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NOMENCLATURE

Term	Definition
DCCEEW	Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy the Environment and Water
DEECA	Victorian Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action
DELWP	Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (now DEECA / DTP)
DTP	Victorian Department of Transport and Planning
EPBC Act	*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth)
FFG Act	*Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* (Victorian)
FFMP	Flora and Fauna Management Plan
GGF	Growling Grass Frog
GPWF	Golden Plains Wind Farm
GSM	Golden Sun Moth
kV	Kilovolt
SLL	Striped Legless Lizard
SRF	Spiny Rice-flower
the EPBC Approval	The Project's approval under the EPBC Act (EPBC 2017/7965)
the Permit	Planning Permit PA1700266
the Project	Golden Plains Wind Farm
MW	Megawatt
WTG	Wind Turbine Generator
GPWF1	Golden Plains Wind Farm – Stage 1
GPWF2	Golden Plains Wind Farm – Stage 2

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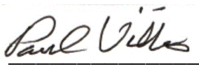
DECLARATION OF ACCURACY

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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1 INTRODUCTION

This is the third Annual Compliance Report which outlines the activities undertaken and relevant performance with regard to The Project as set out in Table 1.

EPBC Approval 2017/7965 was granted by the Department of Environment and Energy (now DCCEEW) on 1 August 2019 under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), which authorises the approval holder 'to construct and operate a wind farm of up to 228 wind turbines and associated infrastructure near Rokewood, approximately 40km south of Ballarat, Victoria' subject to conditions (the action).

A Consent to Transfer Approval was issued on 1 September 2021, transferring the approval from WestWind Energy Pty Ltd to Golden Plains Shared Assets Pty Ltd. The delivery of the action commenced in November 2022, with the commencement of works on the first stage of The Project.

Table 1: Project details

Project	Golden Plains Wind Farm
Approval holder	Golden Plains Shared Assets Pty Ltd (ACN 650 490 056)
EPBC Approval	2017/7965
Approved Action	To construct and operate a wind farm of up to 228 wind turbines and associated infrastructure near Rokewood, approximately 40km south of Ballarat, Victoria
Reporting Period	Year 3 – 22 November 2024 to 22 November 2025
Project Phase	Construction

1.1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to document compliance with the conditions of the EPBC Approval, as required by Condition 15, which states:

> *The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12 month period following the date of commencement of action, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must:*
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> *a) Publish each compliance report on the website within 60 business days following the relevant 12 month period;*
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> *b) Notify the department by email that a compliance report has been published on the website within five 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; and*
>
> *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.*

Details of compliance are provided, and where appropriate, the timing of completion of individual actions is identified. The annual compliance report has been prepared with reference to the *Annual Compliance Report Guidelines* (Commonwealth of Australia, 2014)

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2 GOLDEN PLAINS WIND FARM PROJECT LAND

The Project is located within the Golden Plains Shire Council, approximately 110 km west of Melbourne and 40 km south of Ballarat. The GPWF is generally located on land south, west and south-east of Rokewood, and to the north and north-east of Cressy (see Figure 1 below).

The Project is generally bounded by Rokewood-Skipton Road and Rokewood-Shelford Road to the north, Pitfield-Cressy Road to the west, Ledwells Road and Cressy-Shelford Road to the south, and Wingeel Road to the east.

The site is predominantly situated in the district of Rokewood with parts of the site also within the districts of Werneth to the west, Barunah Park to the south east and Cressy to the south. The Shire of Colac Otway abuts the southern boundary of the site at Cressy-Shelford Road.

Figure 1: Project Location:

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3 DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

The delivery of the action commenced in November 2022, with the commencement of works on the first stage of The Project. The action, as described by EPBC Approval 2017/7965, is:

> *To construct and operate a wind farm of up to 228 wind turbines and associated infrastructure near Rokewood, approximately 40km south of Ballarat, Victoria*

The action is also subject to planning approval (Planning Permit PA1700266) which was granted on 21 November 2018 from the (then) Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning (now the Department of Transport and Planning), under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987.* The Permit allows:

> *The use and development of land for a wind energy facility and a utility installation including the construction of buildings and the carrying out of works; the removal, destruction or lopping of native, non-native and dead vegetation; the creation and alteration of access to a road in a Road Zone, Category 1; the demolition, removal or alteration of a dry stone wall created before 1940; and the construction or putting up for display of business identification signs*

Since the Planning Approval was issued, minor amendments to the Planning Permit have been approved, with the most recent being Corrected Planning Permit PA1700266-4 issued on 15 September 2022 which corrected the reference to conditions. Other notable amendments to the Permit include:

- Amended Planning Permit PA17000266-3 (issued 21 November 2021): This amendment to the Permit allows for a revised layout for 215 wind turbines and increased turbine rotor diameter from 150m to 165m.

Other approvals associated with the Project are listed in Table 2.

Table 2: Other associated approvals

Date	Approval Type	What was approved
October 2021	Planning Permit P21179	Use and development of a quarry at the site.
May 2022	Planning Scheme Amendment C100gpla	The Amendment applied the Specific Controls Overlay to the Project Site and introduced a new Incorporated Document (Golden Plains Wind Farm Incorporated Document) to the Golden Plains Planning Scheme.
November 2022	FFG Removal Permit	Removal of native vegetation. An amendment to the Permit was granted in July 2023 to extend the Permit timeframe.
October 2018	Aboriginal Heritage Act	Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) (14795) Approved for the project. An amended CHMP was approved in February 2021. Further CHMPs (17921 and 18110) were approved in September 2022 for works to two bridges in proximity to the site.

4 DETAILS OF THE PROJECT

The Project comprises 215 wind turbines, each with a capacity of 6.2MW and a total generation capacity of approximately 1,330 MW. The main components of the action are as follows:

Wind Turbines

- Rotor swept path of up to 162m, a minimum tip height of 57m above natural ground level and a maximum tip height of 230m above natural ground level.
- Foundations are approximately 3.5 metres deep and a diameter of 20 to 25 metres.
- Hardstand areas approximately 40 x 60 metres in area, with an average thickness of 300mm of crushed rock.
- Total generation capacity of 1.33GW

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Battery storage (BESS)

- Space for approximately 300MW of battery storage (BESS) is located across the terminal and collector station locations.

Terminal station:

- The terminal station is supplied from three collector stations, connecting the electricity generated by the wind turbines to the Moorabool-Mortlake/Tarrone 500kV transmission line. The terminal station will step-up electricity to 500kV.

Collector Stations

- There will be three internal collector substations connected by underground cables to the wind turbines. The collector substations are responsible for collecting power generated from the wind turbine groups (strings) and transforming it up to 220 kV.

Underground electrical network

- The underground electrical network will consist of approximately 315kilometres of 33 kV cables in trenches that are approximately 1-metre-deep.

Above ground electrical network

- Approximately 24 kilometres of up to 220 kV overhead powerlines will connect the collector stations to the switchyard within the Terminal Station.
- It is likely that the structures supporting the lines will be of steel mono-pole construction and be self-supporting with a pole height ranging from 22 to 38 metres.

Intersections and access tracks

- Intersection upgrades to facilitate the delivery of the wind turbines and other components.
- Approximately 164 kilometres of internal site access tracks.
- The access tracks have a carriage width of 5.5 metres, extending to a width of 7.5 metres in some instances to allow passing and park up of over dimensional vehicles.
- The access tracks will be constructed using different grades of crushed rock in order to achieve the required load rating required for heavy vehicles.

Meteorological masts

- Up to eleven meteorological masts are anticipated to be constructed as part of the Project. These are steel lattice, triangular cross section masts and are guyed in a three guy 120-degree orientation.

Ancillary infrastructure

- The Project will also include a range of on-site ancillary infrastructure to support the wind farm operation.
- Temporary construction facilities will include cleared construction lay down areas, temporary site buildings, ablution facilities, site parking (trucks and cars) and concrete batching plants.
- The main construction compound will host site parking, storage, office and amenities. The construction compounds will be located at each of the collector station and terminal station sites.

Vegetation removal

- 49.052 hectares of native vegetation is permitted to be removed. This consists of remnant native vegetation, representing less than one percent of the entire area of the wind farm site.

Business identification signage

- Business identification signage will be erected to provide information to construction workers, staff and the general community regarding construction activities. The total advertisement area to each of these advertising signs will not exceed 3 m^2.

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5 DEVELOPMENT STATUS

The Project is to be delivered in two stages known as Golden Plains Wind Farm East (**GPWF-E**) and Golden Plains Wind Farm West (**GPWF-W**). Figure 2 shows the split of the project into these stages.

For this third year of the reporting period GPWF-E has had no vegetation clearance completed as it is now an operational asset and focus has been on commissioning. GPWF-W has been the only stage to experience vegetation clearance as it has been active in civil and electrical infrastructure works.

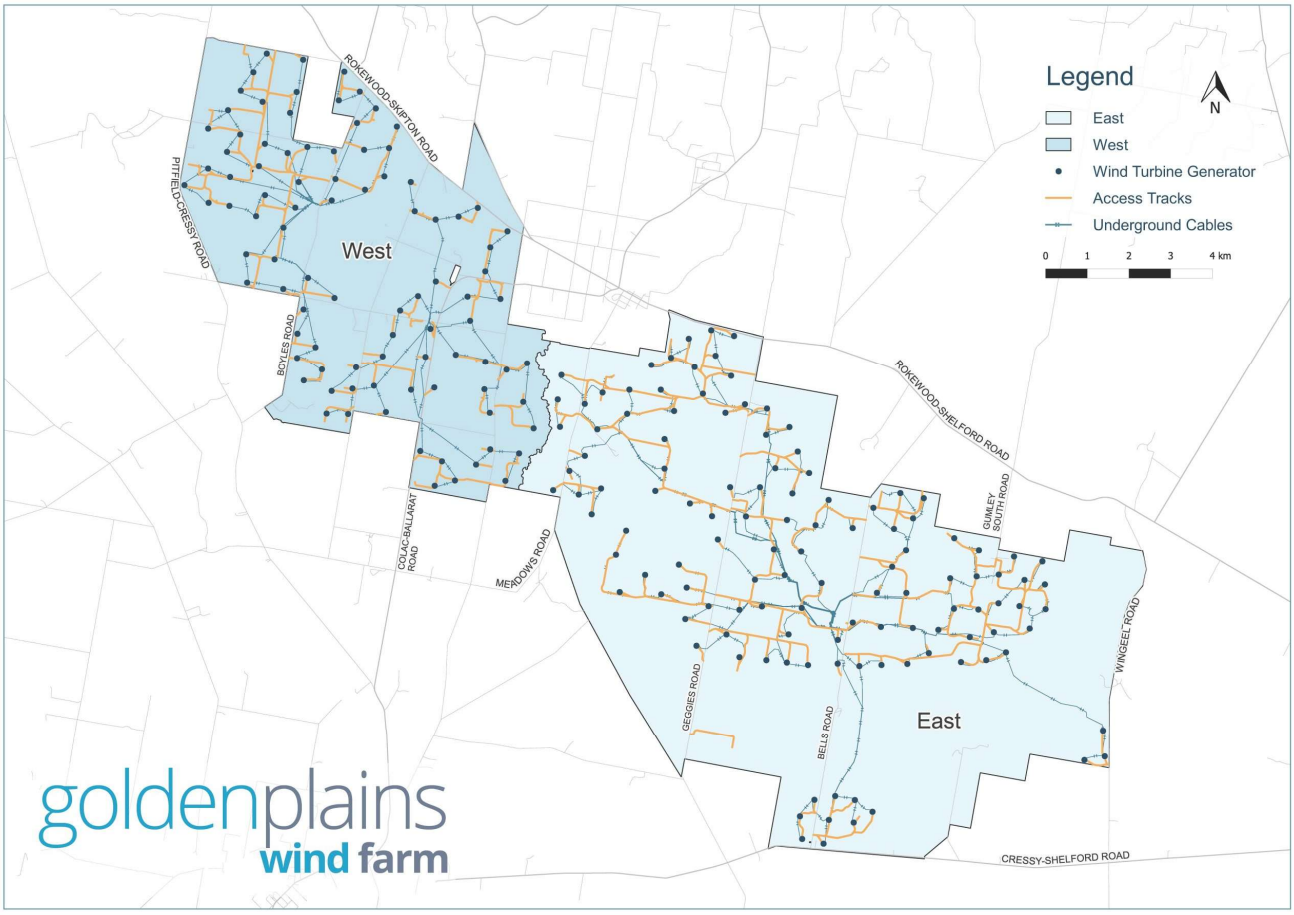
GPWF-E includes 122 WTGs, one terminal station, two collector stations, associated infrastructure and the main site office compound. Within this reporting period the following progress has occurred on site to date:

- All civil and electrical works are completed and no further disturbance work for GPWF1 was complete
- The final Wind Turbine Generators were erected, and main installation works was complete.
- The wind farm became a fully operational asset, with all 122 Wind Turbines released by the energy market operator to export electricity.

GPWF-W includes 93 WTGs, three collector stations, associated infrastructure and the main site office compound. Within this reporting period the following progress has occurred on site to date:

- All civil foundations, roads and hardstands were completed.
- All underground trenching works for underground cables were completed.
- All overhead internal 220kV lines were completed.
- Main installation works commenced, with 4 main cranes now operational.

Figure 2: East and West stages of the Golden Plains Wind Farm



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6 EPBC APPROVAL CONDITIONS COMPLIANCE TABLE

CONDITION NUMBER / REFERENCE	CONDITION	COMPLIANCE STATUS	EVIDENCE / COMMENTS
Part A – Conditions specific to the action			
1.	The approval holder must not cause impacts to more than: a. 44.1ha of Striped Legless Lizard habitat b. 44.1ha of Golden Sun Moth habitat c. 28.74ha of NTGVVP d. 0.82ha of SHWTLP within the project site.	Compliant, ongoing	The work undertaken in this reporting period has not cleared more than what is allowed under this condition. The clearance to date includes: • 28.7ha of Striped Legless Lizard habitat • 28.7ha of Golden Sun Moth habitat • 21.3ha of NTGVVP • 0.4ha of SHWTLP
2.	During construction and operation of the action, the approval holder must avoid all impacts to GEWVVP, Spiny Rice-flower, Trailing Hop-bush and habitat for Growling Grass Frog, Plains-wanderer and Yarra Pygmy Perch within the project site.	Compliant, ongoing	No impact on these species has occurred in this reporting period. Avoidance of potential impacts to these species and communities has been ensured through considerate design process and robust mitigation measures set out in the FFMP including: • Designing the construction footprint to avoid the known locations of these areas. • Site Worker Inductions include information to identify these species and habitat and how they are to be protected. • No infrastructure has been designed or placed within 100m of Growling Grass Frog (GGF) wetland sites. • Fencing and sediment control measures are implemented for other wetlands and drainage lines. • Any work within 50m of Pygmy Perch habitat is subject to robust sediment control measures.
3.	Prior to the commencement of the action, baseline surveys must be undertaken to identify the extent, presence, and quality of protected matters (and their habitat) throughout the proposed	Compliant and condition discharged	Baseline surveys were undertaken by suitably qualified persons and the results were used to inform the preparation of the FFMP. The FFMP was endorsed by the Minister for Planning on 23

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	final layout. Surveys must be conducted by suitably qualified persons in accordance with the most recently published version of the Department's survey guidelines.		March 2022 under Planning Permit PA1700266-3. The FFMP details the relevant protected matters and was published on the Project website prior to commencement of the Action. The extent, presence and quality of protected matters found in the baseline surveys is detailed in the FFMP. For each EPBC protected matter, the area predicted to be cleared in the final design is less than what is allowed for in Condition 1.
4.	Prior to the commencement of the action, the approval holder must publish a detailed plan (or plans) of the final layout, within the proposed final layout. The plan(s) must include the extent (in hectares) and mapping of protected matters or their habitat (identified under Condition 3). The plan(s) must remain published for the period this approval has effect.	Compliant, ongoing	The final layout of the project is set out in the Development Plan package. The Development Plan package was endorsed by the Minister for Planning on 28 February 2022 under Planning Permit PA1700266-3. The Development Plan details the final layout of the Project as well as mapping protected matters that is to remain or be removed within the Project Area. The Development Plan package was published on the Project website prior to the commencement of the Action. During the reporting period, the development plans went through a minor revision to incorporate items relating to the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) that is to be constructed in 2026. No additional EPBC vegetation impacts were realised during this amendment and only clarifications around the BESS facility were added. All BESS infrastructure is being positioned within the approved works footprint.
5.	The approval holder must prepare a Flora and Fauna Management Plan (FFMP). A draft FFMP must be made available for public review. A summary of all comments received and how they have been addressed must be published with the final FFMP. The approval holder must not commence the action until the final FFMP has been published. The final FFMP must remain published for the period this approval has effect. The published FFMP must be implemented. The FFMP must include, but not be limited to: i. Baseline survey information as required by condition 3 ii. Spatial maps, description and quantification of the impacts to protected matters from taking the approved	Compliant, ongoing	The FFMP was prepared in accordance with this condition. The FFMP was endorsed on 23 March 2022 and is publicly available on the Project website alongside a summary of public comments and how they have been addressed in the final FFMP. Table 1-2 in the FFMP specifies where each requirement of Condition 5 is addressed in the Plan. The FFMP has been implemented according to the management actions and compliance indicators set out in the FFMP. The Approval Holder undertakes routine inspections and monitoring

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	action as shown in the plan(s) required by condition 4. Impacts from both construction and operation must be addressed. The quantification of impacts must demonstrate that residual impacts to protected matters not specified in Condition 1 or Condition 2 will not be significant. iii. Commitments to management measures and outcomes (including timeframes for achieving outcomes) to ensure the avoidance of impacts to protected matters and their habitat outside of the final layout identified in plan(s) required by condition 4, including performance criteria, triggers for corrective actions, and monitoring for timely detection of triggers. Impacts to be addressed must include, but not be limited to: direct disturbance, sedimentation and erosion, and spread and distribution of *Phytophthora cinnamomi* and Chytrid Fungus. The FFMP must demonstrate how the impacts set out in Condition 1 will not be exceeded.		to verify the implementation of the Plan by its contractors and no non-compliances have been noted with regards to the FFMP. Additionally, auditing will be undertaken to review the adequacy of management plans that the Project is subject to. Incidental findings: • No Incidental finds were observed during the reporting period.
6.	The approval holder must submit for approval by the Minister an Offset Strategy to compensate for the significant residual impacts to protected matters identified in the FFMP. The approval holder must not commence the action until the Offset Strategy has been approved by the Minister in writing. The approved Offset Strategy must be implemented and published. The Offset Strategy must: a. demonstrate whether residual impacts to protected matters described in the FFMP are significant b. provide a written description and map that clearly defines the location and boundaries of the proposed offset area(s) for protected matters including, but not limited to: Striped Legless Lizard habitat, Golden Sun Moth habitat, NTGWP, and SHWTLP c. demonstrate the presence of relevant protected matters in the proposed offset area(s), and quantify the area and quality of protected matters and their habitat	Compliant, ongoing	The Golden Plains Wind Farm Offset Strategy was prepared in accordance with this condition and was approved in writing by DAWE (now DCCEEW) on 20 June 2022. Implementation of the Offset Strategy is underway. There are two offset areas which have been secured and requirements are being undertaken in accordance with the offset management plans. The first site (Chatham) is currently in the fifth year of the site's management plan. The second site (Mininera) is currently in the fourth year of the site's management plan. Actions undertaken to date to comply with the Offset Strategy requirements included:

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	d. commit to ecological outcomes and offset completion criteria for protected matters and the timeframes in which these will be achieved e. demonstrate that the Offset Strategy meets the principles of the EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy f. include timelines and mechanisms for legally securing the proposed offset area(s) g. include offset attributes and shapefiles that clearly define the location and boundaries of the proposed offset area(s) h. include time bound performance and completion criteria for evaluating that ecological outcomes have been achieved and criteria for triggering remedial action i. commit to a program to monitor and report on progress against the performance and completion criteria. The approved Offset Strategy must remain published for the period this approval has effect.		Chatham site (VC_CFL-3691) : • Maintenance of perimeter fencing and installation of buffer fencing for wind turbine. • Signage installed to identify the conservation area. • Herbicide spraying has been undertaken with Box Thorn, Spear Thistle, Scattered Serrated Tussock, Spiny Rush, Bathurst Burr and Horehound targeted. • Strategic grazing to manage introduced grasses and weeds. • Rabbit and fox control including shooting and collapsing warrens and dens. • Population monitoring for GSM and SLL • Vegetation Quality Assessment to be completed late 2025. • Ecological burning was deferred due to lack of biomass. • Fifth annual report submitted to authorities within required timeframes. Mininera Site (VC_CFL-3756_01): • Abandoned fencing materials removed from the site. • No action required to reduce weeds due to absence of weed species. • No action required to control rabbits, foxes and other pest species dues to absence of pests. • The buffer is maintained between cropland and credit site to avoid any spray or fertiliser drift. • Biomass control (burning) not required due to dry conditions and high level of kangaroo grazing during winter. • Third annual report submitted to authorities within required timeframes.
7.	Within 10 business days of the offset area(s) committed to in the approved Offset Strategy required under condition 6 being legally secured, the approval holder must provide the Department with written evidence demonstrating that the offset has been legally	Compliant and Condition discharged	Both offsets that are committed to in the Offset Strategy were secured on 26 October 2022 and notification was provided to DCCEEW on 4 November 2022.

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	secured and, if different from those originally provided, offset attributes and shapefiles that clearly define the location and boundaries of the offset area(s).		
Part B – Standard administrative conditions			
Notification of date of commencement of the action			
8.	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 and Condition discharged	A letter was provided to the Department via email on 27 November 2022, advising that the action commenced on 22 November 2022. Thus, this condition has been discharged.
9.	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.	Compliant and Condition discharged	Construction commenced within 5 years of the approval.
Management Plans			
10.	All management plans required under this approval should be prepared in line with the Department's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines and must include: a. The environmental objectives, relevant EPBC Act protected matters and a reference to EPBC Act approval conditions to which the plan refers; b. A table of commitments made in the plan to achieve the objectives, and a reference to where the commitments are detailed in the plan; c. Reporting and review mechanisms, and documentation standards to demonstrate compliance with the plan; d. An assessment of risks to achieving plan environmental objectives and risk management strategies that will be applied; e. Impact avoidance, mitigation and/or repair measures, and their timing; and f. A monitoring program, which must include where appropriate: i. measurable performance indicators; ii. the timing and frequency of monitoring to detect changes in the performance indicators; iii. trigger values for corrective actions;	Compliant and Condition discharged	The FFMP was prepared in accordance with Condition 5 and the Department's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines. The FFMP is available on the Project website.

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	iv. proposed corrective actions, if trigger values are reached; and v. a schedule for when any monitoring data will be submitted to the Department.		
Compliance records			
11.	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records.	Compliant, ongoing	The approval holder maintains accurate records for all matters associated with the relevant conditions of the EPBC approval, including measures taken to implement the relevant management plans. Compliance is recorded through, monitoring, reporting, registers, correspondence etc.
12.	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.	Compliant, ongoing	No requests in writing for compliance records have been received from the Department.
Preparation and publication of plans			
13.	The approval holder must: a. publish each plan on the website; b. notify the Department by email that plans have been published on the website within five business days of the date of publication; c. exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website or provided to a member of the public; and d. keep plans published on the website until the end date of the project.	Compliant, ongoing	Each plan specified in this approval is published on the Project website. The documents do not include ecological data that is not otherwise publicly available.
14.	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under a plan 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 plan.	Compliant, ongoing	The required information has been prepared and submitted to the Department in accordance with the *Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data* (2018). This includes: • Findings from the monitoring of offset sites (Condition 6) Findings will continue to be submitted in accordance with the guidelines as the relevant monitoring results are collated by ecologist consultants for that period of monitoring.
Annual compliance reporting			
15.	The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action,	Compliant, ongoing	This is the third compliance report and it has been prepared to satisfy this condition.

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	or as otherwise 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 within five 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; and 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.		It is required to be published on the Approval Holder's website by 22 January 2026 and the Department will be concurrently notified. All sensitive ecological data is redacted for the publicly available report. A full version of the report will be provided to the Department.
Reporting non-compliance			
16.	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 two business days after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance. The notification must specify: a. the condition which is or may· be in breach; and b. a short description of the incident and/or non-compliance.	Not Applicable	There have been no incidents or non-compliances with the conditions of the EPBC Approval or the approved action management plans identified during the reporting period.
17.	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: a. 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-compliance; and		

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	c. the method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.		
Independent audit			
18.	The approval holder must ensure that independent audits of compliance with the conditions are conducted as requested in writing by the Minister.	Not applicable	No written requests have been received by the Department to undertake independent audits with the conditions during this reporting period.
19.	For each independent audit, the approval holder must: a. provide the name and qualifications of the independent auditor and the draft audi.t criteria to the Department; b. only commence the independent audit once the audit criteria have been approved in writing by the Department; and c. submit an audit report to the Department within the timeframe specified in the approved audit criteria		
20.	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.		
Revision of action management plans			
21.	The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister for a variation to an action management plan required under these conditions 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	The Approval Holder has not applied to the Minister for a variation in this reporting period to any management plan as specified by these conditions. The management plans have been implemented accordingly.
22.	The approval holder may choose to revise an action management plan under these conditions 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	Management plans have not been revised during this reporting period. The management plans have been implemented accordingly.

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23.	If the approval holder makes the choice under condition 22 to revise an action management plan without submitting it for approval, the approval holder must: a. 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; and 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 25, implement the RAMP from the RAMP implementation date c. publish the revised RAMP on the website		
24.	The approval holder may revoke its choice to implement a RAMP under condition 22 at any time by giving written notice to the Department. If the approval holder revokes the choice under condition 22, the approval holder must implement the previous published final action management plan.		
25.	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 22 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the RAMP; and		

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	b. the approval holder must implement the action management plan specified by the Minister in the notice.		
26.	At the time of giving the notice under condition 25, the Minister may also notify that for a specified period of time, condition 22 does not apply for one or more specified action management plans.		
Completion of the action			
27.	Within 30 days after the completion of construction and completion of the action, the approval holder must notify the Department in writing and provide completion data.	Not applicable	The completion of construction and the completion of the action has not occurred during this reporting period.

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7 NEW ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

No new or emergent environmental risks have been identified in this reporting period.

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8 CONCLUSION

This report provides the relevant details required for satisfying requirements of Condition 15 of the EPBC Approval 2017/7965 for the third year after commencement of the Action on 22 November 2022.

All compliance requirements have been met for the third reporting period as described in this report. No instances of non-compliance have been identified for the reporting period.