At the time of giving the notice under condition 47, the Minister may also notify that for a specified period of time, condition 44 does not apply for one or more specified action management plans.	Not applicable.	Requirement not triggered; notice has not been given.
	te: conditions 44, 45, 46 and 47 are not intended to limit the operation on, at any time, to the Minister for approval.	of section 143A	of the EPBC Act which allows the approval holder to submit a revised action management
Com	pletion of the action		
49	Within 30 days after the completion of the action, the approval holder must notify the department in writing and provide completion data.	Not applicable.	Requirement not triggered; action is not completed.
Atta	chment H2: Mitigation and management measures to be implemented t		
2.1	A maximum speed limit of 60 km/hr must apply to all vehicles using access roads and tracks.	Compliant	 Warning signs and associated speed limits observed as present in all Squatter Pigeon locations – 40km/h enforced. Powerlink enforce a 40 km/h limit on vehicles traveling on easement access tracks.
2.2	Vehicle access must be restricted to within the project footprint and existing access routes.	Compliant	 Approved access shown on Environmental Work Plans. No known breaches reported.
2.3	Artificial site lighting must be kept to the minimum required for safety. Lighting beams must be directed downwards or use shields and baffles to limit light spill beyond the area that requires lighting.	Compliant	 Requirements for artificial lighting are captured in the project VFMP.
2.4	Refuelling must not be undertaken within 50 metres of any waterway or retained habitat.	Compliant	Requirement covered in Contractor's procedures.No known breaches reported.
2.5	Storage of fuels, chemicals, wastes and other potentially environmentally hazardous substances must be bunded or otherwise contained in areas away from waterways and retained habitat.	Compliant	 All chemical storage restricted to compound area. On site satellite laydown areas located on cleared easement and away from waterways and remnant habitat. Laydown areas used for waste and for building materials storage only.
2.6	The prevalence of weeds and feral animals identified as threats to the EPBC Act listed threatened species must be kept at less than the prevalence of weeds and feral animals prior to commencement of the action	Compliant	 The stated weed and pest management measures are required by Project VFMP Weed and pest management is captured by Project environmental inspection checklists. Inspection records generated during the reporting period indicate general compliance with weed management requirements.



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			 Information pertaining to invasive weeds is collected during pre-clearance surveys. Pre-clearance survey reports provide maps and a weed register recording weed species, location and abundance. AE has engaged specialist services to develop and deliver a feral animal management program for the Project.
2.7	Grazing must be limited to prevent grazing degradation of vegetation within all riparian zones.	Compliant	 Rehabilitation activities within the easement continued around exposed tower batters and disturbed sites. Mulching has been utilised in these areas to ensure cover. Many of these areas have juvenile vegetation growth.
2.8	Fire management to prevent high intensity and frequent fires must be implemented.	Compliant	 A bushfire management plan is in place for the Project which includes the preventative measures stated within the MMP. Bushfire hazard reduction burns (controlled burns) were undertaken within approved Offset Area.
2.9	A register of Squatter Pigeon sightings must be maintained and used to identify and inform all persons on site of areas that have a higher risk of vehicle collision and the need to be alert to risk of vehicle collision with Squatter Pigeon and drive slowly to prevent vehicle collision with Squatter Pigeon.	Compliant	 Sightings of squatter pigeons are maintained within the fauna spotter catcher preclearance surveys and post clearance reporting (if sighted). Signage is installed at locations where sightings have occurred to inform site personnel of collision risk.



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5. DECLARATION OF ACCURACY

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed:

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Date: 21 / 07 / 2025